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O-G approves administrative contracts, meal price increase

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Owen-Gage Board of Education approved a modest lunch price increase and formalized contracts for 3 employees, including the district's 2 administrators, during a regular monthly meeting last Wednesday.

Part-time school Supt. Bob Drury said the lunch price increase — 10 cents across the board — is being implemented to offset an increasing trend of deficits in school's food service budget.

"We had a deficit in our hot lunch program this past year," noted Drury, who recalled the budget ended with a surplus 3 years ago, enabling school

officials to purchase some replacement food service equipment. However, 2 years ago, the numbers began falling, and last year the district was forced to subsidize the fund to the tune of roughly \$8,000.

Lunch prices for the 2013-14 school year will be \$2.10 for elementary students and \$2.35 for students in grades 6-12, and breakfast will cost \$1.35 for grades K-12.

Turning to administrative contracts, the board approved contracts for both Drury and K-1 Principal Terri Falkenberg.

Drury is working under a one-year contract retroactive to his starting date in mid-April. He is paid on a per diem basis, with a cap of \$20,000. Falkenberg, meanwhile,

was granted a 2-year contract beginning July 1. She will earn \$62,500 annually.

In addition, the board approved a motion to replace the hourly pay schedule with a salary of about \$24,950 for the position of administrative assistant. Drury said the change was based on the numerous duties handled by Administrative Assistant Mary Ann Minkler.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last week, the board:

*Was introduced to Don Schelke, the new NEOLA representative serving the Owen-Gage District. NEOLA works with several area schools, serving as a consultant to ensure their policies are up-to-date and comply with all state and federal laws. "He'll (Schelke) be coming back in the fall with policies and procedure updates for the board to review," Drury said.

*Authorized the use of "P Cards", or purchasing cards, by Drury, Falkenberg and Minkler.

"They're to be used for certain (school-related) purchases only. They allow districts to get some early purchase discounts," explained Drury, who said the process eliminates the need in some cases for purchase orders, which are then sent to vendors that send back an invoice and the purchased product, followed by the school making payment — all of which can take up to 60 days.

*Heard an update from Drury on Owen-Gage's upcoming bond request, which will go to voters in a special election slated for Tuesday, Sept. 24. The request was placed on the ballot in an effort to raise funds to pay for a myriad of long overdue, major capital improvement/replacement projects such as boiler replacement and roof repairs.

Drury said citizen committees have organized and are working to get the vote out. He added absentee voter ballots are available from both the school and the Brookfield Township clerk.

*Approved a trip for the Owen-Gage varsity girls and boys basketball teams, which will be traveling to Mackinac Island in mid-December. The athletes will be playing the Mackinac Island K-12 school team, then attend classes at the school the next day. In addition, the Owen-Gage teams are slated to compete against Vanderbilt during their return trip.

Fundraisers and volunteers are making the trip happen, according to Drury, who said no general fund dollars will be used towards expenses.

*Approved an annual resolution renewing membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).



CASS CITY'S Val Kemp, pictured above with her husband, Frank, in this photo taken in 2009 inside the couple's Victorian home on North Seeger Street, recently returned home after undergoing a successful lung transplant at U-M Medical Center.

Breathing easy Cass City's Val Kemp enjoying a new lease on life after transplant

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Most folks take the simple act of breathing for granted. Not Val Kemp.

Less than a month ago, the Cass City resident struggled to take each breath, in spite of the portable oxygen supply that was her constant companion for years.

At the time, those tanks of oxygen were the only thing keeping her from an early grave, but they couldn't begin to make up for the quality of life she once enjoyed.

At one time, she was an avid hiker who had no difficulty carrying a 50-pound pack on her back. But as her emphysema progressed, she was forced to start using supplemental oxygen back in 2002. That same year, Kemp underwent a lung reduction surgery to remove the upper, most diseased portions of her lungs. The surgery was a success, and she was thrilled with the difference it made in her breathing.

However, over the course of the next 7 years, her health again declined to the point where taking even a brief walk was out of the question. She couldn't muster enough breath to climb a few stairs or pick up her grandchild.

Kemp isn't shy when it comes to talking about her illness, which she blames, in part, on exposure to cigarette smoke.

By the time she was just 6 months old, Kemp had contracted measles and suffered 2 bouts of pneumonia, which left her vulnerable to respiratory problems, scarring her lungs. "And, I grew up in a household full of smokers. Then, stupidly, I smoked (off and on for about 30 years)," she said. "I finally quit, but the damage was done."

Decades of battling the disease left Kemp with just 20 percent function in her right lung. Well into her third year on the U-M Medical Center lung transplant list, she was living with little function in her left lung — less than 5 percent and falling.

THE CALL

Then the call came, Sunday, Aug. 18, at 7:20 p.m.

"I think they said something like, 'If you're interested, we have a lung for you,'" said Kemp's husband, Frank, who sat with his wife as they talked Sunday about her surgery and recovery.

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A CARO motorist escaped with only minor injuries after flipping her car Tuesday afternoon in Cass City. According to reports, Deulyaniben Gordhanbhai Patel was driving northbound on Comment Drive when she lost control and struck a tree and a flagpole, causing her Chevy Cobalt to roll over. She was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital for treatment.

Fall Family Days on tap Sept. 7, 8

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Area residents are invited to step back in time — to rural Michigan in the 1900s through 1950s — during the 18th annual Fall Family Days at the Thumb Octagon Barn and Agricultural Museum near Gageton.

The celebration, which annually draws thousands of visitors from throughout Michigan and beyond, will be held Friday (starting at 5 p.m.), and Saturday and Sunday (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Sept. 6, 7 and 8.

The restored, historical Thumb Octagon Barn and nearby farmhouse are located just west of Gageton, north of Bay City-Forestville at 6948 Ritchie Road.

The theme for the 2013 Fall Family Days will focus on soybeans and related products.

"If you haven't been on site for several years, I bet you'll say, 'This place has really changed and the event has really grown. Wow!,'" commented Cass City's Bob Hirn, who along with Martin Kubacki, Uby, are again serv-

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THERE WERE PLENTY of nervous smiles and hugs at Cass City Elementary School as teachers and administrators welcomed back students for the first day of class Tuesday morning. Above, first grade teacher Jenifer Green (far right) greets students and parents in the hallway outside her classroom.

Revive "going orange" this month to raise cash for food

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Revive Ministries in Cass City is "going orange" this month in an effort to raise money for the organization's food pantry.

September is "Action Hunger Month", and Revive will be selling balloons for \$1 each at area businesses, according to Revive Ministries' Jaime Fritz, who said every balloon sold will enable the group to purchase 6 meals.

"On Saturday, Sept. 21, at around 11 a.m., after our monthly food pantry, we will release however many balloons we sold," she added.

Revive has been distributing free food to hundreds of area families for the past several years through a cooperative arrangement with the

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. "We also receive pantry donations from local businesses, families, churches, service organizations, etc.," Fritz noted.

Revive hosts a food pantry on the third Saturday of each month for families who reside in the Cass City School District and meet certain financial guidelines.

"We provide food boxes to approximately 60 families per month," Fritz said. "The August food pantry was our 52nd food distribution."

In addition to this month's activities, Revive's annual fall fundraiser banquet has been slated for Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Information on how to sponsor a table or obtain tickets is available by calling Revive at (989) 551-7803.



Katie Grant and Kyle Walsh

Engaged

Joseph and Mary Beth Grant of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, and Roderick and Marilyn Walsh of Ubyly are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Catherine Ann Grant and Kyle Brendan Walsh. Katie is the granddaughter of William and Catherine Schutte of Lakeside Park, Kentucky, and Donald and the late Mary Ellen Grant of Crestview Hills, Kentucky. Kyle is the grandson of Rita and the late Leo Walsh, Dolan and Beatrice Sweeney, all of Ubyly.

Katie is a 2005 high school graduate of Villa Madonna Academy in Villa Hills, Kentucky, a 2009 graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, a 2010 graduate of Xavier University with a Master of Business Administration, and is a Certified Public Accountant. She is currently a Senior Level Auditor in Risk Assurance at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kyle is a 2003 graduate of Ubyly High School, a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology, a 2011 graduate of Michigan State University with a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree, and is currently a third year Resident Physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Cincinnati. He plans to complete subspecialty fellowship training in neurovascular emergencies and neurocritical care.

An April 26, 2014, wedding is planned in Crestview Hills, Kentucky.

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Obituaries

Margie Meredith

Margie Pauline Meredith, 84, of Sandusky, formerly of Snover, died Monday, August 26, 2013 in her son's home in Sandusky. She was born October 22, 1928 in Louisville, KY to Paul and Katie Scott.

She married Doyle Haag Meredith January 30, 1946 in Detroit. He died May 2, 1995.

Margie's work history includes working for Piper Industries in Roseville, Grinnell Screw Products in Roseville, Kowalski Meats in Detroit and Vegas Supermarket in Detroit. Margie was a volunteer lunch mother at Detroit Bethesda Christian School, honored for her many years of service. Over the years she took many adult religious education classes through Bethesda Christian School. After moving to the Cass City Snover area Margie was a charter member of Caro Assembly of God. She served as a Sunday School teacher, cleaned the church and helped with many meals provided by the church. Margie enjoyed gardening, crocheting, word search puzzles, canning, playing Skipbo, Rummy and walking her dogs, Sam, Sonny and Buddy. She was a member of the DAVA. Margie was an avid Detroit Tiger Baseball fan and enjoyed watching the Kentucky Derby on television. Raising her children was a great love to Margie. She enjoyed spending time with them and attending their sporting events.

Margie is survived by her children: Doyle (Kathy) Meredith of Clinton Township, Glenna Lerner of St. Clair Shores, Roger (Hendrika) Meredith of Grand Rapids, Wayne Meredith of Sterling Heights, Bruce Meredith of Punta Gorda, FL, Joseph Meredith of Sandusky, Lee Meredith of Swartz Creek; grandchildren: Tyler Meredith, Albert Lerner, Mindy Shields, Michael Lerner, Matthew Meredith, Amanda Meredith, Rachael (Colin) Foster, Kathleen Meredith, Doyle Meredith III, Anthony Meredith; 9 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sons: Jay Allan and Dale; daughter, Jane Alice; grandsons: Joseph and Steven; sisters: Mary Divico of St. Augustine, FL, Josie Gibson of Ormond Beach, FL, Cathy Paparelli of Mesa, AZ; brothers: Paul Scott of Troy, Tony Scott of Ormond Beach, FL. She is preceded in death by her sisters: Fran Bramos, Lizzie Swaine and Barbara Aurelli.

Funeral service was held Thursday, August 29, 2013 in Caro Assembly of God, Caro with the Rev. David Dietzel officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Meredith: Tyler Meredith, Doug West, Bryson West, Bryan West, Brandon West, Justin Kalamajka, Anna Goodfellow, Albert Lerner and Michael Lerner. Memorials may be made to Caro Assembly of God Church or United Hospice of Marlette. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were provided by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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CASS CITY blockers Drew Field (27), Branden Horne (44) and Michael Mulligan (55) attempt to clear the path for running back Braeden Perzanowski in their season opener at Brown City.

Reed's gang rallies against Green Devils

Cass City opened the 2013 boys' soccer season short on numbers, but long on experience with 8 returning starters and a solid, though small, group of newcomers.

The Red Hawks' opening game, last Monday against visiting Marlette, was a learning experience for first year players Adam Michalski, Joel Patera, Justin Peters and Joey Morrish as each got to start and play an entire game. The Red Hawks dressed only 11 players for the opener.

Michalski started in net and played a solid game, making several athletic saves without committing any bad mistakes. Marlette scored 3 goals, all came on solid shots, according to Coach Chuck Reed.

Bransen Stimpfel showed mid season form on defense and Brendan Karwowski displayed no ill effects from the broken leg that cost him most of last season. Both played fast and aggressive on defense. Jesse Nye moved back from midfield and showed that he will be a defensive stopper this season, as will Dustin Miller.

Offensively, Keith Lounsbury, Jose Torres and Sam Kolacz along with Patera played well, getting consistent scoring chances throughout the game. The Red Hawks generated 12 shots with Torres and Karwowski leading with 4 each. Keeper Michalski had 18 saves to help the hosts stay in the game.

Zdrojewski, Stimpfel top Hawk runners

The Cass City cross country teams opened their 2013 campaigns Thursday competing at the Birch Run Invite.

Coach Jon Zdrojewski reported the course ran slow as conditions were very hot and humid which made running tough for the athletes. The Lady Red Hawks placed 7th out of 13 teams.

Erin Zdrojewski, junior, led Cass City with a time of 23:13. She placed 5th individually out of 136 finishers. Also for the Lady Red Hawks, and to the delight of Coach Zdrojewski, 2 freshmen were impressive in their varsity debut as Josie Loomis (25:34) crossed the finish line in 33rd place, followed by Hope Wilson (25:39), who was the 34th runner to finish the 5K run. Rounding out the scorers for Cass City was junior Elizabeth Sanders (26:54) in 48th place and senior Elisabeth Milligan (28:26) in 70th.

The top 3 team finishers on the day were champs Birch Run with 45 points, runner-up Saginaw Nouvel with 75 and Bullock Creek with 112.

The female medalist was Frankenmuth's Emily Sievert with a time of 21:28.

"I look for Cass City to be strong contenders for the league title this year as we continue to work with this squad and improve times," said Coach Zdrojewski.

Turning to the boys' field, Cass City had just 2 runners participate due to

"Lack of finishing ability hurt the Hawks, but they kept steady pressure on the Marlette keeper throughout the game. All in all, it was a good opener for the Hawks," said Reed.

The Red Hawks traveled to Brown City on Wednesday with only 10 players, but picked up where they left off against Marlette, controlling the ball and generating numerous scoring chances en route to a 2-2 tie. The visitors out shot Brown City 36 to 15.

Brown City scored first off a corner kick that Reed felt the Red Hawks should have cleared and that goal held up until midway through the second half when they scored again on a Hawk defensive lapse. Patera and Kolacz were getting shots consistently, but excellent keeper play by Brown City kept the Red Hawks off the board. Finally, with less than five minutes left in the contest, Karwowski broke through the middle on a pass from Kolacz and beat the keeper to put Cass City on the board. Less than a minute later Lounsbury made a solo run down the left side, cut to the net, and put the ball over the keeper into the back corner for the tying goal.

The Red Hawks were pressing for the game winner when time expired. They controlled the ball well throughout the game and showed patience in letting things develop especially late when they were tired and badly needed a score. The defense stepped up several times late when Brown City made runs with Nye, Miller and Zac Clapper shutting down scoring chances before they had a chance to develop.

"Overall the Hawks played an excellent game for early season, especially being short handed for the entire game, a situation that will improve when school starts and everyone is in town. If the new players develop and blend well with the

veterans the season should be encouraging as almost everyone in the league is short handed this year," said Reed.

Cass City will host the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers on Thursday.

Hawks offense sputters in loss

Cass City looked grand early Thursday, marching 53 yards in 9 plays during their opening possession to grab an 8-0 lead over host Brown City in the non-conference season gridiron opener for both schools.

But it would be the Green Devils' defense which emerged magnificent late and proved to be the difference on the night as the hosts rallied for a 16-8 victory, their third consecutive win in the Greater Thumb Conference crossover battle.

"Tough loss, just too many turnovers," said Coach Scott Cuthrell. "On the positive side our players never gave up, great effort."

After a Red Hawk interception by Drew Field resulted in the game's first turnover and spotted the ball near mid field, senior running back Braeden Perzanowski, who led Cass City with 65 rushing yards, found pay dirt from 10-yards out. Quarterback Dakota Hartel then hit end Shane Rasmussen for the 2-point conversion, ending the scoring in the initial quarter.

The visitors appeared poised to strike again to kickoff the second quarter. Cass City drove steadily down the field to inside the 5-yard line, but came up short when the Brown City defense thwarted a golden opportunity for Cass City to take a commanding first half advantage with a gutsy goal line stand.

The defensive heroics seemed to carry over to the other side of the ball and with only 1:56 showing on the clock Ricky Hayward found running room down his own sideline and cruised 73 yards to the house to draw

the hosts to within 8-6 at the intermission.

Both schools had problems holding onto the pigskin in the third quarter. Cass City fumbled twice in the frame and Brown City once, as neither team mounted a serious scoring threat.

In the final period, however, Brown City used an Alex Bartle interception to help move in front. Evan VanBuskirk made the visitors pay for their miscue shortly thereafter when his field goal attempt split the uprights with just over 9 minutes remaining and his team up for the first time at 9-8.

Both schools then traded possessions, but a terrific punt by Brown City left Cass City with 99 yards to cover and less than 3 minutes remaining to get the job done.

Four pass plays later saw Brown City get the ball back inside the Cass City 5-yard line, where Ryan Woods scored on a 2-yard run.

Cass City will look to rebound this Friday in Pigeon when they meet the Lakers in Greater Thumb West action. To be successful, Cass City will need a better offensive effort. And that could prove difficult considering sophomore fullback Branden Horne is expected to miss the Laker contest after suffering a knee injury against Brown City. To derail the Lakers, Cass City will also have to find their passing game, which netted just 43 yards in week one.

Defensively, Cass City was led by Eric Churchill with 7 tackles, while Sawyer Cuthrell and Rasmussen split a dozen stops.



THE 2013 Cass City boys' soccer team is low in numbers. From the left are: (front) Bransen Stimpfel, Jose Torres, Sam Kolacz, Adam Michalski; (back) Dustin Miller, Jesse Nye, Joel Patera, Zachery Clapper and Coach Chuck Reed. Missing are Keith Lounsbury, Brendan Karwowski, Marc Shelton and Justin Peters.



THE 2013 Cass City cross country team members include: (front, l-r) Hope Wilson, Josephine Loomis, Ashtyn Janiske-Weiler, Dakota Wilson, Erin Zdrojewski, Elizabeth Sanders, Ilana Blattner; (back) Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Joseph Morrish, Jesse Nye, Bransen Stimpfel and Jose Torres. Missing is Elisabeth Milligan.

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Krysta Boyce



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Doug Hyatt

Friday, Sept. 6, 2013	Clarke Haire	Krysta Boyce	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
Cass City at EPBP	EPBP	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Reese at BCAS	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
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USA at Dryden	USA	USA	USA	USA
Caro at North Branch	North Branch	North Branch	North Branch	North Branch
Brown City at Ubly	Brown City	Brown City	Ubly	Brown City
Caseville at Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Deckerville at Kingston	Deckerville	Deckerville	Kingston	Deckerville
Last Week's Results	6-3	5-4	5-4	6-3
Season's Results	6-3 (67%)	5-4 (56%)	5-4 (56%)	6-3 (67%)

Conditions hot and humid for cross country opener

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injuries and vacations. Sophomore Bransen Stimpfel led the way for the Red Hawks with a gutsy individual runner-up finish recorded in a time of 17:54. The only other Red Hawk competitor was

freshman Joey Morrish who finished 118th in the crowded field of 158 runners. Morrish finished in a time of 25:48. Hemlock grabbed the team title with 68 points, while James Sira, of Bullock Creek, earned medalist honors with a winning time of 17:50.

"I look for good things from both Bransen ran well last year and has set high goals for this year and Joey did well in his first big race as a varsity runner," said Coach Zdrojewski. For a complete list of finishers, visit our website at: www.ccchronicle.net.



THE 2013 Cass City tennis team has new leadership. Team members are: (front, l-r) Aubrei Witherspoon, Rachel Tanner, Mady Brinkman, Kyle Potrykus, Erin Hartsell, Kelly DeLong, Lauren Bukoski; (back) Rookie Coach James Kuntz, Jessica Peters, McKenzie Kus, Becca Mulrath, Rachel Collins, Caitlyn Hyatt and Hoyt Merchant. Missing are Bruce Bracken, Hunter McGrath, Miranda Williams and Courtney Szczepanski.

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			Hacker/Nika	99
			Ulfig/Corey & Paul	100
			Sommervilles	101
			Martin/Lowe	102
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TEACHERS JOINING the Cass City Public Schools staff this school year are (top, from left) Adam Dorland, Mandy Haag, T.C. Gruber and Ashley Copeland (bottom photo).

Missionary church to host Rob Mills Family

The Rob Mills Family will be performing in concert Sunday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. at the Cass City Missionary Church, located at 4449 Koepfgen Rd. (one mile west of the light, then turn south).

The family music ministry was among the groups recently featured at the Thumb Gospel Music Convention at Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing. The concert is free. A love offering will be taken, and

everyone is invited to attend.

More information is available by logging onto the website, www.robmillsfamily.com, or by calling the church office at (989) 872-2729.

The Cass City Schools welcome new teachers

by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer

If you listened carefully on the morning of Sept. 3, you may have heard a collective cheer throughout the Cass City community, as well as surrounding communities.

It was hard to tell who was cheering the loudest as the students filed into their respective school buildings: the anxious students, an excited and optimistic staff, or rejoicing parents/guardians.

The start of a new school year usually means new classes, new students, new teachers and new adventures and learning opportunities. Added to the excited and optimistic staff of Cass City Public Schools were four new teachers eager to impart knowledge and guide students throughout the different phases of the students' educational journeys.

Adam Dorland, a Class of 2000 Red Hawk alumnus, will be mainly teaching health and physical education at the elementary school and the high school. The Central Michigan University graduate has a physical education major and a health minor. Dorland earned his master's degree from Marygrove College. From 2005-13, he taught in the Carsonville-Port Sanilac School District.

When asked about returning to his hometown school, Dorland responded, "I'm going to enjoy walking around the same halls I grew up in."

Another Central Michigan graduate joining the Cass City staff this fall is T.C. Gruber. After graduating from

CMU with an integrated science major and a middle level education minor, Gruber's first teaching position was at Mason County Central, located in Scottville. Before joining the staff at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, he taught in the Sandusky School District.

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), sometimes referred to as the 4-year-old program, welcomed Mandy Haag and Ashley Copeland.

Haag explained that the GSRP program focuses on social and emotional skills needed to prepare young students for kindergarten, and it also includes academic skills needed to succeed at the kindergarten level.

Haag earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education at Bethel College before earning her master's degree in early childhood education from Saginaw Valley State University. She began her teaching career in Deckerville, and then moved to the Caro School District where she gained experience in the GSRP program.

Rounding out the new additions to the local teaching staff is Copeland. After earning her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Saginaw Valley State University, she joined the Cass City School District for the first time in 2010. After her first stint with the Red Hawks, she served as a teacher assistant in the GSRP program Caro.

Last year she taught kindergarten at Bangor Central before returning to Cass City for the 2013-14 school year.

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