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Local boy, 7, critically hurt

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City youngster was critically injured last Wednesday when he lost control of the John Deere Gator 4x2 he was operating and struck a tree.

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported they were dispatched to Rolling Hills Golf Course, just north of the village at 6586 Milligan Rd. in Elkland Township, at about 5:15 p.m.

Troopers said the 7-year-old boy who was driving the vehicle suffered life threatening injuries in the accident and was flown by LifeNet Helicopter to Hurley Medical Center in Flint. His condition was later upgraded to stable, but he remained in intensive care.

The victim’s 5-year-old brother, who was also riding on the Gator, was ejected but unhurt, according to reports, which state the 5-year-old was able to drive the vehicle up to the clubhouse after the collision to notify a family member.

MMR Ambulance personnel and the Elkland Township and Elmwood Township-Gagetown fire departments assisted troopers at the scene.



CASS CITY twins Brett and Darrin Ferris, 4 (top photo), are ready for spring following a special event Friday at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, where Hills and Dales General Hospital officials distributed free bicycle safety helmets to area children with funding provided by the Tuscola County Community Foundation. The Ferris’ are the sons of Jesika Ferris-Struve and James Struve. At right, Hills and Dales Director of Education Kathy Dropeski fits a youngster with one of about 20 new helmets distributed to the kids.



Wencel will leave O-G post in June

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Owen-Gage School officials will be launching another superintendent search following Jim Wencel’s recent decision to tender his resignation after serving the district for about 2 years on a part-time basis.

Wencel plans to continue coaching football for the Bulldogs, but says he decided to end his tenure as an administrator after reassessing his “retirement” during a 2-week vacation in Florida.

“I’m going to be back to being called a retired bum instead of a retired superintendent,” joked Wencel, whose resignation was recently accepted “with regret” by the Owen-Gage Board of Education.

“I just decided to finish at the end of the year. I plan to continue coaching because that’s really what my passion is,” Wencel said of his decision to retire again a few years after leaving his post as superintendent in Bad Axe. With the additional time in Owen-Gage, his career in education now spans 36 years.

Wencel indicated he felt he simply has too many irons in the fire at this point in his life. Aside from coaching at Owen-Gage, he’s an assistant wrestling coach for Mayville High School, where he helped to start the wrestling program while serving as principal more than 20 years ago. He also has a part-time job as a financial consultant and is active with the Gideons and Rotary. He also serves on boards for a student exchange program and a rural hospi-

tal group. Wencel’s hiring at Owen-Gage was less than unanimous. In fact, the board of education offered him a part-time contract on a vote of 4-3, with then-board president Terry Muntz casting the deciding vote. Muntz then resigned from the board, and 3 other board members followed suit days later.

The remaining board members appointed replacements, and they along with Wencel worked together to tackle a number of issues, including trimming expenses by bringing in a less expensive employee insurance plan, reducing bus routes and making staff adjustments in conjunction with retirements.

“Financially, it’s (school district) in much better shape. We’ve got a 2-year teachers contract, and we redid all the policies,” Wencel noted. “We’ve made a lot of progress the past couple of years.”

One thing the district hasn’t accomplished, however, is securing the money needed to pay for a myriad of long-overdue capital improvement projects, including replacement of an aging roof and boiler system.

Voters last February turned down a request for 2.95 mills to cover the cost of those projects along with a host of interior building upgrades. The request was defeated by just 9 votes and followed an initial election the year before, when residents rejected a similar proposed bond issue, also by fewer than a dozen votes.

“I think what we did was enough to Please turn to page 6.

Anticipation

Cold spring making Thumb farmers wait

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

With spring dragging its feet, Michigan’s row crop farmers are eager to hit the fields and get the 2013 growing season underway.

In typical Michigan fashion, this year’s spring weather bears little resemblance to what producers experienced the year before.

March 2012 brought a string of sunny, 80-degree days, followed by a punishing frost at the end of April, decimating the state’s vulnerable fruit blooms that had been lured into an early bloom. Row crop farmers later faced their share of challenges with a drought that left corn fields in poor shape throughout the Midwest.

Fast forward to March 2013, and Thumb area farmers are in a holding pattern during what has turned out to be a very gradual shift from

winter to spring weather. “It’s been cold and it’s staying cold. It’s just not warmed up where producers can do much of anything,” said Bob Battel, field crops educator at the Huron County MSU Extension Office in Bad Axe. Battel added farmers can top dress nitrogen on wheat fields, and some may opt to “frost seed” clover as a cover crop over wheat, “but that’s about it. There’s just not a lot of activity.”

That’s not to say farmers are sitting on their hands, according to Battel, who noted producers typically utilize slow periods to complete equipment tune-ups. “They’re using this time to get ready, so when it does get warm, they’ll be ready to go.”

While delays are rarely welcome, Battel indicated there’s no reason to believe this year’s gradual Please turn to page 6.

Wright certified funeral service practitioner

Cass City graduate enjoys his job, “serving the living”

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Death isn’t a topic most people are comfortable talking about, but it’s an inevitable part of life.

That’s a lesson Jason Wright learned first-hand at an early age when he lost his father to lung cancer in 1987. And although it was a lesson in grief, he also took away an appreciation for the role a funeral director plays in helping families deal with their loss.

“I’ve wanted to become a funeral director ever since I was 9 years old when my father passed away,” the 1997 Cass City High School graduate recently recalled. “Roger Little was the funeral director (in Cass City) then, and he made such an unbearable situation bearable. I was amazed at how great my father looked, something I will never forget.”

“What amazes me is that at such a young age, I also understood the importance of...viewing our dead as well as having a funeral service,” he said.

Today, Wright, 34, is a licensed funeral director who recently earned the designation of being a certified funeral service practitioner, an accomplishment recognized by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice after he

accumulated 180 hours of continuing education requirements in his field.

“Even in instances where states may not have formal continuing education requirements, such as Michigan, funeral professionals across the country participate voluntarily,” academy officials noted in a letter honoring Wright’s accomplishment. “The fact that they have joined the academy and worked toward this goal of certification shows that they believe in continuing education, but more importantly the goals of the academy.”

Wright has been employed at Deisler Funeral Home in Saginaw since 2006.

The son of Karen E. Wright, Cass City, and the late Lawrence M. Wright, he holds both a degree in mortuary science from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, earned in 2009, the same year he became a licensed funeral director, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in religion from the American Public University.

As a student at Cass City High School, Wright kept busy with activities ranging from track and field to the National Honor Society, Academic Games and student council. He and his twin brother, Georges, also held co-op jobs at Erla’s Food Center.

It was during those years that

Wright met a future mentor in Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City.

“Debra Kranz was a Godsend to



Jason Wright

me,” he said. “When I was in the 11th grade, she came to our psychology class and discussed the taboo subject of death and dying, and her role as a funeral director. Though I was still interested in pursuing a career as a biology teacher, she ignited a spark that I had not felt since I was a 9-year-old boy.

“It wasn’t until 1999 when my Please turn to page 6.

Senior movies scheduled for April 19 at Rawson Library

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m.

Magic of the Snowy Owl: A team of filmmakers provides an intimate look at the snowy owl. Though "snowies" naturally stand out for their beauty, intelligence and charm, in their eerie, bleak Arctic home, it is their determination and survival skills that are truly magical. Snowy

owls are built for the challenge of the long months of the Arctic winter, their every sense and skill honed to take on their frozen world. In the brief Arctic summer, they embark upon an even more daunting challenge than keeping themselves alive: raising their young in one of the harshest environments on the planet. (60 minutes).

Hearst Castle Building the Dream: High above the majestic central California coast rises the

Hearst Castle, home of William Randolph Hearst. This architectural masterpiece is furnished with priceless art treasures from around the world. See the spectacular European castles and art which influenced the creation of Hearst's castle and the 127 acre magnificent estate with gardens, terraces, pools and walkways. (40 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

MSU Extension is offering a "Cooking for Crowds" class

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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. 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. The class will be held Monday, May

13, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at MSU Extension-Tuscola County Office, 362 Green St., Caro.

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 safety 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.

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).

Milligan named to honors list at Purdue U.

Michael Milligan of Cass City is among 14,800 students at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., who were recently named to the school's academic honors list for the fall 2012 semester.

To be named to the list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Family history workshop on tap at library

Everyone is welcome to "Write Your Family History" Workshop with author Mardi Link, Monday, April 15, starting at 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

Link will share tips on how to start writing and she'll share ways to jog your memory so that you can compose your own family history.

Link is the author of "When Evil Came to Good Hart", "Isadore's Secret", and "Bootstrapper", which is scheduled for release this spring. She is a winner of the Michigan Notable Book Award; Great Lakes, Great Reads Award; and the Creative Non-Fiction Award.

The Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society and Rawson Memorial District Library are sponsoring this free program.

TCCC to present its spring concert

The Thumb Community Concert Choir (TCCC) will present its annual spring concert Friday April 12, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 14, at 3 p.m., in the U.S.A High School auditorium, 2203 Wildner Rd., Sebawaing.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$8.

The concert will highlight a variety of sacred and secular choral music from a broad range of periods and styles. The choir will be accompanied by piano, keyboard and selected brass, saxophone and percussion players. The concert will also feature special musical guests, the Thumb Ringers Handbell Choir and pianist Michelle Kuhl.

TCCC is sponsored by Thumb Friends of the Arts and is a volunteer choir made up of singers from around the Thumb. The choir's new director, Dr. Phil Burkett and his wife, Darlene Burkett (accompanist), are from Cass City, where Burkett serves as pastor of the Cass City Missionary Church. The Burketts have directed choirs, handbell ensembles and taught college level church music courses for many years in Michigan and Indiana.

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Denise and Cyndi opened Main Street Bookkeeping thirteen years ago, housing themselves in part of the building which also houses Gilligan's and Mr. Z's Carpet Cleaning, their offices remodeled specifically for them by Mike Sines, owner of Gilligan's.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Wencel helped to keep O-G upright

It's no secret small school districts are struggling every bit as much as their larger brethren in Michigan — probably even more — thanks to ever-shrinking financial resources, challenges in staffing and transportation, and the cost of maintaining buildings.

The Owen-Gage School District has weathered its share of obstacles, but the area school has managed to keep its financial ship upright.

We believe part-time Owen-Gage Supt. Jim Wencel deserves plenty of credit for that accomplishment.

Wencel, who came out of retirement as the former Bad Axe School superintendent to serve Owen-Gage as a part-time superintendent 2 years ago, quickly built on former Supt. Bob Drury's efforts to wipe out red ink when he came on board at Owen-Gage, working to build a fund balance that now totals roughly \$185,000. He also played a key role in orchestrating the negotiation of a new 2-year teachers contract, and guided school officials through a comprehensive updating of all the district's policies.

It hasn't been an easy tenure for Wencel.

For starters, he was offered a contract after the board voted 4-3 to hire him, and the board member who cast the deciding vote resigned that same night. In short order, 3 more board members left, leaving Wencel with the task of working with a virtually new group of inexperienced trustees.

Wencel also faced the challenge of organizing a campaign to secure a special bond issue to pay for hundreds of thousands of dollars of long-overdue capital improvement projects ranging from classroom furniture and new lighting and telephone systems, to replacing a roof and the school's boilers.

In the end, district voters rejected the bond request twice — both times by fewer than a dozen votes.

Wencel believes the outcome would have been different if more voters had turned out at the polls and if there was less fear that the school's doors are destined to close, regardless of whether a bond issue is passed.

Wencel suspects district officials will try again and be successful because more residents in the community seem to be getting behind the effort. And, he hopes that happens for the sake of the students and teachers.

While Wencel leaves without having realized some of his goals, he isn't abandoning school officials without notice while he goes off and pursues a little more time on the golf course or in a fishing boat. In fact, he plans to see his contract through to the end of June, preparing another budget for the district while the school board tackles the not insignificant task of finding another willing, experienced administrator to take over the helm in exchange for a modest compensation package.

We respect that sort of professionalism, and we wish Wencel the very best in his future endeavors in retirement.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

A return to holidays





For the last three years I've avoided holidays. Not the holidays in December. Every single holiday — all 12 months of them. This behavior stems from a psychological compensation issue (as most things do).

Some people thrive on holiday hoopla — and not only those who are able to grow long white beards or are in possession of a size XL bunny suit. I'm talking, of course, about teachers.

First grade teachers are pros at making a big deal out of Johnny Appleseed Day, Elephant Appreciation Day, National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day and whether March comes in like a lamb or lion. Give a first grade teacher a plain old rock and a big pot of water and she'll make a party out of it. Guaranteed.

My mom was a first grade teacher with unsurpassed talent for holiday hullabaloo. After my sister and I were born, she traded in her classroom of 30 students for two daughters, but continued to display holiday talents at an Olympic level. If they gave medals for holiday triumphs, my mom would have been weighed down in gold.

When I was a kid, this worked out pretty well for me. I basked in my mom's holiday splendor. We looked for shadows on Groundhog Day. We learned about some man with a bucket from Nantucket on National Limerick Day. We swapped the sugar with the salt on April 1.

Obscure holidays were fun, but my mom's sparkle shined the brightest on the biggies. Food, candy, presents and décor all overflowed — often in a literal sense. If two daughters brought out the holiday genius of my mom, you can only imagine what the arrival of grandchildren did to the equation. It was exponential.

I wasn't born with the holiday gene. I didn't have the organizing and planning talents of my mom, but I was happy to follow along and put out the pickle tray, blow up the balloons or hang the garlands wherever she told me to put them.

And so the fun continued, until Alzheimer's disease

joined our family get-togethers and holidays became less celebratory and more bittersweet. Those of us close to my mom took on what we could, but hers were big shoes to fill.

Three years ago, my mom spent her last holiday with us. Three years ago, I started avoiding them. You don't have to be Sigmund Freud to figure out why.

Three years is a long time — and a lot of holidays. Of course I couldn't avoid every one of them completely because I wasn't even conscious of my behavior at first. Once I figured out my motives, I was appalled and a little embarrassed, so I shielded them from others. I became a holiday minimalist — doing as little as possible to get by without arousing suspicion.

Time is a universal healer and three years transports a person from one level of grief to another. Thank goodness. Holidays are a part of life; avoiding life is no way to live.

Last weekend, we loaded up our family and made the two-hour trek to spend a holiday with my dad and sister and her family. The event wasn't the super-planned, over-the-top whirlwind affair of my mom's heyday, but my sister did make some killer cheesy potatoes. And we got to spend time together — talking, laughing, sharing stories and making memories like families do.

At one point, as my sister related one of her stories, a certain expression and intonation in her voice reminded me of our mom and I realized we are more like her than we think. Perhaps neither of us will ever make it into the holiday hall of fame, but we both carry parts of our mom with us wherever we go. And when we get together to celebrate a holiday, she is there with us. And she is smiling.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire


(And anyone else he can get to help)

It comes as no surprise here that Tyler Perry, who has taken charge of the Cass City Freedom Festival parade, is already hard at work. He says that planning for Cass City's 35th Annual Freedom Fest Parade is well underway. Anyone interested in either entering the parade or volunteering to help out on the day of the event — July 6th — can contact him at (989) 553-4957 or typerry91@yahoo.com.

Here's a family tradition that would rank high with any baseball fan. Pictured below is John Dunlap III, age 54, a native of Cass City. He's the 2nd person in the photo (with the A on the cap) who now resides in Auburn, California. His father, John Dunlap, Jr. was likewise born in Cass City, graduated Cass City High-class of 1959, is 72 years old and lives in San Diego, California. He is the first person on the left in the photo. His son is John Dunlap, IV, 30 years of age, who lives in Reno with his son John Dunlap V.

For a dozen years now the family members have been traveling to Arizona to attend MLB Spring Training. They go for 3 days, see as many games as they can squeeze in, while enjoying each other's company.

This particular photo is from March 22 at the San Diego Padres versus Seattle Mariners game. Local relatives of the Dunlaps are Doris and Gary Jones of Cass City and Don and Janice Smith and Fred and Joan Matthews of Decker.



It seems Decker is full of baseball fans. Deb Severance and son, Sean, attended the Saturday Detroit Tiger game this past weekend, where they struck up a conversation on the way out of the ball park with a Lapeer resident.

Making a long story short — the elderly gentleman said he was a huge fan of Erla's meats. "They are the best," the man said passionately.

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The final standard white plates with a blue bar across the top will be issued until they're gone in each Secretary of State office, but customers can request a Pure Michigan plate if they prefer one. The cost of replacing an existing plate with a standard Pure Michigan plate is \$5.

Michigan has about 10 million registered vehicles.

Talking about the Great Lakes, did you know Lake Superior has more water by volume than the other 4 Great Lakes combined? Now you do. Learned that little bit of trivia at Niagara Falls on our way home over the weekend.

By the way, the Haires played the license plate game on their 15-hour journey home. How many different states do you think we spotted? We (Karen and Parker) spotted over 25 different plates on our way to the falls, where the contest ended.

Letter to the Editor

There's no excuse for animal cruelty

Dear editor,

Last week I put an ad in your paper, looking for my pet cat. Ginger had been missing since Saturday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. She would generally go outside for an hour or so and then come right back in, but she didn't. I searched for days, hung posters throughout town, yet did not find her. I had Ginger for over 5 years and she brought so much joy to our family. I couldn't imagine what had happened to her.

On Thursday evening, I had a call from a neighbor who said he was sure that he had found my Ginger, but the news was not good. She was found dead. Upon arriving home, we discovered that she had a bullet hole in her side. I was filled with anguish and horror that anyone would do this to a member of my family. How could this be? There must be a law to prevent people from doing this, and there is. I called the Michigan State Police and they were kind enough to investigate for a little while, yet I understand this is not a top priority. They took pictures and said that if I heard anything else (had proof), to give them a call.

Some people may wonder why I let Ginger outside at all. Well, she happened to be a rescued kitten. She came to our house along with her brother and mother, full of fleas, playing in the middle of our newly paved road. Someone had obviously dropped them off. I took care of all of them for over a month, ridding them of disease and malnutrition. I found homes for Misty

and Zen, but Ginger just moved in and wouldn't leave. She only had one huge problem. She loved the outdoors as much as the family does, and would claw our doors and screens to get out, if we did not give her a tiny bit of freedom once a day.

This cat had a wonderful personality, greeting all of our guests, sleeping on our bed, playing in the house and trying to escape as much as possible. I had her trained that if she did get out, I could command, "Lay down!!" and she would, so I could pick her up. I could take her into the fenced-in garden during the day and she would hang out with us there.

Now, I get that not everyone adores animals and cats like I do. However, if you do have a feral cat or stray cat problem, Tuscola County Animal Control will help you solve your problem. No one has the right to cruelly shoot a cat. To be neighborly, if you have a cat that you know belongs to someone in your neighborhood, contact them and let them know what is going on. If they care as much as I do, they will work with you to solve the problem.

I am still trying to find the person who did this to my pet. I believe there is no excuse for killing a gentle family pet. I continue to be horrified and beside myself with grief. Though my cat was no human, I still miss her so. We all do — my husband, kids, grandkids and friends.

Sincerely,
Janet Bryant
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, April 10

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.

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.

Thursday, April 11

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

Caregiver Connection, 3:30 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon. For more information, call Marie at (989) 453-5222.

Friday, April 12

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

Books Are Fun! Book & Gift Sale, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Hills & Dales General Hospital (Conference Room 1). Sponsored by the Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary, which receives a portion of all proceeds.

Saturday, April 13

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, call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

Monday, April 15

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.

"Write Your Family History" workshop with author Mardi Link, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Tuesday, April 16

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

Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, Bad Axe. For more information, call Kim at 1-800-843-6394 or Annette at (989) 864-3779.

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

Cass City's A. Green among latest state police graduates

Michigan State Police (MSP) Director Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue recently announced that Michigan citizens will soon benefit from the services of 90 new MSP troopers following the graduation of the 124th Trooper Recruit School.

The graduating class includes 3 Thumb area residents; Trooper Adam Green of Cass City, Trooper Justin Matinkhah of Reese, and Trooper Daniel Inman of Millington. All 3 have been assigned to the Michigan State Police Tri-City Post in Freeland, which serves Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties.

"The graduates of the 124th Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School will play a critical role in public safety for our state, helping make communities and neighborhoods safer for our families and our economic vitality," Gov. Rick Snyder said. "These new troopers should all be proud of their accomplishments in proving they have what it takes to enter this elite force. On behalf of Michiganders, thank you for your commitment, dedication and professionalism in service to our great state. We owe you a debt of gratitude, and wish you all long, safe, and rewarding careers."

Funding made available as part of Snyder's public safety plan allowed for the hiring of 180 troopers in FY13, which includes this graduating class and the 78 troopers who graduated from the 123rd Trooper

Recruit School in October 2012. These additional troopers will help support law enforcement efforts in the state's most violent cities of Flint, Detroit, Pontiac and Saginaw, as well as underserved communities throughout the state.

"To accept the honor of becoming a trooper is to also embrace and recognize the department's proud traditions and high standards of service through excellence, integrity and courtesy," said Etue, during her address to the recruits. "You have a mission to serve and protect because policing is a duty of the highest honor—with the highest responsibilities, the highest visibility and some of the greatest challenges. The department demands and the public deserves nothing less than your best every day."

"With this graduation, not only do these recruits become troopers, they and their families are now members of our Michigan State Police family and part of a 96-year proud tradition," added Etue.

Trooper Christopher Phillips, who was elected Class Orator by his fellow recruits, spoke on behalf of the graduating class before receiving the Team Building Award. Other award winners included Trooper Gideon Paetz who received the Marksmanship Award, Trooper Scott Josephs who received the Academic Achievement Award and Trooper Brian Russell who received the Outstanding Performance Award.

The 124th Trooper Recruit School

began Oct. 28, when 114 prospective troopers reported to the MSP Training Academy. For the past 22 weeks, recruits received training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving. Graduating recruits were assigned to MSP work sites across the state and will report to their respective posts for duty next week.

Of the 90 graduating recruits, 78 have continued their education with college studies, 16 have served in the U.S. military and 12 have prior law enforcement experience.

The department solicited over 2,000 potential candidates for the 124th Trooper Recruit School. Sgt. Kevin Rod was the Recruit School Commander. Special emphasis was given to recruiting military veterans and certified police officers without employment. In order to be selected to attend the academy, all applicants had to pass a stringent selection process that included a physical fitness test, background investigation and hiring interview.

The 125th Trooper Recruit School is set to begin May 12, and an additional trooper recruit school is anticipated in early 2014. Interested candidates should visit www.michigan.gov/mspjobs for more information on how to apply.

As of March 2, there were 886 at-post troopers stationed at 29 posts across Michigan.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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

•Charles T. Koop, 30, Caro, pleaded guilty to one count of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Jan. 1 in Caro, and to 2 counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer March 6 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$7,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Donald P. Schaudt, 32, Deford, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, with work release, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Aug. 25 in Koylton Township.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,198.

•Cassie A. Tappen, 25, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of third degree home invasion and domestic violence Jan. 22 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•John E. Krol III, 23, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, and no contest to a charge of possession of a controlled substance, second offense, Jan. 9 in Caro.

The court took Krol's no contest plea under advisement, according to court records, which state a pre-sen-

tence investigation was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Robert W. Raby, 20, Mayville, pleaded guilty but mentally ill to charges of first degree home invasion and larceny in a building July 9 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Justin A. Terbush, 23, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravating stalking Dec. 18-31 in Juniata Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).



A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Reporter's notebook

Are couples who wait missing out?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

My wife and I exchanged vows at a relatively young age — I was 20, she was older than 20. Our prospects weren't set in stone, but we had plenty of initiative, enthusiasm and each other.

We lived in married housing at CMU while I finished my degree. My wife worked at big box retailer in Mount Pleasant, and I fried doughnuts at night at a French bakery in town. Money was tight, but we couldn't have been happier.

Those memories make me wonder if some couples who wait for their trip to the alter are missing out.

Writer Julie Shaw recently tackled that subject in an article in Slate Magazine, where she noted many men and women want to wed, but they just aren't in a hurry.

"Marriage these days signals that you've figured out how to be a grown-up," Shaw wrote. "You've played the field, backpacked to Europe, and held a bartending gig to supplement an unpaid internship. You've 'arrived', having finished school, settled into a career path, bought a condo, figured out who you are, and found your soul mate."

Shaw disputes the notion of marriage as an "end of the road" decision. "Marriage wasn't something we did after we'd grown up — it was how we have grown up and grown together," she wrote. "The stability, companionship and intimacy of marriage enabled us to overcome our challenges and develop as individuals and (as) a couple. We learned how to be strong for one another, to comfort, to counsel and to share our joys and not just our problems."

Of course, a successful marriage requires us guys to put a little effort into understanding wife-speak. I recently saw a handy tutorial on the subject on Facebook under the heading, "5 Deadly Terms Used by a Woman".

Here we go: "Fine" — this is a word women use to end an argument when they know they're right and you need to shut up; "Nothing" — means something and you need to be worried; "Go ahead" — this is a dare, not permission; "That's okay" — she's thinking long and hard about how and when you will pay for your mistake; and "Wow!" — not a compliment, but rather her expressing amazement at how one person could be so stupid.

On a serious note, I think Shaw hit the nail on the head at the conclusion of her article when she said, "Marriage doesn't require a big bank account, a dazzling resume, or a televised wedding — it requires maturity, commitment and a desire to grow up together."

Amen.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

You could say Joe Rule is in a class by himself, and not just because the Cass City area teen has been home schooled much of his life. Rule, a senior, is the only Tuscola Technology Center student to qualify for the Business Professionals (BPA) National Leadership Conference and Competitions scheduled for May 7-11 in Reno, Nev.

Tiffany Maurer of Ubyly and Larissa King of Cass City recently took home the first place trophy for their hip hop duet during the "I Love Dance" dance competition in Bay City. Both girls take dance lessons at the Excel Dance Studio of Arts in Cass City.

The Ladies' Thumbs Up Pool League champion is the Cass Tavern team. Team members are: Kris Roth, Nikki Palmateer, Angie Gruber, Donna Zagorski, Kim Wark, Sherry Miller and Crystal Quinn.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene says Cass City Police officers Jake Dhyse and Roger Zelmer were involved in a life-threatening situation while arresting a fleeing felon/parole absconder in late December. The pair received certificates of merit for their heroic actions.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

A nasty ice storm hit the Thumb area hard Thursday, and the freezing precipitation continued to fall Friday, closing dozens of schools and sending fire crews out to a host of locations due to downed power lines. Ice at least one-quarter inch thick clung to trees, causing some limbs to buckle over roadways.

Good pitching will win a lot of games in high school competition and the Cass City Red Hawk softball team had plenty of that in its opening double header at Vassar. The Hawks won both ends of the 5-inning games. Becky Hartel was nearly perfect in the opener, allowing one hit and no walks while shutting out the Vulcans, 7-0. The Hawks won the nightcap 12-2. Lindsay Hendrick pitched 3 perfect innings to get credit for the win.

Award winners at the Owen-Gage Winter Sports Athletic Banquet included: Ashley Pawlak, (Co-MVP volleyball); Katie Swiastyn, (MIP volleyball); Kelly Zaleski, (Co-MVP volleyball); Adam Kain, (MVP basketball), Timmy Kain, (MIP basketball).

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

The old adage "You're as old as you feel" may be more comforting than true in the final analysis. Chances are

good it depends on individual interpretation, but area resident Mae McPherson has found both truth and myth in the saying. McPherson, who will be 100 years young Saturday, has trouble hearing those around her. She can walk, but must spend much of her time resting, and her sight is weak. Despite the physical toll the years have taken on her, however, McPherson's mind has remained youthful. "I've lived a wonderful life," she remarked last week at the H & M Retiree Home, 8550 N. Van Dyke Rd., Cass City. McPherson has lived at the home for only a few months. Until last summer, she lived at her own residence in the Thumb and handled all of her own affairs.

Two Cass City youths are among 4 Thumb students who have qualified as semifinalists in the 30th annual International Piano Competition, slated for May 29-30 in Cincinnati, Oh. The area students are Melissa Micklash, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Micklash, Cass City; Jeff Jeung, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Hoon K. Jeung, Cass City, and Gail and Laura Messing, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Messing, Harbor Beach.

Red Hawk Student of the Week is junior Amy Francis daughter of Sharon Kraft and Harvey Francis. Amy's accomplishments include junior class president, girls' varsity club vice president, student council member and National Honor Society member.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

First woman president of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce is Mrs. Lucile Bauer who accepted the gavel from Dick Erla, retiring president of the Chamber. Mrs. Bauer assumed her new duties at the annual banquet held Tuesday night at Cass City High School.

The fifth annual Gavel Club Invitational Track meet April 27

promises to be the largest ever held, judging by the number of teams, who have indicated that they would like to compete. Bob Stickle, meet director, says some 500 thinclads from 30 schools will be shooting for the big trophy annually awarded to the winning school. Last year Clio walked off with the top honors.

Superintendent Willis Campbell's long service to the community was recognized Tuesday night when he was named Cass City's outstanding citizen of the year at the annual banquet of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. Campbell was presented with the plaque and his history of civic endeavor, recalled by Chamber President Dick Erla. Since coming to Cass City in 1921 as the agriculture teacher and part-time coach, Campbell has been instrumental in promoting many of the programs that have helped Cass City prosper.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Chas. Karr has purchased a fine specimen of a Percheron stallion from Robt. Burgess & Son of Wenona, Ill., and the horse reached Cass City Monday. The animal is a bright steel gray, three years old and weighs nearly a ton. He won three prizes in his class of 94 head last fall and is now reserved to be returned to the Burgess firm after the season, to make the show circuit of the fairs, including the International at Chicago. Mr. Karr expects to exhibit him here tomorrow.

The Farrell & Townsend Company have just secured the services of an expert shoe repair man in the person of John Soehner, formerly of Elkton Mr. Soehner will move his family to Cass City.

John Bird, a 15-year-old Elkland township boy, is making a fine record as a marksman. The other day he brought down two wild geese with his rifle. One weighed 9 pounds and the other 12 1/2.

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<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 (Independent, Fundamental) 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>Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726 872-5186 Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor: F. Robert Tucker</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. Esckilsen</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church Barrier Free State & National Historical Registry 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn</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>	
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A BREAK IN THE clouds offers a ray of hope on an otherwise gloomy early spring sunset in the Thumb. Old Man Winter has been hesitant to loosen his grip this year, but milder temperatures in recent days are a sure sign that sunny skies and warm days aren't too far away.

Cass City grad enjoys his job

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grandmother died that I thought about pursuing a career in funeral service," Wright said. "Like my father, my grandmother looked phenomenal. It was like Debra erased the many years of strokes and sickness away. She looked absolutely beautiful."

A short time later Wright approached Kranz and asked her about pursuing a career in funeral service.

"In March 2000, I began working as a part-time greeter at Kranz Funeral Home until July 2001, when my twin brother and I moved closer to school in Saginaw," he noted.

"What I learned from Debra was priceless," he said. "First and foremost that funeral service was not just a career; funeral service was a vocation, like a priest, a calling to serve people at any moment. I learned that it didn't matter a person's religious affiliation, gender, race, ethnicity or their financial station in life. We are called to serve all people without judgment, but with compassion and discretion."

Wright went on to complete all of the training requirements so he could pursue a career of his own.

"The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) regulates mortuary science licenses in the state of Michigan," Wright

explained. "Each state has their own requirements. Michigan requires one to complete 60 college credits, which must include various psychology, public speaking, biology, chemistry, management and accounting courses; complete mortuary school; an apprenticeship which can be served before, during or after mortuary school — and ranges from one to 2 years — and pass the National Board Exam and the State Board Exam."

Wright's education in mortuary school included courses in interpersonal communications, history of funeral service, counseling, psychology, embalming, restorative art, anatomy, microbiology, pathology, business law, funeral service merchandising, funeral service management, accounting and computer science.

"I excelled in embalming, restorative art — cosmetic applications and the restoration of bodies whose features have been damaged by illness, accident or disease — all the sciences and communications," he said.

"What I enjoy most about my job is helping people and educating people of all ages about the importance of having a visitation and a funeral ceremony," Wright said. "Most people do not know the extent of the role a funeral director plays in the community. They believe the majority of our work is working with the dead."

"While it is true we do work with the dead, the majority of our time is spent with the living," he added. "We take care of the living by caring for their dead. I tell all the families I serve what an honor it has been to serve them in their need, and I thank them for allowing me to be a part of their family for just a brief period of time."

Cold making farmers wait

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warm-up will spell disaster. "I don't think anybody's getting nervous yet," he added.

According to information released last week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Michigan Field Office, wheat acreage is up from last year, and corn is losing some ground to soybeans.

However, like Michigan weather, the outlook could and probably will change.

"Spring weather plays a big role in what actually gets done and when," said Bob Boehm, Michigan Farm Bureau's commodity and marketing specialist. "If you have a late spring like we've got this year, you're likely to see less corn and more soybeans and dry edible beans, just because they have a shorter growing season."

In Michigan, Boehm noted, sugar beets are typically planted first, followed by corn, then soybeans and dry beans.

"The beets will still go in first, and yes, you may see fewer acres of corn, but keep in mind these are just planting intentions as of March 1," Boehm said. "Here we are (in early April) and we haven't turned a wheel

yet anywhere in the state."

Michigan soybean plantings are estimated at 2.1 million acres this year — up 100,000 acres from 2012 — while corn slipped 50,000 acres from last year to total 2.6 million. Last year's drought took a toll on corn yields across the Midwest, and while Michigan suffered less than most of the Corn Belt, production still fell significantly short of 2011's record production of 76 bushels per acre.

Following a banner harvest last summer, wheat growers planted 20,000 more acres last fall than in the prior year — 590,000 acres total. That's still substantially lower than the 700,000 acres harvested in 2011, which yielded the state's production record of 51 million bushels. Plantings that fall slipped roughly 130,000 acres, but yielded a record 76 bushels an acre in 2012.

Dry edible bean planting intentions for 2013 are 190,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year. Plantings of the state's other common row crops — barley, hay and oats — remain steady compared to recent years.

NASS' annual prospective plantings report represents the first official look at the 2013 crop year based on estimates from a poll of farmers' stated planting intentions.

Wencel leaving O-G in June

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pass it," Wencel said of the millage campaigns. "But there's that fear out there" that the school's going to close anyway, so why pass a bond issue?

Wencel indicated he was encouraged to see a number of the community's longtime residents speak up in

favor of pursuing a third election. If that comes to pass — and Wencel believes the third time could be the charm — someone else will be running the campaign.

In the meantime, he plans to remain with the district through the end of June, when school officials are required to have a new budget in place.

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The furnace room was painted over the field stone wall which was a time consuming task. There were also lights installed. A new counter top was put in along with new shelving, which is much sturdier than what we were using. The room that was called the dungeon, or the bat cave, is now a clean usable room. A new ceiling light was installed that brightened up the whole room.

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Red Hawks open play on diamonds

Ross pitches gem in team's maiden outing

Cass City opened their 2013 baseball campaign Thursday splitting a non-conference twin bill with guest North Branch.

In the opener, senior Cody Ross stole the show for the hosts tossing a complete game on the hill to earn the 1-0 victory. Ross allowed just 3 hits, fanned 9 and issued a pair of walks.

The Red Hawks picked up the game's only run in their first trip to the plate when they loaded the bases on a Jake Hacker hit that found a gap in the Bronco outfield, followed by a Cody Orban single and Brock Thane who took first after being hit by a pitch.

With one out and the bases juiced, Ross helped his own cause by sending a sacrifice fly to right field scoring Hacker.

The Broncos would threaten twice late, but 2 brilliant defensive plays by the winners kept the visitors at bay.

In the top of the fifth inning with 2 outs and a runner at first, North Branch hit a ball into the left-center

Broncos threatened again. With runners at first and third and no outs, the batter hit a line drive to Ross who threw to first for the double play. Ross then retired the next batter on a harmless pop out to first base, giving Cass City the 1-0 victory.

"Ross pitched a phenomenal game. We had no business winning tonight with so many guys gone on spring break. But, that's what good teams do. Good teams win games they are not supposed to win," Coach Nathan Haag said.

In the nightcap, the Broncos managed to earn a split with a 9-1 decision. The visitors never trailed in game 2, scoring a pair of runs in the first frame on a passed ball and a wild pitch. North Branch added 5 more runs in the bottom of the third to take a commanding 7-0 lead.

In the fifth inning, the Red Hawks pushed across their only run of the day on a solo home run by Field.

At the plate Field was 1-2 to lead the Red Hawks, while Hacker and Orban added solo knocks.

Lady Hawks bow twice to North Branch

In both schools' softball season opener Thursday, North Branch got the better of hosts Cass City. Game one saw the Lady Broncos

Junior Lauren Bukoski handled the pitching chores for the Red Hawks and was tagged with the defeat. She walked 8 and struck out one in her first varsity start.

At the plate, Cass City received a double from Shania Chambers and singles from Rachel Bartnik and Meagan LaValley.

"We had to bring up 4 girls from the junior varsity to make a team. We were missing several girls who went on spring break," Coach John Hacker said. "Morgan (North Branch's pitcher) had a nice drop ball and we were swinging over the ball most of game one."

In the nightcap, North Branch struck for 3 runs in the first, only to

"We had no business winning tonight (Thursday) with so many guys gone on spring break."

-Coach Nathan Haag

"We had to bring up 4 girls from the junior varsity to make a team."

-Coach John Hacker

gap. Centerfielder Lukas Schenk got a good jump on the hit and fired the relay to shortstop Cody Orban who threw a frozen rope to catcher Drew Field for the tag at the plate to keep the Broncos scoreless.

In the top of the sixth inning the

plate 5 runs in their first at bats and add 7 runs in their final at bats en route to a 14-3 mercy rule win.

see the Lady Red Hawks answer with 4 runs in the top of the second inning. However, trailing 7-6, the Broncos put 3 runs across the plate in the 6th and held on to register a 9-7 victory.

Freshman Carley Stone took the hill for Cass City in game 2 and suffered the setback.

At the plate, Andrea Mikolon and Kelli Delong each slapped 2 singles in vain.

"We had our chances, but couldn't capitalize. Hopefully, we do a little better this week against Frankenmuth Wednesday and Brown city on Thursday," said Coach Hacker, noting both games are at home.



Photo courtesy of TSS Photography.

MEMBERS of the 2013 Cass City golf team include: (front, l-r) Katie Hudson, Bryan Pinkoski, Chandler Cryderman, Kristin Ewald, Nick McCoy, Chris Peters, Nathan Hutchinson (back) Coach Nick Moyer, Michael Mulligan, Brandon Green, Tobias Heinzle, Justin Kerkau, Theron Bogart and Alex Graham.



Photo courtesy of Julie Warack.

THE 2013 Owen-Gage Bulldog softball team consists of: (front, l-r) Andrea McCreedy, Emily Cole, Ashlee Woodruff, Kayla Montreuil, Sidney Bencheck, Donna Hopper, Courtney Wightman (back) Assistant Coach Patti Montreuil, Rachel Mroz, Miranda Radabaugh, Richelle Scharf, Kristen Cummins, Brittany Guilfoil and Coach Steve Hollocker.



Photo courtesy of Julie Warack.

THE 2013 Owen-Gage Bulldog baseball team consists of: (front, l-r) Brett Morrish, Bryan Hopper, Quinn Smith, Devon Lorenz, David Binder, Derik Harp, Jacob Warack (middle) Assistant Coach James Harris, Jacob Wright, Adam Retford, Jordan Kain, David Lorenz, Lorenzo Robinson (back) Dan Good, Andrew Fahrner, Ben Good, Eric Rievert, Coty Wilson-Cole and Coach Brian Wright.

Cass City young on the links

Nick Moyer is the new golf coach at Cass City. He replaces long-time Coach Jon Zdrojewski, who has taken the reins of the Red Hawk boys' track team this spring.

Moyer is far from the Red Hawks' only rookie. Among the first year players for the Red Hawks are Bryan Pinkoski, Chandler Cryderman, Chris Peters, Nathan Hutchinson, Justin Kerkau, Alex Graham and Tobias Heinzle.

Moyer feels from that group replacements will need to be found for the team's 2012 graduation losses that include standouts Trenton Loomis, Drew King and Kyle Middaugh.

"Bryan has looked good in early practices, but we haven't really had much time on the course because of the weather," he said.

Returning to the links for Moyer are proven performers Brandon Green and Michael Mulligan. The pair should be this year's team leaders, while Theron Bogart, Nick McCoy, Kristin Ewald, and Katie Hudson should all be much improved with a year of experience under their belts.

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Top bowlers recently honored



THE 2013 Charmont Lanes "Bowler of the Year" honors were earned over the weekend by Deb Silance and Jeff Mathewson. Also pictured are the top qualifiers in the men's tournament, from the left, Mathewson, Don Doerr, Jim Smithson, Ed Schmaltz, Tommy Sommers and Randy Wright. The top qualifiers on the women's side at the Cass City house tourney included, from the left, Carol Wright, Deidra Zdrojewski and Silance.



Boater safety class offered

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department will be hosting a boater safety class this month.

The class is slated for Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richville Conservation Club, located at 3270 W. Sanilac Rd. (M-46). Lunch will be provided free and residents of all ages are encouraged to attend.

More information is available by contacting Deputy Mika at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2238).

Michigan law allows those ages 12 to 15 to operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 hp without restrictions. They may also operate a boat with a motor of 6 hp to 35 hp if they are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age. However, they may not operate a boat powered with a motor totaling more than 35 hp under any conditions.

As of July 1, 2012, anyone born on or after July 1, 1996, is prohibited from operating a motorboat on the waters of the state unless the person has been issued and is in possession of a boating safety certificate.

State laws regulating use of personal watercrafts (PWC) prohibit anyone under 12 years of age from operating a PWC.

Residents ages 12 and 13 may operate a PWC if specific conditions are satisfied such as the operator is

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Those ages 14 and older may legally operate a PWC only if they have obtained a boater safety certificate. Those born on or before Dec. 31, 1978, may operate a PWC without restrictions.

BOWLING

Merchanettes as of March 28

Thumb Octagon Barn	61
Just One More	57
Nuts and Bolts	35
No Shows	13

Individual High Game & Series: Joan Koch 179; Marlene Sieradzki (459).
Individual High HDCP Game & Series: Elaine Jordan 232; Joan Koch (598).

Team High Game & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 565 (1643).

Team High HDCP Game & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 780 (2288).

Splits: Marlete Sieradzki 2-7.

Roll-off results from April 3: Just One More 2186, Thumb Octagon Barn 2137.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Cass City boy's baseball standout Cody Ross has been named the Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winner.

The Red Hawk senior had an outstanding outing in the team's 2013 debut Thursday, making his presence felt both offensively and defensively during a 1-0 win over North Branch.

While on the field, Ross pitched a complete game allowing 3 hits and striking out 9. He also started a key double play in the last inning with the bases full when he snagged a hard-hit line drive and then fired to first base to help work his way out of a jam.

At the plate, Ross helped his own cause with a sacrifice fly in the first inning that produced the game's lone run.

Cody is the son of Andrea and Steve Ross.



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Obituaries

Frances Kloc

Frances Marie Kloc, 91, of Deford, died Thursday, April 4, 2013 in Covenant HealthCare System, Cooper Campus, Saginaw. She was born Sept. 15, 1921 in Pigeon, the daughter of Peter and Mary (Mroz) Kloc. Frances and her sister Eleonora moved to Detroit in 1939, where they completed their education and began their careers. Frances completed High School of Commerce Business Administration in Detroit. She worked as an elevator operator. Frances was a supervisor for Michigan Bell retiring in 1976. She was a lifetime member of Telephone Pioneers of America. While in Detroit she attended St. Dominic Catholic Church and St. Christopher Catholic Church. During World War II she was a volunteer at Casa Maria Home for wayward girls. She was a member of the Junior League of Catholic Women for many years. Frances returned to her parent's farm to help care for her mother. She was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church since birth and the Knights of Columbus #8892 Auxiliary. Frances was a deputy township clerk for Novesta Township for several years. While taking care of her mother Frances was a member of Cass City Business and Professional Women. She was also a member of the Deford Garden Club and St. Pancratius Woman's Council. She and Eleonora were very active in planting and tending the flowers and landscaping around the church.

Frances gave many hours knitting scarves for the Red Cross. She enjoyed playing golf and played on 2 different leagues.

Frances is survived by her sister, Chesterine (Jerry) Blahut of Grosse Ile; brothers: Walter Kloc of Caseville, and Richard Kloc of Auburn Hills; and nieces and nephews: Karen (Larry) Lesowyk of Kingston, Mark Wolak of Harper Woods, Barbara (Bill) Clarke of Sandusky, and Marvin (Denise) Wolak of Canton; several great nieces and nephews; and an aunt, Antoinette (Jack) Martin of Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Eleonora Kloc and Josephine Wolak; 2 brothers, Joseph and Eugene Kloc; and an aunt, Kay Scordo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 9, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Donald Eppenbrock and Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Catholic Church or Knights of Columbus Council #8892 Scholarship Fund.

Interment was in the St. Michael Cemetery, Deford.

Active pallbearers for Ms. Kloc were Richard Kloc, Jerry Blahut, Marvin Wolak, Edward Freeman, William Freeman and Patrick Lintner.

Honorary pallbearers were Mark Wolak and Walter Kloc.

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.

Cora Parrot

Cora Marie Parrott, 88, of Cass City, died following a short illness Monday, April 1, 2013 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City.

She was born Feb. 19, 1925 in Flint, the daughter of Peter and Flossie M. (Lockwood) Westerby.

She married Joseph William "Bill" Parrott June 12, 1943 in Brighton. He died Dec. 31, 2006.

Cora was raised by her grandmother, Sarah Lockwood, after her mother died in childbirth. She graduated from Caro High School and was married 3 days later to the love of her life. They were married for 63 years. For over 50 years, Bill and Cora owned and operated Parrott Ice Cream Company, manufacturing and distributing ice cream products to retail stores in the Thumb region. Cora was a lifetime member of Ellington Church of the Nazarene. She served as Sunday school teacher and youth leader for many years. Cora shared her beautiful Alto voice in the church choir and was a former church board member. Earlier Bill and Cora were both very active in the service of the church. Cora loved to read, bake, and work in her flowers. She played the piano by ear and this served as her relaxation in her spare time. Most important to Cora was being a mom and wife. She loved being a mother to her 4 children.

Cora is survived by her children:

Sharon (Jerry) Hillaker of Snover, David (Connie) Parrott of Cass City, Janet (Larry) Thane of Deford, and Rebecca (Timothy) Malette of Hancock; grandchildren: Diane Baur, Sara (Timothy) Ladd, Jennifer Hillaker, Wesley (Jennifer Bass) Kempa, Christian (Thomas Sloan) Parrott, James (Brenda) Thane, Stacey Dollan, Jared (Christina) Thane, Matthew (Carrie) Malette, Skye (Dave) Schultz, Jonathan (Kate) Malette, Rob Elliott, Christina Elliott, and James Elliott; great-grandchildren: Trevin, Kaylee, Jacob, Martin, Tyler, Rylee, Ethan, McKenna, Conner, Braden, Bryce, Tia, Benjamin, Shayna, Katelynn, James, Jr., Alexis, and the 18th due in June; a half-sister, Myrtle Sinclair of Vassar; a half-brother, Robert (Judy) Westerby of Kingston; a sister-in-law, Faith (William) Steinkraus of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers-in-law: Wendall Parrott, Maurice (Irene) Parrott, Gail (Louella) Parrott; and a grandson-in-law, Robert Baur.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 5, at Ellington Church of the Nazarene, Caro, with Pastor Ronald Comfort officiating.

Interment was in the Ellington Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Parrott were James Thane, Jared Thane, Matthew Malette, Jonathan Malette, Wesley Kempa, and Timothy Ladd.

Memorials may be made to Ellington Church of the Nazarene.

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.

Vicki Stolzman

Vicki Lynne Stolzman, 53, of Decker, passed away peacefully Monday April 1, 2013, at Covenant Health Care Hospital, Saginaw.



She was born March 1, 1960, in Cass City, the daughter of Frank and Jacqueline (Barnes) Woidan.

She married Ronald W. Stolzman Jr. July 26, 1980 at Hope Lutheran Church in Marlette.

Vicki was a 1978 graduate of Kingston High School. She enjoyed gardening, reading, cooking, decorating for the holidays, boating, and hunting. Nothing brought her more joy than taking care of her husband and children, along with the rest of all of her "kids."

Vicki is survived by her husband, Ronald; a son, Dustin; a daughter,

Kimberly; her mother, Jacqueline Roeske; a brother, Scott (Dawn) Woidan; a sisters-in-law: Suzy Phillips and Stacie Ebner; brothers-in-law: Danny Stauffer, Randy (Val) Stauffer, and Mike (Len) Stauffer; her father-in-law, Charles Nemeth; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Woidan; and step-father, Gerald Roeske.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 6, at Hope Lutheran Church, Marlette, with Pastor Christopher Laughlin officiating.

Burial following in the Mooretown Cemetery, Snover.

Memorials may be donated to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

James Sweeney

James Angus Sweeney, 75, of Ubyly, passed away suddenly Thursday, March 28, 2013 at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe while under hospice care.

He was born June 27, 1937 in Ubyly, the son of the late Angus and Abina (Garety) Sweeney.

He was united in marriage to Kathryn "Kay" R. Tschirhart Aug. 28, 1965 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth.

Jim was a dairy farmer until an auto accident left him blind in 1990. He was a 1955 graduate of Ubyly High School and attended Michigan State University. In his younger years, Jim was a member and drummer of the Guza Trio polka band and was very proud to be an Irishman in a polka band. He was a past officer, delegate and Outstanding Young Dairy Couple chairman with MIPA and a former trustee for Sheridan Township. Jim was a very active lifelong member of St. Columbkille Catholic Church where he was a Eucharistic Minister, usher and dedicated worker at the annual parish chicken barbeques.

Jim is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kathryn; 6 children: Douglas (Elizabeth) Sweeney of Clermont, Fla., Mary Kay (Daniel) Ritter of Elkton, Bruce and his significant other, Amelia Peltier of Ubyly, Sally (Patrick) Bell of Cheboygan, Eric (Heidi) Sweeney of Ubyly, Wayne (Kate) Sweeney of Beverly Hills; 9 grandchildren: Alex Ritter, Elizabeth Ritter and her fiancé Christopher Hardenburg, Brandon, Nicole and Brett Sweeney, Lauren and Katelyn Bell, Samantha and James Sweeney; a brother, Kenneth (Jane) Sweeney of Ubyly; a brother-in-law, Richard (Beatrice) Tschirhart of Berkley; and his mother-in-law, Frances Tschirhart of Bad Axe.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Arthur; a brother, Freddie; a sister, Mary Louise and her husband, James; and his father-in-law, Herbert Tschirhart.

Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, April 2, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church of Sheridan Corners, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Memorials have been requested to St. Columbkille Cemetery Fund.

Family and friends may visit www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com to sign the guest book for Jim's family.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

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CMS announces Michigan as a grantee for the State Innovation Models initiative

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center) within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced Michigan as one of the grantees for the State Innovation Models initiative.

Beginning April 1, Michigan will receive about \$1.6 million to develop its State Health Care Innovation Plan.

“Being named one of the states to receive this award is a huge step forward as we work to reinvent our healthcare system, one of the top priorities Governor Snyder has set for Michigan,” said James K. Haveman, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). “With this grant, we have an opportunity to make some groundbreaking changes in our state. By focusing on transforming our healthcare system, we will be able to provide better coordinated services and payments, and ultimately, better quality care for Michigan residents.”

The State Innovation Models Initiative is providing nearly \$300 million nationally to support the development and testing of state-based models for multi-payer payment and health care delivery system transformation, with the aim of improving health system performance for residents of participating states and reduced costs. The projects will be broad based and focus on people enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

The Innovation Center announced the awards in 3 parts: 6 states

received Model Testing awards, 3 received Model Pre-Testing awards, and 16 received Model Design awards. Michigan is one of the 16 that received a Model Design Award. These states have to produce a State Health Care Innovation Plan within 6 months to submit to CMS. The Health Care Innovation Plans will be used to apply for an anticipated second round of Model Testing awards.

Michigan’s proposed design process will focus on transforming service delivery and payment models in 4 foundational areas: patient/family-centered health homes; coordination and accountability of the medical neighborhood; a care-bridge to behavioral health and long-term care; and integration between and among healthcare and community resources, including the Pathways Community Hub model. The state will work to align the program and outcome metrics across payers, prioritize investments in health information exchange and data analytic capacity, incorporate commitment to population health in line with the National Quality Strategy, and identify steps to support future implementation.

After the grant period begins, Michigan will have 6 months to create its state health innovation plan. MDCH has convened an advisory committee representing a broad group of stakeholders, and will soon establish several work groups to focus on the issues that will be central to the plan, and hold regional forums to seek input as part of the planning process.

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Dated: April 10, 2013

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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
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File #422432F01

4-10-4

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel G: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 25, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 00 Degrees West 1006.22 feet along the East line of said Section 25 to the point of beginning; Running thence South 00 Degrees West 503.12 feet along the East line of said Section 25; thence South 90 Degrees West 1950.54 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 01 Minutes 25 Seconds West 503.12 feet; thence North 90 Degrees 00 Minutes East 1950.75 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Parcel H: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 25; thence South 00 Degrees 00 Minutes West 503.11 feet along the East line of said Section 25 to the Point of Beginning; running thence South 00 Degrees 01 Minutes 25 Seconds West 503.11 feet along the East line of said Section 25; thence South 90 Degrees 00 Minutes West 1950.75 feet, thence North 00 Degrees 01 Minutes 25 Seconds West 503.11 feet; thence North 90 Degrees 00 Minutes East 1950.96 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Johnathan R. Raleigh, an unmarried man of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 4th day of April, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of April, 2005, in Liber 1035, Page 542 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, L.L.C., thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$74,413.66 (seventy-four thousand four hundred thirteen and 66/100) plus accrued interest at 5.125% (five point one two five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

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Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Village of Millington, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Situated in the Village of Millington, County of

Tuscola and State of Michigan:

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Tax Parcel No.: 041-500-230-3200-00

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The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2013

By: Foreclosing Attorneys
Attorney for Plaintiff
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48064
WWR# 10113353

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathleen L. Rhodes, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 2003 and recorded August 22, 2003 in Liber 950, Page 300, and , Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Four and 78/100 Dollars (\$78,444.78) including interest at 5.5% per annum.

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Dated: April 10, 2013

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P.O. Box 5041
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CITY CITY'S MIMI Nicol is the featured artist this month at Artistic Endeavors Art Gallery, Cass City. Nicol, whose glass art will be on display, will be the special guest at an opening reception planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 12.

Reception set April 12

Nicol featured local artist

Artistic Endeavors Art Gallery in Cass City will be featuring the glass artwork of area resident Mimi Nicol during a reception slated for Friday, April 12, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Nicol's art reflects the play of light through textured and colored glass. She creates fused and leaded glass

art work in the forms of bowls, plates, window hangings and mirrors. She said her inspiration is light as the creative principle in all things.

Nicol began a 15-year career as an interior designer with a bachelor's degree in design from Michigan State University. She then started

her own design business, "In Home Art and Design" 20 years ago. She has since completed a number of commissioned projects involving church windows, cabinet doors, art glass and leaded glass windows and doors.

Nicol, president and founder of the Cass City Arts Council, said her experiences took her to the next step of creating 3-dimensional glass art forms, and she earned a number of awards for her glass art.

Friday's reception will feature live music provided by the area mother and son duo of Cindy and Nathan Carr on cello and piano. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Nicol's art will remain on exhibit throughout April as the local gallery's featured artist.

Services covered for autistic kids

As of April 1, Michigan provides coverage for applied behavior analysis (ABA) services for young children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) through the Medicaid and MICHild Programs.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recently received federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide ABA services for children ages 18 months through age 5 with an ASD diagnosis of autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder or pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified.

ABA is an evidenced-based treatment that research has shown can make a difference for children with ASD in improving behavior, communication and social skills, particularly if this intensive intervention is provided in early childhood years.

"In taking another step towards improving services for individuals and families with autism, Michigan's approval to provide applied behavior analysis services for young children through our Medicaid program is great news for Michigan," said Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley.

"Support such as this not only from Michigan but now also from the federal government is a sign that we are clearly on the right path to making Michigan a place where families living with autism will be able to thrive."

In Oct. 2012, Michigan's Autism Insurance Reform legislation was

implemented that mandated for-profit, commercial, HMO, and non-profit health insurance companies regulated by the state of Michigan to provide coverage for services related to the diagnosis and treatment of ASD through 18 years of age.

To ensure consistency with state coverage, Michigan applied for approval from CMS to provide coverage for Michigan Medicaid. With this approval, within the first year MDCH is expecting to serve approximately 1,600 children with autism with ABA services. Children eligible for the ABA benefit are also eligible for other medically necessary services, such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, and more.

MDCH will be collaborating with many organizations to provide a wide array of trainings for providers about diagnostic tools, measurement tools, applied behavior analysis, recording of performance measures, and other essential skills needed to ensure that services are available now that the coverage has been approved.

To utilize the new Medicaid and MICHild ABA coverage, contact a local community mental health (CMH) service program. For a list of local CMH programs, information about Michigan's Autism Insurance Reform, or the Michigan Autism Program, visit www.michigan.gov/autism.

Gospel concert on tap at Noah's Ark in Gagetown

Noah's Ark Park, Christian Radio 885 WCTP, and the Farver Road Baptist Church will kick off the spring-summer monthly concert season with Gospel singer Grant Anderson Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

Anderson is from the Mt. Clemens area. He has performed at many churches and festivals in Michigan.

Noah's Ark Park is located 2 miles southwest of the intersection of Elkton and Sebawa roads. For more information, call (989) 315-8043.

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