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Community rallies around Tom Burns family

Benefit set Sunday for local resident awaiting transplant

by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer

What's better than a heaping plate of spaghetti on a Sunday afternoon in the fall? How about the warm feeling you get from helping a local family whose patriarch is battling health issues?

Area residents will have the opportunity to enjoy both this weekend when organizers host the Tom Burns Benefit Dinner, Sunday, starting at 11 a.m. in the Cass City Junior-Senior High School cafeteria.

The event, planned by the Tom Burns Benefit Committee and co-sponsored by Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans, will continue through 3 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids ages 5 to 12 years (children under 5 years are free).

In addition to dinner, the day will include a 50/50 raffle, bake sale and a silent auction.

Proceeds from the dinner and other fundraising activities will go to help Cass City area resident Tom Burns, who is awaiting a liver transplant.

Burns' battle began in March 2011 when he was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver. Cirrhosis is a disease in which healthy liver tissue is replaced with scar tissue. Over a period of time, the process prevents the liver from functioning properly.

Advanced forms of cirrhosis are life-threatening if not addressed, and one way to deal with the disease is a liver transplant.

At the time of Burns' initial diagnosis, his Model for End-Stage Disease (MELD) score was 14. The MELD score is a system to assess the liver's function and determines when a transplant is required. The higher the MELD score, the more immediate the need for a transplant.

There are four MELD score stages; the lowest level is less than or equal to 10, followed by 11-18 and 19-24, then the highest range — 25 or higher — which indicates a more immediate need for a transplant.

The MELD score is configured based on three measurements, including bilirubin, which measures how effectively the liver excretes bile. The INR (prothrombin time) measures the liver's ability to make blood clotting factors, and the final factor is creatine, which indicates how well the kidneys are functioning.

Burns' MELD score reached 19 while he was at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw early last month. Within a week, the score had soared to 40, which prompted doctors to transfer him to Henry Ford Hospital near Detroit. He has since been transferred to the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is awaiting a transplant.

Anyone interested in donating to or helping out during the upcoming benefit is encouraged to contact Nick Moyer at (517) 990-4966.



AREA RESIDENT Tom Burns, who is awaiting a liver transplant, is pictured above (far left) with his wife, Brenda, and the couple's son, Tom. A benefit dinner for the family has been slated for Sunday at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

Volunteers always welcome at community Thanksgiving meal

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Georgia and Steve Hammett don't typically host dozens of family members for a huge Thanksgiving feast, but the Cass City couple enjoys the holiday with a big family just the same.

This Thanksgiving, the Hammetts will be celebrating just as they have

for the past decade — volunteering and sharing a meal with their friends and neighbors during the annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

"My family, they don't live around here, so this (tradition) is as much for me as it is helping," Georgia Hammett commented. "We don't have any plans, so instead of eating at home alone...we get to spend

Thanksgiving with some great people."

Steve and Barbara Lutzky agreed. "As our families grew smaller and get-togethers became more limited, we first attended the Thanksgiving Community Dinner about 6 years ago. The next year we decided to sign up to help prepare, set up and be servers at the dinner," said Barbara Lutzky.

"Since we were fairly new to the area, we found it a good way to meet new people and enjoy a great meal at the same time," she added. "It's very heartwarming to see so many people come together at a time when many would have spent the day alone. We encourage those who may be newcomers to come this year and enjoy the fellowship of their new neighbors and feel welcomed as we did."

As is tradition, this year's dinner will be held Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, located just north of Cass City on Cemetery Road. The meal is served at noon only, and everyone is welcome.

The dinner is free, but make no mistake; this isn't a charity event, it's

8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Curtis figures this year's need is similar to that seen in recent years. It's a need the local Rotary Club has managed to meet annually with the help of the community.

Now in its 15th year, Christmas for Kids served 116 families — more

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Rotary working to brighten holidays for local youngsters

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Thanksgiving is still just about a week away, but it isn't too soon to start thinking about ways to help ensure a merry Christmas for Cass City area youngsters whose families are struggling financially this year.

Towards that end, members of the Cass City Rotary Club are gearing up for their annual Christmas for Kids campaign, an effort focused on collecting toys, clothing, books and other items to be distributed to kids living in the Cass City School District.

As always, Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, 6617 Main St., Cass City, will serve as the Christmas for Kids campaign headquarters, according to Pat Curtis, who serves on the Christmas for Kids Committee along with other members of the Cass City Rotary Club.

Although the club will designate a few locations in town to collect donations, the dealership will be the primary drop-off center for toys and clothing as well as cash contributions, which are used to purchase items needed to ensure all the families on the club's list are served. Donations may be taken to the local dealership during regular business hours; Monday through Friday from

Hey kids! It's time to write letters to Santa

Hey kids, get busy writing those letters to Santa.

Everybody knows Santa has a subscription to the Cass City Chronicle, and he checks each issue closely. This time of year in search of Christmas lists from children in the Thumb area.

All you have to do is write your letter and send it to us. The easiest way is to have mom or dad e-mail your note along with a photo of yourself

to: chronicle@ccchronicle.net. Letters can also be mailed to the paper at 6550 Main St., P.O. Box 115, Cass City, MI 48726, or drop them off to us in person (we're located at the corner of Main and Oak streets, next to Schneberger's).

All of the letters will be published in December - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 25. But get started now because the deadline is Monday, Dec. 16.



HILLS & DALES General Hospital officials partnered with local police, fire department and ambulance personnel, and county emergency management officials, to conduct an emergency drill involving a chemical weapons attack scenario last Wednesday. In the top photo above, Norma Abbott (back turned) and Diane Howey reenact what would happen after a patient was decontaminated and brought into the ER. Above, Deb Frank assists co-worker Traci Billmeier with getting into a decontamination suit.

EMERGENCY!

Hospital, emergency crews prepare for the worst in mock disaster drill

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Preparing for the worst was on the minds of Hills and Dales General Hospital employees last week as they worked with several agencies and volunteers to execute a disaster drill in the Cass City community.

The hospital's "Weapons of Mass Destruction Drill", designed to improve activation of a local disaster plan and associated emergency codes, was launched last Wednesday at 9:02 a.m.

In partnership with the Cass City High School Drama Club, Cass City Police Department, MMR Ambulance personnel, Elkland Township Fire Department and Tuscola County Emergency Management, the exercise involved simulation of a chemical weapons attack and the scenario that would follow.

"Performing this drill allows us to practice for activation of an incident command center at the hospital, setting up a decontamination tent to receive victims in the hospital's ambulance bay, practicing donning and doffing appropriate personal protective equipment, testing the hospital's patient tracking process, (and) practicing collaboration with outside agencies like police and fire departments," explained Craig Bellew, who serves as patient safety officer at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

"It is essential for the hospital staff to be prepared for any sort of disaster," Bellew said. "We are very thankful to all of the outside agencies and school students who were willing to help us act out this scenario."

The exercise began with a call from MMR officials notifying the hospital staff of a possible "chemical contamination" taking place near the village pool in Cass City Recreation Park.

The hospital staff immediately moved into action, following established protocols for such emergencies. The first "patients" were received at Hills and Dales at 9:32 a.m. and the decontamination process and triage steps began. Four "patients" were received in total. At 9:50 a.m., the "all clear" was called for both the incident site and hospital triage area, followed by a debriefing of staff, students and personnel representing outside agencies.

"The Hills & Dales General Hospital Safety Committee will meet to discuss how the drill went and what changes, if any, need to be made in the process and policies for a disaster," Bellew noted.

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Ubly announces honor roll

Officials at Ubly High and Junior High School have announced the first marking period honor roll.

GRADE 12

Teryan Block*, Sydney Bonnema*, Tyler Brandel*, Lindsey Briolat, Mitchell Briolat, Matthew Brown, Austin Burton, Kandace Crickon*, Tyler Cross, Sara Doyle, Kyle Franzel, Heather Gentner*, Nicole Gerstenberger, Ashley Glaza, Ryan Gwisdalla, Marissa Hagen, Brent Heleski*, Jensen Hund*, Damion Irvine, Chelsey Klawon, Janelle Leppke*, Joshua Leppke, Clayton Messing, Leah Messing, Trenton Morell*, Edward Murray, Sara Osantowski*, Destiny Osentoski, Kady Osentoski*, Leah Osentoski*, Sarah Peters, Danielle Pionk*, Brayden Rich*, Kyle Romzek*, Amanda Rutkowski, Brittney Sadro*, Justin Sadro, Shawn Schmidt, Logan Schumacher, Shelby Schumacher*, Jessie Schwartz, Breanna Stapleton, Kassidy Swanson*, Hannah Sweeney, Brett Vogel, Marshal Weltin, and Kari White.

GRADE 11

Jonathon Bischer, Courtney Cook, Hanna Drake*, Shelby Farver, Christopher Francis, Roger Franzel, Jaelyn Geiger, Alexis Gezequel, Adam M. Grifka*, Kelsie Gross, Marisa Guza*, Michela Guza*, Emily Halifax, Claire Hembrough, Cody Hutchinson, Alexis Inbody, Cody Klee, Meagan Kozfkay, Logan Lemke, Sawyer Messing, Tiffani Moore, Cynthia O'Connor*, Brandy Osentoski, Frederick Pallas, Samantha Pionk, Alex Ratcliff, Scott Shepherd, Nicole Sweeney, Kelsey Ulfig, Trevor Walsh, Grant Weber, Bryce Weltin, Jenna White, Cameo Wolschleger, Jessica Wolschleger, Miranda Wolschleger*, and Shanae Woolner

GRADE 10

Evan Block, Kaylee Block, Emily Booms, Joshua Bowman, Macanna Briolat, Alexandria Camp*, Isabela Cavalcante, Abigail Deering, Trevor Dropiewski, Jennifer Gentner, Madison Glaza, Grant Hagen, Aaron Hund, Ethan Hund, Courtney Klee*, Marius Kumm, Nicholes Maikrzek, James McBride, Justin Messing, Olena Muravey*, Nicole Osantowski, Ashley Osentoski*, Kasey Palmer, Shannon Particka*, Melanie Puvalowski, Alexander

Rich, Elena Rodriguez, Lucas Rothe, Daniel Rutkowski*, Blake Schumacher, Rebecca Speciale, Ashley Sweeney*, Lapasrada Tansittichoke, Brigitte Vogel, Jesse Vogel, James Weber, Roman Weltin, Jeffrey Wright, and Jonathan Wright*.

GRADE 9

Morgan Block, David Bowman*, Jonathan Brandel, Derek Brown, Jessi Clink*, Devin Dutcher, Kaitlynn Foster, Adam D. Grifka, Grace Grifka, Michelle Inbody, Lauren Kranz, Noah Krueger, Rachel Lemanski, Megan Leppke, Olivia Lipskey*, Autumn Loss, Emma Melnik, Jonathan Murray, Riley Murray, Lindsey Nast, Steven Niemiec, Kirah Osentoski*, Tyler Osentoski, Gavyn Pallas, Brianna Pionk*, Allison Romzek*, Dominic Rosenthal, Richard Schmidt, Alyson Shepherd, Keenan Siens*, Travis Terbrack, Cade Walsh, Ariel Waterbeck, Eric Wolschleger*, Shawn Wolschleger, and Abby Wright*.

GRADE 8

Olivia Bender, Tayler Berger, Levi Block, Danielle Briolat*, Justin Briolat*, Chantelle Burk, Rachel Cook, Evan Franzel, Kendra Franzel, Andrew Gilbert, Lauren Gillig, Emily Gosdzinski, Alex Grifka*, Chelsey Halifax, Jacob Halifax, Emma Hembrough, Erin Inbody, Gregory Keller, Macy Knoblock*, Mariah Knowlton, Emily Kubacki, Ashton Lemke*, Skyler Lesoski, Matthew Maikrzek, Peyton McLellan, Jordon Monzo, Tori Osantowski, Brent Osentoski, Mary Christine Osentoski, Katelyn Palmer, Kara Peruski, Shaquala Rich, Emelia Rodriguez, Isabel Rodriguez, Kacie Roggenbuck, Alexis Rutkowski, Nicholas Schultz*, Cheyenne Shepherd, Madelyn Smalley*, David Sorenson, Katrina Stevenson, Nicholas Swanson*, Anthony Sweeney, Brett Sweeney, Ryan Sweeney, Madeline Ulfig, Marisa Villafranca, Robert Weaver*, Emma Weber, Janelle White*, and Amber Wolschleger.

GRADE 7

Isaac Booms*, Joshua Brandel*, Madelynn Bukoski, Jaelynn Burton*, Eli Emming, Amber Essenmacher, Brady Farver*, Danika Focken, Rebekka Foster*, Michelle Franzel*, Christian

Gezequel, Bethany Gornowicz*, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Darian Gross, Haili Gusa*, Dylan Hagen, Payten Heleski*, Cassie Holdwick, Cheyenne Janik, Tyler Jones, Kelsey Knoblock*, Ethan Lemke, Parker Lipskey*, Jaleesa Mattox, Mikayla McNeil, Anna Messing, Nolan Murray*, Kylie Ogryski*, Arisa Osentoski*, Mollie Oswald, Natalie Pallas, Nathan Particka, Rebecca Particka, Madelyn Peplinski*, Alexis Pionk, Cheyenne Porzondek*, Ashley Puvalowski*, Rych Roggenbuck*, Luke Rutkowski, Brittney Schmidt, Morgan Schmidt, Sabrina Schumacher*, Jason Smalley, Sadie Souva*, William Spicer, McKenzie Stomack*, Ellissa Thomas*, Mackenzie Uhl, Mikaela Van Erp*, Amanda Weaver*, Adam Weber, and Nicholas Wright*.

*Denotes all A's.

It's a boy!



Jaxon Aman

Jaxon Matthew Aman was born to Lauren (Brzuchowski) and Justin Aman of Midland on Nov. 7.

He weighed 7 lbs and 7 oz. and was 19" long.

Lauren is the daughter of Ron and Sue Brzuchowski of Cass City. She is a 2006 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2012 graduate of Ferris State University.

Justin is the son of Michael and Karin Aman of Gladwin. He is a 2008 graduate of Skeels Christian High School and a 2013 graduate of Ferris State University.

Owen-Gage announces "students of month"

Four recognized as productive citizens

This month's "focus" students of the month at Owen-Gage School are being recognized for being effective communicators.



Danielle Hunt

Danielle Hunt, first grade (elementary level), daughter of Eric and Samantha Hunt; Kaitlynn Ross, eighth grade (junior high level), daughter of Jennifer Ross and Ryan Ross; Abby Jeffery, freshman (high school level), daughter of Tom and Marcie Jeffery; and Amaris Janos, senior (senior student), daughter of Stacy Janos and Kenneth O'Brien.

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Abby Jeffery

Special recognition goes to Janos, named the Owen-Gage Senior Student of the Month. Janos has been a member of the Owen-Gage Band throughout high school and currently serves as one of its officers. She has also been on the honor roll and a member of the school's 3.0 Honors Club each year. In her sophomore year, she was inducted into the Owen-Gage chapter of the National Honor Society. As a junior, she served as the chapter's historian and is currently chapter president.

Janos served as her class vice president as a sophomore and as class secretary last year. She has been the school's website editor for the past two years along with being a member of the year-book staff, serving as co-editor and editor, respectively. Janos was nominated as a homecoming queen candidate this year.

Her other activities have included volunteering for National Honor Society blood drives, the committee of fundraising for "Pops for Progeria", and the prom committee. She is also taking dual-enrollment classes at the Huron Area Tech Center through Mid Michigan Community College.

Janos' future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, to study engineering.



Kaitlynn Ross

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Amaris Janos

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In Our OPINION..

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Diabetes stats not very sweet

We hate to be a spoil sport at this time of the month, when area residents are starting to think about those mouth watering Thanksgiving feasts just over a week away.

However, we want to take just a moment to help the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) spread the word about diabetes education and awareness.

November is National Diabetes Month, and officials with the NKFM along with the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) want area residents to know that diabetes is a family affair.

“Whether family means people at home, school, work, place of worship or in the community, having a support system is an important part of staying healthy,” said Dr. Art Franke, NKFM senior vice president. “Proper diabetes management is critical in preventing kidney failure. By involving your family in your daily health needs, both managing and preventing diabetes can be a little bit easier.”

In a nutshell, diabetes is a disease in which blood glucose (sugar) levels are above normal. Most of the food we eat is turned into glucose for our bodies to use for energy. The pancreas, an organ that lies near the stomach, makes a hormone called insulin to help glucose get into the cells of our bodies. When you have diabetes, your body either doesn't make enough insulin or can't use its own insulin as well as it should, causing sugar to build up in the blood.

There are two forms of diabetes; Type I, also known as Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, may account for about 5 percent of all diagnosed cases, and Type II, also known as Non-Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, which accounts for the remaining cases.

Diabetes affects nearly 26 million Americans, with an estimated 79 million people at risk for developing the disease. In Michigan alone, an estimated 10 percent of adults — roughly 758,000 people — have been diagnosed with diabetes. Another quarter-million residents are thought to have the disease but are currently undiagnosed.

Health experts say diabetes is a challenging disease that affects the entire family in many ways. For those with diabetes, and their families, it's important to work together to manage the disease in order to prevent serious health problems such as kidney failure, heart disease, stroke, blindness and nerve damage, which can lead to amputation.

That means education — understanding the symptoms as well as the risk factors of diabetes such as age, obesity, family history, physical inactivity, race/ethnicity, and prior history of gestational diabetes.

The good news is that when diabetes is managed properly, serious health complications can be delayed or prevented.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Five steps for a quick trip down the aisle



As chief dietary consultant and food preparation specialist in my domicile, I am responsible for the procurement of foodstuffs and other assorted provisions to ensure continuous familial sustenance within our humble abode.

In other words, I do the grocery shopping. I've been at my post for decades, rising from the ranks of grocery greenhorn to that of food aficionado. They don't give PhDs for grocery shopping proficiency, but if they did, I'd practically have my bachelor's degree.

Years of experience have fostered finesse in the aisles — a necessity when one is attempting to traverse the narrow passageways on a Saturday afternoon. The space becomes a virtual obstacle course as responsible and competent shoppers are forced to dodge errant children, navigate around the free sample lady and make evasive maneuvers in order to steer clear of the cute newlywed couple arguing about crunchy or smooth in the peanut butter aisle.

The underlying problem stems from inexperience. Many of the cart-wielding folks loitering near the Hamburger Helper display are unfamiliar with the universal grocery aisle rules of etiquette. They are rookies intermingling with a league of professional shoppers, and they are holding things up.

Conquering the produce section and beyond can be a frustrating drain of one's time and energy, so in hopes of helping everyone get home a little sooner on Saturday afternoons, I have put together five basic rules to help streamline the shopping process. Those of us who have been there, done that, understand it is important to be there, do this. So, please do.

1. Become one with the cart. Your cart is nothing more than a large metal obstruction on wheels, capable of blocking access to produce and product, causing undue irritation to any and all super shoppers in your vicinity. Think of this steel box as an appendage of you, young grasshopper. When you separate from your cart — even for the briefest of moments — you double the space consumed within an aisle. Never abandon your cart, and by all means do not leave your cart on the right side of the aisle while you cross over to retrieve a box of macaroni and cheese on the left. This serves the purpose of blocking an entire aisle. Blocking the aisle is beyond a shopping faux pas — sort of like crossing over to Vader's dark side, and we all know how that little reunion turned out.

2. Fly solo. Be brave. You do not need a second opinion about which flavor of Ramen noodles to purchase or whether your toilet paper should be mega strong or mega soft. If shopping was meant to be a team sport, there would be more than one handle on the cart. Besides, it's an undisputed fact that two people take up twice as much space in an aisle as a solo shopper and are more likely to commit the crime of aisle blockage. They also purchase significantly more product. Want to save money? Leave the family at home.

3. When you have no choice but to bring them... If you have kids (and who doesn't) there will be times when you are forced to include the little munchkins in your grocery pursuits. Whenever possible, physically restrain them. Most carts are even equipped with locking belts for this very purpose. A child who is unable to run in a zigzag pattern throughout the frozen foods section is 24 percent less likely to convince you into an unneeded ice cream purchase and 57 percent less likely to throw a temper tantrum in the candy aisle.

4. Don't lollygag. Shopping is not a passive sport. Pausing, stopping, daydreaming, dawdling or lingering in the cereal aisle is frowned upon by those of us trying to get the job done. This is not the time to plan tonight's dinner or stop and wonder if you are out of pickles. Do the prep work pre-store — at home, where dawdling over a cup of coffee is not only tolerated, but sometimes even endorsed.

5. Do the parade wave. It's pleasant to run into familiar faces in the produce section, but let's not take it to the extreme. Greet friends with a wink and a wave; catch up on family gossip with Great Aunt Tilly later at a funeral or other family gathering. This is not a brunch or happy hour. This is the grocery store. Shop now. Chitchat later. On the phone. On Facebook. At work. At a bar. Anywhere but in front of the chocolate milk, because we are out at my house and if you block my access I will be far away from my happy place.

Grocery shopping is unavoidable for those who find it necessary to eat. This includes most of the people I know. Since food is something we all need, why not enhance the acquisition experience by making it as brief as possible? Life is too short to spend it dawdling in the condiment aisle — even

if you really, truly love ketchup.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Like many of our neighbors, we find it hard to believe that another holiday season is right around the corner already.

It's easy to feel like you're always a step or two behind, always scrambling, but with a little planning, everything turns out just fine. That's the approach embraced by Cass City Chamber of Commerce officials when it comes to preparing for the annual chamber dinner, highlighted by the announcement of Cass City's Citizen of the Year.

The dinner isn't scheduled to take place until Feb. 1, but officials are asking area residents to submit their nominations for the top citizen award now. Nominations should be mailed in a sealed envelope (marked attn. Dee Mulligan) to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce office, 6506 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726. For more information, call (989) 872-4618.

The deadline is Friday, Dec. 13. But if you get right on it, you won't be scrambling later!

We are certain the Chronicle staff won't be the only ones to miss Hills and Dales Hospital spokeswoman Ashley Patrick. Patrick informed us recently that she has turned in her resignation at the local hospital after almost ten years of employment.

Patrick says it's been a pleasure working with the community over the years and that she will miss the relationships forged along the way. Her last day is Wednesday, November 27.

Back at ya, Ashley.



Pictured above are Grandma (Samantha London) and the big bad wolf (Jared Blattner) getting ready for their performances next Friday and Saturday, November 22 & 23 at the Cass City Jr./Sr. High cafeteria.

The 7 p.m. all-school show is titled: The REAL Story of Little Red Riding Hood.

So, how has my 2013 deer hunting been going? Basically, 3 days on stand highlighted by the arrival of a pair of new 6-pointers Sunday evening on private property located off of M-53 in Huron County.

Not much of a story, I know. Well, how about these 2 hunting tales?

First, congratulations to my friend Dave Bartnik for his good fortune. The lifelong Thumb resident took an impressive 8-point buck with one shot to the neck from 75 yards away that dropped the beast dead in his tracks late Friday afternoon. You can check out his trophy and others by turning to page 10.

Bartnik, meanwhile, had an opportunity to take what many would call the “buck of a lifetime” Friday morning when the brute relieved himself just yards in front of Dave's hunting blind, which has been located for the past 2 decades on Doerr Farms, just north of town.

However, Bartnik, who just celebrated 10 years in business as owner of Bartnik Propane, had to make an emergency gas leak run on opening morning and was unable to head to the woods.

Come to find out, that run was actually to his home, as he attended Thursday night's annual Deer Camp bash without his shotgun.

Here's a similar story my dad used to tell. This one happened years ago at the (Gerald) Prieskorn family cabin near Lucerne.

According to my dad, he was the camp cook and among the hunters was fellow Cass City businessman Wayne “Buck” Rabideau. The story goes; Buck came home from the overnight trip to northern Michigan and was upset that his wife Mary forgot to pack his favorite hunting socks.

To which she replied, “They were in your gun case.”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, November 20

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.

Ravenous Readers Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, November 21

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

Genealogy Meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.
Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 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.

Saturday, November 23

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).

Thumb Dance Club featuring "Lighthouse Three", Sandusky Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., Sandusky. Dancing from 7-11 p.m. Everyone welcome- bring finger foods (for 9 p.m.) and friends! Questions call Leola (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy (810) 404-4250. Admission: \$5 (members) & \$6 (non-members).

Monday, November 25

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.

Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m. (May, 4th Tuesday).

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).

Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, November 26

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

Baker College among top "Best for Vets" schools in the country

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

"You'll do better with Baker" is more than an advertisement slogan for the Flint-based college that has a satellite campus in Cass City.

According to the "Military Times", a family of newswEEKlies that provides independent information to service members and their families, veterans are, in fact, likely to "do better" with Baker when it comes to furthering their education.

The Baker college system has been ranked among the nation's top 20 online/non-traditional schools in the annual "Best for Vets" college rankings by the "Military Times".

The designation includes Baker's 12 campuses and three satellite locations across Michigan, as well as Baker College Online.

"As with all of the 'Best for Vets'

rankings, 'Best for Vets: Colleges' is an editorially independent news project that evaluates the many factors that make an institution a good fit for military veterans," said Amanda Miller, editor of "Military Times EDGE".

A new emphasis was placed on academic rigor for this fourth year of rankings. Other factors taken into consideration were tuition percentage covered by the G.I. Bill, availability of specific programs, service member enrollment and statistics commonly used to track student success and academic quality, such as student-faculty ratio and rates for student loan default, retention and graduation.

"This is another significant designation by veteran-focused media that acknowledges Baker College as a top choice for veterans or active service personnel," said Shawn Mann, director of Military Education

Programs for Baker College.

Baker offers more than 150 career programs ranging from certificates to graduate degrees. Each campus has a veteran certifying official. The main Military and Veteran Student Service Center/lounge is located on the Flint campus in the building for the Center for Graduate Studies.

Baker College received the highest ranking for staff support dedicated to veterans issues, the amount of time spent on veterans issues and the scope and frequency of military training for teachers and administrators. The college also grants academic credits for military training as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE).

"Fellow students and faculty benefit from the unique perspectives of our military veterans," Mann said. "These students bring maturity, diversity, leadership and life experience to the classroom."

Deputies foil felon's attempt to sell a shotgun on social media website

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Huron County man trying to sell a shotgun on Facebook figured he'd made an easy sale earlier this month.

There were only two problems; the seller was a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing a firearm, and the would-be buyers were undercover police officers.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said deputies spotted the advertised gun sale on Facebook, a popular social media site, Nov. 8, and they were aware of the man's criminal record.

"Our deputies, with the assistance of the Bad Axe police and Michigan Department of Natural Resources, made arrangements for an undercover buy to take place that same day at Bad Axe Wilcox Park," Hanson said.

Circuit court news

Several appear on felony charges

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last

week on various criminal charges:

*Scott G. Jacobs, 42, Mayville, was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,448 plus attorneys fees of \$500 following his pleas of no contest to possession of marijuana, second offense, and operating a motor vehicle with a controlled substance in his body June 12 in Arbeta Township.

*Noah L. Martin, 30, Caro, pleaded guilty to two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Sept. 10 in

Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Linton L. Loy Jr., 49, Akron, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery Nov. 20, 2011, in Akron Township.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,228 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

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Reporter's notebook

"In Ourselves We Trust"? Oh, boy

by Tom Montgomery Editor



You have to give these atheists some credit.

After convincing many of us of their disdain for "organized religion" and touting their belief that there is no god, a growing movement involving a group of atheists is proving its point by gathering for Sunday morning services in newly-formed "churches".

These services reportedly include rousing music, an inspirational talk and some quiet reflection — even a collection — but they lack religion and ritual. And God.

In case you've been living in a cave recently, news outlets across the globe have been reporting on this story, which focused on the inaugural Sunday Assembly in Los Angeles that attracted several hundred people bound by their belief in, well, not believing.

According to published reports, the founders of this movement are a pair of prominent British comedians who are working in earnest to drum up cash and support to establish additional Sunday Assembly locations.

Editors across the nation quickly ran with the story and added a snazzy headline referring to these gatherings as atheist "mega-churches", although it seems to me that an attendance of a few hundred people — even sadly misled people — hardly amounts to a mega-church.

Is it just me, or does this whole idea of building an organization around something you don't believe in sound kind of silly? Doesn't it make more sense to invest your time and resources in things you do believe in?

I have to wonder if this movement will spark an anti-movement to keep the atheists out of our schools and away from our courthouse lawns during the holidays. Wouldn't that be ironic? And refreshing?

Well, as long as they keep their hands off of symbols that represent those beliefs on which this country was founded. I mean, if you think the value of the dollar is pathetic now, just wait until someone prints "In Ourselves We Trust" on currency. And, frankly, I have no desire to ever pledge allegiance to our flag as "...one nation, under ourselves, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Phil Zuckerman, professor of secular studies at Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif., was recently quoted in an Associated Press story on these atheist mega-churches as saying that in the United States, there's a feeling that if you're not religious, you're not patriotic. "I think a lot of secular people say, 'Hey, wait a minute. We are charitable, we are good people, we're good parents and we are just as good as citizens as you and we're going to start a church to prove it,'" Zuckerman said. Maybe so, but I wouldn't want to be any one of them come Judgment Day.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Earl E. Grigg celebrated his 105th birthday Sunday at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. Born in Munger Nov. 14, 1903, he married Delia Mielens Oct. 5, 1927. She is deceased. There are 4 children, Betty Fuller of Caro and Neal Grigg of Munger. Two sons, Lyle Grigg and Eldon Grigg, are deceased. Earl is a retired farmer who enjoys cards and socializing with his family and friends.

There have been memorable two-somes over the decades in Cass City sports history. On the gridiron field, one duo was quarterback Curt Strickland connecting with end Paul Bliss en route to an undefeated football season. On the basketball court, another was guard Steve Muska feeding center Paul Ulfig as the paired Coach Jeff Hartel's cagers to league, district and regional champions. Another Red Hawk duet that will be recalled in years to come is Lady Red Hawk standouts Carly Howard and Amanda Langenburg. Howard, who will play next at Oakland University, and Langenburg helped put Cass City volleyball on the radar with brilliant 4-year careers that included 2 district titles. The two-some highlighted a number of Red Hawk selections to the 2008 Greater Thumb West All-Conference volleyball teams.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Cass City DPW crew members were up early Thursday morning, cleaning up in the midst of a violent wind storm that packed gusts of up to 60 miles per hour, downing trees and power lines. More than 1,000 utility customers in the Thumb lost power during the storm.

Amanda Kaake, Ariel Veneziano and Zak Clark, students in grades 6 through 8, respectively, at Cass City Middle School, won the school-level

competition of the Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge, sponsored by The Campbell Soup Company, Nov. 10.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs fought, scrapped, clawed and battled themselves to a 49-47 win over Akron-Fairgrove to give 3rd year Coach Dean Roller his first district title at North Huron on Monday night. The victory was the Bulldogs' 4th in six days. "Like I've said all along, these girls do what they have to do to win," said a shower soaked Roller afterwards. For the Bulldogs, Andrea Mandich's 15 points were tops. She was followed by Angie Bolzman's 15 tallies, Kim Butcher was the only Viking to finish in double figures.

First hunter to check in at the Chronicle opening morning, Tuesday was Gary Bradley. He bagged his buck in the Colwood area at about 8 a.m. The 8-pointer was his second buck in 3 years.

Pvt. Peter G. Gamet, 19, of Cass City has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., and is now taking part in small-wheeled vehicle maintenance training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Edgewood, Md. Gamet, the son of Kris M. Gamet, Cass City, is a 1987 graduate of Cass City High School.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Amos R. Erbe, Cass City, was awarded a LeCoulre Atmos perpetual motion clock Tuesday, Nov. 12, upon completing 40 years of service with the Borden Company. Erbe was among 10 40-year men to receive special recognition at the Borden's Quarter Century Club at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Detroit. He is a fieldman for Borden's in the Thumb area. There are only 23 40-year members.

Hal Willard, 31, head football coach at Wayne State University, announced his resignation this week in a surprise announcement to his players, according to an article in the Detroit Free Press. Willard is a former Cass City resident and graduated from Cass City High School. He has been head football coach at Wayne since 1961 and served as assistant coach since 1957. Willard was a star quarterback for Wayne for three years before becoming coach.

Walter Hempton of Cass City was named to an all-area Class B team selected by the Port Huron Times Herald Saturday. Hempton, who led Cass City in both offense and defense, was one of three backs from the Thumb B Conference to be honored. Others were Pat Lynch and Lynn Sommerfield, both of Bad Axe. Dave Chandler of Yale was awarded the remaining backfield position.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Seventy-six Masons came to Cass City from Bad Axe Wednesday evening on a special train over the D. & H. R. R. and were the guests of Tyler Lodge, F. & A. M. Four candidates, O.W. Nique, Chas. Severance, Herb and Marve Ehlers, had the third degree conferred upon them, Tyler Lodge team initiating three and Verona Lodge conferring the degree upon the last candidate. Septimus Irwin, an 80-year-old Mason of Bad Axe, gave the lecture in a remarkably clear and impressive manner and received many hearty congratulations upon his masterly efforts.

Deford-Perry Spencer's Sunday School class gave him a surprise Monday evening and presented him with a Bible. They leave this week for their new home with many regrets. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have made many friends during their short stay here and they will be missed by their many friends.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Anchor Cove Outreach Church
201 E. Sanilac Rd.
Caro, MI 48723
989-672-2262
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com



Community Baptist Church
Independent Fundamental
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4088
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday -
Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.



Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study -
Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Jerry Harrington
Associate Pastor: Judy A. Eskilsen



Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Phil Burkett
www.casscitymc.org



Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe



Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould
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First Baptist Church
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6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
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Pastor: Dave Blackburn



Fraser Presbyterian Church
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
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872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker



St. Pancratius Catholic Church
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Summer
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Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Winter
Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m. EDT
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastoral Administrator:
Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC



Mizpah Missionary Church
4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m.
Wednesday Kids' Club 7-8 p.m.
Pastor Dale Bullock 989-325-0736



Living Word Worship Center Church of God
6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4637
Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m.
(including youth and children's services)
Pastor: Rev. Mark Karowski
Website: www.lwwccog.net



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Obituaries

John "Jack" Hool

John "Jack" Francis Hool, 78, of Cass City, died following a long illness Friday, November 15, 2013 in his home with his family by his side.

He was born December 16, 1934 at home in Gagetown to Harry and Ina (Crawford) Hool. He married Harriet Jane Hunt June 13, 1958 in Windsor at Assumption Chapel.

When Jack was 14 his family sent him to Windsor where he attended and graduated from Assumption Boarding School and College. Immediately following graduation he was asked to stay on as teacher, Dean of Students, coach and Athletic Director, which he did for over 30 years. Jack and Jane raised their family in Windsor, spending summers in Cass City with Jack working for his father-in-law at Hunt Construction. In 1977 Jack bought Hunt Construction, which he ran until his retirement.

Jack loved life, was an inspiration and quiet, humble leader as teacher, coach and father. He was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church and Cass City Gagetown Knights of Columbus Council #8892 and a member of Cass City Gavel Club.

Jack is survived by his wife, Jane; children: Sara Jane (Sid) Ebare of Chatham, Ontario, Kimberly Kay (Joseph Goniwiecha) Hool of New Baltimore, John Hunt (Dawn) Hool of Windsor, Ontario; grandchildren: Justin "J.P." and Zach; brothers- and sisters-in-law: Sally (Jerry) Forthun, Richard Hunt; nieces and nephews: Brian (Erica) Hunt, Cari (Kurt Russell) Hunt, Michael (Allison) Forthun, Elizabeth (Matt) Graft. Jack is also survived by his 16 year canine companion, LaBear.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his mother and father-in-law, Curt and Dorothy Hunt; sister-in-law, Janice Hunt.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 18, 2013 in St. Agatha Catholic Church with the Rev. Paul Bala and Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC officiating.

Interment will take place in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice. 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.

Edward Ross

Edward J. Ross, of Davison, 87, passed away November 13, 2013 at Caretel Inns of Linden. Ed was born on June 7, 1926 in Cass City, MI, son of John and Bridget (McCormick) Ross.

He graduated from Cass City High School in 1944 and Ferris State University in 1950. Ed was a Sargeant in the U.S. Army from September 11, 1950 to September 11, 1952.

He married Mary Jacquelyn Lynch on March 27, 1951 in Detroit, MI.



Ed was employed by GM Powertrain until retiring in June of 2009. He volunteered at Genesys Hospital and AARP Senior Tax Service.

Ed is survived by his wife, Jackie; children, Maureen (Joseph) Pockoke, Terence (Pat) Ross and Mari (David) Damerow; grandchildren, Roxanne, Ben, Brendan, Katie, Amy, Robert, James and Holly; great-grandson, Liam; sister, Frances Flynn; sister-in-law, Loretta Ross. He was preceded in death by brothers, Alex, Bernard and Fred; sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, Florence, June, Helen and Katie; two infant daughters.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, November 16, followed by Military Honors at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Davison; Rev. Fr. Carl Simon celebrant.

Burial was in St. Columbkille Cemetery, Ubyly.

Donations may be sent to St. John's Parish in Davison or the Alzheimer's Association.

Please share your thoughts with the family at www.allenfuneralhome-inc.com.

Arrangements were provided by Allen Funeral Home of Davison.

Larry Smith

Larry Steven Smith, 66, of Cass City, died following a courageous struggle with cancer and many complications, Thursday, November 14, 2013 in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

He was born December 11, 1946 in Marshfield, MO to Mary Frances Atkinson.

He married Cathy Ann Ryland March 31, 1968 in Cass City.

Larry was raised by Fran and the best step father anyone could ask for, Harley Nichols.

Larry was part of the Cole Carbide Industries family for 45 years. He enjoyed drag racing in Ubyly for many years, racing mostly Chevys that he built himself. He was very good with his hands, always tinkering and fixing things. Larry enjoyed hunting, especially black bear and deer. He loved his pets deeply and for always. He made them each headstones for his little pet cemetery. Pickaloiski, his big yellow and white cat, who was with him every step of his illness, misses him terribly. Larry loved his blonde lab, Mandy and was devastated when he found out she had died during one of his times in the hospital. Larry was a kind, loving person, a dedicated friend and the best Grampee.

Larry is survived by his wife, Cathy; daughter, Michele (Nick) Pohlod of Cass City; granddaughter, Kelsey Pohlod (Jacob Verbeek) of Cass City; his family of best friends: Scott Kelley, Rick Bergeron, Dave Guilds, Ken Pasanski, Gary Dean and the memory of Tom Dewey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Fran and Harley Nichols; father-in-law, Bob Ryland; mother-in-law, Betty McCoon; brother-in-law, Craig Ryland.

A funeral service was held Sunday, November 17 in Kranz Funeral Home with Ken Pasanski, a dear friend, officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Smith were Nick Pohlod, Jacob Verbeek, Scott Kelley, Rick Bergeron, Dave Guilds, Ken Pasanski and Gary Dean.

Memorials may be made to Hills and Dales General Hospital Foundation or Hometown Home Health and Hospice.

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

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

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~ Dave Osentoski





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U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, last week announced disaster aid for farmers in 20 Michigan counties that suffered damage from severe hail storms this summer. Farmers will be able to apply for disaster aid in the form of emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"We cannot allow Michigan farmers to be wiped out because of bad weather," said Stabenow. "This emergency declaration will help provide assistance for Michigan farmers. Agriculture supports nearly one in four jobs in Michigan and when parts of the industry are hit, it impacts our whole state's economy."

The hail storms that led to the disaster declaration occurred earlier this year, between June 10 and Aug. 2. Farmers in the affected counties will have eight months from today's disaster designation to apply for emergency loans. The FSA will consider each application separately and take into account production losses as well as security and repayment ability.

Huron, Jackson, Saginaw and Washtenaw counties were all designated as primary disaster counties. Sixteen counties were named contiguous disaster counties and are eligible for the same aid as primary counties: Bay, Calhoun, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Lenawee, Livingston, Midland, Monroe, Oakland, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola and Wayne.



ELKLAND TOWNSHIP fire fighters recently visited with Cass City first graders to teach them about fire safety. Above, student Drew Lowman gets an up-close look at a fire fighter in full gear. "The children are taught to not be afraid of a fireman and to never hide during a fire," explained veteran Cass City teacher Paula LeValley. "The students realize that the fire fighter in full gear is a regular person underneath the fire protective gear."

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Volunteers always welcome at community meal

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not a soup kitchen for the needy. The annual community meal is all about sharing and bringing members of the community together for food and fellowship.

And, if you're inclined to roll up your sleeves and lend a hand by washing a few dishes or helping to cook and/or serve — as the Hammets and a small army of other volunteers do each year — even better.

The first Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner was held Nov. 27, 1986, at St. Pancratius Hall. Earlier that year, former area resident Alan Klco came up with the idea and, sharing his thoughts with Bob Gengler, the two men went to work. Volunteers from other area churches were contacted to put together the village-wide and ecumenical project. Although the location of the dinner has changed over the years, the sense of community has not.

For many years, the Knights of Columbus provided the turkeys. In recent years, as the dinner has grown, volunteers have purchase the birds themselves locally using donations — diners are expected to consume 14 or so turkeys over the course of the upcoming feast. Past community dinners also saw the former Sutter's

Bakery roasting the birds, and church parishes signing up to provide side dishes, salads and pies.

Today, area churches continued to contribute to the meal, as do all local service clubs, Hills and Dales General Hospital, and others in town. In addition, Cass City students have become a driving force in helping to prepare and clean up after the dinner.

The philosophy, from the start, was to imitate the historical image of the original Thanksgiving. All were welcome and sat down together to enjoy the feast — just one big extended Cass City family pitching in, preparing, serving and joining in celebration.

That focus has not changed over the years, according to Scott Mills, now in his 20th year of heading up the all-volunteer committee charged with organizing the event.

The need for a little extra help also hasn't, Mills says. "We're always open to and hoping for (more) volunteers for clean-up and serving," he said, adding folks are also needed to help with setting up for the dinner. "Anytime — in fact, they can just drop in."

The holiday meal typically draws about 250 people.

"It's a full meal and the intention is to sit as a family — a community. It's family-style, it's not a restaurant," Mills noted. "That was the original intent and I think we've pretty much kept that tenet."

"It's not a handout," Hammett agreed. "It's a community coming together to give thanks. It's fun, we enjoy it."

Anyone interested in volunteering, or who would like more information, is welcome to contact Mills at (989) 872-5114.

Wanted: Homework Heros

Today's successful students are tomorrow's leaders, which is why Human Development Commission (HDC) officials are launching a new program designed to help youth reach their academic potential.

There are many children who need a hand, who may be struggling with just one subject in school, or who may need help taking tests or learning to be better organized. HDC's Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is stepping up to meet those needs by introducing a program called "Homework Heros".

Members of this unique group of volunteers will be assigned to schools and paired with young people, whether they need just a little assistance or an extended period of help, depending on their progress.

"Homework Heros" may serve in a school as little as one or two hours a week, or as much as several hours daily if that is what they choose. They will serve during class, during lunch, in study rooms, and/or before or after school.

Program officials say it's important for volunteers to understand how critical it is for children to learn and grow academically and emotionally along with their peers to become successful adults. Towards that end, volunteers will be trained in tutoring and mentoring techniques, and will work closely with teachers to achieve specific goals for each assigned child.

Volunteers must be at least 55 years of age and successfully pass a background check. Anyone interested in participating is asked to call RSVP at 1-800-843-6394. Training is available now, and placements are waiting.

Christmas for Kids campaign underway

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than 330 children in the Cass City School District — during last year's effort, with club members distributing clothing, toys and books to those families. Referrals to the program come from the Cass City Public Schools and the Tuscola County Family Independence Agency.

Curtis attributes the success of the campaign to a number of groups and individuals in the community, including Rawson Memorial District Library, which is a faithful contributor with its annual donation of books.

More information about this year's Christmas for Kids campaign is available by calling Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram at (989) 872-2184.

Gearing up for annual Chili Cook-Off

This year, the 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off will take place December 7 (the same day as Christmas in the Village) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any business wanting to participate should contact Knights Insurance (872-5114) by November 22.

Businesses will need to plan on cooking a roaster full of chili, so you have enough to serve all the tasters. Knights Insurance will provide each business with the cups, spoons and napkins.

Tickets will be sold this year for \$4 for anyone 12 or older and \$1 for those under 12.

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With Michigan's rich tradition of fall hunting getting underway, conservation officers at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have offered their top 10 tips for a safe outdoor experience.

"Hunting in Michigan is a time-honored activity, rich in tradition, when families and friends come together to enjoy our great outdoors," said Lt. Andrew Turner, who leads the DNR's Recreation, Safety and Enforcement Section for the Law Enforcement Division. "Making your hunt a safe and responsible experience is key to having an enjoyable and memorable time. By following these safety tips, hunters can help us all have a good season."

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be certain of your target, and what's beyond it, before firing. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt. Make sure you have an adequate backstop; don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot.
5. Don't run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm. Unload a firearm before you climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch. Pull a firearm toward you by the butt, not the muzzle.
6. Avoid alcoholic beverages before or during hunting. Also avoid mind- or behavior-altering medicines or drugs.
7. All firearm deer hunters on any land during daylight hunting hours must wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket, rainwear or other outer garment of "hunter orange" visible from all sides. All hunters, including archers, must comply during gun season.
8. Camouflage hunter orange is legal, provided 50 percent of the surface area is solid hunter orange. (Exceptions: waterfowl, crow and wild turkey hunters, and bow hunters for deer during bow season).
9. Always let someone know where you are hunting and when you plan on returning. This information helps conservation officers and others locate you if you get lost.
10. Carry your cell phone into the woods. Remember to turn your ringer off or set your phone to vibrate rather than ring. Your cell phone emits a signal that can help rescuers locate you when you are lost. If you have a smartphone, go to the settings and enable your GPS to help searchers find you if you get lost. Make sure before you leave for the woods each day that your phone is fully charged. If you have a smartphone, download a compass and flashlight app — there are many versions of these apps that are free to download in the iPhone App Store or on Google Play for Android.

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2013 GTC East All-Conference Football Teams

Offensive Team

First Team

Eli Kraft	Harbor Beach	12	Quarterback
Jakob Schumacher	Harbor Beach	12	Tackle
Beau Heilig	Memphis	12	Tackle
Josh Alexander	Sandusky	12	Guard
Austin Ginther	Harbor Beach	11	Guard
George Sutherland	Harbor Beach	12	Center
LeBraun Wallace	Memphis	12	Back
Bobby Rich	Sandusky	12	Back
Travis Essenmacher	Harbor Beach	12	Back
Colin Cook	Harbor Beach	12	End
Ian Reagin	Marlette	12	End
Ian Reagin	Marlette	12	Kicker

Second Team

Brad Schaub	Marlette	12	Quarterback
Brandon Angerbrandt	Brown City	12	Tackle
Jared Sanderson	Sandusky	11	Tackle
Noah Rye	Marlette	12	Guard
Jacob Burke	Brown City	12	Guard
Evan VanBuskirk	Brown City	11	Center
Ryan Woods	Brown City	10	Back
Chase Tucker	Sandusky	10	Back
Austin Seltz	Harbor Beach	11	Back
Josh Schelke	Harbor Beach	11	End
Aaron Hayes	Memphis	12	End
Nick Hessling	Harbor Beach	12	Kicker

Honorable Mention

Aaron Gillespie	Memphis	10	Quarterback
Connor Koveck	Memphis	12	Guard
Jacob Lasecki	Sandusky	11	Quarterback
Dereck Brown	Ubyly	09	Back
Scott Sheppard	Ubyly	11	Tackle
Alex Bartle	Brown City	12	End
Jared Wagester	Sandusky	12	End
Preston Livingston	Harbor Beach	11	Tackle
Andy Newland	Marlette	11	Center

Defensive Team

First Team

Jared Wagester	Sandusky	12	Lineman
Beau Heilig	Memphis	12	Lineman
George Sutherland	Harbor Beach	12	Lineman
Josh Waun	Harbor Beach	12	Lineman
Brad Schaub	Marlette	12	Back
Eli Kraft	Harbor Beach	12	Back
Travis Essenmacher	Harbor Beach	12	Back
David Gaedeke	Memphis	12	Linebacker
Ian Reagin	Marlette	12	Linebacker
Colin Cook	Harbor Beach	12	Linebacker
Logan Lemke	Ubyly	11	Linebacker
Bobby Rich	Sandusky	12	Linebacker
Ian Reagin	Marlette	12	Punter
Nick Hessling	Harbor Beach	12	Punter
Josh Schelke	Harbor Beach	11	Specialist

Second Team

Evan VanBuskirk	Brown City	11	Lineman
Rich Schell	Marlette	11	Lineman
Jakob Schumacher	Harbor Beach	12	Lineman
Austin Ginther	Harbor Beach	11	Lineman
Aaron Hayes	Memphis	12	Back
Tyler Brandel	Ubyly	12	Back
Jacob Lasecki	Sandusky	11	Back
Joe Stone	Sandusky	10	Back
Conner Koveck	Memphis	12	Linebacker
Austin Seltz	Harbor Beach	11	Linebacker
DeAndre Ridner	Harbor Beach	12	Linebacker
Derrick Scott	Sandusky	10	Linebacker
Jake McLaughlin	Brown City	12	Specialist

Honorable Mention

Jared Sanderson	Sandusky	11	Lineman
Matt Ruggles	Sandusky	12	Linebacker
Zack Brown	Marlette	11	Lineman
Alex Bartle	Brown City	12	Back
Connor Thomas	Marlette	11	Specialist

Greater Thumb East champions dominate all star volleyball picks

Seven Ubyly Bearcats highlighted the 2013 Greater Thumb East all-conference volleyball selections released Monday.

The co-champion Bearcats placed juniors Marisa Guza, Michela Guza and Shanae Woolner on the first team. Marisa Guza was named the dream team setter, while Michela Guza landed on the honor squad as an all-around player and Woolner as hitter.

Also named to the first team from co-champion Brown City was senior middle hitter Kelly Wheeler and junior outside hitter Skye Willer. Completing the first team picks were

Sandusky senior Miara Okie and Marlette senior Kristen Rienstra, both at the middle hitter position.

Janelle Leppek, senior Ubyly hitter, was voted to the GTW all-conference second team, which included Sandusky senior Brooke Krueger, Brown City seniors Kara Muxlow, Stephanie Jurgess and junior Kriste Wheeler, Marlette sophomore Haley Cross and senior Keara Wilson.

Earning honorable mention recog-

inition were Sandusky's Amanda Bartle, Audrey Bracken and Allyson Blank; Harbor Beach's Steffaney Vigari, Brooke Blanchard, Laken Guza, Danielle Booms and Rebecca Balcer; Brown City's Jordan Jones and Abby Kaufman; Marlette's Lily Solgat and Charis Blatt, Ubyly's Jenna White, Danielle Pionk and Lindsey Biolet; and Memphis' Alaina Gillespie, Amanda Molina and Lindsay Ren.

GTC-N airs soccer best

Undefeated Memphis placed 5 players on the Greater Thumb Conference - North Division all-conference soccer first team.

From the 8-0-1 Yellowjackets were Juan Hamlin-Morgan (junior sweeper), Andrew Vivian (junior midfielder), Steven Krause (junior forward), Tommy Kaliszewski (junior defense) and Grant Baker (senior defense). Rounding out the first team choices were Brown City seniors Alex Carpenter (keeper), Nick Batz (M/F) and junior Riney Picard (F/M) along with Marlette junior Logan Dean, seniors Aaron Cook and Chad Walker and freshman Jake Zuhlke.

The GTW-N second team included from Memphis Harrison Krause, Bryan Anderson, Brad Kain and Jayme Glod; from Marlette Hunter Kelly, Seth Ferguson, Alex Byers and Linden Cook; from Brown City Zane Potter, Erick Ford and Nick Ongie.

Honorable mention players were Marlette's Dalton McNary, Dakota Hall, Barrett George and Zach Cumper; Brown City's Caleb Gould, Derek Williamson, Jacob Peters, Anthony Ford and Raymond Dombrowski; Memphis' A.C. Malone, Tim Prudden and Nick Haach.



CODY SANGSTER, 11, was the first hunter to report his success in 2013. The Decker youngster downed this nice 12-point buck Friday using a muzzleloader from 50 yards. The Cass City Public Schools 5th grade student is the son of Leah and Rob Sangster.

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DAKOTA COOK, 14, and Nicholas Cook, 17, both killed 6-point bucks while hunting northwest of Cass City on opening day. Nicholas shot his deer at 7:10 a.m. and Dakota pulled her trigger just 60-minutes later. Both used 20-gauge shotguns to get the job done.



PAYTON BOCK harvested this dandy 5-point buck – his first – while hunting just east of Cass City. The Cass City 6th grader took his trophy with a 16-gauge shotgun. Payton is the son of Shari and David Bock, Payton is 12 years old.



BIG BRUISER. Brad Hacker, 15, stands next to the 13-point, 250 pound, monster deer the Red Hawk freshman bagged while hunting in Greenleaf Township in Sanilac County. Brad, the son of Melissa and Brian Hacker, was using a single shot 20-gauge shotgun.



FIRST DEER. Joel Collins, 14, of Cass City shot this 8-point buck while hunting with his Grandpa on the 2013 firearms deer season opener. It had a 13 1/2" spread and weighed 160 pounds.

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DAVE BARTNIK, of Deford, holds the 8-point buck taken from Tuscola County. It had an 18 1/2" inside spread.

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All games at 6 p.m. unless noted
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12/11 Sandusky at 5:30 p.m.
12/12 Caro (JV)
12/13 Caro (V)
12/18 Harbor Beach
1/3 Brown City
1/8 Ubyly
1/10 Bad Axe
1/15 Marlette
1/17 Brown City
1/22 EPB Lakers
1/24 BCAS
1/29 Reese
1/31 Vassar
2/5 Bad Axe
2/7 USA (Snowcoming)
2/10 Lakers
2/14 BCAS
2/21 Reese
2/25 Vassar
2/27 USA

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m.
12/3 Harbor Beach
12/5 Mayville
12/10 Sandusky
12/12 Caro (JV)
12/13 Caro (V)
12/17 Vassar
12/19 USA
1/7 Ubyly
1/9 Bad Axe
1/14 Marlette
1/16 Brown City
1/21 EPB Lakers
1/23 BCAS
1/28 Reese
1/30 Vassar
2/4 Bad Axe
2/6 USA
2/11 Brown City
2/13 BCAS
2/18 EPB Lakers
2/20 Reese
2/24,26,28 Districts

WRESTLING

12/7	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/11	Imlay City/Capac	6:00 p.m.
12/14	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/19	Bad Axe/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/21	TBD	
12/28	Mayville Tournament	TBD
1/4	North Branch Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/8	Sandusky/Mayville	6:00 p.m.
1/11	Imlay City Invite	9:00 a.m.
1/15	Vassar/Brown City	6:00 p.m.
1/18	Marysville Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/22	Memphis/EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/25	Bullock Creek Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/29	TBD	
2/1	GTC League Meet @Vassar	TBD
2/5	Team Districts	TBD
2/8	Individual Districts	TBD
2/12	Team Regionals	TBD
2/15	Individual Regionals	TBD
2/21-22	Team State Finals @Battle Creek	TBD
2/27-3/1	Indiv State Finals @Auburn Hills	TBD

GYMNASTICS

12/18	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/12	Fraser Invitational	TBA
1/14	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/18	Farmington Invite	TBA
1/21	Freeland	6:00 p.m.
1/23	Vassar/Freeland	6:30 p.m.
1/25	St. John Invitational	10:00 a.m.
2/1	Jackson	5:00 p.m.
2/8	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
2/15	Freeland Invite	TBD



FOLLOW THE HAWKS AT HOME!

SR. HIGH

Girls' Basketball
Dec. 10 ~ Sandusky ~ 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball
Dec. 11 ~ Sandusky ~ 5:30 p.m.

Gymnastics
Dec. 18 ~ Vassar ~ 6:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Jan. 22 ~ Memphis/Lakers ~ 6 p.m.

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JH Girls' Basketball
Nov. 20 ~ Reese ~ 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 25 ~ Memphis ~ 5:30 p.m.

JH Wrestling
Nov. 26 ~ 5:30 p.m.
Memphis/Vassar/Sandusky

JH Boys' Basketball
Jan. 20 ~ Marlette ~ 5:30 p.m.

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Mariah Henne, age 6

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Christmas collection for kids this week

With holiday supplies already loaded onto store shelves, Thumb area residents, families, churches and groups are working to make Christmas a reality for needy youngsters around the world. The volunteers are filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement. Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, is in full swing this week as Thumb communities work to collect

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Cub Scout "cake bake" auction set Thursday at local elementary school

Cass City area Cub Scouts are baking up a storm in anticipation of an annual fundraiser that pairs youths with "pals", who then combine their culinary talents in an effort to claim the coveted cake competition crown.

This year's Cass City Cub Scout "Cub & Pal Cake Bake Auction" is slated for Thursday, Nov. 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Cass City Elementary School cafeteria.

The event is sponsored by the local Cub Scout pack in order to raise money for the Cass City Rotary Club's Christmas for Kids program.

The Cass City scouts bake and decorate cakes, and the fundraiser is a real community affair, with judging done by volunteers from the Cass City Gavel Club, Osentoski Realty and Auctioneering, meanwhile, volunteers its services to auction off the cakes.

The judging covers a myriad of categories, including Best in Scout Theme, Most Patriotic and Yummiest Looking.

The boys and their pals work hard and put all of their creative energy to work in producing a variety of culinary delights, according to organizers, who noted some of the past cake themes have included a Ferris wheel, camping scene and a giant

hamburger. The community is invited to attend and participate in Thursday's auction.



CASS CITY Cub Scout Kenny Stimpfel was the 2012 grand prize winner in the Cass City Cub Scout "Cub & Pal Cake Bake Auction" with his bald eagle cake. This year's judging and auction is slated for Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Cass City Elementary School cafeteria.

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