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## Pay freeze lifted in new teachers contract

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

After months of negotiations, the Cass City Board of Education unanimously ratified a new contract for the district's 56 teachers Monday night.

Members of the Cass City Education Association (CCEA) had already ratified the 2-year labor

agreement when the school board went into executive session to discuss the final proposal following the board's regular monthly meeting.

A 5-year freeze on step pay — incremental salary increases based on years of service — was lifted in the new contract, according to school Supt. Jeff Hartel, who said teachers will receive increases in both 2013-14 and 2014-15. "We added 1 1/2

percent to each step and then moved everybody up a step," he explained.

The union, meanwhile, agreed to some concessions, including increasing class sizes before "overload" pay — additional money guaranteed to an instructor when he or she has a class that exceeds a set number of students — kicks in. For example, that number was increased from 26 to 28 in the elementary grades.

Hartel said school officials have been spending roughly \$55,000 a year in overload pay. Now, he added, "it will be basically zero."

The new pact is expected to result in a net cost increase of about \$100,000 this year and \$70,000 next year, according to Hartel.

School and union officials started negotiations early last spring. Local teachers have been without a con-

tract since mid-August.

Veteran Cass City Schools teacher Kris Milligan, who serves as president of the CCEA, said she believes the new labor agreement is a fair one. "I think so, yes," she added. "Neither side is going to get everything they ask for during negotiations, Milligan acknowledged, but "I think our local was very well Please turn to page 8.



JON ZDROJEWSKI portrayed former U-M Track and Field star and Olympian James K. Brooker during Sunday's inaugural Elkland Township Cemetery Walk tours, which featured local actors presenting brief programs on some of the residents whose past contributions to the community helped to create the Cass City of today. The event raised \$700 for the American Cancer Society.

## Living history

### Organizers say sold-out "Cemetery Walk" in Cass City exceeded their expectations

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It may have been a bit chilly Sunday afternoon, but members of the Cass City Historical Society couldn't have hoped for a better turnout for their inaugural Elkland Township Cemetery Walk tours.

In fact, the tour, hosted at the Elkland Township Cemetery, located just east of Cass City along M-81, was sold out days before the event.

"We could not have been happier with the response," commented historical society member Tyler Perry, who along with Rawson Memorial District Library Director Kate Van Auken spearheaded the program.

The purpose behind the walk was two-fold; to raise money for the

American Cancer Society (every penny of the \$700 raised is being donated), and to educate Cass City area residents about the history of their extraordinary community, Perry explained.

"Judging by the smiles on people's faces and the countless complimentary comments we received, I believe we were very successful in achieving our goal," he added. "Of course, we could not have done this without the community's support and, especially, the willingness of our great cast to give up their free time to make Cass City's history come alive. We are absolutely thrilled with the response."

The walking tour guided roughly 100 participants during 2 separate

tours in which they had the opportunity to "meet" 10 of Cass City's notable former citizens. Each 'character' was portrayed by local actors, who shared interesting facts about 'their' lives in Cass City.

#### THE CAST

\*Michelle Leeson portrayed Lucile Bauer, known for her ambition and ability to organize events. Born in Lansing in 1902, she grew up in Mayville and came to Cass City to teach school as a young woman.

In her early years, Bauer worked in security services for city department stores and eventually became the first female on the Bay City Police Force.

Locally, she became active in civic affairs. In the 1950s, Cass City was known as Christmas Town, U.S.A." and at the helm of the Christmas pageant was Bauer, who was also a published children's book author (she penned "Grandma Champion's Christmas Story").

Bauer, who died in 1975, was also active on the Cass City Centennial Committee and spearheaded renovation of the Elkland Township Hall into the cultural center.

\*Jon Zdrojewski portrayed James Brooker, born in 1902 in Cass City, where the future University of Michigan Track and Field star practiced his pole vaulting.

In 1924, Brooker and his friend, DeHart Hubbard, traveled to Boston and tried out for the 1924 Olympic Games. Both men qualified and traveled to Paris. Brooker pole vaulted at the games and won the bronze medal.

He later became an attorney, eventually moving to Bay City, where he and Carl Smith partnered to form the

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## DFA project on lickety-split pace

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Peter Cristiano says progress on the local Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) milk plant is moving at a "lickety-split" pace. That was the proclamation delivered by the village manager to a small gathering Monday during a regular monthly meeting of the Cass City Village Council.

On track for completion next October, according to Cristiano, the 33,000-square-foot ingredient processing plant, located in the industrial park just west of Doerr Road, will

process up to three million pounds of milk — 60 tractor trailer loads — each day. Initially, the plant will produce condensed whole and skim milk, as well as cream. The \$40 million DFA plant will initially create at least 25 full-time jobs.

"After the groundbreaking on Sept. 26, much progress is being made in the construction of the plant. There are now three contracting companies engaged at the work site. Over 40 workers are involved on a daily basis," Cristiano said, adding, "Concrete foundations, underground plumbing and underground electrical

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## Thousands in area face food assistance cut starting Nov. 1

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thousands of Thumb area residents are among the Michigan children, seniors and low-wage workers who will have less food on the table starting Nov. 1.

Cuts to food assistance for roughly 1.75 million residents will total \$183 million over the next year in the state as a modest increase in benefits — passed to help America recover from the Great Recession and ease economic hardship — expires.

According to the Michigan League for Public Policy, cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly called food stamps and known as the Food Assistance Program, come as Congress considers even deeper, more harmful reductions that would threaten Michigan's fragile economic recovery and hurt those unable to find enough work to feed their families.

The Nov. 1 change boils down to a loss of about \$36 a month for a family of four. That's just a dime per meal, but it adds up to a significant local impact.

In Tuscola County, the funding cut totals more than \$1 million and impacts 9,830 residents. The cut adds up to \$456,000 in Huron County and affects 4,365 residents, and in Sanilac County, there will be about \$778,000 fewer dollars, affecting 7,447 residents.

"This small increase was a big help to keep Michigan families from going hungry during difficult times. Unfortunately, the need is still there. Our state continues to struggle with many people out of work, and poverty remains much higher than before the recession," said Gilda Z. Jacobs, president and CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy.

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon), who represents residents in Tuscola and Huron counties, says he's heard from a number of citizens who aren't

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## Proctor a champion for Rotary Youth Exchange

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Some longtime Cass City residents may remember Tom Proctor as a



Tom Proctor

small town pharmacist who was active in his community.

Proctor's recent death, however, has a number of other folks talking about the legacy of international cultural understanding and travel that Proctor built over the course of many years through his involvement in the Cass City Rotary Club.

Literally dozens of youth — many who traveled from other countries to spend a year in Cass City, and some who left the confines of small town living to experience life in cities across the globe — have Proctor to thank for the opportunity to learn about and understand people whose lives, homes and beliefs are different from their own.

"Tom was the driver (of the Rotary



JOSH VALLENDER (from left), Austin Baker, Lucas Baker and Zach McLachlan were among the work crew members who recently assisted Cass City's Nick Karwowski, 18, with construction of a storage shed for the Living Word Worship Center in town. The project was the final requirement in Karwowski's climb to earn the highest rank in the Boy Scouts — the Eagle. (See story, page 8)



**TEN-YEAR-OLD Ryan DeLong, a fifth grade student at Cass City Elementary School, tries Cass City's traveling Pinktober toilet on for size in front of Health Care at Home last week. The pink toilet is moved from business to business in exchange for donations the community is raising throughout October to fight breast cancer.**

# Remembrance service set Nov. 3

The 16th annual Service of Remembrance sponsored by Kranz Funeral Homes of Cass City and Kingston will be held Sunday, Nov. 3, at 3 p.m. at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City.

The Service of Remembrance is a time of remembering and celebration, according to Kranz Funeral

Homes owner Debra Kranz.

"Anyone who has had someone close to them die will appreciate this service. It is not a funeral, but a time for us to come together as a community in remembering those we have loved," she explained.

The service consists of music and inspirational readings, according to Kranz, who said many talented musicians from the area participate. "There is also a time for family members to make a floral tribute. Family members are invited to bring a flower to place in tribute of their loved one," she noted.

The annual event is a non-denominational service. All clergy are invited to participate or to attend in support of their church members who have experienced a death of a family

member or friend.

"Death is one thing that touches all of us. It is one thing we all have in common," Kranz said. "We need to encourage our families in their grief process, allow them to still grieve, to still remember, and show them we remember, too. The Service of Remembrance facilitates this.

"While the service is sponsored by Kranz Funeral Homes, anyone is invited to attend," Kranz added.

The funeral home is located one-half mile east of the light in Cass City at 6850. Main Street. Cookies, coffee and punch will be served during a gathering time in the funeral home after the service.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-2195.

# Thousands face cut in food help

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certain how they will make ends meet.

"Last week a local clerk told me a senior spoke to her about the ingredients of the dog food she was buying because she feels that she has to choose between her prescriptions and her food," Brown said.

"There is a lot of attention (paid) to those who abuse the opportunity of government assistance, which is understandable. We also need to be concerned about what the rest of us can afford to offer to others," he added. "However, the impact is real and will be felt by many, especially seniors, the disabled and children as those funds are cut by the federal government. A family of four will be cut \$36 a month, which will have to be made up by buying less food or by the support of other caring people in their communities.

"It seems to me that as we enter the holiday season, we should be mindful of those around us who may be living with less," Brown said.

A recent report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that nearly one in every seven Michigan households — more than a half-million households — face hunger, with serious problems affording adequate, nutritious food at some point during the year.

There were 13.4 percent of Michigan households that were "food insecure" in 2010-12, about the same as in 2007-09, according to league officials, who note the level of food insecurity has jumped dramatically compared to the 9.2 percent seen in 2000-02.

Jacobs pointed out that the U.S. House has passed a Farm Bill that cuts nearly \$40 billion in SNAP funding over the next decade, with cuts nine times deeper than the bipartisan version passed by the U.S. Senate. It would immediately cut 200,000 very low-income women and men in Michigan from food assistance at a time when many are willing to work but are unable to find jobs. Families with children are also at risk if they are not able to work or find training programs.


"Congress needs to know that this vital program puts nutritious food on the tables of children, veterans, seniors and others in our state, and we need to make sure that food is available when people need it most," Jacobs said.

# Residents invited to recycle

Tuscola County Recycle Center is hosting an American Recycles Day event Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon.

This event, free to all Tuscola County residents, includes an electronics collection, latex paint collection and free confidential paper shredding. Oil-based paints will not be accepted at this event.

No appointment is necessary. Stop out and sign up for the America Recycles Day drawing. For more information, call (989) 672-1673.



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## Happy Halloween

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Don't forget your flu immunization

*A number of area residents have already battled colds and what they say feels like the flu this fall, and the roughest days of the flu season are still ahead.*

*The Michigan Department of Community Health is urging residents to "Stop the Spread. Spread the Word" when it comes to getting vaccinated against influenza (flu) and pneumococcal diseases. The department along with several other agencies is also reminding health care workers to do the same.*

*We couldn't agree more with that advice, especially in light of the fact that both illnesses can be life-threatening, and you can reduce your risk significantly by taking just a few moments to get a vaccination.*

*"Influenza can be very serious and sometimes even fatal in people who are otherwise healthy," said Michigan State Medical Society President Kenneth Elmassian, D.O., who pointed out medical care providers are also at-risk.*

*"Physicians and other health care professionals have a responsibility to immunize themselves to protect not only their patients, but also the people their patients come into contact with," he added. "Ofentimes, the patients we see are already ill, so to put them in harm's way by not getting ourselves vaccinated is unacceptable.*

*Influenza is a life-threatening disease, especially for infants and the elderly.*

*In Michigan there were seven influenza-associated pediatric deaths during the 2012-13 flu season. About half of the pediatric deaths in 2012-13 involved healthy children who had no risk factors for severe disease.*

*Anyone can contract pneumococcal disease, but some people are at greater risk for the disease than others.*

*Being a certain age or having some medical conditions can put you at increased risk — residents in those groups include children under two years of age and adults 65 years of age and older.*

*Medical conditions such as chronic illnesses, weakened immune systems, and having cochlear implants or cerebrospinal fluid leaks, contribute to increased risk for pneumococcal disease. Adults who smoke or have asthma are also at greater risk.*

*"Vaccination saves the lives of more than three million people worldwide each year and prevents millions of others from developing diseases and permanent disabilities," said Myral Robbins, D.O. president-elect of the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA). "By receiving immunizations, you are protected against deadly diseases such as pneumococcal disease, and fighting the spread of infection within your community."*

*If you haven't been vaccinated yet, we urge you to contact your health care provider to learn more about why immunizations are important and where you can get them for you and your family.*

## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

### Picture Day

It was picture day at school today. We nearly missed the annual event. This is because the child who was scheduled to have his portrait taken is a boy who sees little importance in remembering something as insignificant as picture day.

He doesn't pause and consider that his mom might really, truly want a photo package and refrigerator magnet starring his cute and smiling face. I do. But he is a little boy, and his brain does not tarry on this type of thought. From his perspective, the one thing worthwhile about picture day is the free plastic comb, and that can't even begin to make up for cancelling gym class.

Just weeks ago, my older son did miss picture day. Oh, he was at school and they took his photo, but the only place I'll see it is in the yearbook. The order envelope never made it home, so I was unaware of the photo opportunity awaiting him at school — as was he.

"I guess I missed the memo," he said with the nonchalance of a teenager who can ignore dozens of picture day posters hanging on the walls throughout the high school. I let out a mom sigh, as I am prone to do on certain (many) occasions and gave silent thanks for retakes.

I realize the actions of my sons don't speak for others of the male persuasion. I am sure there are plenty of young fellows out there who do their fair share of prepping for picture day. Those boys do not live at my house. My sons do not place a whole lot of value on a portrait displaying their orthodontically perfect smiles. They'd much rather photo bomb.

Boys will be boys, I know, I know. I just wonder sometimes why they have to be so boyish about it.

I remember the anticipation and excitement of picture day when I was a kid. Everyone came to school wearing their best outfits and practiced their best smiles in the lavatory mirrors on the way to the gymnasium. One girl in my class came with her hair in an updo every picture day. The rest of the year

she had regular hair like the rest of us. In 1976, we all wore red, white and blue so we'd look good in front of the bicentennial American flag background.


Each year, when our picture packages arrived, we carefully cut around the edges of the exchange size photos and traded them with all of our best friends forever. We wrote on the back — things like "Stay cool," "Keep in touch," and "Luv ya." I arranged mine in a Holly Hobby photo album. Still have it. Sadly, a true story.

I had to remind my son three times this morning about his picture day envelope. If not for me, it would still be sitting on the kitchen table.

It goes without saying, he didn't consider his attire and whether it would coordinate well with the slate blue picture day background. He wore an old t-shirt. When I asked him about this, he covered the old t-shirt with an old sweatshirt and headed toward the door. I grabbed the picture envelope and handed it to him. Again.

"Remember to smile," I said, hoping he wouldn't lose the envelope on the way to school, which would leave me zero for two this year — and completely picture day picture-less. Well, unless you count Holly Hobby.

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## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Thumb Area Community Theatre is seeking auditions for "An Evening of Talent." This event, planned for Friday, Nov. 22, is a fundraising event to help the group raise money for their big ten-year anniversary production; happening in the summer of 2014!

The acting group is looking for the best of the best in the Thumb area to lend their voices, their talents and their time to help create this magical evening. Auditions will be held Sunday, November 3 from 2-5 p.m. at the USA High School Auditorium. Please contact Angie Noah at [angien82@gmail.com](mailto:angien82@gmail.com) or 989-964-1364.

Wouldn't be caught dead on stage in front of an audience, but still enjoy a good show? Well, the Thumb Area Center for the Arts, in partnership with the Caro Knights of Columbus, is pleased to announce the Fall Dinner Theater production of "Play On!"

The show will be held at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall, 903 Ryan Road, November 1-3. Purchase and print tickets are available online through a PayPal link at [www.tacfta.org](http://www.tacfta.org). You may also pay for and pick up general admission tickets during regular business hours at either Gambles Hardware or O.R.C. Gaming in Caro.

Congrats to David Barrios, Deborah McClorey and Joseph Sweet, the newest members of the Cass City Planning Commission, each slated to serve a 3-year term. The local entity still has one more position to be filled before May 1. If interested in applying, contact village clerk/treasurer Nan Walsh at 989-872-2911.

Did you know, Daylight Savings Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October?

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The Cass City Chronicle will publish social news free of charge. Social news includes: engagements, weddings, anniversaries, college graduations, birth announcements and similar items. There is a \$4 fee to include a photo.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Wednesday, October 30

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

## Thursday, October 31

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

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

## Friday, November 1

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

## Saturday, November 2

AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Ubly Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church).

## Sunday, November 3

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

## Monday, November 4

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

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

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

## Tuesday, November 5

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

# Chrysler fundraiser nets \$2,360 to promote bullying prevention

Local Chrysler Group dealership, Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Cass City, helped to raise \$2,360 in funding for Cass City Schools and key awareness for bullying prevention with Chrysler brand's "Drive for the Kids" program. The fundraising event was held on Oct. 16 in conjunction with a Cass City Schools band concert.

"The Chrysler brand and our local dealerships are committed to giving back to the communities where we do business," said Mike Dragojevic, director at the Great Lakes Business Center for Chrysler Group LLC. "We are extremely proud to support both schools and organizations, as they encourage student development and growth."

Participants earned a \$10 contribution to the school on their behalf

from the Chrysler brand by taking a brief test drive in a 2013 model Town & Country minivan - highest ranked in loyalty 11 years in a row, as well as other Chrysler vehicles made available for test drives thanks to Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep. In partnership with the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, those who participated also received important information about RFK Project SEATBELT (Safe Environments Achieved through Bullying Prevention Engagement Leadership Teaching Respect).

At the conclusion of the program, the school with the highest number of test drives in each one of the five geographic regions (Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Central, and

West) will win an additional \$5,000, for a total of \$25,000 in additional funding from Chrysler through the Drive for the Kids program.

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# Ubly motorist hurt in accident

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies say an Ubly motorist suffered injuries in a two-vehicle collision Friday morning in Huron County's McKinley Township.

Reports state Robert Klebba, 56, Ubly, was transporting stones in a

semi-truck on northbound Caseville Road near Richmond Road at about 9 a.m. when a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer, driven by 60-year-old John McClelland of Weston, Ohio, failed to stop at the intersection.

Investigators said Klebba's semi-truck collided with the SUV and then left the roadway, coming to rest on

its side. Fire fighters used the Jaws of Life to free him from the wreckage, according to reports, which note Klebba was airlifted to a Saginaw area hospital with what deputies described as non-life threatening injuries.

McClelland declined medical treatment at the scene.

## Circuit court news

# Several charged with felonies

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

\*Denzel D. Washington-Dickens, 21, Rochester, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 12 months probation following his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of malicious use of telecommunications service between Oct. 21 and Nov. 12, 2012, in Kingston Township. The defendant's jail time was

deferred for one year, according to court records, which state he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$698 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Alex E. Enos, 29, Caro, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$398 following his plea of guilty to one count of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to verify his sex offender registration information with local law enforcement July 1-15, 2012, in Almer Township.

\*Jerod T. Hill, 28, Reese, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to fleeing a police officer June 23 in Vassar.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$798.

\*Derek S. McHalpine, 20, Unionville, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by having a Facebook account without registering the account with the Michigan State Police between June 7 and July 11 in Akron Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

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

\*Paul V. Davis, pleaded no contest to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny March 31 in Millington Township, and to

malicious destruction of police/fire department property April 1 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$35,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Nelson O. Bolzman, 61, Unionville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Aug. 21 in Unionville.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,195.

\*Abdulelah Abdo-Murshed Al-Gahim, 36, Redford, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 18 months probation following his plea of guilty to writing a non-sufficient fund check for \$500 or more Jan. 24 in Elkland Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

The jail term was deferred for one year, according to court records, which state the defendant was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698 plus restitution of \$3,557.41.

\*Karissa A. Tausch, 24, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (deferred) and 12 months probation following her plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, March 3 in Arbela Township.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

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# CEMETERY SIGHTINGS



**TYLER PERRY** and **Kate Van Auken** address those gathered for the first of Sunday's two cemetery walk tours at Elkland Township Cemetery.



**HUGH SEED** told "his" story thanks to the acting talents of Cass City teacher **Ryan Walker**.



**DARYL AND Connie Iwankovitsch** shared their "memories" as the late **James and Cora Purdy**, whose "air castle" — the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown — has turned heads for decades.



**AREA RESIDENTS Jim and Judy Brown** portrayed the late **A.J. and Belle Knapp** during Sunday's inaugural Elkland Township Cemetery Walk tours.

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Smith & Brooker Law Firm, which continues to this day. Brooker, whose name was honored in the naming of a local street, died in 1973.

\*Wayne and Sherry Dillon portrayed Dr. Daniel and Cora Deming. Dr. Deming, born to a Clarkston farming family in 1844, left home at the age of 16 to fight for the Union Army. He fought in the Battle of Pittsburgh Landing, participated in the march from Atlanta to the seas, and was wounded in the Battle of Resaca, Georgia.

In the Army, Deming was a company surgeon. He later taught school for 2 years before going on to study medicine. In 1873, he came to Cass City, where he opened a drugstore and served as the village postmaster. Years later, he opened Pleasant Home Hospital. He died in 1913 from septic poisoning.

\*Jim and Judy Brown portrayed A.J. and Belle Knapp. A.J. was born in Ypsilanti in 1864 and came to Cass City as a young man. A graduate of Cleary Business College, he worked at the J.D. Crosby Clothing Store and later became an undertaker, which became his life's work.

Knapp was active in community affairs. He was a charter member of the Cass City Rotary Club, a life member of the Masonic Lodge and served both village government and his church. He died in 1952.

Belle (McKenzie) Knapp, born in 1875 in Cumber, founded and led the Cass City Women's Club, which is credited with opening the town's first library. The daughter of a local undertaker, she joined her husband in his business after they were married. She was among the first Michigan women to become a licensed embalmer. She died in 1969.

\*Rod Sherman portrayed Larry MacPhail, who is among the village's most colorful and interesting former residents.

Born in a room above his father's bank (now Osentoski Realty) in 1890, MacPhail is considered to be among professional baseball's "great innovators". He is credited with: the first night game in the major leagues, first televised game, first to use air travel for baseball teams, first to install a stadium club, first to introduce season ticket plans, and first to introduce protective batting helmets. He died in 1975.

\*Daryl and Connie Iwankovitsch portrayed James and Cora Purdy, best remembered for a piece of local architecture and history — the Thumb Octagon Barn just east and north of Gagetown.

James, born in Pontiac, and Cora, a Cass City native, were married in 1894. Their first home was above the Purdy Bank in Gagetown, owned by James' father.

Cora, who referred to her husband's 8-sided barn as his "air castle" — which has been completely restored and is maintained by the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn — kept a detailed diary depicting life at the time. James was a savvy banker who is credited with helping to establish the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) during the Great Depression.

\*Ryan Walker portrayed Hugh Seed Sr., who was born in Ireland in 1830 and came to America as a young man. He began working as a farmer when he first arrived in Oakland County, but later discovered his calling was the lumber industry, which led him to Tuscola County, where he bought property and homesteaded near what is today Schwegler Road in 1855.

With the population growing in the area, he and others began the process of forming a township. Because of the large elk population at the time, it was decided that the township should be called Elkland Township.

During Seed's life, he was active in community affairs, serving as justice of the peace and as village clerk at one time. He died in 1915, months after suffering a stroke.

\*Jim Ware portrayed Andrew Walmsley, also born in Ireland, just a few fields away from his friend, Hugh Seed, in 1831.

After arriving in America, he initially made the trek to Livingston County, but before long he joined other men who journeyed to this area, which offered ample lumber. They cut their way through forests from Watrousville to what is now Cass City. Like Seed, Walmsley worked in the Cooper & Wright

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**BORN IN AN upstairs room above what is now Osentoski Realty in Cass City, the late Larry MacPhail, portrayed by Rod Sherman (below), is credited with helping to shape professional baseball.**



**MICHELLE Leeson (below) was convincing in her portrayal of the late Lucile Bauer, who was among Cass City's most notable movers and shakers back in the day.**



**WAYNE AND Sherry Dillon (below) were tapped to portray the late Dr. Daniel and Cora Deming.**



**CASS CITY history buff Jim Ware (below) portrayed the late Andrew Walmsley.**



Photos by Editor Tom Montgomery

# CEMETERY SIGHTINGS

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Lumber Camps, then purchased land near what is today Schwegler Road. He, too, was instrumental in forming Elkland Township.

Walmsley married Eliza Orr in 1861 — the first wedding performed

in the newly-formed township. Three years later, the first school classes were held in a room in the Walmsley cabin.

Walmsley was very active in the community, serving as township treasurer for many years. Also a charter member of the Cass City Methodist Church, he died in 1910.

## INSPIRATION

According to Perry, it was Elkland Township Cemetery Sexton Steve Wright who inspired the idea for a walking tour of the cemetery.

"At the August meeting of the Cass City Area Historical Society, (Wright) gave an excellent presentation on the history of the cemetery and some of its unique features," Perry said. "I was intrigued by its history and began thinking of ways we could get the community to 1) learn the history of the cemetery, and 2) better understand the contributions previous generations have made to the community.

"I mentioned this to (Rawson Memorial District Library Director) Kate Van Auken and she told me about an historical cemetery walk another library does for a fundraiser," he added. "We began brainstorming the idea of hosting our own cemetery walk.

"Originally, we thought it would just be a tour of the cemetery, with the tour guides pointing out interesting aspects of the grounds. But we later decided that there were so many interesting people buried in the cemetery that this program had to share their stories."

Perry said he hopes the cemetery walk, sponsored by Rawson Memorial District Library, Erla Foods, Inc., and VIP Coffee Lounge, all of Cass City, will become an annual event.



A.J. Knapp



Belle Knapp



Cora Purdy



James Purdy



Daniel Deming



Andrew Walmsley



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- ☹ Carry a flashlight.
- ☹ Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible.
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## Pay freeze lifted in new teachers contract

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pleased.”

Hartel also indicated he's satisfied with the agreement.

“I believe both sides got a fair contract,” he said, adding local school officials, with the support of the teaching staff, administration, board and Chief Financial Officer Mike Klosowski, have managed to do what dozens of other districts across the state have not this year: adopt a new contract as well as avoid major staff layoffs, and maintain programs that include the arts and FFA along with a thriving daycare and at-risk student programs.

“I'm proud of what we've been able to do, and we've still added money to our fund balance,” Hartel said. “I think Cass City Public Schools is headed in the right direction.”

In a related Monday, the board of education also approved a salary increase for the district's four administrators. Hartel along with administrators Chad Daniels, Aaron Fernald and Don Markel will each receive an additional 1 1/2 percent, which adds up to a combined \$5,000 cost to the district.

### RECOGNITION

During the regular monthly meeting, the board learned that Cass City Elementary has been identified as one of 347 “Reward” schools out of 4,247 schools in the state.

Michigan Department of Education

officials, in a letter to the district, stated Cass City Elementary School has been identified as both a “High Progress” and “Beating the Odds” Reward School.

High Progress schools are those that are showing significant improvement and sustaining growth over a period of several years, while Beating the Odds schools are posting achievement results that exceed expectations or predictions based on demographic characteristics of the school and its students.

“We hope that your school staff, students and community take great pride in these accomplishments,” said Mike Flanagan, state superintendent of schools. “Your hard work and effort represent the best of what Michigan schools have to offer their students.”

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also Monday, the board:

\*Received a clean bill of financial health from the accounting firm of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran PC CPAs.

Gary Anderson, who presented the results of the Cass City Schools' 2012-13 audit, indicated the annual financial review found no significant problems. In fact, he commented, “You're doing a really good job on the budgeting. Your beginning and ending figures are very close.”

Anderson noted school officials added \$126,000 to the fund balance, which totaled more than \$918,000 — equal to roughly 9 1/2-percent of the

district's general fund budget — at the end of the fiscal year.

\*Heard a transportation report from Hartel, who announced the schools' bus fleet (9 on the road and 4 spares) recently underwent inspections by the Michigan State Police. There was just one red tag, related to brakes not releasing properly on a bus, and that issue has been repaired, he said.

\*Discussed plans to hire an additional special education teacher to address an increase in the number of students attending Cass City Schools who need specialized attention. The district employed 4 special ed instructors last year, and they served 82 students. An increase to 93 students this year prompted the additional hiring, according to Hartel.

\*Learned that local seventh and eighth grade students will again be hosting a ceremony to honor area veterans on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. An assembly will get underway at 8:15 a.m., and the community is invited to attend.

\*Briefly reviewed the latest student enrollments among the 9 public school systems within the Tuscola Intermediate School District.

Akron-Fairgrove was the only school to see an increase in kids (13) over the past year. Among the other districts: Caro lost 58 students; Cass City, 20 students; Kingston, 16 students; Mayville, 4 students; Millington, 42 students; Reese, 35 students; USA, 20 students; and Vassar, 64 students.



**PAYTON BOCK and Zach Jammer do their part to help Karwowski complete his Eagle Project.**



**PICTURED WITH the completed project above are (back row, from left) Gunnar Koon, Lucas Baker, Travis Albright, Brendan Karwowski, (front row, left) Brent Baker, Zach McLachlan, Brad Baker and Nick Karwowski.**

## DFA project on lickety-split pace

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are now being installed.”

Accordingly, council members unanimously approved several motions related to the project's completion.

Public Service Committee member Jenny Zawilinski presented 4 requests, the first seeking approval of a proposal from Spicer Group, Saginaw, for final design and construction engineering costs for Doerr

Road pavement improvements totaling \$60,000.

Zawilinski explained the project involves milling Doerr Road and resurfacing it with three inches of bituminous surface. In addition, there are intersection improvements planned at the corner of M-81 and Doerr Road.

Zawilinski's second request approved another Spicer Group proposal calling for engineering service-

es for improvements on North Division Street and to the storm sewer in the industrial park. The infrastructure improvements are tagged at \$240,000.

The final two motions were approved for the purchase of water main materials and fire hydrants for the DFA project. She said 2,500 lineal feet of eight-inch water main, along with five fire hydrants are needed to supply the DFA with water service. The work will be completed by the village's DPW crew, with material costs for the water main estimated at \$25,787 and another \$8,250 for the hydrants.

### BONDS

Cristiano emphasized during the 30-minute meeting that the cost of the DFA project will not be shouldered by village taxpayers.

“There are 5 major funding sources for the DFA project,” said Cristiano, who cited capital improvement bonds and revenue bonds, along with a Block Grant, MDOT Grant and Saw Grant.

Trustee Don Richards clarified that before the issuing of the bonds, village officials first must publish a “Notice of Intent” for the \$1.5 million capital improvement bonds, which will cover the roadway improvements and the storm drainage system on North Division Street. These bonds will be paid for by the DFA.

Turning to the revenue bonds, an estimated \$8 million is earmarked to upgrade the village's 32-year-old wastewater treatment plant in order to process waste from the dairy plant. These bonds will be paid for completely by the DFA through its monthly sewer bills.

“The DFA will pay double the amount of the rest of the village water users combined,” Cristiano pointed out.

Once again, the revenue bonds must first publish a “Notice of Intent” for the sewage disposal system bonds. All necessary documents for both bond requests will appear in a future Chronicle publication.

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## The Eagle

### Cass City's Nick Karwowski earns scouting's highest rank

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Eighteen-year-old Nick Karwowski figures his interest in music should give him a leg up on a career as an audio engineer some day.

Even if he were to have a change of heart, though, he knows he has the self-discipline, confidence and enough leadership skills to take him just about anywhere he wants to go in the months and years ahead.

And he says a lifetime of involvement in scouting helped prepare him for that future.

Karwowski, the son of the Rev. Mark and Lisa Karwowski, Cass City, recently capped off nearly a dozen years in scouting by earning the highest rank offered in the Boy Scouts — the Eagle.

The coveted honor was recently confirmed by an Eagle board of review following completion of Karwowski's Eagle project.

The process involves planning and leading a service project to benefit any school, church or community, according to Karwowski, whose family moved to Cass City from Milford a couple of years ago after his father was named pastor of the Living Word Worship Center. “The project is intended to have the Eagle candidate (demonstrate) leadership and responsibility as well as serving others,” he explained.

Karwowski organized a volunteer work crew and laid the groundwork for construction of a 10-foot by 10-foot storage shed for his church Friday, Sept. 27.

“After picking up the materials, I began to assemble the base and frame of the shed with help from a couple of volunteers. That night we managed to complete the base, frame and the floor,” he said. “The next day, construction resumed early in the morning and went until dark. We were able to add all the siding and roof to the assembled skeleton we had built the day before.

“Sunday many of my work crew (members) returned to help finish what remained of the project,” Karwowski added. “After our morning church services, we spent most of the day adding trim, shingles, doors and hardware, completely finishing construction that evening.”

Karwowski is quick to credit his crew for the success of his Eagle project. Among those volunteering were members of his family; fellow scouts from Troop 594, Cass City; Josh Vallender, a friend, former scout and Eagle from Milford; and Ray, Mark and Josh Fibranz, all members of his church.

Karwowski recognized all of the sponsors who contributed towards his project — the Cass City Rotary Club, Ray's Electric, the Rev. Jackie Roe, Erla Foods, Captured by Christine Photography, Bartnik Service, VIP Salon, the Rev. Phil and Darlene Burkett, Driven Designs and Graphics, and Mid-Michigan Business Solution Center.

Karwowski's accomplishment places him in some pretty impressive company.

Past Eagle Scouts have included the late Gerald R. Ford (38th president of the United States), Academy Award-winning film director Steven Spielberg, professional basketball hall of famer and later U.S. Senator Bill Bradley, Mike Rowe (host of Discovery Channel's “Dirty Jobs” show), and Neil A. Armstrong, the first person to set foot on the moon.

Karwowski got his start in scouting as a youngster when he joined the Cub Scouts. “I was a wolf scout. It was first or second grade, I think,” he recalled. “It was kind of popular at my school. A lot of kids (I knew) were going into Cub Scouts.”

As a Cub Scout, Karwowski said his goal was to climb his way up to being a Boy Scout. Once there, the Eagle rank was the goal from day one, he added.

Since then, Karwowski says he's learned a great deal about responsibility, self-discipline and self-confidence, and leadership.

He's also been planning for a future that includes enrolling in a certification course in audio engineering next year in Nashville.

“I hope to make a career out of recording and producing music for a record company,” explained the 2013 Cass City High School graduate, who sings and plays guitar and bass. For the past year or so, he has been playing with a band called Brief Hiatus, whose members include his brother, Brendan, 16, on keyboards, and his cousins, Matt, 18, and Mike Stahl, 20, who play drums and guitar, respectively.

Karwowski indicated scouting has played a role in shaping the person he is today, and earning the Eagle rank has helped prepare him for success in whatever lies ahead.

“I think it takes a lot of motivation. You have to keep at it,” he said. “It's a lot of work. You have to want it.”

Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. However, only about 2 to 3 percent of all scouts attain the highest rank in the Boy Scouts merit.

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**CASS CITY retained the M-81 Clash sign Friday with an easy victory over visiting Caro in the gridiron season-ending battle between neighbors.**

## Cass City retains M-81 Clash bragging rights with big win over neighbors Caro

Cass City will enter a record of 5-4 into the history book following Friday's 48-19 season ending gridiron victory over guests Caro in the annual M-81 Clash contest.

Caro entered the affair with just one win to their credit during the past 2 years, but was able to take a 7-6 edge into the second quarter behind the first of 2 Chad Bennett touchdowns. The senior standout accounted for 150 total yards on the night, including 101 yards rushing and another 50 yards receiving on 4 catches from quarterback Kyle Sharp.

Despite Bennett's antics, it was all Cass City the rest of the way. The senior heavy Red Hawks reeled off 36 straight points en route to their second straight win in the series.

Drew Field scored on a 7-yard run with 9:17 remaining in the half to start the winner's touchdown parade. Sawyer Cuthrell found the end zone next on a nifty 30-yard jaunt. His only marker had the hosts in front 18-7 and the route was on. Field and Perzanowski each cashed in 3 scores behind a dominating effort from the Red Hawk offensive line.

Field led all rushers on the night with 137 yards on 13 totes. Cuthrell added 111 rushing yards on 11 carries and Braeden Perzanowski chipped in 127 yards on 14 carries.

"I was proud our seniors (went) out

on a positive note, a great team effort," said Coach Scott Cuthrell.

Ending their Red Hawk careers on the night were seniors Dakota Hartel, Shane Rasmussen, Jake Hacker, Michael Mulligan, Al Adams, Jake Perry, Andy Collins, Lucas Baker, Watson Moore, Curtis Dickinson, Field and Perzanowski.

Defensively, Field had 10 tackles to pace Cass City, while Watson Moore and Curtis Dickinson ended a noteworthy season by splitting 16 stops.

Cass City's Class of 2014 is the Red Hawks' first to post back-to-back winning seasons since a streak of 3 consecutive playoff runs beginning in 2004.

## Owen-Gage defense paces victory; A-F visits Owendale next

Owen-Gage capped an impressive regular season Friday with a 42-6 victory over Posen in 8-man football. With the win, the Bulldogs take an 8-1 record into Friday's playoff match-up against rival Akron-Fairgrove. The 7 p.m. tilt in Owendale will serve as the rubber game between the 2 schools in a win to survive contest.

"We are very excited to be headed to the playoffs for the third straight year and hosting a game for the second straight year. Our goal now is the same as it was in August, to win a state championship," said Bulldog Coach Steve Hollocker.

Bulldog senior Quinn Smith will have a lot to say about his team's lofty aspirations. Smith capped off a spectacular regular season with a 5 touchdown, 346 yard rushing performance.

"Quinn is firing on all cylinders as we head into next Friday's playoff showdown with Akron-Fairgrove. He now has amassed 2,476 rushing yards on the season and 41 rushing

touchdowns," said Hollocker.

Junior fullback Adam Retford also had a good night for the winners, pounding out 94 yards on 16 carries, while freshman David Binder caught a 54 yard touchdown toss from sophomore quarterback Jake Wright. "The offensive line did a nice job of opening holes for our running game tonight. Last year we beat them at their place in a 78-74 offensive shoot out, so to hold them to just 6 points is impressive, the defense played another outstanding game," said Hollocker.

Defensively, Ben Good continued his dominating senior season and added another 2 sacks to his state leading total (30.5). Sophomore line-backer Dylan Fritz was credited with a team-high 12 tackles, including a sack.

Also for the Bulldogs, Dan Good had a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, and 8 tackles including a sack, while senior Cody Wilson Cole chipped in with 6 tackles and a sack.



**CASS CITY'S Hunter Langenburg makes a good reception in GTW volleyball action against Bad Axe. At the ready is Red Hawk Shania Chambers.**

## USA district volleyball favorite in Harbor Beach

Some call it the luck of the draw, however, for Cass City volleyball fans that luck appears to be all bad.

Coach Bill Potter's Lady Red Hawks have a tough row to hoe in their Class C District Tournament hosted by Harbor Beach. Schools.

The Red Hawk spikers will travel to face heavy district tournament favorite Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools Monday, Nov. 4, at 6 pm. Adding salt to the wound, the two schools are slated to meet in Sebewaing, with the winners advancing to meet Bad Axe Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the late semifinal contest near the bay. The Hatchets defeated Cass City twice in Greater Thumb West play and finished as runner-ups in the conference standings.

Turning to the top half of the district bracket, other first round games Monday, both slated for a 6 pm starts, have the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers traveling to meet Harbor Beach, and Uby taking to the road to face Sandusky. Those winners will meet in Wednesday's early semifinal contest in Harbor Beach, where the first serve is slated for 6 pm.

Both semifinal winners will vie for district honors Thursday, Nov. 7, in Harbor Beach at 7 pm.

## Red Hawks end GTW play with setbacks

Cass City bowed in their final 2 Greater Thumb West volleyball contests to finish fourth in the league standings with a 5-7 mark.

On Thursday, Coach Bill Potter's Red Hawks traveled to Reese for the Lady Red Hawks' final GTW affair and lost in 3 sets. The scores on the night were 25-16, 26-24 and 25-17.

"(Once) again we had one real strong set, but failed to sustain high level of play for each player and fell short," said Potter.

Earlier in the week, Cass City entertained Bad Axe Tuesday and fell in straight sets in the Red Hawks' home finale by the scores of 27-25, 25-15 and 25-16.

"We played very good in the first set and fell off a bit in the second and third," commented Potter. Adding,

"Overall I was happy with the performance of our team and tried to keep the level of play that almost won in the first set. The extra effort only created more errors and no amount of encouragement could keep us at our top level of play."

Individually against Reese, Meagan LeValley with 12 kills and 3 aces, Lauren Potter with 17 assists and Shania Chambers with 16 digs recorded team highs.

Individually against Bad Axe, Taylor Rasmussen led Cass City with 10 kills, while Macy Dickinson and LeValley each chipped in 5 kills. Potter was credited with 20 assists and Chambers had 16 digs.

Cass City traveled to play in the Laker Invitational Saturday. No results were made available by press time.



**MOVING ON. Cass City cross country standouts Erin Zdrojewski and Bransen Stimpfel both qualified for the Division 3 state final meet over the weekend in Harbor Beach.**

## Caro runners grab titles Saturday in Harbor Beach

Caro's cross country teams were a little stingy Saturday in Harbor Beach.

That's where the Tigers ran to a pair of Division 3 regional titles, dominating the action at the Wagener County Park race site. After the Lady Tigers used 4 top-10 individual finishes to capture the girls' team championship, the Tiger boys followed suit, and with 4 individual times under the 18-minute mark, topped the field.

The top 3 teams in the girls' standings were Caro (35), Flint Powers (48) and Frankenmuth (103).

For the champions, Monica Ellicott's time of 19:07 was second only to Frankenmuth's Emily Sievert, the race medalist at 18:59. Casey Hadaway was next to finish on the day with a time of 19:24, while Emily Cockerill placed sixth in 19:55, Andrea Messing, ninth in 20:24 and Sarah Brown, 15th in 20:52.

For Cass City, Erin Zdrojewski was clocked in 20:31, Elizabeth Sanders in 22:44, Josie Loomis in 23:30, Hope Wilson in 23:40, Elisabeth Milligan in 23:54, Dakota Wilson in 26:10 and Ashtyn Janiske-Weiler in

26:10.

"Erin ran her best (time) of the season to qualify for the state meet. She finished in 12th place; the top 15 runners advance," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski noting the November 2 race will take place at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"Elisabeth Milligan ran a personal best 23:54, breaking into the 23s for the first time ever. Elizabeth Sanders also posted (her) season best time as did Ashtyn Janiske-Weiler, Hope Wilson and Dakota Wilson. Conditions were good for running as the sun came out for part of the races and the wind was blocked by the trees at the park."

Turning to the boys' race, Ben Brown was third with a time of 17:02 and Dustin LeValley was 7th with a time of 17:16 to lead the champion Tigers. A balanced effort from Caro also had Travis Bauerschmidt with a time of 17:37 and David Muz with a time of 17:48. Jerzy Kolanowski was the 19th runner to break the tape and completes the list of Caro point winners with a time of 18:06.

In the team standings, Caro held off Marlette 57-73 for top honors. Carrollton placed third with 74 points.

Locally, it was a big day for freshman Bransen Stimpfel. He battled Vassar's Tom Goforth for medalist honors for much of the race, before finishing as the runner-up. Goforth won the race in 16:34; Stimpfel was clocked in 16:46.

"Bransen was the only runner for Cass City, but he finished second in the field and as a result is a state qualifier for this Saturday's race.

But that's not all, "In addition to qualifying to run at the state meet, Bransen tied the ninth best time posted at Cass City High School and will have his name and time added to the All Time Top 10 list posted in the gym at the high school," said Zdrojewski.

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# ORV restrictions protect resources

With deer hunting seasons underway, Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers remind hunters heading afield using an off-road vehicle (ORV) to follow ORV land-use regulations.

Each year, we see hunters using ORVs where it is illegal to operate them, said Lt. Andrew Turner, who leads the DNR's Recreation, Safety and Enforcement program. We remind hunters that ORV restrictions are in place to protect natural resources and minimize user conflict with other hunters and outdoor recreation enthusiasts. To ensure everyone's safety and to help everyone have an enjoyable hunt, we ask riders to know the rules and encourage others to do the same.

ORV land-use regulations hunters should be aware of include the following:

It is illegal to operate an ORV on public lands in the Lower Peninsula that are not posted open. ORVs are prohibited on state game areas or state parks and recreation areas unless posted open.

On state forest lands, ORV use on

designated trails is limited to vehicles less than 50 inches in width. Off-trail or off-route ORV operation outside of a designated area is prohibited, except for licensed hunters operating an ORV at speeds of 5 miles per hour or less for the purpose of removing deer, bear or elk. Big game ORV retrieval provisions do not apply to the Pigeon River Country State Forest or to state game areas and national forests.

In all national forests, motor vehicles can be used only on roads, trails or areas that are designated as open on Motor Vehicle Use maps. For more information, contact the local national forest headquarters.

It is illegal to operate an ORV from 7 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. on any area open to public hunting during the Nov. 15-30 firearm deer season. For exceptions to these time restrictions, see the 2013 Hunting and Trapping Digest or the Handbook of Michigan Off-Road Vehicle Laws.

Roads, streets and highways maintained for year-round automobile travel are closed to ORV operation, including the shoulder and the right-

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Violations of these and other rules should be reported by calling the DNR's Report All Poaching (RAP) Line at 800-292-7800.

# Safety tips for handling venison

With deer bow hunting season going strong and gun season right around the corner, Michigan State University Extension reminds you to remember not only the safety of yourself while hunting, but also the safety of the venison meat.

Venison is a great tasting, tender meat, but it is often made less tasty or even gamey by the following practices:

- Hanging the carcass when the meat will reach temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit
- Contaminating the meat with the contents of bowels, bladder or stomach, dirt or dirty water
- Not cleaning or trimming and disposing of contaminated meat
- Leaving fat and connective tissue on the meat
- \*Making shoulder and neck steaks from large, old deer

Food safety is important to keep in mind when field dressing wild game. Recommendations for a "tool kit" to assist in field dressing your game include gloves for your hands, sharp knife, paper towels, plastic bags, hand sanitizer or hand wipes (we highly recommend hand washing as soon as possible with hot water and soap) and equipment necessary for getting your deer back home or to a vehicle without contaminating the meat.

### Home Preserving Venison

Freezing is the easiest way to preserve venison. To prepare venison for freezing, trim away connective tissue and fat, the source of strong "gamey" flavor. Protect the meat by wrapping it in

moisture vapor-resistant packaging materials. Package in quantities your family will eat in one meal. Label each package with the date and cut of meat. Freeze quickly at 0 degrees Fahrenheit or below. For best eating results, use frozen ground venison within 3 months. Frozen venison steaks or roasts should be used within 8-12 months.

Canning venison is also a popular method to preserve the meat. When canning venison, you must use a pressure canner to process since venison and other meats are low acid foods. Low acid foods must be processed in a pressure canner to assure their safety. The National Center for Home Food Preservation ([www.homefoodpreservation.com](http://www.homefoodpreservation.com)) recommends canning venison according to directions for canning beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton.

Choose high-quality, chilled meat strips, cubes or chunks. Remove excess fat. Strong-flavored wild meats should be soaked for one hour in a brine made from one tablespoon of salt per quart of water. Rinse meat. Cut into one-inch-wide strips, cubes or chunks.

Hot pack—Precook meat to the rare stage by roasting, stewing or browning in a small amount of fat. Pack hot meat loosely into hot jars, leaving one inch of headspace. Add half teaspoon salt to pints; one teaspoon to quarts, if desired. (salt is not critical to the processing and can be omitted.) Fill the jar, leaving one inch of headspace, with boiling broth,

water or tomato juice. Remove air bubbles. Wipe jar rims. Adjust lids and process as directed below.

Raw pack—Add half teaspoon salt to each pint jar; 1 teaspoon to quarts, if desired. (salt is not critical to the processing and can be omitted.) Pack raw meat loosely in hot jars, leaving one inch of headspace. Do not add liquid. Remove air bubbles. Wipe jar rims. Adjust lids and process as directed below.

Process both hot and raw pack meat in a dial-gauge pressure canner at 11 pounds pressure or in a weighted-gauge pressure canner at 10 pounds pressure (pounds of pressure required vary according to altitude). Pints should be processed for 75 minutes; quarts should be processed for 90 minutes. Remember that timing does not begin until the canner has vented for 10 minutes and comes up to pressure. If your pressure goes below the correct number of pounds, timing must be started over. Correct processing must be followed precisely to ensure a safe product.

Using safe techniques to clean, store and preserve your venison will allow you to enjoy the meat all year long.

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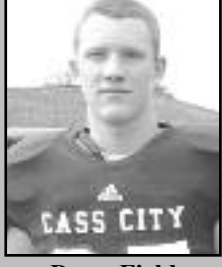
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# Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's congratulates senior Drew Field as their choice for "Athlete of the Week" award honors. After missing most of his junior season with a knee injury, Field ended his Red Hawk football career Friday on a high note against Caro in the annual M-81 Clash game.

Field scored 3 touchdowns and rushed for a game-high 137 yards on 20 carries. Field also had a banner defensive showing with 10 tackles, tops among the winners in their 48-19 decision.



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# AAUW Halloween Carnival nets \$500

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Cass City/Thumb Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) organized another successful Halloween Carnival Thursday at Cass City Elementary School.

The family event, geared towards students ages 12 and under, drew dozens of youngsters, accompanied by parents, grandparents and other family members, according to AAUW member Judy Brown.

"Excitement filled the air as students participated in 'Creepy Creek', 'Stomp', 'Plinko', 'Alley Oops', and

a variety of other games. The 'Fish Pond' and 'Sucker Pumpkin' were popular as students walked away with sweet treats and other 'treasures,'" Brown said. "Many children also enjoyed colorful face painting."

In their third year of partnering with the AAUW, local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts operated the annual carnival's spook house. "This gave scouts and their parents an opportunity to provide a service activity while generating a little revenue to cover their costs," Brown noted.

"This activity is yet another example of the volunteerism that is very much alive in Cass City," she said.

"Volunteers from AAUW operated the carnival, while several junior and senior high school students enthusiastically assisted in set-up and running games. Without their assistance and the support of the Cass City Public Schools, this event would not be possible."

Brown said the preliminary numbers revealed a profit of roughly \$500 from this year's carnival.

"Proceeds from the event will be used to help fund educational programs for Cass City Public Schools, as well as the annual paint-in held in conjunction with Cass City's annual Freedom Festival," Brown added.



TYLER HEALY and his sister, MacKenzie, were among dozens of area youngsters who enjoyed Thursday's Halloween Carnival in Cass City.




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