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Mandatory antler proposal up for debate

by **Mason Doerr**
Staff Writer

New antler restrictions for whitetail deer will be enforced in Lower Michigan, including the Thumb, if some hunting organizations have their way.

Along with various groups and individuals, the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) is pushing for a proposal to make it mandatory for hunters to only be allowed to harvest bucks with at least 4 antlers on each beam.

"This started back in the late nineties, they started an experimen-

tal area in Clare, which they got rid of," said Cass City's Tom Lounsbury, an outdoor enthusiast and columnist. "The people up in Clare didn't want it and they had issues with hunter's rights."

"Everyone thinks the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) brought this about, but the DNR did not bring it about," Lounsbury added. "It's the 'haves' wanting the 'have nots' to follow their rules."

Back in 2001, Lounsbury and a group of concerned citizens formed a group of a half dozen people to get together for a think tank in Sebawaing, for this exact same issue.

The meeting ended up having 103 people in attendance; this newly formed group is now called the United Sportsmen Alliance (USA).

The USA raised roughly \$1,500 which paid for advertisements and petitions against an issue similar to

the current one. The group gathered around 5,000 signatures in less than a month, which ultimately halted the proposed changes.

Although the groups supporting these new restrictions claim that the deer herd will see an influx of mature

bucks, due to biology, Lounsbury is skeptical.

"Whenever you talk to these people, it always comes back to mature bucks, and it's very clear that they

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Wary couple foils bad check scam

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

A con artist who may have figured he had an easy mark in Teresa and Ron McCormick came up empty-handed when the Deford area couple quickly reacted to a number of "red flags" in their communications with him.

The failed scam unfolded after Teresa McCormick placed an ad on Craigslist in an effort to sell a used oak entertainment center. McCormick placed the ad May 25 and included a photo of the item.

Craigslist is a popular classified advertisement website with sections devoted to jobs, housing, personals, items for sale, items wanted, etc.

A man who later identified himself as Steven McCabe of Indiana texted her and asked if the entertainment center was still available, and she confirmed that it was. "He started texting me (again) a couple hours later," she recalled, adding McCabe said he was interested, agreed to the \$150 asking price, and asked for McCormick's name and address.

After conferring with her husband, McCormick provided her address, and McCabe told her he would be sending her a bank-certified check for the goods.

"At that point I thought everything was legit," said McCormick.

However, a text from McCabe the following Tuesday — at 3:30 a.m. — left the couple extremely suspicious, especially after seeing the text from McCabe stating that his secretary had made a mistake, making out the check for \$1,150 instead of \$150. McCabe asked McCormick to deposit the check, keep the \$150 plus another \$50, and to send the remaining \$950 back to him.

"That immediately, for my husband and I, threw up a red flag," she said, noting McCabe declined to send a corrected check or to wire the money because he was too busy.

McCormick received the check a day or 2 later, and upon closer inspection saw the check was issued in another state. "He's from Indiana, then the check comes from

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Foundation's spring awards top \$116,000

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Area residents may be familiar with the Tuscola County Community Foundation's efforts to make Tuscola County a better place to live and to touch as many lives as possible.

But many probably aren't aware of just how many ways the foundation's donors accomplish that goal.

Here are a few examples: grants used to buy equipment for the Tuscola County Dive Team, for construction of a roof at the county fairgrounds, to purchase books given away free to thousands of area preschoolers in the county, and for support of a myriad of advocacy projects for kids and adults alike.

Locally, Rawson Memorial District Library frequently benefits directly

from foundation grants, as do area literacy, scouting and athletic groups. In fact, among the latest grants is a Future Youth Involvement Fund award of \$6,000 to assist the Cass City Softball Little League to purchase equipment and develop fields.

Foundation officials were scheduled to distribute more than \$116,000 in spring grants Monday at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro, according to foundation Executive Director Ken Micklash. "Scholarship awards are currently being addressed, but the scholarship total will be well over the \$100,000 mark," he added.

"The distribution totals (this spring), in terms of monetary amounts and the number of funds that award grants, continue to climb," Micklash said. "The board and I are very pleased to see the strong support shown toward the foundation — our asset total is approaching \$9.5 million. The 80 funds that are now maintained by the Tuscola County Community Foundation, most of which are endowed, exist for the sole purpose of doing good throughout the county."

The following is a complete list of the funds and the spring 2013 grants awarded from each:

***William A. and Ruth Janks Fund** — \$3,500 to the Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society (construct and install windows for Leonard-McGlone House); \$3,602 to Caro Middle School (upgrade laptop computers for social studies program); \$956 to the Tuscola County Dive Team (purchase 2 underwater propulsion batteries); \$1,950 to the Human Development Commission (support 24/7 teen text hotline for youth facing dangerous situations); \$2,500 to the Caro Chamber of Commerce (downtown beautifica-

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DOZENS OF BIKERS and motorcycle-friendly participants attended the annual region 7 ABATE function. The overall number of rented campsites saw a drastic decline compared to previous years. However, this did not hinder the fun for most in attendance.

May 25 in Flint

Brown at Monsanto protest

by **Mason Doerr**
Staff Writer

Activists, protesters and dissidents around the world rallied together against Monsanto Co. and their genetically modified foods, which have been dubbed " Frankenfoods" by many people.

John Brown, 23, Cass City High School graduate, was in attendance at the Flint rally outside of the courthouse on May 25 where roughly 80 protesters gathered.

"It wasn't that far away and it's something that I strongly believe in, and it's hard for me to not act upon things that I believe in," Brown said. "I find a lot of people just look at these kind of things on the internet and they like to tell everyone about it

and there's some good in that with spreading the word and all, but you'll get an exponentially better response from people's interest in what you believe in when you walk the walk and lead by example."

Monsanto, the world's largest producer of seeds and glyphosate herbicides, has been producing genetically modified foods, also known as GM foods or biotech foods for years.

According to Monsanto, the benefits of these crops include an increased yield, improved protection from insects and disease, increased crop tolerance to heat, drought, and other environmental stress, increased protein, healthier oils, conservation of soil and energy, reduced greenhouse gases, minimized use of toxic herbicides and conservation of soil

fertility and natural resources.

In 1996, there were approximately 4.2 million acres of land that used biotechnology. Since then, the number of acres planted using this technology has exploded. Roughly 395 million acres were planted by over 16 million farmers worldwide in 2011.

Although these crops endure more testing before they are allowed to be sold than any other forms, they have received high levels of scrutiny.

"The main purpose of the event itself was to spread awareness of the problem and be one of the hundreds of groups around the world that were protesting the very same thing on the same day," Brown added. "It was a huge stand of the people of the entire

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Lights, camera, action!

Cass Theatre enters the digital age

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Walk past the Cass Theatre on Main Street these days and you won't notice anything out of the ordinary.

Inside, however, the projection room that has become a second home for owner Dick Hendrick over the past half-century has undergone some radical changes.

Gone are the large film platters and the bulky projection equipment, replaced by what looks like a giant video cassette recorder and a laptop.

The interior facelift is the result of an upgrade to digital projection, and Hendrick is the first theatre owner in the Thumb to have it.

"We're going to have \$45,000 in it before we're done," Hendrick commented Thursday as he and assistant Bob Montgomery continued to

familiarize themselves with the operation of the new set-up.

The investment was precipitated by a film industry trend of going to an all-digital format, requiring installation of tens of thousands of dollars worth of new equipment. The change means the industry will eventually be distributing all movies via computer and the Internet rather than delivering hard copies of films.

"Every film company will eventually go all digital and do away with film," Hendrick said. "The studios want it so they don't have to ship anything."

Over the past several months, Hendrick has considered several options, including approaching Cass City Village officials with a proposal asking them to finance the equipment in exchange for keeping the building at some point in time. A handful of concerned community residents also got involved, starting a fund drive that was abandoned when Hendrick began leaning towards tackling the upgrade himself.

"When it was \$60,000 to \$80,000, we weren't going to do it at all," Hendrick said, referring to his wife, Elaine, and himself.

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CASS THEATRE owner Dick Hendrick (right) and friend Bob Montgomery work on the new digital projection system now up and running at the Cass City theatre — the Thumb's first theatre to switch to the high-tech equipment.

Crackdown underway in county

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Tuscola and Sanilac County law enforcement agencies are putting motorists on notice to drive sober or get pulled over.

To help save lives this summer, the Tuscola and Sanilac County sheriff's departments along with the Michigan State Police post in Caro have launched a special "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown to take impaired motorists off area roadways.

Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, Sanilac County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, Sanilac County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf
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TANYA EVANS recently hosted a piano recital for her students at the **Gagetown United Methodist Church**. Pictured above are (back row, from left) **Meleah Timmons, Lexi Crase, Lauren Fernald, Amy Verhines, Evans,** (front row, left) **Kendall Hicks, Madison Ware, Lukas Sheridan, Kacee Gray and Kalee Gray.**

Osantowski graduates from Delta

Laura Osantowski recently graduated from Delta College with highest honors, which is a 3.90 - 4.00 cumulative grade point average, in sonography.

Osantowski recently has taken one of her national board exams and is presently employed at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Her son Christopher Fifer, who is attending 7th grade in Cass City Junior/Senior High School, will move with her when the school year ends in June.

Osantowski is the daughter of Thomas and JoAnn Osantowski.



Laura Osantowski

Hills and Dales to host seminar

The Hills and Dales Foundation will host a seminar about planning for the future Wednesday, June 19, at 5:30 p.m.

The seminar will cover topics including estate planning, putting together a trust or will, and financial planning information. With the frequent changes that happen with the law, tax allowances, and other variables, the foundation hopes to help people better understand their options while planning for their future.

The event will be led by a panel of local professionals, including Michelle Biddinger, attorney with Biddinger & Bitzer, PLLC; Dave Weiler, financial planner with Harris & Company; and Alice Zaleski, trust officer with Thumb National Bank. The seminar will include presentations from the panel members and the opportunity for questions and answers.

The seminar will take place in Conference Room #1 at the hospital, located in the lower level. There will be light refreshments provided. For additional information or to RSVP for the event, contact Danielle Blaine at (989) 912-6401 or email dblaine@hillsanddales.com.

Engaged



Matthew Bock and Nicole LaPratt

Matthew Bock and Nicole LaPratt of Cass City announce their engagement.

Matthew is a 2006 graduate of Cass City High School. He is the son of David and Shari Bock of Cass City.

Nicole is a 2009 graduate of Owen-Gage High School. She is the daughter of Scott and Tena LaPratt of Cass City.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Tom Montgomery
Editor

Thanks to Hendrick the show will go on

Faced with the choice of making a major financial investment or closing his doors in the near future, long-time Cass Theatre owner Dick Hendrick chose to invest.

Hendrick's decision to purchase the equipment necessary to make the transformation from film and platters to digital technology took some courage and foresight, considering the theatre isn't exactly a cash cow — few small town theatres are. And, there aren't a lot of signs indicating the economy is going to soar.

Sure, some folks will be quick to say Hendrick is serving only his own business interest. After all, film industry officials have made it clear that the old movie house projectors are going to be a thing of the past before long, forcing all theatre owners to make a choice.

Of course, there wasn't much future in trying to sell a theatre that hasn't made the switch. However, how much of a market can there be these days for a small town theatre?

In the end, we suspect Hendrick's love of the Cass had plenty to do with this gamble.

Keep in mind, Hendrick could have cut his losses, called it a day and closed the doors to one of Cass City's most well-known and familiar pieces of Americana.

For many folks who grew up in Cass City, whether they still reside in the Thumb or now live across the country, the Cass Theatre is the source of countless good memories of watching a long-awaited movie on the big screen with their friends and family on a Saturday night. Thanks to Hendricks' devotion, there will be many more opportunities to share those memories first-hand with their own children.

In today's world of headphones and cell phones and laptops, it's a simple pleasure that has remained much the same as it was decades ago.

For Hendrick, now in his 50th year with the Cass, switching over to digital technology is just another in a long line of upgrades he has embraced over the years in order to offer his customers the same state-of-the-art picture quality and sound they'll find in the city.

That's good business. It's also a matter of pride, something the entire community can share in by keeping the Cass Theatre in mind when it comes to looking for a couple hours of entertainment without having to pay an arm and a leg.

That local support should help to keep the Cass' familiar neon lights glowing on Main Street for some time to come.



Slices of Life
by Jill Pertler
The gift of remembering



Today I worked outside in the yard. Tending the gardens. Raking. Planting. Pulling weeds. Taking inventory — lilies, hostas, poppies. And rhubarb. The large, elephant-eared leaves growing atop the crisp red stalks triggered thoughts of my mom. The plant was handed down from her garden, as were her recipes for rhubarb sauce and cobbler.

She's been gone 3 years. That sounds like a long time. It seems like a long time. Or, maybe not so long at all. Losing someone dear is like that — like taking the Band Aid off slow and fast all at once. A double whammy. It hurts either way you tear it.

Three years, and it's small things, like rhubarb, that make me miss her.

I was sprucing up the yard this weekend because at our house, we're prepping for a high school graduation, along with the company that will accompany this major event. I wish my mom could be here to celebrate with us. I pause to think how proud she would be of her grandson.

It is important occasions — big ones like this — that make me miss her.

I gaze down at my hands that are growing to look more like hers as the years pass. I wear her wedding ring on my index finger as a constant reminder, and I am glad for the memories it stirs.

This is relatively new. Wanting to remember. At first, memories hurt because my psyche was stuck in the end stages of the Alzheimer's that stole her being like a thief in the night. The disease is a boa constrictor, gradually tightening its grip until it completely incapacitates its prey. We watched her struggle. Helpless. It was an empty feeling.

After she died, I couldn't push beyond the Alzheimer's cloud to get to the memories of a mom before the disease. I tried not to remember — actually pushed my thoughts away — because they hurt.

Now, I wear her ring. And the real memories gradually return. Time has become a friend. I don't remember her with Alzheimer's all the time now, and I'm glad, because she was so much more. She loved knitting, playing hymns on the piano, shopping, perms, dolls, her grandchildren and ironing. (The last one is hard to believe, but it's true.) Her fingernails were always polished (usually a light mauve). She made lists. She liked her meat well done. She claimed to hate cooking, even though she was darn good at it. She was a teacher, Avon lady, sister, wife, mother and friend. She was smart, sassy and fun. She laughed full and free.

I think she'd be disappointed if I forgot all those things just because, at the very end of her life, an ugly disease took control.

So, I find it's the little things, like rhubarb, or the big things, like a high school graduation that summon thoughts of her. I miss her when I'm busy and when I'm bored, when I am alone or in a crowd. When I succeed she's the first person I wish I could call, ditto that for when I fail. I catch a glimpse of myself in the mirror and for a moment I believe it is her face staring back at me. I realize I am a lot like her.

Sometimes, I know what I want to say, but can't find the right word, or I'll enter a room and forget for a moment my purpose for being there, and I contemplate Alzheimer's and what it might be like to be squeezed by a boa constrictor. I admit, at times like this, I'm a little afraid — but only a little — because I've come to understand this is a reality I live with. We all live with. Every family has some sort of Alzheimer's lurking in the cor-

ner. It just may be called something else — like cancer or diabetes or heart disease.

Three years ago, I didn't harvest any rhubarb. This year I will pull the stalks from the ground to make sauce and cobbler and I will miss my mom because it will remind me of her. But that's okay, because missing someone is a privilege. It means you have loved. And as painful as it can be at first, once you've been through it, you understand that as time goes by the missing becomes less of a burden and more of a gift.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, playwright and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" You can read more columns at the Slices of Life page on Facebook.



Rabbit Tracks
by Clarke Haire
(And anyone else he can get to help)

Seth Kappen celebrated his 9th birthday recently with friends and family as a special guest at Dow Diamond in Midland.

During the game he met team mascots Lou E. Loon and Rall E. Camel, along with several of the Great Lake Loons players. As part of the bash a "Happy Birthday Seth Kappen" message was posted on the scoreboard and he was presented with a baseball themed birthday cake.

Seth was escorted out onto the ball field by Dow Diamond staff members who led the stadium crowd in singing happy birthday.

I've gotten to know Steve Cramer a tad over the last couple of months. He's a former professional basketball player from Europe, Hope College All-American, and USA High School alum.

Cramer seems to be a soft spoken individual and very humble, especially when considering all his success on the hardwood courts, which he has turned into a profession as operator of Thumb Pride Athletics.

For what it's worth, I believe Cramer to be an excellent teacher and recommend his basketball skills camps to any youngsters interested in hoop. He has one planned for July 15-17 at the USA High School gym. The camp is open to boys and girls entering grades 9-12. For questions, contact Cramer at 989-980-3164.

The 15th annual Hills & Dales Foundation golf benefit is scheduled for July 17th at Ubyly Heights Golf & Country Club. Danielle Blaine, Foundation Director, extends an invitation to join in on the fundraiser efforts and a fun filled day of golf.

Proceeds from this year's event will go towards the purchase of updated equipment at our local hospital. Cost for individual participants is \$85, while a 4 person team runs \$340. There are also several new sponsorship packages starting at \$250. Call Danielle at 989-912-6401 to see if one might fit your needs.

If you need a ringer for the Hills and Dales Foundation golf outing stop by Nick's County Oven and ask for Tony Nika. Not only can the Cass City restaurateur sling the hash, but he can swing the club. Nika recorded a hole-in-one last month playing in the Monday night league at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

The Thumb Dance Club is celebrating 50+ years of dancing by having a quilt raffle on Sept. 14 during their regularly scheduled dance from 7 to 11 pm at the Maple Valley School in Sandusky. (Hey, that's my birthday, so maybe I'll join the shindig). Club member Dorothy Warner says its Hot Dog & Blue Jeans night, so don your denims and dancing shoes and get ready to whoop it up.

Area youth in grades 3 through 5 have an opportunity to work hands-on with plants while learning about science, uses for plants and the care of plants.

Josh Roggenbuck, 4-H leader and owner of The Flower Farm, is leading a program that parallels the Master Gardener Program. His mission is to turn area kids' thumbs' green.

The Huron County 4-H Jr. Master Gardener Program will be held June 17, 18, 24 and 25, at The Flower Farm in Bad Axe.

The deadline to register is this Friday and class size is limited. For more information, contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949, or Roggenbuck at 888-631-3454.

Another agriculture organization — The Thumb Buds Garden Club recently announced its 2013 scholarship winners.

Among this year's recipients, each receiving \$500 to further their educations is Alan Leslie, Cass City High School, who is pursuing a degree in dairy management at Michigan State University.

Leslie also recently received a \$1,000 United Producers Inc. Scholarship.

"The future of agriculture depends on those who are currently considering and pursuing a career in this critical industry," said UPI President Dennis Bolling. Alan is the son of Albert and Dawn Leslie of Decker.

Letter to the Editor

Veterans appreciate community's support

To the good people of Cass City and surrounding area,

All of us here at the VFW Post 3644, Cass City would like to extend our appreciation for your generosity during our most recent poppy campaign. Your support in this cause has allowed us to carry on the tradition of helping our veterans in need.

To those of you who came out to help place the

flags at the cemeteries, we greatly appreciate all of your help.

We would also like to show our appreciation to the Boy Scout troop 594 and Cub Troop 3594, your efforts make it possible to carry on with our avenue of flags every year.

Sincerely,
Cass City VFW,
Dennis Merchant,
Commander

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Reporter's notebook

Our junk drawer never stays tidy

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

My wife asked me the other day to sort through all our old phone books and toss out the ones we don't need.

Being the dutiful, thoughtful, attentive husband I am, I immediately dropped what I was doing and went to work, but my heart wasn't really in it. I mean, has anyone, ever, kept a tidy junk drawer for any period of time?

We're not slobs, but I don't think our junk drawer has ever looked neat for more than a couple of days after a good sorting and cleaning. My guess is that it's always messy for the same reason that you can't open our Tupperware cabinet without risking an avalanche of molded plastic — it's just too easy to toss things in without much care.

My very human tendency to procrastinate might also have something to do with it.

And, I couldn't prove it, but I strongly suspect it's probably very healthy psychologically to have one drawer that's in total disarray.

Anyway, by definition, a junk drawer — typically found in the kitchen — is an overstuffed drawer where folks pretty much store all kinds of junk that is useless and/or never going to be used again. However, because we know that it's certain we're going to need something once we throw it out, we resist the urge to do so.

Now that's thinking I can understand. Some folks at work think my desk is less than neat, but in truth it's a miracle of organization.

According to Stacey Platt, a New York professional organizer and author of "What's a Disorganized Person to Do?", the key to cleaning a junk drawer is to divide and conquer. Sounds simple enough, right?

Platt says the first step is to completely empty the drawer, then separate the junk (old fast food condiment packets, grungy plastic forks, dead batteries, old receipts, etc.) from the useful stuff (scissors, tape measure, highlighters, a screwdriver, a few rubber bands, etc.). She also suggests you place the smaller items in compact organizing trays.

"Cleaning a junk drawer is something you can do in a very short amount of time," Platt says. "It is instant gratification, a little organizing project that...brings immediate results."

Instant gratification? Maybe, but I'll probably never know.

First, I need to get rid of all those old phone directories.

Tomorrow.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Vicki Scasny has learned skills ranging from metal finishing to welding to painting in her autobody class at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. The 17-year-old Cass City resident is among 34 students statewide who were recently honored with Michigan Department of Education "Breaking Traditions" awards.

Boy Scouts helps young men grow into stronger people. At least that's the case for Tommy Brinkman. Brinkman, the 14-year-old son of Pam and Tom Brinkman, has been involved in Boy Scouts for 9 years and just completed his Eagle Scout project. "It has made him more reliable and time conscious," Tom Brinkman said of his son's involvement. Brinkman started off in cub scouting after seeing posters at school and thinking that it was something he might be interested in. He has continued through and is almost ready to receive his Eagle Scout rank. "I have a few more badges to get. All of your badges have to be done within 6 months of your (Eagle Scout) project," he said.

Three Huron County students were recently named this year's winners of the Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship. The winners, who will each receive \$500 for the 2007-08 school year, are Nicole Pionk, daughter of Jerry and Darlene Pionk of Ubyly; Kara Holdwick of Harbor Beach, daughter of Gene and Mary Holdwick; and Eric Sneller of Sebawaing, son of Darwin and Kathy Sneller.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Schafer's Bakery is purchasing maple syrup from Rick's Sugar Bush and Supply for Aunt Millie's new French Toast Swirl Bread. "We are thrilled that Schafer's Bread Company is using our maple syrup," said Rick and Karen Peters, owners of Sugar Bush and Supply, 7750 N. VanDyke. "It means we don't have to rely solely on sales from people driving down M-53 and our syrup doesn't have to just sit on the shelves," Karen said.

The village pool has a dedicated staff that teaches swimming lessons and attentively keeps the safety of swimmers a top priority. The summer staff is comprised of 16 people. They are Kara Mellendorf, co-director, Nathan Haag, Aaron Diegel, Paul Hoelzle, Amy Howard, Sarah Hobbs, Erin Lorenz, Holli Cooper, co-director, Alissa Pasant, Michelle Kropewnicki, Kayla Wentworth, Emily Lorenz, Susan Sorenson, Kelli VanVliet and Christie Montgomery.

First grade teacher Carol Wildman recently retired after 38 years in the classroom, including the past 34 years in the Owen-Gage School District.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

Cass City Intermediate School eighth grader Brad Gray was awarded the Principal's Award for the "Most Outstanding Student of the Year" Friday during an annual awards assembly at the school. Intermediate school Principal Don Schelke, who presented the award, and the entire school staff congratulated Gray for his accomplishments, which range from academics to athletics. Gray is the son of Phil and Linda Gray of Cass City.

"Principals love kids" is the inscription on a coffee mug sitting on the desk of Campbell Elementary School's principal, Jacqueline Freiburger. The principal, ending her 22 years at Campbell in late June, plans to finish the school year in the same professional style with which she's always approached her job. Under all of the care she puts into her time and effort administrating, Freiburger believes the phrase on her mug sums up what some 37 years in elementary education have been based upon. Referring to her coffee mug, she repeated the words "Principals love kids," adding in the confident voice familiar to her many students, "If they don't, they shouldn't be in the job."

Officials at Cass City High School have named 34-year-old Martin R. Daniel as the new head women's basketball coach for the 1988 season, replacing Daryl Iwankovitch. Daniel, who works at Walbro Corporation in Cass City, as manager of corporate rehabilitation and fitness, accepts the new appointment after one year in the Cass City athletic system, where he mentored the women's junior varsity program last season.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Bigelow Hardware, one of Cass City's pioneer businesses, changed hands this week as Andrew Bigelow sold the business and building to

Lloyd Vyse of Cass City. Vyse had worked in the store for 13 years before taking over the management of the unit.

Honored again was Willis Campbell who received a certificate from Jack Esau, president of the school board. The certificate explains that the elementary school will be called The Willis Campbell Elementary School. The presentation was made at an elementary assembly Tuesday and the grade pupils sang, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Ernest Bouck was pleasantly surprised Friday evening when 20 of his friends came to celebrate his 16th birthday. There were games and dancing and lunch was served by Mrs. Bouck. Ernest received many gifts and money.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Street Commissioner Hutchinson and his crew of workmen are

engaged in placing a cement curbing and gutter on Seeger Street next to E.W. Jones' store. This job when completed will make a great improvement to that section and will remove a mud hole which has been an eye sore for years. Mr. Jones has placed steel posts in the curbing and they support tie rails which will be found convenient for tying horses.

E.W. Keating, local manager of the Standard Oil Co.'s station here, says that 13,600 gallons of kerosene oil and gasoline were sold during May from the wagon which supplies this territory.

Miss Elizabeth Beebeheyer completed her school year as teacher of the Wright school, Thursday. In the evening a box social was held, ice cream was sold and a short program rendered. The proceeds were about \$21.00 which will go towards buying an organ for the school.

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Wary couple foils check scam

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California," said McCormick, who contacted the Michigan State Police, Cass City Police Department and Tuscola County Sheriff's Department to make them aware of the situation.

McCormick also contacted the bank that issued the check in California. "The account was closed and was being investigated for fraud," she said.

McCabe continued to text the couple several times after they received the check. When McCormick texted

him to say the goods had already been sold, he asked her to keep \$100 from the check and send the remaining cash to his Florida-based moving company.

McCormick said McCabe, who told her he was purchasing other goods in this area and was planning to move to Michigan, stopped texting when she informed him that she had contacted the police.

Although McCormick knows others who have had successful dealings with legitimate individuals on Craigslist, she indicated she won't be tempted to try again.

"This was my first time using Craigslist," she said, adding it will also be her last. "Absolutely," she added. "In fact, my husband said, 'Next time we're going to put it in the paper'."



TERESA AND Ron McCormick of Deford foiled a would-be con artist's attempt to get them to cash a bad check. The couple avoided becoming victims by simply looking for and reacting to "red flags" during their dealings with the man via the Internet and text messages.

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Drunken driving crackdown set

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Sheriff Garry Biniiecki and state police post Commander First Lt. Mitch Krugielki say their deputies and troopers will be aggressively looking for impaired drivers and will arrest anyone caught driving impaired and under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Enforcement points will include saturation points in areas where arrests have been previously made involving OWI (operating while impaired) offenders.

"Lots of folks will be out during this busy summer season, enjoying themselves and the summer festivities, and we want everyone to be safe on our roadways. That's why we will be stepping up enforcement to catch and arrest impaired drivers," the law enforcement heads said in a news release. "If you are caught drinking and driving, you will be arrested. No warnings. No excuses."

In 2010, more than 10,000 people were killed nationwide in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving impaired motorists.

Data shows that among those alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities, 71 percent occurred when drivers had nearly twice the legal limit of blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .15 grams per deciliter or higher.

"No one ever thinks that their summertime celebration will end in jail, or worse, in a hospital or the morgue," the law enforcement officials said. "But for those who include alcohol in their celebrations and then get behind the wheel, this is often the case."

It is illegal in all 50 states to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher. Violators face jail time, loss of their driving privileges, and steep financial consequences.

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OPEN SWIM SCHEDULE

Special Hours
 June 3rd thru 5th 3:30-7:00 p.m.

Regular Hours will start Thurs., June 6, 2013

Monday-Friday	1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
Saturday	12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Swim-A-Thon
 July 12th 7:00 p.m. • July 15th 7:00 a.m.

*There will be NO Open Swim from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday, from June 17 - Aug. 9, due to night swimming lessons. Open Swim will resume from 7 to 9 p.m. during those dates, except on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., due to Adult Only Swimming.

2013 SWIMMING LESSONS

SESSION 1 - June 17-June 28 - Registration Deadline: June 7
 SESSION 2 - July 1 - July 5 - Registration Deadline: June 21
 SESSION 3 - July 8 - July 19 - Registration Deadline: June 28
 SESSION 4 - July 22-August 2 - Registration Deadline: July 12
 SESSION 5 - August 5 -August 9 - Registration Deadline: July 26

SESSION STARTING TIMES - Morning
 Sessions 1, 3 & 4
 Levels 1 & 2 - 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 & 11:30 a.m.
 Levels 3 - 6 & Pre-Lifeguard/Pre-Competition - 10:00 & 11:00 a.m. (45-minute lessons)
 *Sessions 2 & 5
 Levels 1 & 2 - 9:00, 10:00 & 11 a.m. (50-minute lessons)
 Levels 3-6 & Pre-Lifeguard/Pre-Competition - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. (90-minute lessons)

SESSION STARTING TIMES - Evening
 (Sessions 1, 3 & 4)
 Levels 1 & 2 - 5:00, 5:30, 6:00 & 6:30 p.m.
 Levels 3-6 & Pre-Lifeguard/Pre-Competition - 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. (45-minute lessons)

Parent and Child Program offered- July 1st-4th and August 5th -8th at 5:00 & 5:30 p.m. - Cost \$25

COSTS: \$40 per lesson for village resident, \$45 per lesson for non-village resident.*
 *Lesson for one week session is \$55 per student. These sessions are an accelerated swimming program designed to condense 2 weeks of instruction into a one-week format. Add \$5 for non-residents.

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June 21 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	- "Random"
June 28 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	- "Muzykal"
July 5 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	- "Victory Stories"
July 5 - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	- "Oliver and the Attack of the Lovely"
July 12 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	- "The Tom and Jerry Show"
July 19 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	- "Don Childs"
July 19 - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	- "Ben Childs"
July 26 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	- "Old Country"
July 26 - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	- "I Sam III"
August 2 - SUMMER MANIA	
August 9 - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	- "The Following"
August 16 - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	- "Sonos"
August 23 - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	- "Southbound"

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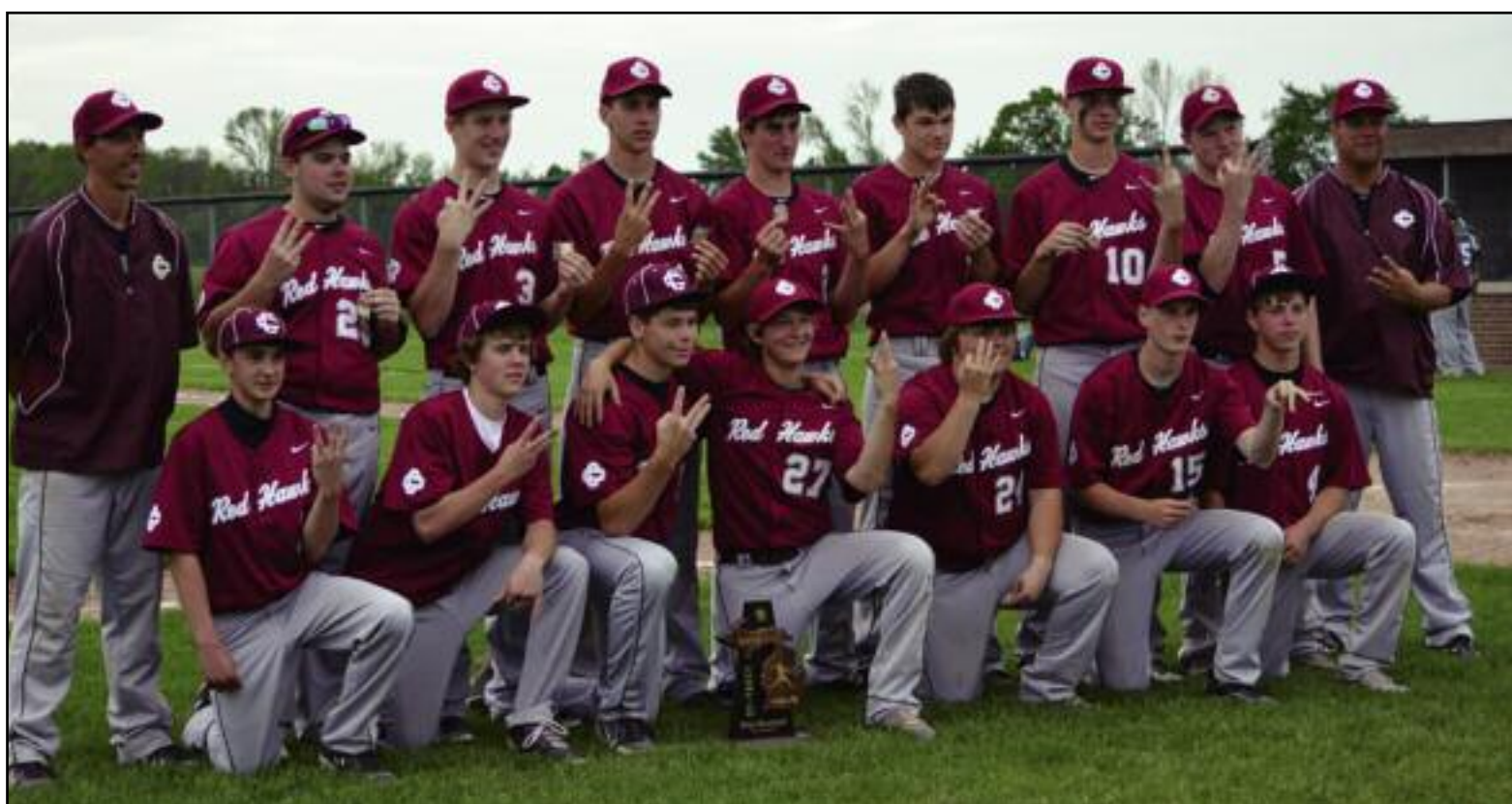
Wednesday's will be field days - all outdoor activities. We will still rotate to computer labs and the pool.

COSTS:
 \$10 per day
 \$12 for non-village residents
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 \$225 for non-village residents

Any questions, please call the Village Offices Monday through Friday at (989) 872-2911. All applications are available online at www.casscity.org.

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CASS CITY recorded its third straight district baseball championship Saturday at USA High School. The Red Hawks are: (front, l-r) Jacob Guinther, Dalton Prieskorn, Kyle Ross, Dakota Hartel, Brad Thornton, Cody Urban, Sawyer Cuthrell (back) Coach Nathan Haag, Brock Thane, Drew Field, Cody Ross, Lukas Schenk, Watson Moore, Mason Erla, Jake Hacker and Asst. Coach Nathan Fritz.

THREE-PEAT FOR RED HAWKS

Nathan Haag believes good pitching beats good hitting.

That certainly was the case Saturday at USA High School, where Haag's Cass City Red Hawk baseball team captured the school's third straight district championship.

With victories over Bad Axe and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in the Division 3 tourney, the Red Hawks now advance into the Pinconning regional where they will meet Sanford-Meridian on Saturday at 10 a.m. in one semifinal contest, while Clare and Saginaw Valley Lutheran square off in game 2, with the winners meeting for district honors at 2 p.m.

"Cass City is back-to-back-to-back district champs. No other Cass City baseball team has 3-peated," Haag said, noting only the district's basketball program has had a district 3-peat to their acclaim.

In Saturday's semifinal contest

against tournament favorite Bad Axe, freshman Mason Erla turned in a performance on the mound way beyond his years.

"Earlier in the year, Bad Axe spanked us in league play, 11-1 and 7-4. Mason obviously set the tone early on. He was able to take them out of their game plan," Haag said.

In fact, Bad Axe, who entered the contest state ranked, was held hitless until the 5th inning. However, by then Cass City was in front 6-0 before cruising to the 7-0 decision.

Erla struck out 7 before handing the ball to reliever Jake Hacker in the sixth, while closer Cody Ross took the hill in the seventh to record the final 3 outs. Hacker and Ross combined to fan 4.

At the plate, Cass City clubbed 8 hits including doubles by Erla, Ross and Brad Thornton, while Lukas Schenk added a pair of singles.

In the district final, Cass City used another strong pitching performance to knock off Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port. The Red Hawks also benefited from 3 Laker errors in the field en

route to the exciting 3-2 victory.

Junior Dakota Hartel was called on to handle the pitching duties against the Lakers and responded with 7 strike outs in 5 1/3 innings of work.

Trailing 1-0, Cass City plated 3 runs in third inning when the Lakers dropped a routine infield pop-up with 2 outs, leading to a pair of unearned markers.

Still, the Lakers wouldn't go down without a fight and in the sixth had runners on first and second base when Haag turned to Orban to thwart the threat. He did, but Orban got plenty of help from outfielder Drew Field to spoil the Laker rally.

With one run already across the plate, the Lakers sent a base hit to right field that Field quick-gloved and heaved home to arrive at the plate in time to catch the potential game-tying run.

"Obviously the play of the game was Drew Field throwing a 'frozen rope' with his 'hand cannon' from right field to make the final out of the 6th inning. That was probably the

best 'strike' we threw all day. Championship players make championship plays," Haag said.

Field's heroics aside, Haag was still overwhelmed with the performance of his 4-year star and team captain Orban.

"What can you say, he's still the ace. There's no one else you want on the mound in that situation with a district title on the line. You know with his final district championship hanging in the balance, he'll give you everything he's got because there might not be 'tomorrow.'"

"Hartel took us to exactly where he needed to take us...to 'Orban time.' Hartel can always go deep in the game and shut a team down. He was under pressure for 6 innings because we couldn't afford base runners. He turned in an unbelievable championship performance.

Offensively, Cass City was held to just 3 hits, one each by Erla, Hartel and Brock Thane, while Thornton chipped in an RBI.

Laker junior is state champ

Several Thumb area athletes turned in impressive showings over the weekend at the MHSAA Division 3 track and field championships held at Comstock Park.

None were more notable than the one turned in by Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port junior Kayla Deering. The Greater Thumb West Laker great took first in the shot put with a distance of 42' 11 1/2"



ERIN Zdrojewski, Cass City, finished her sophomore season beating expectations at the Division 3 State Final Meet over the weekend in Comstock Park.

Also from the Greater Thumb West, Reese's Morgan Fleishman and Drew Findlay both earned medals at Saturday's showcase gathering. Fleishman placed fifth in the 800-meter run and Findlay took fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Locally, sophomore Erin Zdrojewski was the only Cass City qualifier. The Lady Red Hawk distance specialist battled in the 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs, finishing ahead of her initial seeding in both races.

"In the 1600-meter run, Erin finished 20th and entered seeded 26th and in the 3200 Erin finished 21st and was seeded 27th," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

"Overall it was a nice day but the sun came from behind clouds right before the 1600 and it got hot for that race, it did cool down for the 3200 which was run under cloud cover. Erin had a great season and made her goal of running in the State Finals for the second year in a row. Being seeded so low, the expectations were not too high and that allowed Erin to run a relaxed race in both events. We all enjoyed the State Finals Meet; it was very exciting to see all of the athletes compete at this level."

Turning to the boys' field, Reese had 2 medalists in the pole vault. Austin Felske finished as the runner-up and Matt Kushion placed sixth.



BAD AXE'S Lauren Barwig beats the tag of Cass City pitcher Lauren Bukoski in district play.

Lady Red Hawks bow in semifinals

Cass City's softball season came to an end Saturday at USA High School, where Coach John Hacker's Lady Red Hawks bowed in a Class C district semifinal slugfest.

With the 13-7 defeat to Greater Thumb West foe Bad Axe, Cass City finishes 2013 with marks of 4-6 in conference play and 10-17 overall.

It was the middle innings that proved costly for Cass City. The Hatchets took a 3-2 edge into the fourth and extended the gap to 10-2 entering the sixth.

Cass City junior Lauren Bukoski suffered the loss on the mound. She fanned one before senior Karley Peters worked the final 2 frames in relief.

"Bad Axe is a good hitting team. I felt Lauren pitched a heck of a game, one of her better efforts all year long.

That leaves a good feeling looking forward," Hacker said.

To Cass City's credit, they never stopped fighting and closed to within 10-7 when they plated 5 runs in the bottom of the sixth. Bad Axe, however, tacked on 3 insurance markers in their final at-bats to secure victory.

Hatchet Brooke Robarge went the distance on the rubber to earn the victory. She helped her own cause at the plate with 2 singles and a double. Robarge received plenty of help at the plate as Kylie Braun slapped a pair of singles and scored 4 runs, while Lauren Barwig and Stephanie Butch each scored 3 runs. Alexis Shemka hit a home run for the winners.

For Cass City, Shania Chambers Please turn to page 8.

Soccer season ends for Cass City gals

The weather and Greater Thumb West conference foe Bad Axe got the better of Cass City Thursday during a Division 4 district semifinal contest at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port high school.

The Hatchets used goals from LaKeshia Ridner and Clare McManaman to build a 2-0 edge before inclement weather sent both teams to the sidelines 16 minutes into the opening half.

It was shortly afterwards that several lights at the field went dark and

radar show more stormy weather on the horizon.

"We actually didn't start our match until around 9:45," said Coach Chuck Reed, who explained a decision was made to award Bad Axe the win.

Playing in their final high school game were Red Hawk seniors Erin Moore, Katie Michalski, Taylor Brown, Kassie LaPonsie, Jocelynn Venema, Briana Prill and Meri Dzielinski.

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OWEN-GAGE catcher Donna Hopper and the Lady Bulldogs fell 11-0 to Ugly Friday in district play. "It didn't go our way, but that's a pretty tough match-up for us against a Class C conference winner. We fought hard but couldn't get on track. I'm very proud of the team's effort, we went down 9-0 in the first but we kept playing hard," said Coach Steve Hollocker.

Hollocker added, Owen-Gage finished their conference schedule undefeated (7-0 and 9-3 overall) winning the Summit League title. Our all-conference selections included First Team players: Kayla Montreuil, Donna Hopper, Miranda Radabaugh, Richelle Scharf, Rachel Mroz and Courtney Wightman. Named to the Second Team were Bulldogs Brittany Guilfoil, Emily Cole and Annie McCreedy.



THE OWENDALE Lions Club, represented by member Fred Sullivan (above) recently presented its first scholarship to Eric Rievert, who plans to attend Eastern Michigan University to pursue a career as a college mathematics professor. In order to qualify for the scholarship, a student had to submit an application and meet several criteria, including need, academic achievements and community service. The club selected Rievert from among 5 applicants from the Owen-Gage School following an extensive review of the applications and personal interviews.

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Bliss/Thompson	44
Fox/Herron	43
Berwick/Greenlee	42
Jones/Marshall	41
Dillon/Irrer	40
Medalists	
Individual: Kelly, Warner	43
Team: Smithson/Kelly	88
Division 2 - Late	
Hillaker/Murphy	78
Ulfig/Corey & Paul	78
Wallace/ Brent & Scott	75
Richards/Bitzer D.	66
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Doerr/Haire	62
Bitzer/Curtis	58
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Medalists:	
Individual: Nika, J. Bitzer, Tamlyn	38
Team: Bitzer/Curtis	80
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Lady Hawks
bow in the
semi-finals

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came up big. She had 2 hits, including a double and scored 3 runs. Stephanie Heckroth chipped in a single and double, while Rachel Bartnik, Susa Palviala and Bukoski all had singles in vain. Six Red Hawk seniors ended their high school careers on the day. They were first baseman Heckroth, pitcher Peters, center fielder Palviala, right fielder Andrea Mikolon, designated hitter Ellen Hulbert and catcher Lauren Perry.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Cass City's Dakota Hartel has been named the Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winner. The junior baseball standout helped the Red Hawks to their third straight district title Saturday at USA High School. In the team's semifinal contest against Bad Axe, Hartel scored once in the 7-0 victory, while reaching base twice on a pair of walks. He also played errorless in the field. In the team's championship contest, Hartel started on the rubber, worked 5 1/3 innings, allowing 3 hits and fanning 7. Hartel also recorded the game's final out after moving to third base, when he fielded a hard hit grounder and fired a strike to first baseman Brock Thane to propel Coach Nathan Haag's squad into the Pinconning regional. "Hartel can always go deep in the game and shut a team down. He was under pressure for 6 innings because we couldn't afford base runners. He turned in an unbelievable championship performance," said Coach Haag. At the plate, Hartel had one of the Red Hawks' 3 hits in the championship game. A GTW all-conference second team performer as a sophomore, Hartel is the son of Amy and Scott Hartel.

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Douglas Brownrigg

Douglas J. Brownrigg, of Cass City, formerly of Flint, age 80, went to be with his Lord on Friday, May 31, 2013 at his residence.

Douglas was born in Flint, Michigan on June 1, 1932, the son of Joseph and Grace (Teepie) Brownrigg.

He graduated from St. Matthew Catholic High School. He received a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from The University of Michigan and an EDS Degree from Eastern Michigan University.

On July 23, 1960 he married Marilyn Chapman.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Mr. Brownrigg was in education for 30 years, having taught for 3 years and serving in administration for the remaining 27 years. He retired as Superintendent from the Pinconning School District. He was an active member of the Lions Club, Red Cross, and in 1986 recognized as Citizen of the Year in the field of education.

Mr. Brownrigg was 5 years in Flushing as Assistant Superintendent of Business Affairs; 4 years as Superintendent of the Uby Schools and the remaining years as Superintendent of Pinconning Area Schools. He was ordained as a pastor in the Baptist Convention in June 2001 at Liberty Baptist Church in Lake City, South Carolina. Mr. Brownrigg served as a Christian Missionary in Russia, Ukraine, China and Alaska. In Alaska, he pastored the St. Paul Church.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; 3 daughters, Lynette Anne and husband Rick Cove of Bad Axe, Lisa Marie and husband Duane Bendzinski of Howell and Linda Sue Carson of Sturgis; 6 grandchildren, Chapman Cove and Channel Woolford, Loren and Morgan Bendzinski, Adam and Amanda Carson; 4 brothers, Ronald and wife Nancy of Flushing, Joseph and wife Darlene of Monroe, Michael and wife Martha of Virginia, David and wife Kim of Flushing; 3 sisters, Patricia Fearon of Swartz Creek, Evelyn and husband John Rubel of Linden, Barbara and husband James Clark of Gibraltar; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his

parents and sister, Helen Green.

Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneral-homeinc.com

Penelope Malesky

Penelope (Penny) Ann Malesky passed away, May 27, 2013 at the age of 69. Born February 28, 1944 in Detroit, she was the daughter of Robert and Charlotte (Walsh) Bennett. Penny married Robert Malesky on March 24, 1966 in Detroit, Michigan and he survives her.

Penny's family includes her husband, Dr. Robert Malesky; children, Dana Malesky (Scott) Flegler of DeWitt, Sara (Shane) Ladwein of Midland, Charlotte (Shaun) Schneider of St. Johns; grandchildren, Makayla and Nicholas Flegler, Brendan, Thomas and Henry Ladwein, Vivian, Bennett and Penelope Schneider; her brother, Clyde (Sonia) Bennett of Rochester, MI; her sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Dudley (Wally Presten) and JorJan (Ken) Allen; cousins, Jim (Nancy) Booker, Marvin (Patti) Booker and Bill (Kathy) Booker; as well as many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Penny was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Charlotte Bennett and her in laws, George and Doris Malesky.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 8, 2013 at the Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating.

A Celebration of Life for Penny Malesky will follow the memorial service at 4:30 p.m., at the Banquet & Conference Center of DeWitt, 1120 Commerce Drive, DeWitt, MI 48820. www.bccdewitt.com. Cocktails and appetizers will be served at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Salvation Army.

To learn more about Penny and view her Life Story film, please visit her personal webpage at www.lifestorynet.com/memories/91672.

Funeral arrangements have been provided by the Osgood Funeral Homes.

Nida Osborn

N. Jeannie Osborn, 73, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Wednesday, May 29, 2013 in her home. She was born June 30, 1939 at home in Grant Township to C. Robert and Beryl (Ricker) Osborn.

Jeannie received her BS degree from Central Michigan University, where she played flute in the concert band. She received her Masters of Library Science from Wayne State University. Jeannie worked for the Detroit Public Library for 20 years. She then worked for the Bowling Green City Library. Jeannie retired from Northwest Missouri State University Library after over 15 years. Jeannie was very political and had strong beliefs. She loved dogs and had as many as 12 at one time. She searched the internet for rescued dogs that needed a home. Her current Japanese Chin, Suki, was her best friend and companion. Jeannie had a regular route in town that she would take daily to provide doggie treats to many dogs in town.

Jeannie is survived by her sisters: Marilyn (Anton) Peters of Cass City, Norma (Dick) Wallace of Cass City; nieces and nephews: Bob McLachlan, Scott (Ruth) McLachlan, Bea McLachlan, Cynthia Peters, Sally (Larry) Sines, Joann (Louie) Tauber, Val Peters, Patrick (Stephanie) Peters; Tom (Leigh) Wallace, Stephen Wallace; many great nieces, nephews and great great nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Gwen McLachlan; nephew, Christopher Peters.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, 2013 in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with the Rev. Michele Hile, interim pastor of Cass City First Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will be in Grant Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

Pallbearers for Jeannie: Bob McLachlan, Scott McLachlan, Patrick Peters, Tom Wallace, Larry Sines and Louie Tauber.

Memorials may be made to Cass River Pet Friendz.

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

Arrangements were made possible by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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tion project); \$5,550 to the Caro High School Media Center (update computers); \$5,000 to the Tuscola County Fair Association (replace east half of swine barn roof); \$4,000 to Mobile Medical Response (purchase automatic external defibrillators for county agencies); \$3,500 to the Tuscola County Child Abuse Prevention Council (provide infant and car seat safety along with installation of property child/infant seats); \$5,000 to the Tuscola Tech Center Agriscience Program (assist with the construction of a large animal facility); \$2,307 to Highland Pines School (purchase equipment to support mobility program for students), \$1,308 (purchase 12 Apple TVs interactive with iPads and whiteboards), and \$757 (purchase software to adapt curriculum for students with disabilities); and \$1,770 to the Fowler Center (purchase outdoor movie screen and movies).

***Claude D. and Etta H. Andrews Fund** — \$3,100 to the Girl Scouts (support scout summer camp attendance in Washington, D.C.); \$3,000 to the Tuscola Imagination Library (provide free books to preschool children in the county to enhance early childhood learning); and \$2,500 to the Tuscola Tech Center Agriscience Program (support construction of animal facility).

***Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund** — \$300 to the Friends of Rawson Library (support bat conservancy/nocturnal animal project for students in grades 7-12); \$5,550 to Juniata Christian School (update and install computer lab/equipment); \$2,000 to Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (purchase 100 manuals for Youth Mental Health First Aid program to support targeted county teens); \$5,550 to the Caro High School Media Center (update computers); \$6,000 to the Cass City Softball League (purchase safety equipment and assist with field development); \$2,995 to Akron-Fairgrove Elementary (purchase Mimio View document cameras for interactive system to engage students); \$5,000 to the Tuscola Tech Center Agriscience Program (design and construct large animal facility); and \$250 to Highland Pines School (purchase iPad).

***Founders Fund** — \$724 to the Tuscola Imagination Library (sup-

port preschool book program); \$150 to the Fowler Center (purchase iPod); \$500 to the Tuscola County Emergency Response Team (purchase emergency supplies); and \$757 to the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County (support county's child advocacy program).

***Homelessness Fund** — \$1,416 to the Tuscola Homeless Coalition (provide financial assistance to prevent homelessness).

***List (Don) Fund for Special Needs Children** — \$362.50 to the Tuscola Imagination Library (support preschool book program); and \$362.50 to the Fowler Center (purchase iPad).

***Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library Fund (pass through fund)** — \$13,893 (provide thousands of books to preschool children throughout the county, January through April).

***Millington Area Fund** — \$800 to the Millington Community Center (replace broken treadmill); \$2,500 to Millington Helping Handz/Kidz Ministry (purchase clothing, hygiene products and school supplies for needy children); and \$1,350 to the Millington Community Schools/Tuscola ISD (train 2 staff members as certified trauma specialists to help students with grief and loss).

***Millington Center Fund** — \$500 (replace DVD/VCR system).

***William and Joanne Kaiser Fund** — \$10,000 to the Millington Community Center Health Project (support for medical care for needy residents).

***Anne S. Laethem Fund** — \$500 to the Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society (construct and install windows for the Leonard-McGlone House).

***Carl Fritz Cancer Transportation Fund** — \$300 (transportation support provided to Thumb patients).

***Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund** — \$2,000 to Great Start Tuscola (provide funds for Tuscola 211 resource help program); and \$2,000 to the Tuscola Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (support quit smoking campaigns for teens and seniors).

***Jerry Zuercher Endowment for the Musical Arts** — \$500 to the Caro Music Booster (support students' attendant at drum major summer camp training).

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Flag retirement ceremony set June 14 in Cass City

Members of Cass City VFW Post 3644, Cass City, in conjunction with Cass City Boy Scout Troop 594 and Kranz Funeral home are sponsoring a flag retirement ceremony Tuesday, June 14.

The event will kick off at 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Cass City VFW Post hall, 4533 Veterans Dr.

"The ceremony is an opportunity for the residents of Cass City and surrounding areas to replace flags, no longer fit for public display, in a patriotic and highly dignified manner," explained event co-sponsor Debra L. Kranz of Kranz Funeral Home.

"The flags collected will be properly disposed of in honor of the men and women proudly serving in our nation's law enforcement, fire protection and EMT agencies, and in memory of those who have sacrificed their lives in the protection of our local communities and nation," Kranz added.

"In as much as Tuesday, June 14, is national Flag Day, this distinctive ceremony is a wonderful experience for people of all ages to attend," she said. "All are welcome. (The event) will take place rain or shine. Local residents and businesses are encouraged to bring any flags which are no longer serviceable."

The gathering will begin with a special ceremony to recall what the various elements of the American flag represent, followed by singing of "America the Beautiful" and reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance". "The ceremony will then conclude as the unusable flags are destroyed in the most respectful manner, accompanied by the soft playing of Taps in the background and the singing of the 'Star Spangled Banner'," Kranz noted.

When a U.S. flag becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, the old flag should be "retired" and replaced with a new flag with all the dignity and respect befitting this nation's symbol, Kranz said.

"The traditional method of retirement is to incinerate the flag, but this does not mean that the entire flag is dropped into a fire," she explained. "The flag ceases to be a flag when cut into pieces, and that is done to a flag being retired. It is cut with scissors, stripe by stripe. The stripes are removed from the total blue area, and then dismembered, each stripe at a time."

Members of the local Boy Scout troop will be participating in the ceremony by reciting a short phrase to accompany the cutting and handoff of each stripe.

"Millions of Americans buy U.S. flags and proudly display them on their homes, offices, farms and automobiles. As these flags begin to show ill effects from time, wind and weather, their owners face the dilemma of what to do with them," Kranz said. "With that in mind, an unusable flag drive continues in Cass

City. The drive is sponsored by Cass City VFW Post 3644 and Cass City Boy Scout Troop 594. Flags can be placed into a special used flag donation box located at the (post hall). The collection box is available to use anytime."

More information is available by contacting Kranz at (989) 872-2195.

Brown attends protest

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world against what this evil corporation is doing to the food supply we use to live and to nourish ourselves upon."

Despite the smaller attendance level in Flint compared to many other cities, Brown states he had a fulfilling experience.

"It was a very eye-opening experience to actually be there. It's one thing to sit on your computer and read these terrible stories and put that picture together in your head, and it's an entirely different thing to actually go there and experience that," Brown said. "For a little bit I almost felt paranoid like I shouldn't be here doing this but then I remembered why I was there and that we have the freedom of protest. I understood the founding fathers' intention with that right very much more than I had before."

According to the Institute for Responsible Technology's website, "In 2009, the American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) stated that, 'Several animal studies indicate serious health risks associated with genetically modified (GM) food,' including infertility, immune problems, accelerated aging, faulty insulin regulation, and changes in major organs and the gastrointestinal system. The AAEM has asked physicians to advise all patients to avoid GM foods."

Since Monsanto is the largest seed producer in the world, most of the foods that we eat today are genetically modified. Around 68 percent of GM crops are herbicide tolerant. Many of these seeds contain their own built-in pesticide.

According to the Institute for Responsible Technology, "A gene from the soil bacterium called Bt (for Bacillus thuringiensis) is inserted into the plant's DNA, where it secretes the insect-killing bt-toxin in every cell. About 19 percent of GM crops produce their own pesticide. Another 13 percent produce a pesticide and are herbicide tolerant."

Although a lot of speculation has been thrown around, some statistics are quite unnerving.

Along with allergy problems, the Institute stated that many other problems have arisen upon further research, including the findings that rats fed GM potatoes had smaller and partially atrophied livers, more than half of the babies of mother rats fed GM soy died within 3 weeks, the DNA of mouse embryos functioned differently when their parents ate GM soy, babies of rats fed GM soy were considerably smaller and more than half died within 3 weeks and by their third generation most hamsters fed GM soy were unable to have babies.

Many other problems from GM foods produced by Monsanto have been said to be caused by glyphosate, a chemical in the products. According to an article published in the journal of Entropy, glyphosate is potentially - "the most important factor in the development of multiple chronic diseases and conditions that have become prevalent in Westernized societies. That's right. The herbicide sprayed on most of the world's genetically engineered crops - and which gets soaked into the food portion - is now linked with 'autism ... gastrointestinal issues such as inflammatory bowel disease, chronic diarrhea, colitis and Crohn's disease, obesity, cardiovascular disease, depression, cancer, cachexia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, and ALS, among others.'"

Despite these radical and horrific claims, Brown believes it isn't too late to change.

"I don't think the entirety of the plant being GMO instantly makes it unhealthy or bad, but there are chemicals and molecules present in GMOs that Monsanto likes to use to yield more bug resistant and faster/larger growing crops that are proven to be problematic to fundamental human health and nourishment," Brown said. "They are straight up banned in several other countries. America is very far behind the curve in this aspect. It is very telling on how much corporate interest sways policy rather than public opinion and desire."

Recently the Monsanto Protection Act was passed in secrecy and

signed by the president. This piece of legislation was included in a section of the HR 933 bill, which was titled the "Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act 2013" which seeks to appropriate money for government agencies to avoid federal shutdown. The section that has been referred to as the Monsanto Act is located in the section titled "Title VII - General Provisions".

Some of the more controversial results of the section, according to IBTimes, are as follows:

1. "The Monsanto Protection Act effectively bars federal courts from being able to halt the sale or planting of controversial genetically modified (aka GMO) or genetically engineered (GE) seeds, no matter what health issues may arise concerning GMOs in the future."
2. "The provision's language was apparently written in collusion with Monsanto."
3. "Many members of Congress were apparently unaware that the Monsanto Protection Act even existed within the Bill they were voting on."
4. "The President did nothing to stop it, either. On Tuesday, Obama signed HR 933."
5. "It sets a terrible precedent ... The message it sends is that corporations can get around consumer safety protections if they get Congress on their side."

Monsanto has also worked to protect their products from being labeled as GMO foods, which is something Brown thinks needs to happen.

"Monsanto should not have lawyers in the Supreme Court and ex-VPs running the FDA. With that said, I would have no problem with GMOs being in food and being labeled as such as long as I knew that someone was making sure they don't negatively affect health, which is not being done," Brown said. "It's been found that they do negatively affect health and it's just being pushed through regardless."

"They should be grown in whatever way keeps them safe for consumption, and if there happens to be a GMO that helps it (crops) grow faster or whatever and is safe then we have the right to know what we are eating and it should be labeled 'contains GMOs' and perhaps even lists what specific GMOs are in the product," Brown added.

Although genetically modified foods are grown without limits by farmers in our area and these foods line the shelves in our local grocery stores, many other countries have banned them altogether.

According to the Organic Consumers Association, 20 countries, including sparse areas in the U.S. have banned GM foods in some way, shape or form.

Due to the lack of legal restrictions placed on these foods, Brown has looked to other means for informing himself and others about what foods he considers dangerous.

"One direct way is to download the app 'Buycott' on a smartphone. You can simply scan the barcode of any product and it will tell you the business tree of that company and if they're linked to Monsanto or if they have lobbied any money against the labeling of GMO foods," Brown said. "This is an amazing and revolutionary piece of technology that makes it incredibly easy to stay away from this stuff."

"The more practical way is to just buy organic local grown food. Stay away from processed anything, avoid fast food and generally just purchase food from small town and community operations. It's also very important to do research on your food and what you're eating," Brown added. "Also, try to avoid buying Monsanto influenced seeds. If you search online you can find places that sell seeds that haven't been modified by Monsanto. People aren't always aware of this fact."

Although many people won't take the time to attend a rally or protest, Brown believes that more people need to make a stand for the things that are important to them.

"It (the rally) was an overwhelmingly positive experience and I think we should encourage people more and more to stand up for what they believe in and maybe even, just maybe, focus on something that isn't about themselves," Brown said.

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Mandatory antler restrictions proposed in state

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want to have a bigger pool to shop from," Lounsbury said. "I don't call this hunting, I call this shopping."

"Do not expect what works for them to work for the guy who hunts on public land. If this thing goes through, 60 percent of your buck harvest that year won't happen because of deer that people can't shoot," Lounsbury added. "What's going to happen down here is both bucks have to have at least 4 (antlers) on each side, one inch long to be legal. Now figure that out in the split

second that often happens at your only chance of getting a deer."

Although Lounsbury, himself, is a picky hunter, he doesn't believe these restrictions should be mandatory.

"I've been selective about my buck harvest long before these guys ever showed up and it had nothing to do with 'let 'em go, let 'em grow'. It had a lot to do with what I wanted to use my 2 tags on and I've been very selective about it," Lounsbury said. "And if I passed up a buck and my neighbor shot it, good job."

Lounsbury, who has been hunting

deer for over 50 years, sees some very clear problems with this proposal.

"Try counting points in low light and heavy cover. Now maybe if you're in a Ramada Inn on stilts by a food plot with your big binoculars you can do your shopping, but typical hunters can't do that," Lounsbury said. "If you make a mistake you have 3 choices. Sneak it out like a poacher, leave it lay or pay the 'piper'. The piper is going to be the conservation officer (CO) that determines whether or not you get a ticket and it's a \$1,000 fine."

Lounsbury also believes this would hinder kids and new hunters from staying interested in hunting.

"How long are they (kids) going to stay interested when they have to meet these specifications," Lounsbury said. "Enjoying the outdoors, the atmosphere, the sharing with friends and family. It's (hunting tradition) also not about the trophy. The trophy is in the eyes of the beholder. There are some areas in Michigan where you better be downsizing to expect anything."

Although most people believe this proposal will be determined by a vote, this is not the case. The DNR will send out a sample survey, which only requires 1,000 to be answered, to determine whether or not the proposal passes for zone 3. The surveys will be sent out sometime this summer, most likely toward the end of July, and the DNR will have their answer by December. If the proposal passes, the changes will not take effect until 2014.

"Those that are really pursuing this, although passionate about what they believe in, are arrogant and self-serving," Lounsbury said. "They're not

only after zone 3, they are after the remaining 10 counties up north."

The QDMA will be hosting a meeting to inform the public on this issue at the Cass City High School on June 20, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

"We offered (USA) to attend these meetings that QDMA is holding to educate people prior to the proposal being sent out and they do not want us there," Lounsbury said. "We actually offered to pay for part of the meeting to have our say, but they did not want us there."

The USA is planning to create a brochure that will be going on to inform those interested in their side of the story. Although they don't have the kind of financial backing that the pro-proposal people do, they are still going to make a stand.

"I'll never share a hunting atmosphere with a guy, when the deer goes down, when the first thing the guy thinks of is his measuring tape. I will not share the field with a person of that caliber," Lounsbury added. "The high priority with these people is trophy bucks. It is purely trophy buck management."

Hills & Dales General Hospital Seeks Community Feedback

If you are someone who represents the broad interests of your community, or if you have utilized a local health care system, then consider voicing your opinion about future health care services offered in your community.

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Community participation is sought from health care providers, public health officials, health care consumer advocates, academic experts, local government, community based organizations, private businesses and patients that have utilized services offered by Hills and Dales General Hospital or neighboring health care systems.

The goal of this assessment is to determine and address the top health concerns for patients throughout the Thumb Region. Participants will be asked to identify new activities/ services that will improve health and quality of life in the community. These meetings are open to the public and feedback is most important. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Please RSVP to Angela Emge, Hospital Project Manager, Michigan Center for Rural Health: 517-355-7757.

Cass Theatre goes digital

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However, a new, less expensive digital system changed their minds.

"We decided to do it ourselves when they came out with this single-screen projection system for small theatres," he said. "It's just something we had to do. We would have closed the theatre if we had to chase (hard copies of film) across the state."

"This is all digital; everything's operated by a laptop," Hendrick said of the new equipment, which relies on the Internet to "ingest" or download copies of films he plans to show, a process that typically takes roughly 2 hours per movie.

There's a learning curve when it comes to figuring out all of the ins and outs of the high-tech system, according to Hendrick, who was a bit surprised with the quality of projection, especially after previous equipment upgrades he's tackled in an effort to ensure movie patrons get their money's worth.

"I swore I wouldn't see better qual-

ity, but the picture — this is more like 3-D. I mean, they (film characters) stand right out," he said.

While figuring out the equipment has been a challenge, Hendrick indicated Montgomery's skills and knowledge have made the transition bearable. "He's the brains of the outfit," Hendrick joked.

Although it will take time to iron out all of the wrinkles, fans of the Cass Theatre can rest assured their movie-going days in town should continue well into the future.

Hendrick is marking his 50th year in the theatre business this year. Long retired from his lengthy career as a telephone company technician, he considers the Cass more of an indulgence in a life-long love of the small town theatre than a lucrative business opportunity.

"This is more of an expensive hobby, really," he said. "You can't make a living with a theatre in a small town."

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