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Deford Dazzlers heading to nationals again

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

If you think the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club's trip to a national rocket competition last spring was a fluke,

you'd better think again.

Nearly a year ago the young people involved in the area 4-H club headed up by Deford's Mark and Patricia Hansen returned home from the prestigious Team America Rocketry

Challenge (TARC) in the Washington, D.C., area, where they finished 10th in the nation and, in the process, set a new national flight record.

"The rocketry team received its

invitation to the national finals this morning," Mark Hansen said Friday, adding this year's event will include a Congressional breakfast — "Rockets on the Hill" — Friday, May 10, with the competition getting underway at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, in The Plains, Va.

"This is a low-score-wins competition just like golf. The cut-off score for this season in order to qualify as a top 100 team was 16.12," Hansen explained. "This year there was a record 735 teams who participated, representing 4,473 students, and nearly 65 percent of the teams posted scores in the hopes of making it to finals. It's an honor to be in the top 100 and invited to finals again."

Hansen said this year's challenge is

significantly more difficult.

"The parameters are to safely fly a raw egg weighing between 57 and 63 grams positioned horizontally in the payload section. This makes the egg much more vulnerable to damage," he explained. "The maximum weight of the rocket, fully loaded, cannot exceed 650 grams. The target altitude is 750 feet, but the flight window was narrowed from last year's 47 to 50 seconds to 48 to 50 seconds, and the penalty for each second or portion thereof above or below the time window was increased."

In spite of this year's parameters and incurring a one-point penalty, the Dazzlers' team turned in a qualification. Please turn to page 6.



THE DEFORD DAZZLERS 4-H Rocketry Team is gearing up for another run at the national Team America Rocketry Challenge finals this spring. Team members are (front row, from left) Catherine Gordon, Caroline Gordon, Alexander Hansen, (back row, left) Peter Hansen, William Webster, Christopher Hansen, Dustyn Parrish and Chrysler Parrish.

Hoonhouts have big plans for Owendale track, drivers, fans

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Race fans, start your engines! The Owendale Speedway has a new name, but that's nothing compared to the changes the new owners have in store for the popular Huron County racing facility.

Those changes include a complete restoration and renovation of the track, buildings and grounds of the speedway. The new owners have renamed it the Silver Bullet Speedway, the same name Owendale Speedway was known as back in the 1990s.

H&H Racing LLC purchased the facility with plans to immediately begin cleaning up and improving the track in preparation for the coming season, which they promise will offer fast-paced racing every weekend featuring Late Models, UMP Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Stock Cars (Street Stocks) and Jr. Stocks.

H&H Racing, based in Washington, Mich., is comprised of brothers Nick and Matt Hoonhout along with their father, Case. Cass City's Mike Spencer was brought on as the race director with a new staff in an effort to bring the track back to the glory days of racing when the speedway opened in 1955.

Workers are already busy cleaning up and starting on improvements, according to Spencer, who says he's raced on and off for the last dozen years and met Matt Hoonhout at the Owendale track a few years ago. "Matt's raced up there for, I think, 3 or 4 years, and his brother, Cory, still races up there," he said.

"There's a lot of work to do," Spencer said of the speedway. He noted one of the first orders of business will be to take care of draining issues, which will enable crews to start on upgrades to the driveways and parking area. "We're investing in new drives throughout," he said, adding workers will also be putting in 30 new concrete slabs for the racers.

"We wanted to get the new building up in the pit, but that's not going to happen (this spring)," Spencer said. "We've got a 3- to 4-year plan

worked out, so eventually we're going to have new everything."



bleachers, but also installation of an

automatic sprinkler system for the dirt track and new electronic scoring equipment along with a digital scoring monitor for fans that will show positions and times.

Enthusiasm for the Hoonhouts' plans has been spreading fast, not only throughout the Thumb, but also in other parts of the state, according to Spencer.

"The response has been overwhelming," he said. "At the drivers' Please turn to page 6.

Overdose suspected in death of area man

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A drug overdose is suspected in the death of a 19-year-old Huron County man Thursday, according to Huron County Sheriff's deputies.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said his department was called to respond to the Maude Street apartments in Elkton at about 6 p.m. to investigate the report of a man who was unconscious and not breathing.

"Dispatchers began working with occupants of that apartment to initiate CPR and dispatched the Elkton Ambulance Service, who arrived and took over shortly thereafter. After about 15 minutes of attempting to resuscitate, a physician ended up pronouncing the victim dead at the scene," said Hanson, who identified the victim as Ryan A. Shemka.

Deputies Nathan Leppek and Jacob Dhyse along with Huron County Medical Examiner's Office Investigator Richard Koehler investigated the death.

"It was learned that the victim...who had been temporarily residing at the apartment, had fallen asleep with his 21-year-old girlfriend in a closet used as a bedroom around 6 a.m.," Hanson said. "This was apparently after the 2 had spent several hours intravenously injecting each other with methadone and consuming alcohol."

Witnesses told investigators they last saw the victim breathing at about noon, according to reports, which

state the medical examiner ordered an autopsy, and the victim was transported to McLaren Regional Hospital in Lapeer.

Hanson said another deputy and detective joined in the investigation, assisted by the Elkton Police Department, and gathered information, leading to the Huron County Please turn to page 6.

Sanilac man fatally hurt in accident

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Investigators say a Sanilac County man died from injuries he suffered when the tractor he was driving flipped over on top of him early Thursday evening.

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki identified the victim as Mark Hollowaty, 66, of Fremont Township.

According to Biniecki, Hollowaty was doing some landscaping work behind his residence in the 6100 block of Cribbins Road at about 6 p.m. when his tractor flipped over, pinning him underneath.

The Croswell Fire Department and Croswell EMS personnel assisted deputies at the scene.

A cross to bear Kingston faithful honor holiday with procession

by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer

Another Easter holiday has come and gone. Christians around the world celebrated the sacred significance of one of the religion's holiest holidays, with churches and communities throughout the area taking part in a variety of activities, services and ceremonies remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

Members of the Kingston church community organized the unique event for the first time in the small Thumb village. The first Good Friday Carrying the Cross Walk served as a reminder of the spiritual importance of Easter to followers of the Christian faith.

According to the Bible, Good Friday marks the anniversary of Jesus carrying his own cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the site of his crucifixion. In remembrance, more than 70 individuals, including many members of the Kingston United Methodist Church and Kingston Wesleyan Church, took to the streets of Kingston.

The idea for the cross walk in Kingston stemmed from an area family's spring break trip last year.

Jim and Jill Green, along with Jay, Lisa, Jack and Morgan Green, all of Kingston, participated in a cross walk while vacationing in Hendersonville, N.C. Their experience prompted Jay Green to discuss the idea of a Kingston cross walk with Pastor Debi Brown of the Kingston United Methodist Church, and together they began planning this year's event shortly after Easter last year. "What a wonderful way for the community to give praise to Christ," Brown said.

Another Kingston couple, Fred and Nancy Ruggles, also experienced both the cross walks in North Carolina and the recent event in Kingston. "It's a moving experience," Fred Ruggles commented. "In today's world, if we're going to call ourselves a Christian nation, we have to pick up the cross and carry it."

The first step Brown and Green had to take when planning the event was Please turn to page 6.



JAY GREEN of Kingston walks in front of the cross being carried by Kingston United Methodist Church member Dennis Brown during the first Good Friday Carrying the Cross Walk event in Kingston.

MSU Extension offering food safety cooking class

MSU Extension is offering the "Cooking for Crowds" food safety program. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each year roughly one out of every 6 Americans (or 48 million people) gets sick and 3,000 people die from a foodborne disease in this country. Many church and community groups prepare and serve food as a way to generate funds for their various projects. Chicken barbecues, bake sales and spaghetti dinners are great ways for raising the money needed to carry out worthwhile projects.

Food safety is always a critical aspect of any food fundraiser or event that is offered in the community and a foodborne illness outbreak is an unwanted guest at food events. Cooking for Crowds is a program designed to educate non-profit groups who prepare food for their members or the general public as part of food fundraisers and events. It is designed to show the food safe-

ty risks that develop when cooking large volumes of food and how to reduce those risks so that the prepared food is both safe and delicious. Although many of the food safety strategies recommended are similar to those recommended to commercial food establishments, the strategies have been translated into practical methods to meet the specific needs of the non-profit group. The Cooking for Crowds class will be held Monday, April 8, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension-Huron County Office, 1142 S Van Dyke Rd., Suite 200, Bad Axe. The cost for the class is \$10 per person, which includes a 115 page manual with check lists and information to help safely plan and implement food fundraisers or events. Preregistration is required. To register, call MSU Extension at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602). Extension officials are also willing to hold training at other locations with a minimum group of 10 people (call for more information).



Gideon Guinther

Randy Guinther and Jennifer Fruendt of Millington announce the birth of their son, Gideon Allen Guinther. He was born Dec. 11, 2012 in Saginaw. Gideon was welcomed home by his sisters: Maggie, 9, Josie, 7, and his brother, Elijah, 4. His grandparents are Ann and Allen Fruendt of Vassar, and Joann and Jim Guinther of Cass City.

Northwood University names area students to honors list

Several area residents were recently named to the honors list at Northwood University, Midland, for the fall semester. Among those earning president's list honors for achieving a minimum 3.85 grade point average are: junior Stephanie E. Regnerus and senior Krysta L. Timko, both of Cass City; junior Jordon M. Dunham and senior Nicholas J. Timko, both of Caro; and senior Nichole J. Piplinski of Ubly.

A number of area residents were named to the school's dean's list for achieving a grade point average of at least 3.25.

They are: junior Brent M. Doerr, freshman Jordan S. Hendrian, sophomore Angela R. Janssen and freshman Ethan M. Nicol, all of Cass City; sophomore Mandi Bartnik of Deford; senior Sheldon C. Shaena of Caro; and junior Chelsey J. Morell of Ubly.

Thumb Octagon Barn annual meeting scheduled April 13

The first Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn fundraising event of 2013 will be the organization's annual meeting, which is set for Saturday, April 13, at the Cass City VFW Hall. A social hour will kick off at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:45 p.m. A short business meeting is planned, then Osentoski Auctioneering will take over with the annual auction. Those in attendance are asked to bring an item — new or used — to be auctioned. Pick-up of auction items is available by contacting Chairman Nancy

Braun at (989) 872-4411. Reservations should be made by April 1. The meeting is open to the public. The cost is \$13 for the evening (tickets are available at Plain and Fancy Decorating in Cass City). Organizers say the meeting is a good opportunity for volunteers to get reacquainted after the winter, and a good time for anyone who wants to volunteer at the Thumb Octagon Barn to come and meet people and get acquainted.

HDC seeking contractors for home and rental rehabilitation

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is seeking local general contractors to participate in its home and rental rehabilitation programs. The programs are designed to provide needed repairs to single-family, owner-occupied homes and rental units within Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Contractors must carry a valid builder's license, liability insurance, and be willing to obtain lead training. Incorporated in 1965, HDC is one of 30 Community Action Agencies in the state of Michigan that are committed to helping people and changing lives. HDC's mission statement is to empower individuals and communities to identify their needs and secure the resources necessary to achieve their goals of self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

Engaged



Matthew Meisel and Alissa Pasant

Ed and Carol Pasant of Essexville announce the engagement of their daughter, Alissa Ann Pasant, to Matthew Meisel, son of Nanette and Kipp Meisel of Bay City. Alissa is employed at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak as an occupational therapist. Matt is employed with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department in Caro. An April 27, 2013 wedding is currently being planned in Petosky.

Engaged



Stephanie Steely and Aaron Morden

Steve and Stacey Steely of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Steely, to Aaron Morden. Aaron is the son of Gary and Deb Morden of Sandusky. A May wedding is currently being planned.

Bogart graduates from basic combat training in S.C.

Army National Guard Private Theron Bogart recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the 9 weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Bogart is the son of Larry and Deb Bogart of Cass City.

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In Our OPINION..

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Campbell sale is a golden opportunity

The Cass City Board of Education will decide next month whether or not to sell the former Campbell Elementary School to a group of Thumb dentists who have combined resources to open a clinic that will provide vital dental care to underserved kids and adults in the region.

It's a decision worth examining carefully before acting, and we believe board members have acted responsibly by not rushing into it.

Having said that, however, we hope school officials won't over-analyze and, ultimately, squander what could be a golden opportunity for the district.

In the way of background, a group of Thumb dentists approached the school board in January with an offer to lease the Campbell building for 3 years with an option to purchase at the end of the agreement.

For their part, the dentists are literally putting their money where their mouths are by pooling their own resources as well as securing grant money to pay for the clinic.

Recently, the dental group approached school Supt. Jeff Hartel and expressed an interest in purchasing the building now, rather than waiting 3 years.

Board members discussed the request during last week's regular meeting, and a number of concerns were voiced, including whether the proposed purchase price (\$85,000) is fair and what options the school might have in continuing to utilize portions of the building if necessary.

Those are fair questions. After all, the building in question was constructed with taxpayer dollars. In recent years, the district also poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into the building for new roofing and a new heating system.

But we believe the price is a fair offer, given what the district and community stand to gain.

Start with the dentists' newly-formed Thumb Area Dental Clinic, which will be utilizing the building to provide an important service to residents throughout the region who might not otherwise receive dental care. As medical professionals, it's a given that the participating dentists will do all they can to ensure the operation is top notch. The fact that it would draw new faces to town is a bonus for the community.

As for the school, the sale would save the district an estimated \$20,000 in utility expenses, money that is now being poured into an empty school in order to prevent damage from cold temperatures, etc.

More importantly, the sale would ensure that the former school building won't sit empty and deteriorating the same way the former Deford Elementary School building has for years. We can only guess that wouldn't have happened if there was a huge demand for former school buildings, but clearly that isn't the case.

School officials are confident that they won't need the Campbell building to house students in the future, especially after watching the local K-12 enrollment shrink by some 500 students over the past few years. Even if some space were needed, the prospective new owners have proven themselves willing to work with the district.

In the end, the proposed sale would be a win-win for the community and the Thumb Area Dental Clinic.

It's an opportunity we hope won't go to waste.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Cyberspace swaps symbols for words: #trending



'At' – the two-letter combination originates from humble beginnings as a simple word that required a quick couple hits to the computer keyboard. I grew up knowing when to use 'at' within a sentence (but never at the end of one). The tiny word stayed out of the limelight and didn't get a whole lot of attention – until the pint-sized preposition made the transition from word to symbol and suddenly @ was the place to be.

I'm guessing we all possess at least one @ and access it on a daily basis. Email practically owes its existence to the curlicue, lowercase A.

In a logical, natural and symbolic way, @ gives each of us a location of our own. Being someplace is critical to one's existence. If you're not @ somewhere you are nowhere – which is the opposite of @ – and I don't have any idea where that might be.

I figured I had it figured out. I knew where I was @ and lived in comfort right there. Recently, however, I learned there may be something even more important than being @ somewhere, and that's where you're headed.

We're all @ our current location, but to go beyond requires a symbol all its own – the hashtag (#). You may be more familiar with Mr. Hashtag as the number symbol, pound sign or a tic-tac-toe board. He's all those things, but now he's got a more important job – over @ the Twitter.

Online, within a social media site, users type a hashtag before a relevant keyword or phrase (without spaces between words) to mark it and link it to similar phrases. According to my friends at Wiki, hashtags function as beacons, drawing users with similar interests together – like fruit flies to a banana. When a whole bunch of users swarm toward a certain hashtag, the topic is said to be trending.

Trending, my friends, is the new cool.

My introduction to the world of hashtags happened quite unexpectedly. As a mom to multiple teenagers, I hardly ever say anything relevant. It's the main reason I talk to myself. I am the only one who will listen.

Except for last Tuesday when I made a witty (and apparently relevant) observation when I said, "I think it would be fun to go into (a well-known fast food restaurant) and order two Shamrock Shakes and one Harlem Shake."

This Twitter-worthy statement got me noticed by my social media-posting teens and warranted my first-ever hashtag (#HipsterMom). Before you could say, "retweet" I was trending like a pop star (#JustinBieber). People were promoting my comment like it was a beacon – or maybe a ripe banana – and I found myself hooked and hungry for more.

Letter to the Editor Who will tell Rep. Miller the truth?

Dear Editor,

While reading "The View", I ran across an article regarding U.S. Rep. Candice Miller talking about our secure borders. Rep. Miller stated that she was going to talk with key officials in Homeland Security so they can convince her they have the borders sealed.

Before she starts talking about real immigration reform, she needs to realize these key officials she's talking about are President Barack Obama, Attorney General Eric Holder and Head of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano. They're currently letting illegal criminals out of our jails, so which one of these liars does she expect to tell her the truth?

The 2 biggest problems we have in this country are Democrats and Republicans trying to please all different groups to get elected, and term limits.

One example of pleasing different groups is President Obama not signing one paper to get the Keystone Pipeline going, creating thousands of jobs, and he won't because he has to please all the environmental radical wackos that voted for him. He would rather buy oil from

our adversaries that want to kill us, so we have to spend more money to protect ourselves.

When we have appointed people in power like Eric Holder and Janet Napolitano that can let illegals out of our jails, there is something definitely wrong with our system. If I was governor of any one of these states where illegal criminals were released, and Eric Holder or Janet Napolitano came into my state, I would have them arrested for obstruction of justice. Even if I had to call the National Guard to keep them in jail I would. Somebody has to start standing up and stop this nonsense.

Rep. Miller, here's how you secure the borders and I'll guarantee you it will work: after you clean up the mess with the illegal immigrants we have now, pass a law stating all illegal immigrants are to get deported immediately. If anyone hires an illegal immigrant, they will be fined \$1 million for each one hired. That's how you make the borders secure. Not by talking to key officials that have no clue what they are doing.

Robert Peruski, Sr.
Ubly

You know how it goes with trends. They fade faster than a flashlight battery, teen pop star or over-ripe banana. I had to come up with another relevant comment if I wanted to stay on top of the trending cesspool of #HipsterMoms.

My next gem took the form of a science-related question. "What do you get when you combine oxygen with magnesium?" The answer (wait for it...): "OMG" (LOL). With my newest insight, I figured I'd be @ #HipsterMom status again in no time. It felt good to be a beacon, but of course I couldn't keep it up forever. Not even Justin Bieber can do that.

I may be a hashtag has-been, but I appreciate the power of cyber symbols and am grateful to be hipster enough to know where it's @. I look forward to the cyber future with glee (#Optimism) and can hardly wait to see what they do with the ampersand.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Once again, let's start this week's trivia notes taking a look at the NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, and more to the point my bracket picks.

Unfortunately, my success there is similar to the results I had coaching Cass City's Varsity Girls' team this past winter—not much.

Managed just one win during my rookie season in charge of the Lady Red Hawks, which was one more than the number of teams I correctly picked to reach the Final Four.

Hey Bill Potter, ever fish the west branch of the AuSable River? How about you, Curt Strickland? Well, I haven't but visited the fabled stream this week while on vacation with my family. Can anyone out there figure out where the Haires spent spring break in 2013? Here's a hint: it was about a 14 hour drive.

So you need another clue or 2 to figure out our family's vacation destination (I know, you couldn't care less). But factor in the Haires are in the Adirondack Mountains and that the "Miracle On Ice" happened here in 1980, and you may have surmised, we visited Lake Placid, New York.

Actually, we are staying about 9 miles away, in Wilmington, NY, home of Whiteface Mountain, which hosted many of the downhill ski races in the 1932 and 1980 Olympics. Wilmington isn't quite the size of Kingston, and Lake Placid is about the size of Petosky.

The area is remote and similar to Northern Michigan, and I can't imagine where the Olympic crowd found lodging; maybe in Montreal, Canada, about 120 miles away.

Pinney Foundation President Dave Milligan says there's still time for your non-profit organization to apply for grant money from the Cass City philanthropic group.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 26, to be considered for the foundation's annual endowments. To be considered, send your requests to Dave Milligan, 6226 Bay City-Forestville Rd., Cass City, MI 48726. You can also email applications to: dave@milliganfarms.com. More information is available by calling (989) 872-2937.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, April 3

Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

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

Friends of the Library meeting, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Saturday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, April 9

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

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

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

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

Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Wednesday, April 10

Chicken Dinner, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City. Cost: \$7. For takeouts, call 872-4604, and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon or after 12:30 p.m.

Tuscola County Community Foundation meets standards

Tuscola County Community Foundation officials recently announced that the local foundation is among those in compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

"Being accredited by the Community Foundation National Standards Board, Washington, D.C., represents the highest measure of accountability and transparency in philanthropy," said Ken Micklash, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

"We are proud to have met such rigorous standards in donor services, investment management, grant making, and administration, and the board and I believe it is very important for the community to know about this major accomplishment," Micklash added.

The Tuscola County Community Foundation was established in 1998. Since its inception, more than \$2 million in grants and scholarships have been awarded from the 78 funds that are maintained by the foundation. Current assets held and managed by the organization are nearing \$9 million, according to Micklash.

"We are very grateful for the strong support the community has shown for this wonderful organization, which exists for the sole purpose of doing good within the community

and to make Tuscola County a better place to live," he said.

Anyone interested in learning more about the foundation or how to contribute to an existing fund or create

new fund can learn more by contacting at the foundation, P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, by calling (989) 673-8223 or by emailing: tccf534@centurytel.net.



TUSCOLA COUNTY Community Foundation Executive Director Ken Micklash (far right) presents the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations certificate to foundation board officers (from left) Randy Stec, vice president; Ann Marie Ball, secretary; Sheryl Diegel, treasurer; and Rick Zimmer, president.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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

- Cliffon King Jr., 32, Brownstown Township, pleaded guilty to one count of first degree retail fraud June 14 in Caro. 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 the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Donovan J. Selby, 39, Sebawaing, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 26 in Akron Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Tyler J. Clapper, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing

to notify local law enforcement of a change in address Jan. 16-25 in Caro.

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

- Robert Elmer-Allen Preston, 23, Burton, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to a charge of second degree home invasion Dec. 8, 2011, in Arbela Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,098 plus restitution of \$1,200.

- Wanda L. Burnett, 45, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of identity theft and using a device or identification to avoid payment for telecommunication services Sept. 5 in Wells Township.

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

- Samuel C. Rankin, 20, Caro, pleaded guilty to carrying a weapon with unlawful intent and assault with a dangerous weapon March 3 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was

ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- William H. Bolin, 30, Mayville, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Oct. 7 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Jessy J. Johnson, 24, Caro, was sentenced to 10 to 22 1/2 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to 3 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years, and involving force or coercion and causing personal injury to the victim last July in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$266.

- Michael J. Bauer, 45, Vassar, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 7 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

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Reporter's notebook

Ready to welcome the editorial slave

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I believe it was Alfred Lord Tennyson who wrote, "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love".

Nice sentiment. We have a similar quote at the Chronicle: "In the spring a tired old editor's fancy heavily turns to obsessive thoughts of his summer news/editorial slav — er — intern".

Actually, my thoughts turn to the intern a bit earlier, mid-February or so. I start marking the days off the calendar until May, when I know he or she will be arriving to do a little light reporting and writing. Well, that's what I call it.

I can't be certain, but I suspect the glazed look in my eyes as they walk through the door spooks them a bit. I tell them I'm just enthusiastic about welcoming them. You know, another opportunity to share with a young reporter some of the lessons I've gleaned over the course of a 28-year career in the field of journalism. Yeah, that's it.

Of course, I'm usually prepared with an ample list of story ideas and photo assignments for the rookie. I try to ease them into it, making sure that they don't try to cover any more than 6 or 7 stories a day. After they've finished sweeping and mopping the office. And waxing my car.

Who could blame me? With the exception of 3 months in the summer, the bulk of writing throughout the year rests on my shoulders, making the intern's arrival nearly more welcome than the first tulip blooms in my front yard.

I'd almost feel sorry for this year's intern — because it's been a really loooooong winter — but I already know we're in good hands with the return of Cass City's Mason Doerr, who first interned with us last summer while wrapping up his associate's degree at Delta College.

He'll be back in town in a month or so as a student from Michigan's finest journalism school, CMU (okay, so I'm an alum), and I'm confident he's looking forward to covering all sorts of feature stories and news. He'll put together another Freedom Festival section and, of course, spend a day dodging cow pies at the fair while covering the 4-H livestock sales, all the while smiling broadly and showing me his appreciation with a "Yes, your majesty," every now and then.

I'll bet he can't wait. I know I can't, and not just because I'm thankful for the hand. Mason proved himself more than ready to take on the duties of a full-time newspaper staffer last summer.

Yup, no doubt he's rarin' to go.

Now, where did I store that can of Turtle Wax?

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Deb Topham is looking forward to a new chapter in her life following her retirement from the Kingston Post Office Monday after more than 31 years of service — 29 of them serving as a full-time carrier. Topham, of Mayville, is an avid race-walker who says she plans to keep busy with her hobby throughout retirement.

The Knights of Columbus, Central Thumb Council 8892, recently honored its "Family of the Year" — Barb and Bob Butucel of Cass City. Bob is a retired Detroit police officer and Barb, a retired nurse. They were honored for their dedication to the council, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, and the community.

Named this year's "Knight of the Year" by the Knights of Columbus, Central Thumb Council 8892, was Richard Little. A retired school counselor, he was also recognized for his dedication to the local council, St. Pancratius Catholic Church and the community. He was presented the award by Grand Knight Bob Butucel.

Deb Peruski, a teacher at Cass City Middle School, has received a grant from the DTE Energy Foundation's Mini-Grants for Educators program. Peruski will use her grant for a class project on renewable energy.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

A long and tireless record of public service, reaching back to 1986 when she joined the Cass City community, has earned Jane Hittler citizen of the year honors for 2003. The award, coupled with the junior citizen of the year award were announced Saturday during the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner held at Northwood Meadows. The junior citizen for 2004 is Red Hawk senior Jessica Nicol, daughter of Gayle and John Nicol.

The top 3 donation collectors for the "Jump Rope for Heart" event included Campbell Elementary students Nicholas Horne (\$535), Rebecca Leslie (\$516) and Nick McNeil (\$335).

Cass City School officials have announced the names of this year's honors graduates, which include 5 valedictorians and 2 salutatorians. The valedictorians are: Amanda L. Frederick, Ashley R. Froede, Dara L. Iwankovitsch, Jessica L. Nicol and Rajen S. Raythatha, all with perfect 4.0 grade point averages. Named salutatorians are Heidi Cheng and Courtney A. Green, who both achieved a grade point average of 3.97.

Saginaw native Robert "Bob" Heft, who designed the current United States flag when he was a teenager in 1960, addresses students at Cass City High School Friday. Heft spent most of the day at the school, then met

with residents at Rawson Memorial Library in the afternoon. The event was paid for through funds donated by the American Association of University Women.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

Local winners in a poster contest sponsored by the Michigan Dairy Council and Dietetic Association are Deford fourth graders Shaun Thomstad (first place) and Aron Romstad (runner-up). Thousand's poster will be entered in state competition during the state Dietetic Association's annual meeting May 6-7 in Grand Rapids.

Four girls from the 1987 Cass City High School basketball team will be among the State's best competing this Saturday and Sunday at the Sandusky High School gym in an Amateur Athletic Union Tournament. Joining Plymouth Salem's Dena Head, last year's Ms. Basketball, will be Red Hawks Sue Papp, Beth Powell, Darlene Monroe and Cindy Powell. Papp and Beth Powell will be participating in the 15-year-old and under category, while Monroe and Cindy Powell will be battling in the 16-year-old bracket.

Mounted bullhorns, miniature covered wagons and stagecoaches and a variety of knickknacks decorate Charles and Ida Jewett's Cass City home. A visit with the area couple quickly reveals their love for collecting, buying, selling and trading a variety of items, old and new, that catch their fancy. Charles is particularly proud of a covered wagon he made by hand years ago. It has received a patent and is expected to be manufactured as a model kit and sold throughout the United States. Annual royalties could total as much as \$90,000, the couple has been told.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

A Cass City High School Band brass quintet and a saxophone duet received "I" ratings at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival recently in Kalamazoo. Quintet members are: Bonnie Spencer, Mick Pomeroy, Charles Peasley, Dick Stroupe and Bob Spencer. Members of the duet are: Arlene O'Dell and Charles Iseler.

Dick Erla, co-owner of Erla Food Center, announced this week that the store was going out of the food locker rental business in order to have more space for the grocery business. "We have appreciated our long association with many of our renters since buying the business in Cass City," Erla said. "However, our increased business makes it necessary for us to have more space devoted to retail grocery selling."

Approximately 90 students from three Cass City Public Schools third grade classes participated in field

trips to two area "sugar bushes" Thursday and Friday, Mar. 28-29. Classes taught by Mrs. Del Profit and Mrs. Malvina Howarth toured the Alfred Goodall maple sugar operation on Thursday. The Children helped gather sap and were given samples of the sap, syrup and maple candy. On Friday, the 30-member class taught by Mrs. Avis Youngs toured the Robert Woods sugar bush eight miles west of Cass City. The class also gathered sap and were treated to sap and syrup samples.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Any old plow is good enough "on earth" but the Oliver is the best plow "in earth." Ask Striffler & Patterson. (Advert.)

John Thompson, railed contractor, informs the Chronicle that on Wednesday he received a letter from Grand Trunk officers at Montreal informing him to commence laying steel on the D. & H. R. R. on April 15. Mr. Thompson now has a small force of men engaged in laying out station grounds at Bad Axe.

One of the most unique parties of the season was the one given Tuesday afternoon at the pretty home of Mrs. Louis L. Wood by Mesdames Dora Fritz, L. I. Wood and P.A. Schenck. Given on the first day of April, it was an "April Fool" affair as indicated by the following quotation written across the invitation, "What fools ye mortals be!" Over sixty ladies were guests and soon after their arrival a hunt for dance's caps began. These were made of yellow crepe paper in the shape of a high cone adorned with tiny bells at their tips. After the caps were all properly adjusted several "April Fool" jokes were enjoyed. The supper was daintily served by the following young ladies: Misses Lucile Schenck, Mabel Robinson, Amy Fee, Kathryn Fritz, Gladys Hitchcock and Kathryn McLarty.

Craft show scheduled in Kingston

There will be a craft show in the Kingston Elementary School Cafeteria Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is free. Use the south parking lot and entrance. A soup and Sloppy Joe lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m. with fresh baked bread and homemade desserts.

The event is a Kingston Lions Club project, with proceeds going to serve visually impaired and community needs.



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<p>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.</p>	<p>Evangelical Free Church of Cass City 6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5060 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Studies Biblical Counseling Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould www.casscityefc.org</p>	<p>Novesta Church of Christ <i>"the friendly church that cares"</i> 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3658 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Minister: Brad Speirs Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org</p>
<p>Cass City Church of Christ 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church <i>(Independent, Fundamental)</i> Barrier Free 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-3155 Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pastor: David G. Hill Website: www.fbccc.us</p>	<p>St. Pancratius Catholic Church 4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3336 Summer Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. DST Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Winter Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m. EDT Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Pastoral Administrator: Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC</p>
<p>Cass City Church of the Nazarene 6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2604 or (989) 912-2077 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible Study - & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Jerry Harrington Associate Pastor: Judy A. Escklisen</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church Barrier Free <i>State & National Historical Registry</i> 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn</p>	<p>Mizpah Missionary Church 4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m. Wednesday Kids' Club 7-8 p.m. Pastor Dale Bullock 989-325-0736</p>
<p>Cass City Missionary Church 4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-2729 Worship Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:50 a.m. Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Pastor: Phil Burkett www.casscitymc.org</p>	<p>Fraser Presbyterian Church 3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn</p>	<p>Living Word Worship Center Church of God 6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-4637 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m. (including youth and children's services) Pastor: Rev. Mark Karwowski Website: www.lwccog.net</p>

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Deford Dazzlers gearing up for national contest

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fying score of 7.4, well below the cut-off.

In addition to the rocket finals, the contingent from Deford has opted to enter the Presentation Competition in conjunction with finals.

"It involves a 6-minute PowerPoint presentation on their TARC design/flying season, and at least 3 team members must talk on specific subjects during that 6 minutes, plus there is a 2-minute question-and-answer portion afterward," Hansen said. "The judging panel includes National Association of Rocketry (NAR) members as well as NASA, Raytheon and other corporate sponsors for the event.

"First, second and third place teams in this challenge do receive a small scholarship to split amongst the participants. The total scholarship and prize money for this year's finals is approximately \$60,000."

Hansen noted that Heather Middleton at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office is organizing a pancake dinner benefit to help the team raise money for its trip. Details will be announced as soon as they become available. Cash donations are also being accepted at the Extension office.

The team has also been on the receiving end of help from area residents Jim and Sue Baughman of White Creek Farm on Dodge Road, who let the youth use their field and home as well as their services as the

Dazzlers' official NAR observer and time keeper. "Without them, we would not be able to do this," Hansen said, adding the group also owes a debt of gratitude to Dan Allen, who constructed a competition launch system for the team "that is far superior to anything we could have purchased."

Members of the 2013 Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team are: Catherine Gordon, team manager and safety/recovery specialist; Caroline Gordon, payload specialist; William Webster, booster section design and propulsion specialist; Dustyn Parrish, payload specialist; Chrysler Parrish, safety and recovery specialist; Christopher Hansen, data analysis specialist, booster section design and propulsion specialist; Peter Hansen, payload specialist; and Alexander Hansen, data analysis, booster section design and propulsion specialist.

"Last year we finished 10th and were absolutely thrilled," Hansen said. "Obviously we'd love a repeat performance and again finish in the top 10 so we can qualify for the additional program, 'Student Launch Initiative' sponsored by NASA. However, with the scoring so tight and the challenge much more difficult in addition to variables beyond our control, such as wind speeds, precipitation, barometric pressure, etc., we also know anything can happen.

"We're just excited to be going again."



MORE THAN 70 people, including several members of the Kingston United Methodist and Kingston Wesleyan churches, took to the streets on Good Friday in a unique observation of the Easter holiday.

Kingston faithful honor Easter holiday

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gaining permission from the Kingston Village Council to execute the walk in the village streets. Village Chief of Police Dave Lich offered to take the proposal to the village council, which granted its permission provided the procession didn't venture onto M-46. Lich volunteered to aid in stopping traffic, and Kingston residents Jim and Sharon Brandibur provided vehicles equipped with flashing lights to lead and follow the mobile group.

As Good Friday approached, the Kingston United Methodist Church and Kingston Wesleyan Church worked cooperatively to spread the word about the upcoming event. The participants met at the Methodist church shortly before 6 p.m. so they could receive their instructions. Green provided directions to the assembly, including a request that all cell phones be shut off and conversations held to a minimum to observe the sanctity of the occasion. Brown offered an opening prayer preceding the walk.

Over the course of the trek, volunteers recited 7 Bible readings that focused on the New Testament's account of the Easter story. After exiting the front parking area of the church, the procession headed north down Washington Street before turning west on Noble Street, passing the Kingston Wesleyan Church. The columns then turned south on River Street. The final turn guided the participants east on Kingsbury Street before finishing back at the Methodist church. Following the cross walk was a Good Friday service at the Kingston Wesleyan Church.

While on the journey, volunteers took turns carrying the poplar log cross by holding the top and bottom of the structure. Those hoisting the heavier top portion rested the cross on a folded towel on their shoulder to relieve some of the physical pressure. Participants of all ages carried the Christian symbol of salvation for

short distances before passing it to other members of the walk.

Brown and Green were pleased with the turnout and the outcome of the first Good Friday Carrying the

Cross Walk. "It was great for the community to come together to recognize the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made for all of us at Easter," Green said.

Overdose suspected in death

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Prosecutor's Office authorizing a search warrant at 665 S. VanDyke Rd., in Colfax Township, where officers seized several methadone pills and a small amount of cash. A 51-year-old man at the residence was released pending possible charges.

Hanson said the preliminary results

of Shemka's autopsy suggest that he may have died from an overdose. "The pathologist needed more tests completed before the exact cause can be determined," he added.

"More investigation is taking place and, at some point (this) week, we will be meeting with Prosecutor Tim Rutkowski to review the incident for possible charges," Hanson said.

Hoonhouts have some big plans

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meeting Sunday, we were expecting 35, 40 drivers. We had between 70 and 80, and we gave out 65 registration packs for drivers. There haven't been 65 cars registered to race up there in 10 years."

Spencer indicated the Hoonhouts are looking at developing one of the premier racing facilities in the region where fans are as important as the competitors.

"We're starting a kids' club, so we're going to have stuff for kids 10 to 12 years old on the weekends," he said, adding family admission packages are in the works, as is a new menu for the concessions end of the business. "We want it to be a family place where you can bring the kids

up and have good food."

At the same time, Spencer said, the Hoonhouts would like to get involved in the chambers of commerce and various community organizations in the area.

Opening night at the Silver Bullet Speedway will be Saturday, May 11, and will feature all 5 classes of racing starting at 7:30 p.m. This year's schedule highlights include 2 big shows during the Caseville Cheeseburger Festival weekends. There will also be a 3-night stock car championship as well as other shows yet to be announced.

More information is available on the Web at www.silverbulletsspeedway.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SilverBulletSpeedwayMI, and via email at silverbulletsspeedway@yahoo.com.



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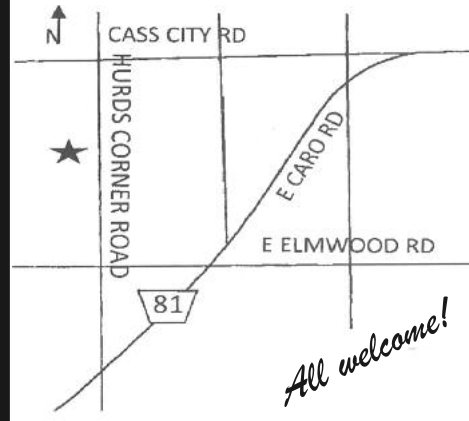
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THE 2013 Cass City Lady Red Hawk soccer team members include: (front, l-r) Kassie LaPonsie, Faith Windsor, Lindsay Schotter, Erin Zdrojewski, Dakota Schmidt, Jodi Engel (middle) Jocelynn Venema, Laura Cowdry, Katie Michalski, Emily Cochran, Elena Chernysh, Janey Ballard, Taylor Brown (back) Coach Chuck Reed, Briana Prill, Erin Moore, Elisabeth Milligan, Meri Dzielinski, Alexina Somerville, Kennedy Brown and Asst. Coach Jessica Bootz.

Ten return for Coach Chuck Reed

Coach Chuck Reed has 10 returning players from a disappointing 2012 Cass City soccer campaign that saw injury and illnesses all but gut the team for most of the year.

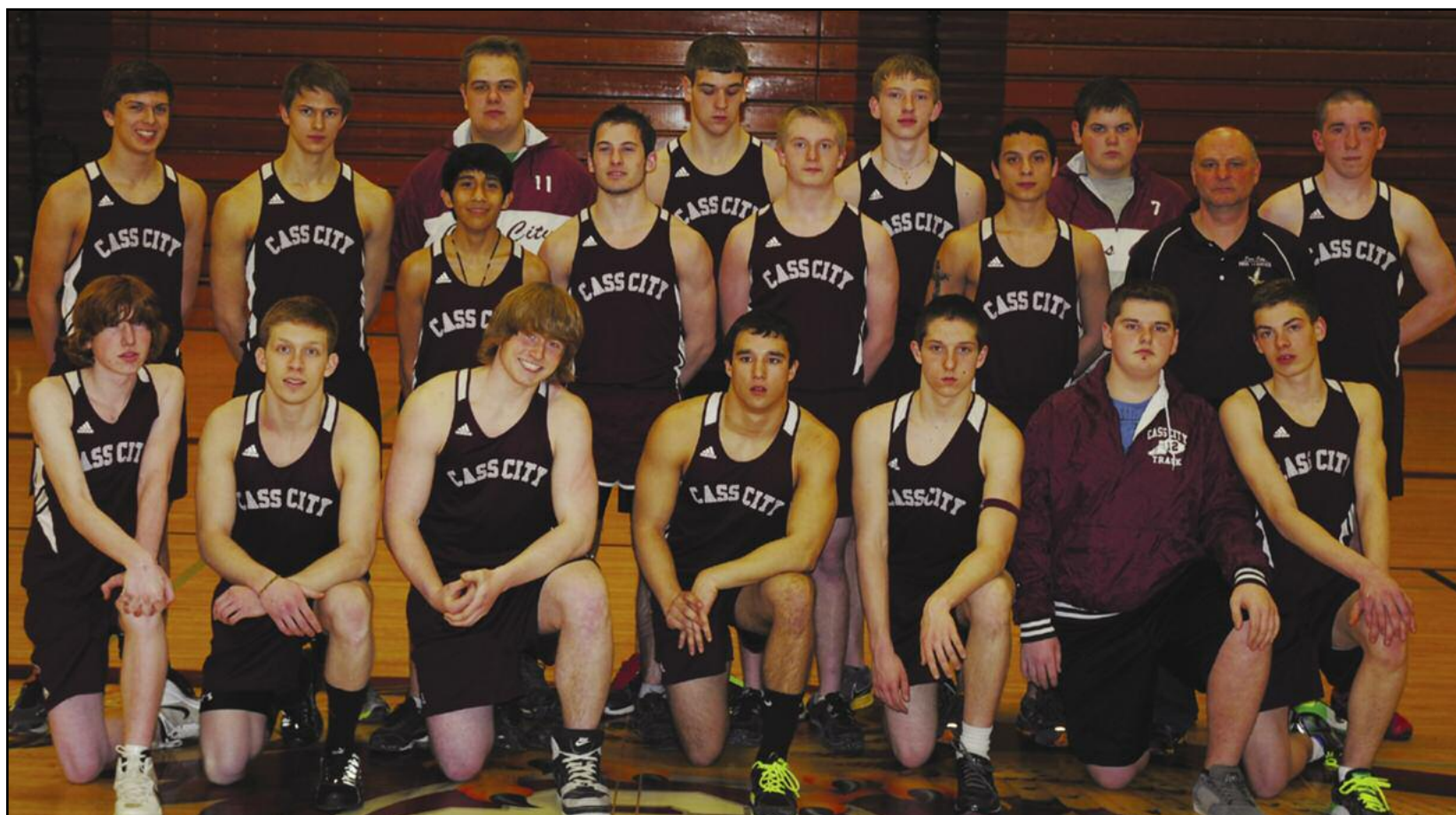
Although Reed is eager for his Lady Red Hawk team to take the field, admittedly a lack of practice time due to the weather is making it difficult for him to evaluate this year's talent. Complicating matters for the veteran skipper, several players are expected to be in new positions for the scheduled April 10th home opener against Marlette.

According to Reed, Liz Milligan and Kassie LaPonsie are moving from defense to forward while Erin Moore and Dakota Schmidt are moving from midfield to defense. On defense, returnee Laura Cowdry is staying at defensive wing where she played well last year, but the rest of the defense is basically new. Meri Dzielinski is back in net and will be backed up by Alexina Somerville. Katie Michalski, Janey Ballard, and Kennedy Brown will handle mid-field responsibilities.

"If these girls play up to their potential early, it will give the new, inexperienced people time to develop," says Reed.

New to this year's squad are Jocelynn Venema, Emily Cochran, Briana Prill, Katherine Woodruff, Jodi Engel, Taylor Brown, Lindsey Schotter, Faith Windsor and Elena Chernysh.

"We have a lot of players without any significant experience to build on. It will be a case of having to develop them quickly in order to balance out the squad with a strong bench. On paper the Hawks look strong, but they will need to avoid injury and illness, problems that plagued last year's team, and the new players will have to develop quickly if this year is to be a success," said Reed.



THE 2013 Cass City Red Hawk boys' track team members include: (front, l-r) Arek Creason, Bobby Beyette, Andy Collins, Braeden Perzanowski, Devin Vermeesch, Daymon Tabako, Bransen Stimpfel (middle) Jose Torres, Garret Ferguson, Fred Leeson, Alexander Williams, Coach Jon Zdrojewski (back) Brendan Karwowski, Nick Karwowski, Austin Baker, Ethan Monte, Keith Lounsbury, Lucas Baker and Jake Quinn. Missing is Brennan Winter.

New coaches at the track in Cass City

A dozen returning letter winners will greet Coaches Jon and Deidra Zdrojewski in their rookie season in charge of the Cass City Red Hawk track program.

Eight of the 12 returnees are boys, to the delight of Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

"We got some good speed back on the boys' team. And I'm really excited about some of our freshmen," he said.

Returning junior Braeden Perzanowski should provide points for Cass City in the individual sprint events. He's the defending Greater Thumb West 200-meter champ. When Perzanowski and returning seniors Alex Williams and Garret Ferguson teamed together last year in the short distance relays, they proved hard to beat.

Also back for their final season are seniors Brennan Winter and Austin Baker. Winter is tested in the 400-meter run, while Baker's strength comes in handy in the field events.

Sophomores Fred Leeson and Ethan Monte and junior Lucas Baker complete the list of experienced performers for Cass City, while new to the team are seniors Bobby Beyette, Nick Karwowski and Jake Quinn, junior Andy Collins, sophomores Sam Bootz, Brendan Karwowski and Daymon Tabako and freshmen Jose Torres, Devin Vermeesch, Bransen Stimpfel and Keith Lounsbury.

Stimpfel, Lounsbury and Torres are names to watch among the first year performers.

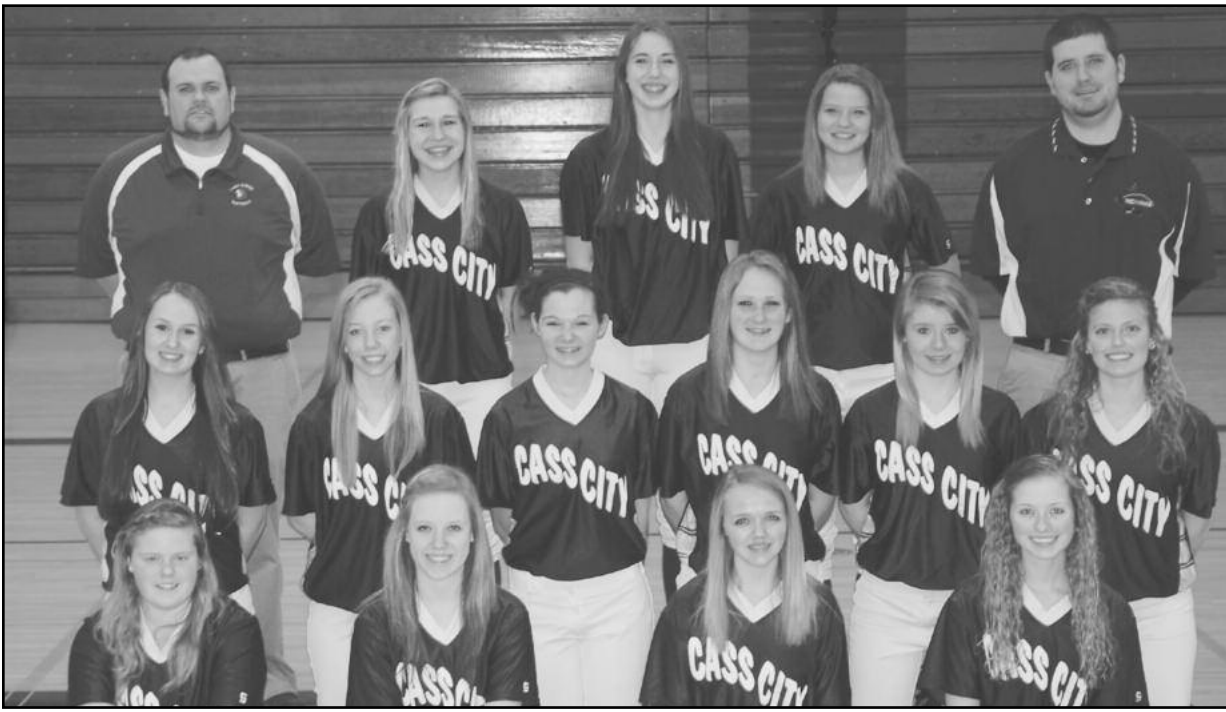
On the girls' team, Coach Deidra Zdrojewski has her work cut out for her. She has just 10 team members, 4 with past experience.

Shelby Abell, the lone Red Hawk senior on the squad, will shine in the 300-meter hurdles. Returning sophomores Miranda Spry, sprint specialist, and Erin Zdrojewski, distance whiz, were outstanding a year ago and have looked strong in early season workouts. Another sophomore, Kendra Kerkau, was a valued relay team member in her rookie season.

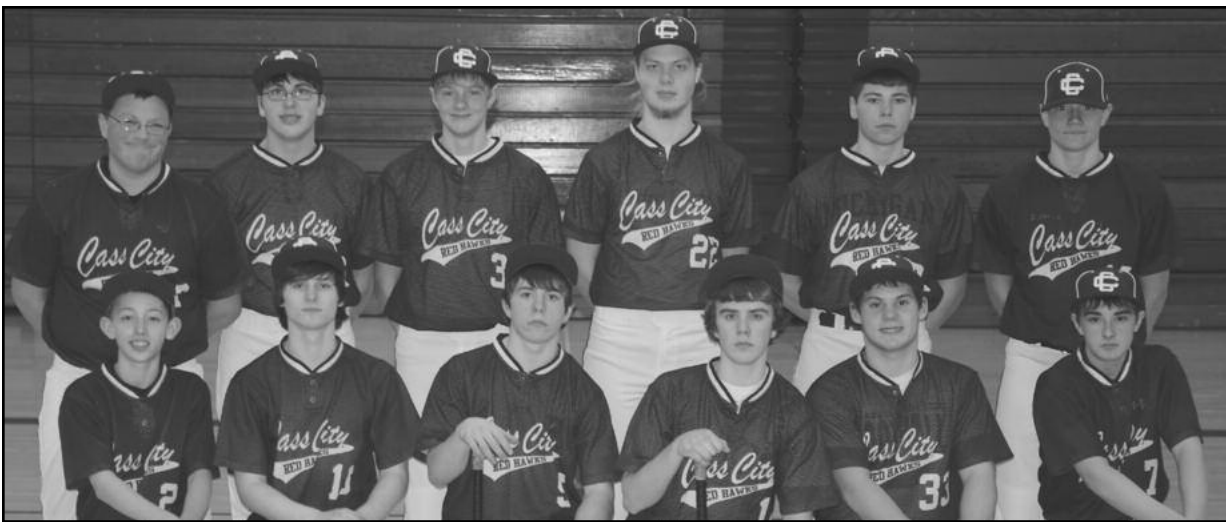
Three freshmen, Ilana Blattner, Erin Hartsell and Victoria Mathewson, are making their track and field debut, as are sophomores Kyla Autry, Jordan Raymond and Chelsi Schmotzer.



THE 2013 Cass City Lady Red Hawk track team members include: (front, l-r) Erin Zdrojewski, Jordan Raymond, Miranda Spry, Kyla Autry, Erin Hartsell, Kendra Kerkau (back) Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Shelby Abell, Ilana Blattner, Chelsi Schmotzer and Victoria Mathewson. Missing is Coach Deidra Zdrojewski.



THE CASS CITY 2013 junior varsity softball team members include: (front, l-r) Briana Samons, Gloria Armstead, Kelly DeLong, Rebecca Graff (middle) Lauren Potter, Carley Stone, Mandy Czekai, Jessica Peters, Lauren Scott, Tara Nicholas (back) Coach Bill Hartzell, Hunter Langenburg, Maegan LeValley, Macy Dickinson and Coach Andrew Whittaker.



CASS CITY'S 2013 junior varsity baseball team members include: (front, l-r) Samuel Kolacz, Blake Lebioda, Sawyer Cuthrell, Dalton Prieskorn, Branden Horne, Jacob Guinther (back) Ryan Schmidt, Evan Baranski, Ethan Hulburt, Heiko Thurm, Kyle Ross and Jack Stern.



THE WETLAND WONDERS challenge winners received their prizes at the March 14 Natural Resources Commission meeting. Pictured above (from left) are Gary Van Kirk, Isaiah Battel, James Graves, Barb Avers (DNR Waterfowl and Wetland Program leader), Russ Mason (DNR Wildlife Division chief), Thomas Bauer, Michael Schindler and Triston Bradshaw.

7 receive prizes from DNR Wetland Wonders Challenge

Six of the 7 Michigan waterfowl hunters randomly chosen as the first winners of the Department of Natural Resources' Wetland Wonders Challenge - Triston Bradshaw of Allegan, Michael Schindler of Bay City, James Graves of Rhodes, Isaiah Battel of Cass City, Thomas Bauer of Clarkston and Gary Van Kirk of Swartz Creek - received their prizes March 14 at the regular monthly meeting of the Natural Resources Commission in Saginaw.

The seventh winner, Lupe Martinez of Hamilton, could not be present at the meeting and has since received his prize package.

"This challenge gave me and my hunting buddies the incentive to explore managed waterfowl hunting areas we probably would not have otherwise," said Thomas Bauer. "It made our waterfowl season fun, as each new managed area was unique and offered something different. Being a challenge winner was just a bonus."

The other winners shared similar comments about the challenge giving them the incentive to try other managed waterfowl hunting areas that they haven't visited before.

To be entered to win one of the 7 prize packages, winners had to hunt 4 or more of the DNR's 7 premier managed waterfowl areas and turn in a punch card as proof of participation this past waterfowl hunting season.

For 13-year-old Triston Bradshaw, the first person drawn, the experience has been a memorable one. This fall was the first time Bradshaw had been waterfowl hunting. His father, Terry, used to duck hunt but had not had the opportunity for a couple of years.

"This contest gave me the incentive to go out again and for me to take Triston," said Terry Bradshaw.

"It was a great father-and-son experience," Triston Bradshaw added. "We even slept in our truck at Shiawassee because of rain just to make the morning draw. It was awe-

some; I can't wait to go out again next year."

Each winner received one of 7 ultimate waterfowl hunting prize packages, each worth approximately \$1,800. Each prize package was unique, but included items such as shotguns, a "golden ticket" good for first choice at a managed waterfowl area hunt, a jon boat, decoys, blinds, calls, taxidermy mounts, guided duck hunts, gift cards, trail cameras and hunting gear.

Consolation prizes were also given out to 93 lucky winners. These winners have been notified, and their prizes will be sent to them in the mail.

"The Wetland Wonders Challenge would not have been possible without the generosity of the many donors and sponsors," said Barbara Avers, DNR Waterfowl and Wetland Program leader. "They deserve a special thank-you for making this inaugural contest a success."

To learn more about Michigan's managed waterfowl areas, visit www.michigan.gov/wetlandwonders.

Michigan's managed waterfowl areas offer much more than just wonderful waterfowl hunting opportunities. On March 23, the DNR launched the Wetland Wonders Challenge II, which invites the public to explore these areas during this spring and summer to experience great birding, wildlife viewing, hiking, paddling, fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities. A complete list of events and other details will be available soon at www.michigan.gov/wetlandwonders.

Exploring Michigan's Wetland Wonders is just one way to continue the celebration of the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy (MWL). The MWL is a 10-year, cooperative partnership to restore, conserve and celebrate Michigan's waterfowl, wetlands and waterfowl hunting community. For more information about the MWL, please visit www.michigan.gov/mwl.

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Obituaries

Renee DeGrandchamp

A memorial service for Renee Sue (Schember) DeGrandchamp, daughter of Marcia and Lyle Schember, will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 6, at the Cass City United Methodist Church. A luncheon will follow the service.

Mae Eleanor Dodds

Mae Eleanor Dodds, 94, of Saginaw, formerly of Cass City, passed away Friday, March 22, 2013.

She was a member of State Street United Methodist Church. She will be remembered for her spunk, love of sports, and her love for her church family. She enjoyed being with people, playing cards and was an accomplished seamstress.

She is survived by her beloved son, Eugene Dodds of Reese; a granddaughter, Shawn (Tom) Gennara of Lansing; a great-grandson, Samuel; and a sister, Elizabeth (Dane) Guisbert of Ortonville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 4 brothers; 2 sisters; her husband Lyle; and her precious daughter, Sharon.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 28, at State Street United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Elias Mumbiroff officiating.

Burial was in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider State Street United Methodist Church or 4-H Club.

Arrangements were made by Case

Funeral Home, Saginaw.

Brett Hendrick

Brett Allen Hendrick, 57, of Troy, Kan., died suddenly Monday, March 25, 2013 in his home.

He was born May 14, 1955 in Caro, the son of Morris and Gertrude (Venema) Hendrick.

He married Susan Gay Emede Dec. 15, 1997 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Brett graduated from Caro High School in 1973. He worked as a machinist for area factories including Bradford in Detroit and Jameson in Saginaw. Brett began his truck driving career in Elkton eventually working for American Pride Trucking for General Cable Freight and then created his own company, Eagle Spirits Enterprise. His meticulous and precise way of working as a machinist carried through in his life and his love of restoring cars and motorcycles.

He completely restored his 1970 Mustang Mach 1 and restored and rebuilt many motorcycles. Bret enjoyed drag racing and as a guest of the Cowin family, traveled to Australia with their race team transporting their racers around the country. Brett enjoyed classic rock music but you could occasionally find him playing his banjo. Most important to Brett was his family. He loved his wife and treated her like a queen. He gave easily of his time to help the children and grandchildren from fixing a lawnmower to fixing a car. He gave easily of his wisdom, clear and definite in his words, to help friends and family analyze the situation they were in. He gave easily of his heart and loved his grandchildren, nieces and nephews very much and was always willing to help them in any way they needed. He was a true American heart and soul.

Brett is survived by his wife, Susan; children: Douglas Hendrick of Cass City, Ryan Hendrick of Bay City, Urian Spotts, Jeremy Spotts, Roger Smith, and Travis Smith; grandchild-

dren: Kaelyn, Preston, Aliya, Ashton, Tobias, Holden, and Brody; his mother, Gertrude Hendrick of Saginaw; his mother-in-law, Bette Emede of Vestaburg; a sister-in-law, Cheryl Sage of Vestaburg; brothers: Morris (Tammy) Hendrick Jr. of Caro, Max Hendrick of Saginaw, and Dennis (Michelle) Hendrick of Deford; a sister, Theresa (Isaiah) Butler of Saginaw; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Morris Hendrick.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 30, at Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Brad Speirs officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Mr. Hendrick were Morris Hendrick, Max Hendrick, Dennis Hendrick, Isaiah Butler, Gary Smith, Jim Rosenstangel.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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.

Miller announces April office hours

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10) recently announced her staff will be available for monthly office hours — with the next office hours scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, from 2 to 5 p.m., and every second Tuesday of the month, at the City of Caro Municipal Building - Council Chambers.

Miller's staff will be on hand to assist constituents of Michigan's 10th Congressional District by working on their behalf to answer questions regarding a concern with a federal agency, find solutions, or to receive a fair and timely response from a federal agency.

Thank you

We would like to thank our family, neighbors and friends for your prayers, cards and food for our family during the loss of Phil Robinson, loving husband, father & grandfather.
 To Father Paul and Sister Dina for the nice service.
 To the VFW for the honor guard.
 To Hospice, especially Angie and Jenny for your month of special care.
 To Vicky and Doug Hyatt for the wonderful lunch.
 To the pallbearers Tom G., Jerry, Tom H., Ken, Elwyn and Maynard.
 To Deb and Jim Kranz and staff, who helped fulfill Phil's wishes at his funeral.
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From the heart...

SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff Garry Biniacki was recently on the receiving end of a surprise donation of stuffed animals for victims of traumatic incidents from an unexpected source. Eight-year-old Stephanie Stone, Deckerville, along with her mother, Rhonda Stone, and brother, Jeffrey, stopped by the sheriff's department to drop off the donation from her own collection for deputies to give away. "Stephanie got the idea when she herself received a stuffed animal when (she was) involved in a traffic accident," Biniacki said, adding, "No act of kindness is too small, and it is even more special when our young people give of themselves to make a difference in our community."



Photo courtesy of Kaye Swiastyn and Julie Warack

BRISK TEMPERATURES didn't hamper the excitement of dozens of area youngsters who recently flocked to the Gagetown Community Park for an annual Easter egg hunt. The Owen-Gage PTO and Owen-Gage chapter of the National Honor Society sponsored the event, which organizers called a huge success thanks to a small army of volunteers and donations from a host of area businesses.

O-G youngsters enjoy hunt

Dozens of area youngsters flocked to the Gagetown Community Park Saturday, March 23, to participate in an annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Owen-Gage PTO and the Owen-Gage chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS).

Children ages one through the fifth grade were invited to the event,

according to Kaye Swiastyn, who noted the kids were divided into 3 groups: age one through preschool, kindergarten through the second grade, and third grade through fifth grade.

"Over 2,000 plastic candy/prize-packed Easter eggs were scattered in designated areas of the park. Thirty-five larger prizes were given out in

each age group," Swiastyn said. "A special appearance by the Easter Bunny, arriving by Elmwood Township fire truck, provided a little extra excitement for the children.

"Owen-Gage staff, NHS members, parent volunteers, and several local and area businesses helped make this hunt a success."

Hile pens book looking back on 38-year career in teaching

In her recently released book, "My Journey of 55 Septembers ~ A Teacher's Story", author Michele Hile of Caro shares a collection of vignettes about her mother's vision for her to become college educated, some remembered early life events, the importance of her teachers, and the many classroom techniques and perspectives that served Hile well during her own 38 years of teaching.

In the 214-page paperback, Hile

shares her insights from her 55 years as a student and teacher.

"My Journey of 55 Septembers' offers help, hope and encouragement to those currently in education as well as challenges current educators to be the very best teachers they can be. The book is filled with practical applications that teachers everywhere will find useful," Hile said.

Julie Purdy of Purdyville Publishing, LLC designed the book, which has earned endorsements from Sebewaing native Susan Hass, a retired teacher and author of "Strictly Small Town", and Evelyn B. Kelly, PhD, who is a medical writer as well as the professor of educational leadership, Saint Leo University, Fla.

"Every teacher, novice or veteran, will immediately bond with Mrs. Hile. Retired teachers will reminisce, nod in agreement and smile. Active teachers will read hungrily for more and better ways to mobilize their students. Here is a book that offers both sound ideas for the classroom instructor as well as honors the very souls of teachers and students," Hass said.

"Parents will read with newfound respect and admiration for a profession that provides love and encouragement in abundance. They will recognize their own outstanding teachers and those who have been influential in the lives of their children. Teachers or parents, students, or simply curious readers will find warmth and idealism manifested in

Michele's recollections of '55 Septembers'", Hass added.

Evelyn B. Kelly, PhD, also praised Hile's book.

"Michele Hile exemplifies all that is noble and exhilarating in teaching. We follow her through '55 Septembers' and all the following months to find many things she learned along the way. She encourages teachers as she shows them how she developed compassion, professionalism, energy, competency, and a lifelong passion for learning. I highly recommend this heartfelt and readable book for not only teachers and administrators but for parents, who are an important part of a school system," Kelly said.

Hile is living on the family farm on which she was raised. After graduating from Michigan State University in 1972 and obtaining her teaching credentials, she accepted a teaching position with Caro Community Schools, her home school. She retired in June of 2010 after joyfully teaching 38 years in the same system.

During her third year of teaching, she married her husband, Tom, who lived on his family's farm just a half mile north of her. Together, they farmed and raised 2 sons, John and Allen, who both now live in the greater Detroit area.

Hile is very active and community-oriented. She has been an ordained interfaith minister since 1997, serving those in need.

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