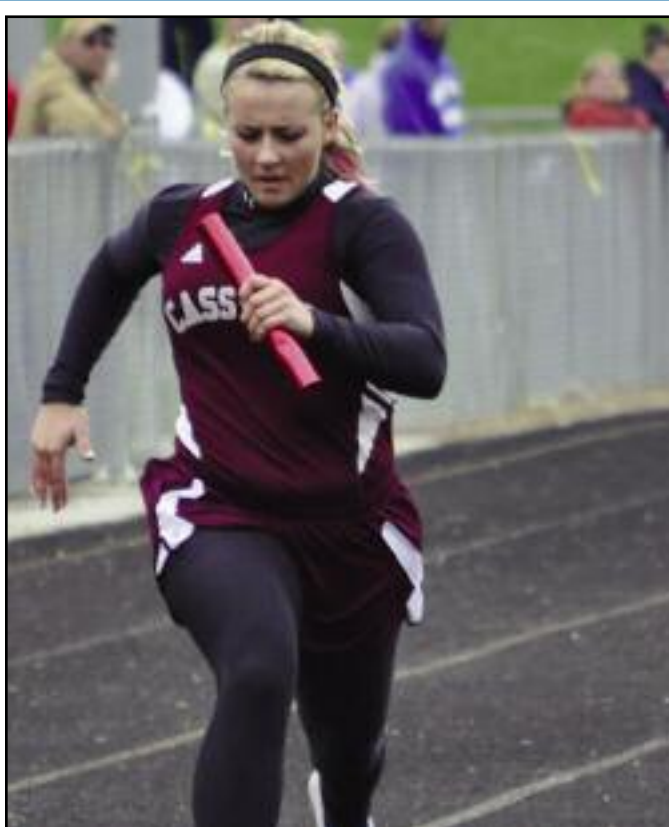


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THE GREATER Thumb West track and field championship was held under ideal conditions last week in Vassar. Coach Jon Zdrojewski commented almost every Red Hawk ran their best times of the year. Pictured from the left are Cass City's Garret Ferguson and Katie Hacker running legs in the 400-meter relay and Bransen Stimpfel competing in the high jump.

## Rockets win girls and boys titles

### Reese tops at GTW track and field championships

Reese had little trouble at the Greater Thumb West track and field championship, as the victors scored nearly double the points of the Rockets' nearest competitors.

In the women's field, the Lady Rockets easily defeated runner-up Bad Axe 193-79, while USA (77), Cass City (63), EPBP (56), Vassar (49) and Bay City All Saints (1) concluded the team listings.

In addition to the GTW team titles, individual all-conference honors were earned at Tuesday's gathering. For Cass City, first team league honors went to the girls' 400-meter relay team of Victoria Matthewson, Erin Zdrojewski, Miranda Spry and Katie Hacker with a winning time of 55.90.

Second team all-conference honors for the Lady Red Hawks were collected in the 800-meter relay, 100-meter dash and the 3200-meter run.

Running legs in the 800-meter relay were Kendra Kerkau, Matthewson,

Spry and Hacker. They were edged at the tape 1:58.15 to 1:59.95 by Reese. Hacker and Zdrojewski also placed second on the day, Hacker with a time of 13.71 in the 100-meter

dash and Zdrojewski with a time of 12:40.04 in the 3200-meter run.

Collecting all-conference honorable mention awards locally were third place finishers Zdrojewski in the

1600-meter run, Matthewson in the 400-meter dash, Spry in the 200-meter dash, and the 3200-meter relay team of Shelby Abell, Elisabeth Milligan, Matthewson and

Zdrojewski.

In the men's field, the champs tallied 209 1/3 points while host Vassar placed second with 111 1/3. Completing the team standings were USA (103), Cass City (43), Bad Axe (32 1/3), Bay City All Saints (14) and EPBP (7).

Garret Ferguson and Bransen Stimpfel led the way for Cass City. They earned second team all-conference honors in the 400-meter dash and 3200-meter run, respectively.

Ferguson added a second team all-conference showing in the 400-meter relay with the help of Brennan Winter, Alex Williams and Braeden Perzanowski, while all-conference honorable mention status went to Winter in the 300-meter hurdles.

The complete results for the GTW league meet in Vassar and the Division 3 regional in Bad Axe can be seen on our website at: [www.ccchronicle.net](http://www.ccchronicle.net)

### Zdrojewski earns regional crown in Bad Axe

The Frankenmuth girls and Marlette boys track teams each took home Division 3 regional titles over the weekend. The Lady Eagles and Red Raiders, along with the top 2 qualifiers in each event, plus competitors meeting the qualifying standards, will now advance to the Division 3 State Final Meet scheduled for June 1st in Comstock Park.

For Cass City, Erin Zdrojewski will be the lone Red Hawk traveling to the prestigious meet just north of Grand Rapids. The sophomore distance specialist had a banner Saturday in Bad Axe, claiming the 3200-meter run, and the team's lone regional crown, with a time of 12:20.93. She also finished second in the 1600-meter run, where she was clocked in 5:38.50.

"Unfortunately Erin was the only qualifier for Cass City, but almost everyone ran their best times of the year which is what you want to see," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Medals were also awarded to the top 8 finishers on the day. Locally, the 400-meter relay team of Victoria Matthewson, Erin Zdrojewski, Miranda Spry and Katie Hacker placed 6th, while Matthewson crossed the end line in 6th place in the 400-meter dash.

For the Cass City boys, medalists included Garret Ferguson with a team best 7th place in the 400-meter dash and 8th place finishes by Braeden Perzanowski in the 100-meter dash, and Bransen Stimpfel in the 1600-meter run.



BRINGING HOME the elaborate athletic awards were Stephanie Heckroth and Cody Orban. Orban received the Paul Smarks Award and Heckroth was awarded the A.A.U.W. Women's Athletic Award.

## Heckroth, Orban collect coveted athletic awards

by Mason Doerr  
Staff Writer

Cass City High School seniors were recognized last Wednesday evening at the annual Senior Awards Night at the Cass City High School.

Their class motto, "If we can't find a road to success, we'll make one," holds true to this class's ambition.

A total of 43 honor cords were handed out to the soon-to-be graduates, including 30 gold and 13 silver/maroon.

The 2 most coveted awards each year are the Paul Smarks Award and the A.A.U.W. Outstanding Female Athlete Award. The awards have extensive criteria, both in academia and in sports.

"Both the A.A.U.W. Outstanding Female Athlete Award and the Paul Smarks Award recognizing the outstanding male athlete are based upon

4 criteria. The criteria are athleticism, sportsmanship, scholarship and citizenship," said Don Markel, assistant principal.

"It was agreed that the selection of both the male and female outstanding athletes were especially difficult this year because we have so many athletes who excel in all of the areas and are deserving of the award."

This year's recipient of the Paul Smarks Award is Cody Orban. Along with maintaining a 3.7 grade point average and being an academic all-conference athlete in each sport that he has played, he has a plethora of accomplishments under his belt.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, has earned a total of 10 varsity letters through his high school career, was named first team all-conference in each of the 3 sports he participated, has been named ath-

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## Haag's gang sizzling hot as districts near

With district play just around the corner, the Cass City baseball team picked a good time to get red hot. The Red Hawks ran their win streak to 6 straight over the weekend, defending their crown at the Merrill Tourney in the process.

In Saturday's opener, Coach Nathan Haag's gang cruised to a 7-1 victory over Beaverton, before defeating Merrill 13-3 in the championship game.

"The MVPs of the tournament would have to be Cody Ross and Bradley Thornton," Haag said. "Ross pitched six of the 11 innings and only gave up one earned run. Every time Thornton came up to bat, he delivered huge hits worth multiple RBIs that completely changed the game around."

Ross started on the mound against Beaverton and worked 3 innings to collect the win. He allowed 3 hits and struck out 3, before handing the reins to Lukas Schenk and Jake Hacker who combined for 3 innings of scoreless ball on the hill.

At the plate, Thornton's double in the third frame cleared the bases and resulted in 3 RBIs.

In the championship game, Cass City scored 7 runs in the second and 6 runs in the third en route to the mercy win.

Once again Ross, Schenk and Hacker combined their efforts to handle the pitching chores for the winners. Ross, who was credited with the decision, fanned 3 in 3 innings of work to lead the way.

And once again, it was Thornton at the plate with 2-base knock and a pair of RBIs that was key in Cass City's success.

### EPBP GAMES

On Thursday, Cass City traveled to Pigeon and returned home with GTW victories of 2-0 and 5-2.

In game one, Haag said the Red Hawk defense rose to the occasion - namely Hacker, who made some big outs at shortstop with 2 outs and runners at third base.

Offensively, the winners manufactured a run in the second inning that held up for the win. Ross had reached first base and with one out and Thornton coming to the plate.

"Ross was getting a big lead off base causing the pitcher to attempt a pick off move. The attempt was off target and got away from the first baseman, allowing Ross to advance to second. A few pitches later, Thornton got a base hit to score Ross. If Ross had been at first, he would have never scored on the hit,"

said Haag.

Then in the seventh inning with a 1-0 edge, Thornton hit a stand-up double with one out. Drew Field entered the game as a pinch runner for the sophomore slugger. Hacker then bunted Field to third and 2 outs. Dakota Hartel was Cass City's next batter and hit a hard ball to the shortstop, he bobbled the ball allowing Hartel to reach first base and scoring Field.

Mason Erla was impressive on the rubber, tossing a complete game shutout highlighted with 9 strike outs.

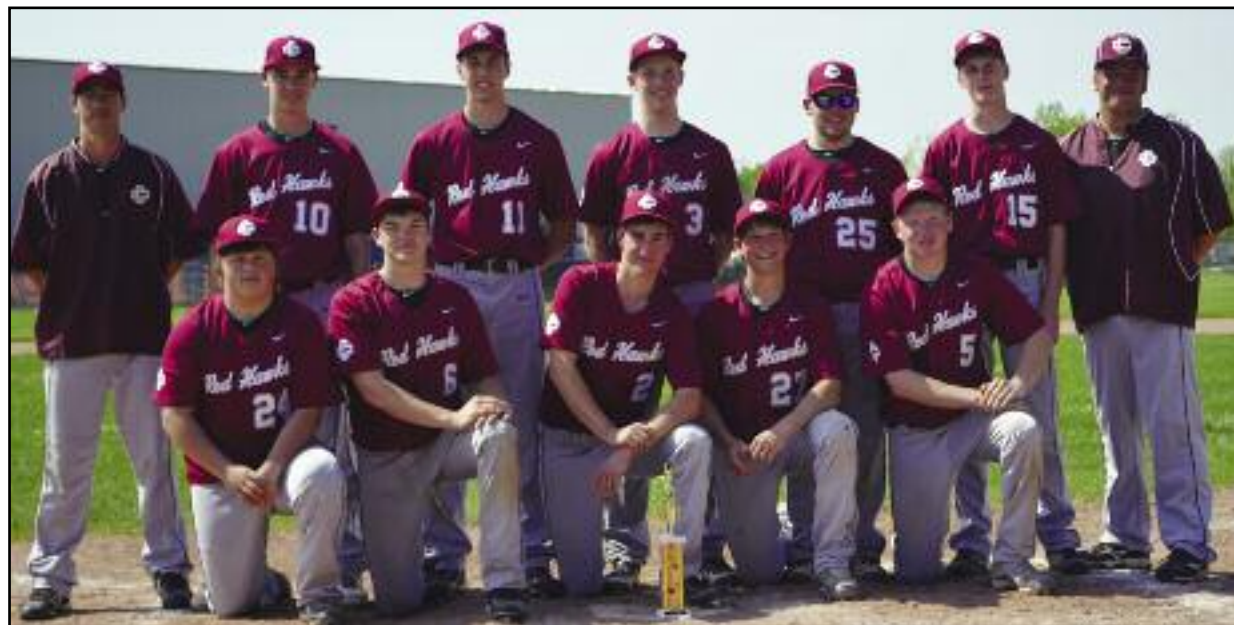
In game 2, Cass City jumped out in front 2-0 and would never trail. Hartel started on the hill and held the Lakers hitless for 4 innings to collect the win.

At the plate, Cody Orban belted a double and Watson Moore delivered a triple for the winners.

### USA GAMES

Orban was the story for Cass City on Monday, as the Red Hawks swept guest USA 15-0 and 15-2.

Orban belted 2 balls over the fence in game one, resulting in 5 RBIs and added a third dinger in the nightcap en route to another 5-RBI game.



CASS CITY grabbed the Merrill Tourney baseball crown for the second straight year over the weekend. The 2013 Red Hawks are: (front, l-r) Brad Thornton, Watson Moore, Lukas Schenk, Dakota Hartel, Jake Hacker, (back) Coach Nathan Haag, Mason Erla, Cody Ross, Drew Field, Brock Thane, Cody Orban and Asst. Coach Nathan Fritz.

# Bad Axe, USA hold Lady Hawks scoreless in GTC soccer victories

Cass City's offensive drought continued last week on the soccer field and, making matters worse, is now coupled with inconsistent defense, resulting in 2 more lopsided losses. The Lady Red Hawks, who have just one goal under their belts on the campaign, fell 8-0 to host USA Wednesday, after bowing 7-0 to guests Bad Axe on Monday.

Erin Moore continues to improve in net, according to Coach Chuck Reed, but a constantly changing defense is allowing too many good scoring chances for the opponents and is failing to clear the ball to start any type of offensive rush.

In both Greater Thumb West games last week, Cass City's offense did generate a couple of shots, with Liz Milligan having the best chance late against USA. But the short bench and constantly changing personnel has prevented the defense from coming together as a cohesive unit and that is resulting in too many mistakes that result in goals for the opponents.

Bad Axe and USA, meanwhile, had little trouble finding the back of the net.

For the Hatchets Sydney Flynn scored twice, while Pauline Knoblock, Peyton Guigar, Kayla Essenmacher, Amanda Fleming and LaKeisha Ridner chipped in solo markers.

For the Patriots, Dani Welchner's hat trick led the way, while the winners also had Madi Herman, Morgan Thomas, Kaylie Bohn, Michaela Swathwood and Brandi Ewland with tallies in a balanced attack.

On a positive note for Cass City, Emily Cochrane should be available this week as should Erin Zdrojewski and Kassie LaPonsie, so the bench should be deeper for the team's last 3 games.

"Kennedy Brown and Katie Michalski have been solid in the middle, but no one else has stepped up to take some of the pressure off. Faith Windsor recently returned from a preseason knee injury and

should help while Brianna Prill, Katherine Woodruff and Jocelynn Venema are playing strong games, but wearing down late due to lack of subs.

The high point of the week was the appearance of Alexina Somerville in net for the first time this year as she finished the USA game for Moore,

doing a good job in the process. The girls continue to hustle and play hard, but can't seem to put everything together in order to make things competitive against better opponents," Reed said.

Cass City travels to face Harbor Beach tonight (Wednesday) for their GTW final match.



CASS City's Katherine Woodruff advances the ball in GTC soccer action against Bad Axe.

# Bats go silent at Imlay City tourney

Cass City got off to a fast start Saturday at the Imlay City softball tournament, before the Lady Red Hawk bats went silent.

Coach John Hacker's gals clubbed out double digit runs in their opening game Saturday, an 11-3 victory over Merrill.

Carley Stone benefited from a big fourth inning to earn the decision in the pitching circle. Trailing 2-1, the winners exploded for 9 runs to remove most doubt from the game's outcome.

At the plate, Shania Chambers and Ellen Hulburt continued their production of late, each blasting 3 hits including a double. Also with extra base hits for the winners were Susa Palviala with a triple and Alliah Riddle and Rachel Bartnik with doubles.

Up next for Cass City on the day was Clio. Red Hawk senior Karley Peters was handed the ball in game 2 and suffered the loss. She fanned 3 en route to an 8-0 final score.

Riddle, with a double and single, was the only Lady Red Hawk with multiple hits.

It was more of the same for Cass City in their final outing, an 11-0 setback to host Imlay City. Lauren Bukoski was the victim of little support at the plate and suffered the loss.

Stephanie Heckroth's single resulted in Cass City's lone hit.

### EPBP GAMES

On Thursday, Cass City and host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port traded decisions in Greater Thumb West action.

The Red Hawks captured the initial game, 8-6, before bowing 12-4 in the

nightcap.

Bukoski was the pitcher of record for Cass City, while Stone was credited with a save.

Hulburt, Bartnik and Palviala all had doubles for Cass City.

In the late game, the Lakers plated 5 runs in the third that proved to be the difference.

Peters started on the hill for Cass City and was tagged with the defeat.

At the plate, Chambers, with a pair of doubles, led Cass City.

# Award winners aired

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lete of the week in local newspapers on numerous occasions, has been the captain of both the basketball and baseball teams, has been a member of league and district championship teams in baseball and basketball and was selected as a first team all-district, all-region and all-state pitcher in baseball.

Stephanie Heckroth took home the A.A.U.W Outstanding Female Athlete Award this year. Along with achieving a 3.9 grade point average and having been an academic all-conference athlete in each sport she has played, she also has a vast array of other achievements.

Heckroth is a member of the National Honor Society, has earned a

total of 4 varsity letters in the sports of softball and volleyball, earned all-conference honors in softball, has been the captain of both the varsity softball and volleyball teams and has been involved in numerous community activities such as American Red Cross blood drives, highway cleanup projects, and being a lifeguard at the Helen Steven's Memorial Pool in Cass City.

Aside from the athletic awards, roughly \$25,000 was handed out to students in the form of local scholarships, and another \$224,000 was offered to students through college scholarships. These numbers only reflect the amount of money that students will be given during their freshman year of college, and does not take into account the total worth of the scholarships.

## Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK



Erin Zdrojewski has been named the Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winner.

The Cass City sophomore recently enjoyed a career week, leading the Lady Red Hawk thinclads during the GTW League Meet Tuesday and the team's Division 3 regional on Saturday.

At Bad Axe, Zdrojewski advanced to the State Final meet in Comstock Park by becoming a regional champion in the 3200-meter run and placing second in the 1600-meter run. She also helped Cass City's 400-meter relay team to a medal performance, finishing 8th over the weekend.

At Vassar, the diminutive distance runner - in size only - had similar success. She was part of Cass City's winning 400-meter relay team and was runner-up in the 3200-meter run, while placing third in the 1600-meter run.

Erin is the daughter of Deidra and Jon Zdrojewski.

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4/15 Ubyly 6, Cass City 5  
4/20 Tusc. Co. Tourney @ Vassar TBA  
4/22 Memphis (7-6W, 7-0W)  
4/25 Reese (ppd)  
4/29 Bad Axe (1-4L, 11-7W)  
4/30 Harbor Beach (1-4L, 0-2L)  
5/2 Vassar (10-8W, 7-8L)  
5/6 BCAS(5-7L, 10-11L)  
5/7 Millington (12-0W, 5-1W)  
5/9 Caro (JV only)  
5/13 USA (15-0W, 15-2W)  
5/16 EPB Lakers (2-0W, 5-2W)  
5/18 Merrill Tournament 9 a.m.  
5/20 Marlette  
5/23 Caro (Varsity only) at SVSU 4:30 p.m.  
5/28, 31, 6/1 Districts

#### GIRLS' SOFTBALL

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted  
4/15 Ubyly (7-8L, 3-8L)  
4/20 Tusc. Co. Tourney @ Vassar TBA  
4/22 Memphis  
4/25 Reese  
4/29 Bad Axe (0-14L, 0-14L)  
4/30 Harbor Beach (11-8W, 7-1W)  
5/2 Vassar (12-6W, 11-7W)  
5/6 BCAS (Varsity only)  
5/7 Millington (0-1L, 1-10L)  
5/9 Caro (2-7L, 2-9L)  
5/13 USA (0-15L, 1-18L)  
5/16 EPB Lakers (8-6W, 4-12L)  
5/18 Imlay City Tournament 9 a.m.  
5/20 Marlette (Varsity only)  
5/28, 31, 6/1 Districts

#### TRACK

All meets at 4 p.m.  
4/22 Ubyly/Brown City/Reese  
4/26 Vassar Invite  
4/30 Ubyly Invite  
5/3 Reese Invite  
5/7 Laker Invite  
5/10 Bad Axe Invite  
5/14 GTW League Meet at Vassar  
5/18 Regionals  
5/21 Tribune Meet of Champs at Bad Axe  
5/28 Thumb Meet of Champs at Caro  
6/1 State Finals

#### GOLF

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted  
4/23 Ubyly Invite  
4/25 GTC Jamboree at USA  
4/29 Millington ?? at Timbers GC TBA  
5/3 GTC Jamboree at Lakers  
5/6 GTC Jamboree at Bad Axe  
5/9 GTC Jamboree at Cass City  
5/10 GTC Jamboree at BCAS  
5/17 Warner Memorial Invite TBA  
5/15 Brown City Invite TBA  
5/23 Ubyly Invite 8 a.m.

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All games at 5 p.m. unless noted  
4/15 EPB Lakers 4, Cass City 0  
4/22 USA 3, Cass City 0  
4/24 Harbor Beach (ppd)  
4/26 Sandusky  
4/29 Bad Axe 4, Cass City 0  
5/1 Memphis 6, Cass City 0  
5/3 Marlette 7, Cass City 0  
5/9 EPB Lakers 8, Cass City 0  
5/10 Harbor Beach 8, Cass City 0  
5/13 Bad Axe 7, Cass City 0  
5/15 USA 8, Cass City 0  
5/20 Brown City  
5/22 Harbor Beach 4:30 p.m.  
5-28/6-1 Districts

#### JR. HIGH TRACK

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted  
4/15 Reese 4:30 p.m.  
4/17 Mayville Invite  
4/24 USA/Vassar 4:30 p.m.  
4/29 Brown City Invite  
5/2 Reese Invite  
5/6 Ubyly Invite  
5/9 Marlette Invite  
5/13 GTC League Meet at USA 3:30 p.m.  
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## Reporter's notebook

# Noisy truck? Grow up, Junior. Please.

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

I just love this time of year; sun shining, birds chirping, frogs croaking, youngsters playing outdoors. Well, until one of those yahoos with more vehicle than brains goes flying by in a pickup truck that sounds like an M1 tank.

I'm trying really hard not to become the sort of grumpy old man I tend to poke fun at, but honestly, these noisy trucks just sound silly, and really irritating when they pass by the house at 11 p.m.

Now, we're not talking about a Dodge Viper or Challenger here, you know? These aren't vehicles meant to sound like low-flying jets. In fact, I've observed that many of them are old beater pickups that have seen far, far better days.

Which leaves me wondering if the muffler simply fell off and the owner just didn't notice (or care). I suspect the truth is that the typically young men who drive these pickups simply feel more "manly" when they depress their gas pedals and roar off in a cloud of dark smoke (evidently the fact that their engine burns oil isn't high on their priority list, either).

I suppose I can understand the whole macho thing here. When I was a kid, anytime my friends and I would get our hands on a new deck of cards, we'd snatch some of our moms' clothes pins and attach a couple fresh new cards to the front and rear wheels of our bikes so they would slap against our spokes when we rode. Made a terrific snapping sound, and I'm sure a number of us imagined ourselves at the Indy 500.

But that was when we were kids.

As an adult, if I lose the muffler on my vehicle, I usually notice and have it replaced. I've never really derived any sort of thrill out of "peeling out" past my wife, engine roaring, to impress her. Might be worth a try, although if I ever decide to do it, I'll mark this item off my bucket list during a decent hour of the day.

Oh well. Hey, the way I figure it, these guys who evidently feel more masculine driving noisy trucks have every right to tool around and try to impress whomever they want.

I just wish they would grow up and refrain from doing it late at night. On my road. In my neighborhood. In this township. Well, you get the idea.

Okay, so I still need to work a little on my efforts to not become a grumpy old man.

Now, pull up your pants and turn down the music.

And while you're at it, get off my lawn.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2008)

It's a night Cassandra Simpson will never forget. During Wednesday night's senior honors night at Cass City High School, Simpson was one of 3 students to win the last Fred, Iris & Robert McEachern Scholarship. The scholarship was established in memory of Robert McEachern, who was a 1955 graduate of Cass City High School. In 1960, he died in a tragic plane crash. The scholarship in his name has been awarded each year to a Cass City High School senior, or seniors, who will be continuing their education. This year, 3 seniors received the award: Anna Deel, Ashley Deel and Simpson. After receiving their certificates, Roger Marshall, who had been neighbors with the McEacherns, announced that Simpson's scholarship was for a whopping \$15,000. This announcement had Simpson, and many members of the audience, in tears. Anna and Ashley Deel's scholarships were each for about \$2,000.

Cass City High School's girls' varsity basketball team has been recognized as an Academic All-State Team with a cumulative GPA of 3.6729. Team members are Megan Zawilinski, Jennica Richards, Carly Rabideau, Megan VanVliet, Lauren Bennett, Maddie Dooley, Emily Martin, Aleigh Kappen, Sarah Reed and Kelli Lautner.

Heading to the state finals is Cass City's Mark Koepf. The senior pole vaulter captured Saturday's Division 3 regional in Bad Axe with a career-high 13'6".

## 10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Deford school is coming to a close as the end of the year approaches. The enrollment rates are not high enough to keep the school open. The 33 students who attended Deford this year will become part of the Campbell Elementary School in the fall. Principal Ed Pasant said the end of the school year will be sad, but the decision to close the school will hopefully benefit the students and the district.

The Cass City Red Hawk softball team proved again that it's hard to beat a good team 3 times in a season and the Red Hawks proved it by winning a stirring 8-inning, 1-0 decision over the Unionville-Sebewaing Patriots Friday in Cass City to capture the district final and advance to the regionals. The Red Hawk district champions, coached by Ken Martin

and Dave Hoard, are Paula Fluegge, Allie Pasant, Becky Hartel, Courtney Green, Monica Wilcox, Gail Hartwick, Krystee Dorland, Megan Toner, Kristy Fluegge, Mallory Powell and Luann Laming.

Lindsay Lowry continued to add up individual honors in track last week at Saturday's state finals and at the Caro Meet of Champions Tuesday. In the state finals she finished second in the pole vault with a vault of 10 feet, 6 inches. She was seventh in long jump (16:1.75). At the meet of champions all the girls that qualified earned medals. Lowry won the pole vault with a meet record 10 feet, 5 inches and was third in the long jump.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1988)

Dan Allen, Deford, is a morel picker first and a golfer second. He played golf at Arrowhead Golf Course in Caro recently and drove his ball in the woods. Morel picking had been lousy this spring and Allen reports that he had spent many hours without much result finding his favorite fungus. You know what happened. While looking for his lost golf ball, he ran into a patch of the largest morels he has ever seen. Golfing stopped and he gathered up the morels and bundled them into a shirt. The next day he returned at about 6 a.m. to find more, but said that one patch he inadvertently found was all there was. The morning escapade was not entirely fruitless for Deford Dan. He found 11 golf balls. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Deford resident Robert F. Venema, 19, recently graduated from the Auto Diesel Technician program at Northwest Auto Diesel College, Lima, Ohio. Venema, who had perfect attendance while attending classes at Northwestern, is a 1987 graduate of Cass City High School. He currently is looking for employment as an auto diesel/farm machinery mechanic. Venema is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hessel Venema, of Deford.

Cass City senior band member Matt Tuckey, who plays tuba, was recognized during an annual concert Thursday evening as this year's Harold Ferguson award recipient. He was presented the award by band director George L. Bushong. Tuckey is the son of Pat and Fonda Doyen and Mark and Carol Tuckey, all of Cass City.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1963)

One of Cass City's oldest buildings passed from the Main Street scene this week as the building formerly used by Cass City Oil & Gas was moved from its location at the corner of Main and West streets. The building was used as a bank for about two years before being purchased by Cass City Oil & Gas Co. The removal of the building improves the business corner and fulfills a promise that Cliff Ferguson made to remove his grease rack from village property where it had been located for many years.

Three new meet records were set. Jim Colosky of Vassar broke his own record in the shotput with a toss of 53 feet, 4 1/4 inches. Roger Parker, Cass City, set a record in the low hurdles with a :21.45 mark. Walt Hempton, Cass City, set a record in the high jump at 6 feet, 1/2 inch. Parker's record was set despite a 25 to 35-mile-per-hour head wind, with gusts to 50 miles per hour that track officials estimated slowed straight races about a second and others about three seconds. Colosky also won the broad jump and Parker the high hurdles. They were the only double winners at the meet.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1913)

The high school base ball team crossed bats with the Pigeon representatives on the home ground Friday, May 16. The boys were evidently trying to show the home fans that the preceding defeat by Pigeon at Pigeon was only a mistake. The game was an interesting one from start to finish, but it can safely be said that Cass City had the better of the argument all the way through.

Leslie P. Koepfgen, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Koepfgen, and a member of the class of '07 of the Cass City high school, has by the unanimous vote of the board of education been elected superintendent of the schools at Newberry for the ensuing year at a salary of \$1,600. He has held the position of principal of the high school in that city for the past two years. The Newberry News contains the following paragraph in regard to Leslie: "Mr. Koepfgen has proved himself one of the most successful and popular principals ever holding the position here and the board has shown good judgment in promoting him to the position of superintendent."

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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday -  
Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

**Cass City Church of Christ**  
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Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
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Bible Study -  
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**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -  
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Associate Pastor: Judy A. Eskilsen

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-2729  
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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  
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**Cass City United Methodist Church**  
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872-3422  
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ANDREA MIKOLON'S (right) talent sparked interest from local firefighters and was awarded the Cass City Firefighter's Award by Nick Moyer.



(Below) Ending on a good note were band students Paul Verhines (John Phillip Sousa Award), Emily Kuenzli (Harold Ferguson Award), Brian Mohr (Louis Armstrong Award) and Jacob Kittle (Patrick S. Gilmore Award).



# Tax levy unchanged for village residents

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## IN OTHER BUSINESS

City residents from a year ago, while personal property values increased by \$756,000 over the same period.

The result, village officials say, is local homeowners won't see a hike in their next tax bills, as the combination of the 2 types of taxable properties are expected to result in an overall gain of \$689 in tax revenues for the village.

Accordingly, the Cass City Village Council set the 2013 tax levy at 18.1387 mills Monday during its regular monthly meeting, keeping the rate unchanged as it has been for the past several years. It will cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 about \$725 annually.

Despite the expected increase of \$37,974 in taxable value due solely to additions in new investments in personal property, village Manager Peter Cristiano remains cautious moving forward.

"Since no legislation has passed as of this date, the village of Cass City is allowed to collect personal property taxes in 2013," he said, adding, however, the continued threat of losing the personal property tax looms, and if voided, the village is slated to lose \$160,630 without replacement revenues.

"The village of Cass City remains in constant contact with Tuscola County Equalization and the township assessor, as well as following state prospective legislation and local trends. Management continues to monitor village activities, revenues and expenditures, and has kept expenditures extremely conservative in 2013."

Also during Monday's brief 25-minute meeting, the council:

\*Learned the DDA is working on a \$400,000 grant application to improve the exterior of buildings in Cass City. The program is 75-percent grant and 25-percent match. The following businesses have applied for the grant: Plain and Fancy Decorating, Knight Insurance, Captured by Christine, VIP Salon, and Baker College for their new welding school opening in the former Nestles Building.

\*Was informed that Mi-Tech Tooling, 6215 Garfield Avenue, will be moving into its renovated facility over the next 2 weeks. Owners Joe and Colleen Langenburg expect to be in full operation June 3 at their Cass City location with a staff of 40 employees.

\*Learned that on May 2, Cass City hosted public officials and farmers from all parts of the Thumb concerning the creation of a food hub, with the purpose of centralizing the distribution of agriculture products produced in the area.

\*Heard from Trustee Nancy Barrios, who reported that Wolverine Fireworks has requested approval of its permit, in accordance with the village Code of Ordinances, for its fireworks display July 6 during the annual Freedom Festival in Cass City.

She said they have met the requirements, and the permit was unanimously approved.

\*Accepted the minutes from the DDA and EDC March 12 meetings and the village's financial statements ending April 30, showing a cash balance of \$1,290,557.

# Clinic lease alive, well

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missing; Sanilac County Health Department officials have to endorse the project as their counterparts in Tuscola and Huron counties already have, and the dental group must have a lease with an option purchase to prove permanent residency in order to obtain grant funding.

Pressed on the issue of purchasing Campbell, Nahernak said the group is willing to lease the school's west wing, and more than willing to share the remaining space with school officials should they need additional classroom space, etc. They would also be interested in purchasing the structure if the grant funding is available, he added.

After 3 years, he continued, the dentists will know if the project is going to be a success, and at that time they should have the capital available to buy a building elsewhere in the Thumb, if necessary.

The bottom line, according to Nahernak, is that the federal government is going to require dental care for Medicaid patients. "This is going to come, whether we do it as local dentists or somebody comes in and does it," he said. "We're not here to grab real estate. We need a place to be."

Board President Craig Bellew told Nahernak that the school board would be willing to set up a special meeting to settle the lease whenever representatives of the dental group are ready.

## BUDGET REVIEW

Turning to finances Monday, the board met in special session for about an hour prior to the regular meeting to discuss adoption of the district's 2013-14 spending plan at the end June.

School Supt. Jeff Hartel told the board that specific proposed budget figures will be presented next month, but he wanted to offer an update on various factors that will affect the spending plan.

Many of those items, such as proposed increase in the student foundation allowance, student enrollment and on-going negotiation of a new teachers contract, remain unknown, he said, adding school officials are projecting the overall net gains in revenues over expenditures in the coming year at just over \$404,000, compared to \$685,000 a few weeks ago.

Those figures are based on factors such as the need to purchase textbooks and new protective football equipment to meet new state guidelines; the decision to not sell Campbell Elementary School at this time; and the possibility that schools will receive no funding increase from the state.

Hartel acknowledged the spending-revenue margin will be modest at best in the coming year. However,

he also pointed out that the district is on solid financial ground.

"We have cut so much over the last few years that there's not a whole lot more to cut," he said. "So, are we cutting it close? Yes, but it sure is nice not to have to look at making \$600,000 to \$1 million in cuts."

Hartel said Cass City's year-end fund balance is estimated at \$987,275, or about 10.9 percent of the district's budget. "That's where we were 2 or 3 years ago, and believe me, that number looks good."

## IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board: \*Unanimously approved contract extensions for elementary Principal Aaron Fernald, junior-senior high Principal Chad Daniels and assistant Principal/Athletic Director Don Markel. The votes came after Hartel rated all 3 administrators as being "effective" in their jobs.

\*Discussed a proposal under consideration among Greater Thumb West Conference schools to increase general admission for athletic events from \$4 to \$5. Markel asked for the board's input, with about half supporting no change and the remaining trustees in favor of the hike.

\*Endorsed approval of the Tuscola Intermediate School District's proposed general education fund budget for 2013-14.

The spending plan totals an estimated \$2.79 million, with expenditures set at \$2.76 million, according to ISD Supt. Gene Pierce, who said the ISD anticipates a year-end fund balance of roughly \$880,000.

\*Accepted "with regret" the resignations of junior-senior high teacher Linda Volz and junior-senior high para-professional Connie Klinkman.

\*Noted the last day of school has been changed to Wednesday, June 5, for students and Thursday, June 6, for staff following state officials' recent decision to "forgive" some snow days provided schools meet the minimum number of hours of instruction for the year.

\*Noted a student/staff community survey has been conducted by school officials. Results of the survey have been posted on the district's website and be found by clicking the "community" link and then the "Title I" link.

\*Approved an annual resolution to remain a "School of Choice" district for incoming students in grades K-10 for the 2013-14 school year.

\*Granted the school band permission to participate in the Bavarian Festival Parade Sunday, June 9.

\*Recognized student Shannon Bardwell as a finalist in the Stossel in the Classroom Essay Contest. Students Lauren Perry and Kayla Zmierski both received honorable mention, and Cass City English teacher Jane Reif was praised for her role in the students' success.

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# Memorial Day observances set

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with the concept of a 3-day weekend, citizens should also take the time to remember why they are receiving a day off from work, which VFW 3644 Post Commander Joe Merchant takes seriously.

"This community is very good about it, they've supported veter-

## Man charged

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The suspect attempted to cause a crash with troopers, slamming on his brakes after he took off, according to the news release, which states that after the near-collision, the suspect continued westbound in the east-bound lane of the highway, forcing oncoming traffic off the roadway. The suspect continued to the intersection of M-46 and Hurds Corner Road, where he again lost control and entered a ditch near the southeast corner of the intersection and became stuck.

Troopers reported that Powell would not follow their instructions. They attempted to taser him, but that had no effect. Officers then used OC (pepper) spray and he continued to resist. After additional units arrived, Powell was forcefully removed from his vehicle and taken into custody.

There were no injuries or vehicles damaged as a result of the chase, according to troopers, who were assisted by the Caro Police Department and Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies.

## Milligan joins Schneeberger's

Officials at Schneeberger's Furniture and Appliance recently announced the addition of Trent Milligan to their staff in Cass City.

Milligan is the company's new office manager, in charge of all aspects of office operations.

Milligan, the son of Al and Kathy Milligan, Cass City is a 2000 graduate of Cass City High School.

He graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 2005 and went on to work as a computer program instructor at SVSU and at Oakland University.

ans," Merchant said. "You might even go out of your way; if you see a vet, just thank them for what they've allowed you to have over the course of your life."

Commonly referred to as the "avenue of flags", roughly 200 star-spangled banners will be lining the entry-way and path through the cemetery to the stage where the rest of the ceremonies will begin.

"It makes quite a display when you see them out there lined up and down," Merchant said. "People seem to enjoy seeing them."

"It reflects on the community when they see all the flags out there at the cemetery," Merchant added. "I think it's a definite advantage of a small town, it's more close-knit."

The setting up of this grand event takes a lot of time and a lot of extra help from the community.

"The Boy Scouts have been very good about helping and the Cub Scouts seem to enjoy it; getting out there and helping," Merchant said. "I have some friends that even come out and help take the caps off for the flag holders, which saves a lot of time."

"You don't have to be in the boy scouts or cub scouts, if you want to help we're more than glad to have you come out and put flags out," Merchant stated. "It's good to have all these people that are willing to help out when this comes around every year."

Each year, before the Memorial Day celebration, the local VFW posts host a poppy drive in hopes of raising money for their cause. The money contributed is spent on veterans in need, including families of veterans.

"Each individual post, whether it's Cass City, Caro or Bad Axe, they all have their own poppy drive. That money goes into their post relief funds. It's not a collective and it doesn't go to the national and it doesn't go to the state (organizations), it stays right here in the community to help veterans of our community," Merchant said. "It's all individual locally collected and used for local veterans in times of need. We have control of it."

"If somebody comes to us and needs some money if they're in dire straits we try and help them with that money, and that money cannot be spent for any other reason," Merchant added.

Although the Cass City post has been through some challenging times, Merchant believes the post is making a very strong comeback.

"I've seen some positive things for the Cass City post over the last year

and a half, or so. We've build up our membership, we've signed up new members. It seems to me there is more interest amongst some of the members that are older members here. A lot of them have come back, including myself," Merchant said. "In order to have an active post you have to have the people willing to do that and I see a lot of positive signs."

Along with seeing more activity from the older members, the post is also attempting to get the younger veterans interested.

"We're trying to focus on the younger people because the World War II vets have put their time in and they're getting older, so it's up to the younger people to pick up the pace and step up and try to carry on the tradition," Merchant said. "Without that support and the willingness there, we wouldn't be here."

Aside from building up a respectable number of active members, the post is also trying to build up their activity in the village.

"I think we try to make a presence known to the community, with some of the things we do, like the blood drives and we work with the Chamber quite a bit. We donate the hall to the Christmas in the Village," Merchant said. "So, we're trying to make a difference in the community and I think we have. You need people to volunteer, and for the most part they (veterans) are willing to do that. That keeps this post active and out there in the community."

Although the parade is the highlight of Memorial Day for many folks, it's important to remember the basics.

"Please respect the flag. When the colors pass, please stand up and respect the colors," Merchant said. "It's just out of respect for the flag, the flag means many things to many people. We need to keep that in mind. Be respectful at all times."

"When it comes down to seeing a vet, when you run into one, just let them know that you appreciate what they've done for you. It means a lot to us," Merchant added. "Put yourself in our place, walk a few miles in our shoes. Not everybody has had to go to war but almost everybody is affected by it because they have friends or loved ones that have been involved."

Merchant also made note that volunteers will begin putting the flags up at the Elkland Township Cemetery at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, anybody who would like to help lend a hand is more than welcome.

Other Memorial Day events include the 74th annual Grant Cemetery Memorial Service, which will be held Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m.



A MEDICAL career spanning 6 decades was on display for residents to view during last week's tribute to the late Dr. H.T. Donahue at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. The tribute also marked the hospital's 53-year history in the community.

## Dr. Donahue honored

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half-million dollars in order to get the matching money. That's an awesome undertaking, and the result is what we have today — a modern, state-of-the-art hospital," Falatko said.

The evening, however, belonged to Dr. Donahue's memory, with family members, friends and former colleagues sharing stories about the beloved physician.

"He worked in ER, OR, OB, med-surg — wherever you were, if you needed something, Dr. Donahue is the one that answered," recalled Jean Anthony, who was an LPN fresh out of school when she met Donahue. "He did surgery, he did orthopedics. He was just a one-man show."

"He worked days, nights," added Anthony, who now serves as Hills and Dales' chief operating officer. "He was a great teacher. He definitely took time for the nurses."

Back in those days, Anthony recalled, a doctor wasn't called in to the ER until a patient arrived and needed care. "When you saw that blue Cadillac pulling into the parking lot, you were so relieved," she said.

One of Dr. Donahue's sons, Richard "Dick" Donahue, shared with the audience his father's many accomplishments and honors over the years.

Dr. Donahue, who retired in March 1992, began his medical career in Cass City back in 1933 when he arrived in town after completing an internship at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

A 1923 Caro High School graduate (and Distinguished Alumnus), he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Michigan in 1928. He won Big Ten Conference titles — U-M's first in wrestling — in 1926 and 1927, and placed second in 1928. He was captain of the Wolverine Wrestling Team during

1927-28, he was a 4-time state of Michigan amateur wrestling champion, and he placed third in the 1928 U.S. Olympic Trials.

He was inducted into the University of Michigan Hall of Honor in 1988.

Dr. Donahue earned his medical doctorate degree from the University of Michigan in 1931. He was a member of the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity, and served as assistant wrestling coach for 2 years to Coach Cliff Keen while working on his medical degree.

After returning to Cass City, Dr. Donahue maintained his medical office at the former Pleasant Home Hospital (the hospital stood behind the present-day municipal building) until 1961, when he moved into a then-new clinic building across from Hills and Dales General Hospital.

A charter member of the American Academy of Family Practitioners, Dr. Donahue was honored by the Michigan State Medical Society for outstanding service in 1982.

In addition to his contributions as a physician, Dr. Donahue was a charter member of the Cass City Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was honored as Cass City's Citizen of the Year in 1968.

Above all, however, he is remembered for his contributions as a husband and father, a friend and a healer.

"He had a love of family, he loved medicine, he loved farming, he loved U-M," Dick Donahue said of his father.

"He was one of the easiest people to work for. He was very special," said Mary Lou Burns, Cass City, who worked as Dr. Donahue's nurse for 18 years.

Janice Winter, another area resident whose son was among the estimated 4,000 or so babies delivered by Dr. Donahue, agreed.

"Dr. Donahue was such a wonderful doctor and friend to all of us," she said. "He will never be forgotten."

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