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School board revisits Campbell building sale

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

sale of the former Campbell Elementary School, the local board of education appears poised to offer the building to the highest bidder. Maybe.

After revisiting the topic during a regular monthly meeting Monday night, members of the Cass City School Board tabled a vote, but indicated they will take action next

month after talking to a couple of real estate agents and Cass City Village officials.

Monday's discussion came at the request of board Secretary Sloane Stimpfel, who has made it clear she is in favor of selling the former school.

"We left it (previous discussion) as, 'no sale' at this time," Stimpfel commented. "I would at least like to see the building up for sale. I just don't like seeing it sit there and doing nothing."

"I agree; we need to do something with the building," added Trustee Alice Zaleski, who pointed out school officials are continuing to

pour utility dollars into a building that isn't being utilized.

In fact, Cass City Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel acknowledged, the expenses of maintaining basic heating and other necessary utilities adds up to about \$20,000 a year.

School officials, who closed Campbell in a consolidation effort to cut costs and as a result of a trend of declining enrollment that cost the Cass City District roughly 500 kids over the span of a decade, earlier this year began talks with representatives of a group of Thumb dentists who have proposed utilizing the building to house their non-profit Thumb school officials are continuing to

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After months of indecision regarding the proposed lease and possible



THE RENDERING above depicts some of the renovations Baker College officials are making to a portion of a former milk plant in Cass City to create its new, state-of-the-art welding lab, which is slated to be completed in time for classes set to begin in January. An open house for the community is being planned for February.

In the former Nestles Building

Baker College gearing up to open welding lab in village

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

2014 quarter. Classes are slated to get underway Monday, Jan. 13, with registration ongoing through the start of classes.

According to Karen Easterling, director of Baker's Cass City campus, the new program is intended to help meet the needs of area employers, especially in the Thumb area.

"We've heard from farmers and representatives of manufacturers and refineries," Easterling said. "There is a lack of trained welding specialists. This program will provide training for those who have (an) interest in becoming a welding engineer, welding inspector, structural

ironworker, custom vehicle designer and metal art sculptor, among other welding professions."

The new, 5,000-square-foot welding lab will support the program.

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Baker College is recycling a portion of a former Cass City milk plant in an effort to meet the area's demand for skilled welders and welding specialists.

College officials announced Friday that they plan to launch a new welding certificate and associate degree program utilizing a portion of the former Nestles Building, located just west of Erla's Foods, as a lab facility.

The new program will be offered starting with the school's winter

Health department confirms pertussis cases in Huron Co.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County health officials are urging residents to make sure they're protected against pertussis/whooping cough, following the confirmation of three cases — two involving Ubyly Elementary School students — last week.

"As a result, we are working closely with the Michigan Department of Community Health and Ubyly Community Schools," Gretchen Tenbusch, health officer for both the Huron and Tuscola County health departments said Friday.

Tenbusch along with Huron County health Department Medical Director Russell Bush said area residents' best defense against pertussis is vaccination.

"Pertussis can be a very serious illness, especially in the very young who haven't had the opportunity to be completely protected by immunization," Tenbusch explained. "The disease is caused by bacteria that is spread through sneezing and coughing. The time between exposure to the bacteria and disease symptoms is usually between seven and 10 days, but in rare cases it can take up to three weeks."

In the early stages, Tenbusch said, pertussis can resemble a common cold, with symptoms such as sneezing, runny nose, mild dry cough and low-grade fever.

"The disease is most contagious at this time," she noted. "After about one to two weeks, more serious 'coughing spells' develop that can last for more than a minute and result in difficulty breathing. At the end of a coughing

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Kids Count

Report: More Thumb area kids growing up in homes facing financial struggles

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

More youngsters in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties are growing up in families struggling to make ends meet, according to the 2013 Kids Count in Michigan report.

Statewide, the most dramatic change in the report was a 53-percent increase in the rate of young children who qualified for federal food assistance between 2005 and 2012. More than one in every three qualified for nutritional help because their families were living on incomes under 130 percent of poverty (roughly \$31,000 a year or less for a two-parent, two-child family).

Tuscola County ranked No. 40 out of 83 counties (No. 1 has the best, or lowest rate), with 36 percent of young children up to five years of age eligi-

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RICK KLOC made good use of a coveted Michigan elk tag and harvested this mature bull just northeast of Vanderbilt.

Kloc tags bull elk

Rick Kloc is the Thumb area's latest lottery winner.

The Fostoria area businessman isn't any richer; unless you consider an experience only few hunters have been afforded.

Kloc's hunt of a lifetime was made possible when his name was drawn for a highly sought after Michigan elk tag. Adding to his good fortune, Kloc was selected for a rare bull elk permit.

Kloc says he been applying for a Michigan elk tag for the last eight years. He made the most of his opportunity during the state's second elk hunt with the help of his brothers, Floyd and Stan.

Hunting on state land northeast of Vanderbilt, Kloc harvested a huge 6x6 trophy elk on the morning of Dec. 9 between 8 and 8:30. The 10½-year-old male had a 44-inch spread and tipped the scales at 550 pounds. Kloc downed the elk with a 92-yard blast from his 30.06 rifle, capping a three-day hunt.

At the DNR check-in station, officials told Kloc his elk was the oldest elk killed this year to-date.

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Owen-Gage announces "students of month"

Four recognized as productive citizens

Owen-Gage School officials last week announced their December "students of the month".



Erin Morrish

Honored as "focus students" for being "cooperative, collaborative workers" are: Erin Morrish, third grade (elementary level), daughter of Janet Abfalter and Mark Morrish; Morgan Ondrajka, eighth grade (junior high



Morgan Ondrajka

level), daughter of Sarah and Fred Ondrajka; Jacob Wright, tenth grade (high school level), son of Rhonda and Brian Wright; and Bryan Hopper, senior, son of Danille and Joe Hopper.

The students are being recognized based on a proven ability to be cooperative, collaborative workers who communicate without bias, accept and involve all members of a group, and move effectively from one group to another. They are also able to function as leaders or followers and demonstrate loyalty and trust in a group setting.

Special recognition went to Hopper, who was also named the December "Senior Student of the Month" at Owen-Gage.

Hopper has been a member of the Owen-Gage Band throughout high school. He also has been active in athletics as a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams.

Academically, he has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club since he was a freshman. As a sophomore, Hopper was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society. In addition, he served as class secretary as a sophomore and as class vice president as a junior and senior. He has been a member of the yearbook staff for three years, was a representative for the snowball celebration as a sophomore and junior, and was nominated as a 2013 homecoming king candidate.

Hopper's other activities



Jacob Wright

include volunteering for National Honor Society blood drives and serving on the school's prom committee.

Hopper has been enrolled in the Information Management Systems Program at the Huron Area Tech Center for the past two years. His future plans include starting classes at Northern Michigan University in the fall.



Bryan Hopper

Senior movies on tap at Rawson Memorial

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will show the following Senior Citizen Movies on Friday, December 20 at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

Houdini – To watch Harry Houdini perform was to see a man rush headlong toward death – only to escape it at the last possible moment. He overcame our darkest nightmares: drowning, suffocation, being trapped. No lock could hold him. He took his audiences to the brink of tragedy and left them breathless with fear. This film tells the story of history's greatest showman. Drawing on

remarkable film footage and photographs, and featuring commentary by David Copperfield, the Amazing Randi, and E. L. Doctorow, Houdini takes us backstage to meet the man who made his living in an intimate dance with death. (60 minutes)

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Engaged



Erin Witkovsky and Christopher Green

Karl and Donna Witkovsky, Cass City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Nicole to Christopher Michael Green, son of Michael and Karen Green, Coshocton, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Cass City High School and graduated from Baker College-Cass City in 2009. She is currently employed as the receptionist at Wells Family Chiropractic, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Coshocton High School and graduated from Zane State College, Zanesville, Ohio in 2007. He is currently employed as a packager with Stella and Dot, Columbus, Ohio.

A September 27, 2014 wedding is being planned.

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Engaged



Scott Woidan and Heather Baker

Scott and Dawn Woidan announce the engagement of their son Scott Woidan to Heather Baker.

Heather is the daughter of Matt Groombridge and Jennifer and Mark Auvil.

Scott is a 2006 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2010 graduate of UTI University of Phoenix,

AZ. Scott is employed as a Yamaha mechanic with Thumb Motor Sports.

Heather is a 2008 graduate of Cass City High School and is employed with Independent Bank.

Vows will be exchanged at a beach wedding set to take place on June 7, 2014.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

One more time: get that flu shot

We know this is going to sound like a broken record, but we're joining with Michigan Department of Community Health officials once again in encouraging area residents who haven't found time to get a flu shot to do so as soon as possible.

An annual flu vaccine is the single best way to protect against getting the flu, and by getting one now, families still have time to be protected for holiday gatherings and into 2014 for the duration of the entire flu season.

It's no secret that flu is already circulating nationwide and in Michigan. Flu cases have been confirmed across the state and are increasing in the southeast part of Michigan, according to state health officials, who are reporting that three influenza-associated pediatric deaths have already occurred in the United States so far this season.

The 2012-13 flu season began early, was moderately severe, and lasted longer than recent flu seasons. There were seven influenza-associated pediatric deaths in Michigan last flu season, the highest number since reporting became mandatory in 2004.

"There is no way to predict what this flu season will hold, how severe it will be, or how long it will last," commented Dr. Matthew Davis, chief medical executive with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). "Flu-related illnesses and deaths can be prevented by ensuring our children, families and communities as a whole are protected each year."

Flu can be a serious disease, particularly among young children, older adults, and people with certain chronic health conditions such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes. Any flu infection carries a risk of serious complications, hospitalization or death, even among healthy children and adults.

Last flu season, only 40.8 percent of Michigan's residents were vaccinated against the flu, well below the national flu vaccination coverage of 45 percent. Michigan lags behind the U.S. estimates for flu vaccine coverage in every age group, and ranks 42nd in the nation.



It takes about two weeks after receiving the flu vaccine to be fully protected against the flu virus. This season there are several different flu vaccine options, including a high-dose flu shot for people ages 65 and older, an egg-free flu vaccine for those with egg allergies, and vaccines that protect against four flu viruses in addition to those that protect against the traditional three flu viruses.

Of course, talk to your health care provider about which vaccine is best for you. But do it soon — the holidays are an especially lousy time to be stuck in bed with the flu.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Hot mama versus cool daddy

I am a hot mama – although not in the way you might be thinking. I am hot, but I'm not referring to a trendy or hip sort of fashion, which, ironically, might also be thought of as cool. I am hot as in Hades hot. Temperature hot. My husband is not. (Hot in a temperature sort of way, that is.)

It didn't used to be like this. In our early years of marriage I suffered from chilled-to-the-bone syndrome. Brrrrr was practically my middle name, especially at night. I wore winter pajamas – the kind with the feet built right in. I piled on thick quilts and comforters – the more the merrier. Still, I froze.

Being the yin and yang that we are, my husband, who rested on his side of our bed inches from me, complained of the insufferable heat while I shivered and threw on an extra blanket. His body operated like an oven; my toes were like those jelled ice packs you use to soothe a pulled muscle.

Then, as with most things in a marriage, the dynamics changed. I'm not sure when, or how, or why, but somehow we swapped core body temperatures. I became his yin; he became my yang. It's one of those weird marriage things. Like when a couple starts to resemble one another after 40 years of wedded bliss. My husband and I don't look alike – yet, but when I say, "Hot," he says, "No, it's not."

Nowadays he is the one lying under a mountain of cotton sheets and down blankets. I start the night beneath the covers, but the situation doesn't last long. A couple hours after setting out for the land of nod, I kick one leg from under the blankets and find relief in the crisp night air. An arm soon follows. The cool feels... cool, and my internal oven finally starts to gas down.

If one were to think logically about this illogical situation, there could be some benefit to a steaming core temperature. I'm talking about burning – as in calories. Something has to fuel the inner fire keeping me warm at night. If that something were calories (oh please let it be calories) the weight would be falling off like the dripping sweat on my brow.

Unfortunately, logic appears to have little to do with my current heated situation. My body temperature may be soaring, but my metabolism has entered a nose-dive. I glance at a candy bar and my jeans grow tighter. My husband says the word, "diet" and loses 10 percent of his body weight – all while shivering under the covers.

No one ever said life was fair. There's only one culprit to blame for this scorching shindig of mine and we all know what it is: the dreaded "H" word. Hormones cause all sorts of imbalance and discomfort. Plenty of people have found plenty of trouble just because their hormones were out of whack. I blame most of my wackiness on hormones – and believe me, that's no small amount.


Experts tell us it's a stage – a flash in the (frying) pan of life. This may be true. But it does seem ironic. My inner furnace kicks in just as my husband's is cutting out. I am hot; he is cool, and it used to be the other way around. Either way, I like to think I am cool (as in #hipster mom) and when it comes to my husband, no matter what his internal heat index might read, to me, well, he'll always be hot.

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

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Here's one for the ages. Cass City's Rawson Memorial District Library has collected more than 300 new and slightly used books for this year's local Christmas for Kids campaign. The library has been doing this for years, but according to Editor Tom Montgomery the 2013 collection is one for the record books.

The Michigan State Police announced this week the results of preliminary reports for the Thanksgiving holiday. They indicate 8 people lost their lives in separate traffic crashes during the 2013 holiday weekend. In comparison, 9 people died in traffic crashes during the 2012 Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Not surprising that of the 8 fatalities, 6 were known to have not used restraints, while alcohol use was a factor in half of the crashes.

One thing we've learned about the Cass City community over the years is, you can't judge a town's generosity by its size.

Case in point: Village residents are collectively sending the American Cancer Society (ACS) an early Christmas gift this year in the form of a check representing proceeds from Cass City's annual Pinktober celebration and observance to raise awareness and cash for breast cancer research. The month-long event didn't feature any single major fundraiser, but instead a series of activities culminating in a very well-attended finale gathering downtown at the end of the month.

In the end, organizers say, area residents helped to generate nearly \$10,000 to donate to the ACS — twice as much as the community contributed last year.

Well done, Cass City. Well done.

Cass City's Scott Mills, veteran coordinator of the Cass City Area Community Thanksgiving Dinner, recently sent out his annual thank-you letter to supporters of the annual meal, which continues to draw sizable crowds.

"Thirty-seven years ago, in 1986, the first Cass City Area Community Thanksgiving Dinner was held," Mills noted. "The philosophy and goal, from the very beginning, was that it be a 'sit down' dinner, with everyone dining at the same time. All were invited and there was no charge.

"This past Thanksgiving dinner served 200 people, with an additional 50 dinners delivered to shut-ins," Mills added. "Also, the leftovers were taken to a soup kitchen in Saginaw."

Kudos to Mills and the small army of volunteers that make this community event something to be proud of year after year.

Letters to the Editor

Amish appreciate neighbors in area

In this way I wish to say I appreciate the public for the many ways you have helped the Amish in the 20 years since the first families moved to the Thumb Area.

The hearty welcome we got when we moved here is a good memory we have often talked about.

Not many church services close without one of the ministers having reminded us what we have to be thankful for. That we can travel to church freely and the public would even help us if we'd run into trouble. Our Anabaptist forefathers had to meet at night. Often during rain or snow storms in the woods, barns or caves.

In those 20 years there were some close calls on the roads, but no serious accidents. We feel grateful to the public for having patience with the buggies on the roads. We often wish you could hear our "sorry, sorry" when we were talking or daydreaming with the horse trotting down the middle of a gravel road. Then discover a vehicle is waiting to pass. Probably, the scariest thing is oh, here comes the snow plow! Most horses don't like the blade

noises. I wished I could tell the snow plow driver thank you last winter when I saw him follow a buggy quite a ways until they could turn off out of his way. We now know when something might spook the horses causing them to jump around.

The hitching rails in town are also appreciated. Some of them might be in the same place they were years ago. In many ways we just try to keep the old traditions. The older folks remember when their grandparents and great-grandparents lived pretty much like we do. If you get impatient following a slow buggy imagine your great-grandparents sitting in the buggy. And what would their thoughts be to see you go down the road 70 miles an hour.

If a horse is acting up at a corner the best thing to do is hurry out of the way so we can go.

Thanks again for having patience with us. It's our wish to be an asset to the area and not a hinderance.

Blessed holidays wished to all.

Lydiann Bricker
Cass City

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

Wednesday, December 18

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, December 19

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

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.

Friday, December 20

Fish & Chicken Dinner, 4-7 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Cass City. Adults \$8; children \$4; under 10 FREE.

Saturday, December 21

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

Monday, December 23

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. 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.

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

Tuesday, December 24

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



TUSCOLA COUNTY WAS well represented during the 94th Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids. The area delegation, pictured above, was composed of representatives from throughout the county, including Cass City, Caro, Kingston and Unionville.

Tuscola Co. farmers weigh in on policies during MFB meet

Several area residents were among the delegates from Michigan's 67 county-level farm bureaus who represented their local farming communities at the 94th Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) Annual Meeting.

Delegates recently spent four days in Grand Rapids, where they fine tuned and approved the policies defining MFB's 2014 agenda.

Michigan Farm Bureau is the state's largest farm organization, representing more than 48,500 farm families across the state.

Tuscola County's 25-member delegation on hand at the annual meeting included John Somerville of Cass City; Fred Ruggles and Nancy Ruggles of Kingston; Carl Bednarski, Lisa Bednarski and Aaron Reinbold, all of Caro; and Ben Sattelberg and Katie Sattelberg, Unionville.

Policy development sessions were at the core of the annual session. Delegates voted on 124 state, national and organizational policy proposals, consolidated from hundreds submitted by county farm bureaus across the state. Road funding, urban agriculture, broadband access, aquaculture and the Michigan Merit Curriculum were among the issues addressed.

State-level resolutions adopted at the meeting will define MFB's direction through the coming year. Adopted national resolutions will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) for consideration at the AFBF's 95th Convention and Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 12-15.

Delegates focused on the adoption of a user-fee funding mechanism and other road-funding proposals, supporting a one-percent increase in the state's general sales tax dedicated to roads.

The delegate body of nearly 500 farmers strongly reaffirmed that Right-to-Farm protections must not be compromised for commercial agricultural practices. New policy supports a set of management prac-

tices for urban agriculture, tailored to urban farming's zoning implications, livestock care standards, cropping and environmental protection standards.

Delegates approved a new policy recognizing the need for improved access to broadband Internet in rural areas. They overwhelmingly agreed universal broadband access should be available statewide at an equitable cost and quality in both rural and urban areas.

The farmers reaffirmed support for changes to the Michigan Merit Curriculum that would allow more flexibility for high school students interested in pursuing career-technical education.

Beyond policy development, Farm Bureau members attended issue briefings focused on wetlands regulations, water withdrawal, transportation and immigration reform.

Farm Bureau members also heard from Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, who addressed questions directly from MFB members about everything from roads and infrastructure to education — all solidifying most farmers' support of his administration's efforts.

Green lauds grant for DFA road work

State Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville) recently lauded the confirmation of Tuscola County's selection as one of four Michigan communities that will receive state transportation economic development grants.

Officials estimated the grants, including an award related to construction of a \$40 million Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) processing plant in the Cass City Industrial Park, will support creation or retention of a combined 563 jobs.

"This is wonderful news for Michigan and yet another sign that our state is continuing to make progress," Green said. "I would like to thank everyone that was involved in the process for selecting Tuscola County."

The local grant will be used to resurface Doerr Road from Division Street to M-81. In addition, the intersection of Doerr Road and M-81 will be widened to accommodate an increase in truck traffic.

The roads in this area are already deteriorating and the increased traffic will only accelerate the problem," Green said. "These grants will ensure continued access for trucks and other vehicles while allowing this job-creating project to be a resounding success."

DFA officials announced last fall plans to construct their newest plant in Cass City. DFA services nearly 13,000 members throughout the country and processes dairy foods, with investments in well-established, well-known brands such as Borden Cheese.

The new plant will total 33,000 square feet and will be able to process three million pounds of fresh milk each day, supplied by DFA member farms located in Michigan's Thumb area.

Circuit court news

Several face charges

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

*Hernando Zamora, 49, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 23 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Derek S. McHalpine, 20, Unionville, was sentenced to six months to eight years in prison following his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address

between June 7 and July 11 in Akron Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$198 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Paul V. Davis, 51, Millington, was sentenced to 149 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to malicious destruction of police/fire department property April 1 in Caro, and to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny March 31 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$396.

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Reporter's notebook

Just wondering -
how do you roll?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



While I love the holidays, this is a time of year when I tend to get busy with a little end-of-the-year desk cleaning.

The arrival of December prompts many serious journalists like myself to pause and take a hard look at some of the complex issues that affect us all, but which we haven't found time to tackle in print over the previous 12 months. Happens every year.

Well, I'm fixing to cross off at least one topic on my list; toilet paper. Specifically, the proper way to hang it in your bathroom.

So, how do you roll? Over or under?

Okay, it's a trick question. Everyone knows the proper way is "over", right?

I'm sure some of our readers are among the sadly misled folks who are doing it incorrectly, so I'm here to share some scientific research — courtesy of a viral marketing campaign for Engineering Degree, a resource for would-be engineers — related to what can become a rather heated debate.

Let's start with the right way: when TP is hung so that it unfolds over the roll, it's easier to tear off the desired number of sheets (okay, so most of us don't count sheets, but it's comforting to know we could more easily with this method in our time of need). It's also easier to locate and grab the end of the roll, and there's less chance of scraping the wall with your knuckles.

According to researchers, folks who hang their bathroom tissue this way — an estimated 70 percent of us — share certain personality traits; we like to take charge, we're over-achievers and we stay organized. Sounds about right.

By the way, the correct way has received the celebrity endorsement of Tonight Show Host Jay Leno.

Now for the wrong way: the "under" method offers less chance of the roll unraveling in an RV or during an earthquake, and less chance of a cat or small child unraveling the roll. A minority believe it offers a tidier appearance (whatever...).

The personality traits of these folks include being laid back (lazy?), dependable and artistic.

Celebrity endorsement? Ann Landers.

Well, hopefully this column has wiped away any doubt about the correct way to hang your toilet tissue. However, you're welcome to do your own research — you know, in case you need more to go on.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Dick Hendrick, co-owner with his wife of the Cass Theatre, can attest that one basic reaction of theater patrons hasn't changed substantially over the years. Dick got his start in the theater business by running free shows in Thumb area towns. They always drew big crowds, he said. In the previous 2 Saturdays that the Cass offered free shows Saturday afternoon, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, it's apparent that nothing has changed. The theater seats about 350. Dec. 6 there were over 300 patrons and Dec. 13 the count was 258. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Roger Parrish and Bob Douglas, local professional musicians from Cass City, have just finished recording a new CD album of new original Christmas songs and 2 instrumental rhapsodies of celebration written and composed by Parrish. The album is entitled "Original Christmas Songs of Roger Parrish and Bob Douglas", and features combined talents of the 2 musicians.

Cass City senior Adam Osentoski took a trophy 10-point buck while hunting east of town during the 2008 muzzleloader season.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Local winners of the Knights of Columbus annual spelling bee included seventh and eighth grade students Becca Doerr (first place), Adam Kranz (second place), Trey Helwig (third place), Scarlett Helland (fourth place), and Kristie Karr (alternate).

Fifth and Sixth grade spelling bee winners were Angie Simpson (first place), Jalen Ferris (second place), Logan Kausch (third place), Emily Martin (fourth place) and Mason Doerr (alternate).

Coach Aaron Fernald said after the opening day victory over Harbor Beach that he would like to see his

team drive to the basket and get and then make more foul shots. It was a case of ask and you will receive as the Red Hawks responded with a tremendous night from the line that resulted in a close, hard-fought victory at Sandusky, 62-50. The Hawks converted 28 of 31 free throws on the way to the win. Craig Holmgren led the Cass City rebounders with 7, closely followed by Tyler Erla with 6. Erla led the Hawk scorers with 14. Jake Brinkman was in double figures with 10. Nick Stoutenburg made 3 steals and Andrew Martin snagged 3 offensive rebounds.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

If you can remember when Harold Oatley was a teacher here or listened to his talks to local clubs, you are an old timer in the community. Some of the folks who listened to his talks regarded him as far out and others figured he was just plain nuts. At least when he talked about his favorite topic. What Oatley kept saying back in the 1950's was that in this century there would be a man on the moon. It was so ridiculous it was funny. How little we knew. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Some 250 area children should have a merrier Christmas this year thanks to the success of a local Toys for Tots campaign. Sue Werschky, coordinator of the campaign, said area residents, businesses, and service clubs donated more than 200 toys and \$1,382 in cash. Additional purchases were made through local businesses, and the toys were delivered over the weekend to 77 homes in the Cass City, Deford and Gagetown areas, Werschky said, adding the toys were delivered by the Cass City Jaycees and Frank Tordai of Special Scents.

Red Hawk Students of the Week, presented by the Cass City High School Student Council, were Cindy Powell and Darlene Monroe. These

two girls were chosen students of the week for being included on the all area girls' basketball team.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Tom Proctor is starting a fund for improving the facilities at Cass City Hospital and Hills and Dales Hospital. In an unusual announcement this week he has pledged 10 percent of his gross sales for three days for the projects. At Hills and Dales he hopes to see a poison control center started. At Cass City Hospital he is trying to inaugurate an emergency drug center. Proctor has reserved three of the busiest sale days of the year for the hospitals, Saturday, Dec. 21, through Tuesday, Dec. 24. The 10 percent will include all of the sales made during the three days, Proctor said.

Cass City Public Schools band members went a long way toward satisfying the area's sweet tooth recently by selling 1,745 boxes of candy during the Band Booster's Candy Sale. Winners in the contest for the most candy sold were announced Monday night by Band Director Ron Walker during the annual Christmas Concert. Top salesman was Ken Hyatt with 92 boxes of candy sold. As first place winner, Ken received a table model radio. Other winners were Bob King, second place with 74 boxes; Linda Douglas, third with 70 boxes; Gerald Muz, fourth with 57 boxes and Mardi Auten, fifth with 46 boxes.

The Cass City Red Hawks handed Vassar its first defeat of the year Friday in a sloppily played defensive battle marred by excessive whistle tooting that helped to slow the game to a walk. The score was 50-48. So many fouls were called that Cass City sent two men, Jim Champion and Ed Retherford, to the bench for infractions and Vassar had three starters leave the game for the same reason.

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Anchor Cove Outreach Church

201 E. Sanilac Rd.
Caro, MI 48723
989-672-2262
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
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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



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall
www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com



Community Baptist Church Independent Fundamental

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
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6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
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Bible Study -
Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



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(Independent, Fundamental)
Barrier Free
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
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Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pastor: David G. Hill
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Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church

Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
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6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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State & National Historical Registry
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn



Fraser Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn



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.
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Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m.
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BAKER COLLEGE officials are gearing up to open their new welding lab in a portion of the former Nestles Building in Cass City. The facility will allow the local campus to offer its new welding certificate and associate degree program beginning with the winter 2014 quarter, which will get underway Monday, Jan. 13.

Baker gearing up to open welding lab

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Located just a few blocks from Baker's main campus in Cass City at 6667 Main St. Students enrolled in the program will take general education classes at the main campus, but will spend most of their time in the lab, Easterling noted.

The welding program is already offered at three other Baker College campuses: Flint, Owosso and Cadillac. Easterling said that having four campuses in the state offer the same program is another "Baker benefit" for students. "If they need to relocate before completion of the program," she added, "they can easily transfer to another campus."

Easterling indicated she believes Baker's established welding curriculum, combined with the new state-of-the-art lab, will provide superior training beginning on the program's first day.

The lab will accommodate up to 24 students. There are 12 two-man workstations, and each station has a MIG (metal inert gas) and TIG (tungsten inert gas) welder. Other equipment to be shared by class members includes multiple torches,

a plasma cutter, bench cutter, drill press, grinder, tube bender, band saws and a Scottsman Sheener that cuts steel.

Easterling said tours will be available beginning Jan. 2 for prospective students, who are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as enrollment may be limited.

A community open house has been scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. Attendees will be able to tour the lab, meet faculty and members of the administration, and see the metals fabrication equipment and a few student demonstrations.

"The lab is in a renovated area within a former milk plant," Easterling noted. "The plant naturally lends itself to be an industrial training site. It's perfect. We were able to re-purpose a vacant facility, offer a growth opportunity for the community and add a campus program."

The program is designed to give students the skills and knowledge necessary for entry-level employment in the welding industry — skills including oxyacetylene welding, cutting and brazing, shielded metal arc welding, and destructive weld testing methods. Easterling

said the curriculum will meet or exceed the requirements set by the American Welding Society.

"We appreciate the many community leaders who have supported our efforts to make the start of this program successful — from those involved in building an outstanding lab to others who are helping inform area job seekers," she said.

More information about the welding program is available by calling the Baker College Cass City Campus at (989) 872-6000. Students may also schedule an appointment via the Baker College website at www.baker.edu.

The largest private college in Michigan, Baker College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. It is a non-profit institution, serving more than 35,000 students on 12 campuses and in three satellite locations. The college grants certificates and associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in business, health sciences, education and human services, and various technical fields, as well as a doctor of business administration.

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More kids living in homes that are struggling

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ble for food assistance, compared to 37 percent statewide.

Huron County ranked No. 24, with 30.5 percent of young children eligible for food assistance, and Sanilac County ranked No. 31, with 34 percent of young children eligible for food assistance.

"Though the recession officially ended years ago, the toll on children is still apparent with the persistently high number of children living in need. It's especially troubling that young children are growing up in poverty, because research shows a deeper lifelong impact of deprivation during early childhood," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, Kids Count in Michigan director at the Michigan League for Public Policy.

"The Kids Count report also found a big increase — 41 percent — statewide in the number of children living in families investigated for abuse and neglect between 2005 and 2012. A total of nearly 207,000 children — the highest number in 22 years — were living in investigated families in 2012.

Tuscola County ranked No. 41 with 114.3 youngsters per 1,000 living in homes investigated for abuse or neglect, compared with the state average of 90 children per 1,000.

Elsewhere in the Thumb, Sanilac County ranked No. 51 with 124.7 children per 1,000 living in families investigated for abuse or neglect during the same time period, and Huron County ranked No. 28 (95.1 children per 1,000).

The Kids Count report, which ranks counties on 15 areas of child well-being, found five dramatically worsening trends — all tied to eroding family economic security. Six areas showed improvements, while

three remained the same.

Livingston County ranked No. 1 (or best) on five of the trend indicators and Lake County ranked last (worst) on eight of the 15 indicators. Even well-to-do Livingston County, however, experienced a big rise in child poverty.

To improve conditions for children, the report recommends that Michigan policymakers:

*Reinstate the Earned Income Tax Credit to 20 percent. The credit helps low-income working families afford transportation to stay on the job. It was cut to six percent starting in the tax year 2012.

*Increase the child care subsidy amount and eligibility level so low-income working families have the ability to use licensed child care while parents work or search for jobs.

*Support the successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

*Expand Healthy Kids Dental into the five remaining counties.

*Invest in early childhood, paying attention to the important birth-to-age-three time period.

*Raise the minimum wage. "Together, these recommendations have the power to make a positive difference in the lives of low-income

families in our state by encouraging work and making kids and families healthier," said Gilda Z. Jacobs, president and CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy.

The biggest improvement statewide was a 33-percent drop in children living in out-of-home care. There were nearly 17,000 Michigan children living outside their homes in 2005, compared to 10,300 in 2012. The decrease likely reflects improvements resulting from a court-approved settlement in a lawsuit filed against the state, according to the report.

Also improving were the report's education indicators. Fourth grade reading scores improved 20 percent, while eighth grade math scores improved slightly at one percent between 2008 and 2012.

Tuscola County saw a 20 percent improvement in fourth grade reading scores and a five percent decrease in eighth grade math scores. Sanilac County, meanwhile, recorded a 24-percent increase in fourth grade reading and a seven-percent worsening in eighth grade math, and Huron County reported a 19-percent improvement in fourth grade reading scores and a two-percent decline in eighth grade math scores.

Huron County health officials confirm three pertussis cases

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spell, the child may make a high pitched 'whooping' sound as they try to catch their breath. Sometimes the coughing will cause vomiting.

"Coughing in this later stage of pertussis tends to be worse at night. Between spells, the child usually feels well," Tenbusch continued.

Fortunately, vaccinations against pertussis have made it a rare disease. The majority of children have been protected against it through their routine childhood immunizations, according to Tenbusch.

"However, protection from the vaccine tends to fade over time, and individuals over 10 years old should receive a booster vaccine if they haven't already had one. Pertussis can also be treated or even prevented with antibiotics if detected early or before the disease has started," she said.

Pertussis can also occur in adults. Pertussis infection among adults covers a spectrum of symptoms, from mild cough illness to classic pertussis; infection also can be asymptomatic in adults with some level of immunity.

"When the presentation of pertussis is not classic, the cough illness can be clinically indistinguishable from other respiratory illnesses," Tenbusch said. "Prolonged cough is a common feature of pertussis. In studies of adults with pertussis, the majority coughed for three or more weeks, and some coughed for many months."

Tenbusch said parents and grandparents can help to protect their children and grandchildren by getting vaccinated with pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. The vaccination is available at the Huron County Health Department, or residents may contact their primary caregivers regarding vaccinations.

Health officials are urging those who are not fully protected against pertussis to contact their physician or the health department to get immunized. Anyone exposed to the illness, or who develops any of the symptoms described above is also urged to contact their doctor. Those with symptoms should not go to school or work.

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Art students deck the halls at Tendercare



STUDENTS IN DANIELLE Laming's Advanced Art Class at Cass City High School spent Thursday morning "decking the halls" at Tendercare Cass City. Pictured above, clockwise from top left, are: (in foreground) Morgan Anderson, Breanna Frank, Jordan Raymond and exchange student Corinna Benz; Tristan Kuntz and Jessica Peters; the entire class with Laming (far left); Rachel Bartnik with her uncle, Cas Bartnik; Bransen Stimpfel and Becca Graff; Chandler Pawloski, Breanna Frank and Ian Habicht; and Sophia Romain and Jose Torres.



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School board revisits Campbell building sale

Area Dental Clinic to serve Medicaid patients.

The dental group agreed to a three-year lease — at a rate of \$500 per month — with an option to purchase the Campbell building. The dentists, who have offered \$85,000 to buy the former school, vowed to be flexible, even offering to share a portion of the building should school officials need additional classroom space in the future.

Negotiations have been at a standstill, however, since last spring when the school board approved, on a split vote, a motion to not sell the building.

Hartel told the board he has not heard from the dental group since. "I think they are waiting to see what we're going to do," he said.

Trustee Jeff Loomis said he doesn't see anything wrong with posting the building for sale in order to see if there are interested buyers and the purchase prices they are willing to offer. "We'd have nothing to lose by doing that and we would see what our options are," he added. "I'm in favor of selling it for the right price."

Trustee Dan Manwell also indicated a willingness to sell, but he expressed concern about future uses for the building, considering its proximity to what is now Cass City Elementary School, with the presence of younger students in the vicinity.

Trustee Janie Meeker and board Treasurer Dave Osentoski, who have voiced opposition to selling the building, indicated they have not changed their opinions.

Meeker said her concerns include how construction of the new Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) processing plant in town will have on student numbers. If the operation proceeds to its second phase, bringing a

promised 300 new jobs, isn't there the potential for a sudden influx of students and the need for more classroom space, she asked.

Hartel said school officials, if pressed, could close the district's daycare program, which is currently housed in the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center. "We could put another grade there — at least 100 kids," he said. "We do have to grow (take on additional students) with what we have."

Board members agreed with Manwell's suggestion to table a vote on posting the building for sale for one month in order to give Hartel time to discuss appraisals/asking prices with both Kelly & Co. Realty and Osentoski Realty, and to touch base with village officials regarding zoning options for the building.

Hartel agreed to take care of the legwork, but at the same time he encouraged the board to be prepared to take definitive action on the future of the Campbell building. Previous discussions involving the proposed lease/sale took up a significant amount of time and effort, Hartel told the board, "and we got nowhere with it. I hope that if we're going to do it, we're serious about doing it."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday night, the board:

*Briefly reviewed the results of Hartel's annual performance review. Board members, who indicated they are pleased with Hartel's efforts on the job, graded him as an effective administrator.

In a related matter, Hartel reminded board members that their self-evaluation forms are due Jan. 17.

*Approved a formal "No Nit

Policy" for the district, first presented and reviewed by the board last month.

At that time, school nurse Kathy LaPonsie said school officials have followed acceptable guidelines in the past, but she pointed out the school has no official policy in place. She recommended adopting a policy based on what the district is already doing, but with rules that do not prohibit students from returning to school until they are completely lice nit (egg) free.

LaPonsie suggested that students with lice should be allowed to return to school after they have been treated, provided they and a parent meet with her upon returning to class. Removal of all nits is difficult and not necessary to prevent the spread of lice to other students, LaPonsie explained, adding she believes more community/parent education will help parents learn how to deal with the problem and, at the same time, keep children in school without risking the spread of lice.

*Approved Hartel's recommendation to adjust the daily schedule for classes at the junior-senior high school. Starting with the first day of the second semester, Jan. 6, students will follow a schedule that begins at 8:05 a.m. and ends at 2:58 p.m. — five minutes earlier than in the past. The decision was based on an effort to relieve congestion in the hallways at the end of the school day, Hartel explained.

*Approved an annual resolution stating the Cass City Public Schools will be a Schools of Choice in grades kindergarten through tenth, meaning students living in other districts may transfer to Cass City and enter one of those grades. Requests for junior and senior transfers will be considered on an individual basis.



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CASS CITY'S Collin Hartwick and his Red Hawk teammates hoist the M-81 Clash trophy Friday after defeating neighbor Caro in a contest earmarked to help battle heart disease.

Lady Red Hawks bow in non-conference tilts

Caro's Micaylee Root and Cass City's Erika Martin each posted double digits to lead their teams Friday during a non-conference tilt between M-81 rivals. Both girls scored 10 points, but the night belonged to vis-

iting Caro as they collected a 41-25 decision.

Martin got off to a quick start to help Cass City keep pace in the early going. The junior forward hit a pair of field goals in the opening frame

that ended with Caro enjoying a slim 12-10 edge.

The visitors then turned up their defensive pressure before the half and held Cass City scoreless from the field in the period before the intermission. A balanced Caro attack led by Taylor Moen's 7 first half points resulted in a 24-12 difference on the scoreboard.

"Take away the second quarter and we were right there," said Cass City Coach Clarke Haire. "This group has trouble scoring at times and that hurts us. But I've never had to complain about their effort. They are going to battle to the last whistle, you can count on that."

Cass City's scoring trouble carried over into the final half. A lone Martin bucket in the third stanza had the eventual winners up by 15 entering the final 8 minutes.

For Cass City, Shania Chambers had 5 points and Kara Reif, 4.

For Caro, Melissa Cockerill posted 7 points.

SANDUSKY

Perennial power Sandusky used a huge second half Tuesday to hand host Cass City a 68-17 defeat. The Red Hawks trailed 26-14 at the halfway point, but were outscored 42-3 over the final 2 periods.

"Sandusky has a solid team. They're tall, fast and well coached. Coach (Al) Demott has a program in place that is among the best in the Thumb year after year. His girls play all year long and it shows."

Brooke Krueger tossed in 17 points, including 3 treys to pace the winners. She had plenty of help from Hailey Gentry and Alyssa Webb who split 26 points while Audrey Bracken and Miara Okie each scored 8.

Cass City's Reif and Alliah Riddle each had 4 points in vain.



CASS CITY'S Alliah Riddle is defended by Caro's Meagan Peters during Friday's non-conference action.

Cass City claims M-81 Clash trophy

The Cass City boys' basketball team is off to a fast start recording 3 victories, in as many tries, in the opening week of play. Also off to a promising start is Red Hawk team leader Collin Hartwick.

While the senior playmaker looks like the real deal, it's too early to say the same about Coach Aaron Fernald's squad.

Despite Cass City's 3 wins over Capac, Sandusky and Caro to open the season, the Red Hawks have yet to play a high quality foe. That changes tonight (Wednesday) when Cass City travels to meet Harbor Beach.

After defeating Capac last Monday in their season opener, Cass City defeated Sandusky 48-41 Tuesday, before squeaking out a 34-31 triumph over guest Caro Friday in the annual M-81 Clash game.

Hartwick was on the mark early against the Tigers. He nailed 3 treys in the opening half that ended deadlocked at 15s. Hartwick was named the game's MVP for a second straight year.

Tristan Kuntz then gave the winners a boost in the third stanza with 5 straight points to help put Cass City in front 27-21. Kuntz's offensive output was part of a 9-0 run to end the third period.

However, Caro's Chad Bennett and Dakota Heintz each scored a pair of baskets to open the final frame and with 2:51 remaining in regulation had Caro even with their hosts at 31-31.

After a Jacob Perry free throw had Cass City leading 32-31, the Tigers

were forced to foul down the stretch and with 44 ticks on the clock sent Hartwick to the foul line.

With ice running in his veins, Hartwick calmly sank both tosses to



RED HAWK Jacob Perry draws the attention of Caro defenders in the annual M-81 Clash contest.

preserve the win.

Hartwick recorded game scoring honors for Cass City with 15 points, while Curtis Dickinson tossed in 7.

For Caro, Bennett recorded a team-high 11 points.

Kingston gals cruise to pair of easy wins

Coach Jay Green's Kingston Lady Cardinals used a pair of easy victories last week to improve to 3-1 on the season.

Carsonville-Port Sanilac was the defending NCTL Stars champs' latest victim, as good ball movement led to the hosts' 47-26 win Friday. The contest outcome was never in doubt, as Kingston jumped out to a 27-6 advantage after 2 quarters.

"We moved the ball well and had 16 assists against the different CPS zone defenses. Jenna Boyl had a great defensive game matched up against CPS's best player," said Green.

Also for the winners, Cassidy MacGuire recorded 12 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists; Bailey Barden had 10 points and 5

rebounds; Taylor Chorba, 9 points and 4 rebounds; and Elissa Chambers, 6 points, 4 assists and 5 steals.

Earlier in the week, Kingston traveled to face Deckerville and took a 28-11 margin into the intermission en route to a 54-25 decision.

"We created 32 turnovers which led to a balanced scoring attack where 5 players scored at least 7 points. Senior center Bailey Barden had an outstanding game, scoring 16 points and blocking a number of shots," said Green.

Other statistical leaders for Kingston were MacGuire who recorded 8 points, 5 assists, and 6 steals, while Chambers and Chorba each scored 8 points and Sarah Savage had 7 tallies and 9 rebounds.

Good paces O-G

Ben Good turned in a pair of double-double performances on back-to-back nights to lead Owen-Gage past Caseville and New Haven Merritt Academy.

Good dominated play Friday in New Haven, where he controlled the glass with 16 rebounds in the Bulldogs' 59-43 victory. The senior center also registered 10 points and passed for 5 assists.

The visitors led 18-4 after the first quarter and 36-25 after 2.

Bulldog Brett Morrish recorded game scoring honors with 18 markers.

One day earlier, Owen-Gage entertained Caseville and cruised to a 68-37 win. The hosts led 27-15 at the halfway point and used a big 21-4 spurt to open the final half and remove any comeback hopes Caseville were entertaining.

Good led the winners with 20 points and 14 rebounds, while Jake Wright chipped in 17 and Quinn Smith 13.

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OL- Ben Good (44) Owen-Gage, Dylan Fritz (25) Owen-Gage, Devon Lorenz (57) Owen-Gage
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LB- Josh Braden (23) Merritt Academy, Adam Retford (32) Owen-Gage, Dylan Fritz (25) Owen-Gage, Drew Huizar (28) AF
DB- Josh Hood (20) Merritt Academy, Quinn Smith (33) Owen Gage, Kyle Aldrich (10) AF, Nick Maguire (8) AF
ST- Quinn Smith (33) Owen-Gage

SECOND TEAM

QB- Jake Wright (16) Owen-Gage
RB- Adam Retford (32) Owen-Gage, Asante Matten (23) MSD
WR- David Binder (34) Owen-Gage, Josh Hood (23) Merritt Academy
OL- Jacob Brink (80) AF, James Biddle (99) AF, Kegan Linton (44) MSD, Taraj Livesay (??) Merritt Academy
DL- Austin Blair (66) MSD, Cody Malcolm (66) Merritt Academy, James Biddle (99) AF, Marcus Mascal (9) AF
LB- Dakota Biddle (3) AF, Jamar Mitchell (21) MSD
DB- Jeremy Timms (1) Merritt Academy, David Binder (34) Owen-Gage, Nathan Crane (12) AF
ST- Asante Matten (23) MSD

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QB- John Basile (55) Merritt Academy
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WR- Jamar Mitchell (21) MSD, Zac Ireland (81) MSD
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ST- NONE

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Varsity Basketball



	Tom Montgomery	Krysta Boyce	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
Girls' Basketball				
Wednesday, Dec. 18				
O-Gage @ Vanderbilt	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Thursday, Dec. 19				
Bad Axe @ Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Cass City @ USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Friday, Dec. 20				
Peck @ Kingston	Peck	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Boys' Basketball				
Wednesday, Dec. 18				
O-Gage @ Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Cass City @ Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
BCAS @ Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Thursday, Dec. 19				
CPS @ Kingston	CPS	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Friday, Dec. 20				
Ubly @ EPBP	Ubly	Ubly	EPBP	EPBP

Grapplers set to enter Greater Thumb Conference play Thursday

Ready or not, Greater Thumb Conference action starts this week for the Cass City wrestling team as Coach Don Markel's Red Hawks are scheduled to meet Bad Axe and host Marlette Thursday in the team's league opener.

In Cass City's final tune-up Saturday before the rigors of Greater Thumb Conference play, the Red Hawks posted a 1-4 record to place fifth in the 6-team Croswell-Lexington Team Tourney. Cass City suffered defeats to Memphis 55-21, Croswell-Lexington 74-6, Mayville 43-42, and Richmond's "B" team 39-35, while defeating Mt. Clemens Lutheran North 36-30. Individually, Blake Lebioda and T.J. Moore posted perfect records on the day to pace Cass City, while Josh

Daniels finished at 4-1.

The final team standings saw the hosts take top honors with a 5-0 record. Winners Croswell-Lexington was followed by Memphis (4-10), Mayville (3-2), Richmond "B" (2-3), Cass City, and Mt. Clemens Lutheran North (0-5). "The team has a lot of improvement to make in the upcoming weeks. Our young wrestlers made several rookie mistakes that cost us on Saturday," said Markel.

IMLAY CITY

Earlier in the week, Cass City split non-conference matches with Capac and hosts Imlay City. In Wednesday's first contest, Capac defeated Cass City 55-21 before the

Red Hawks rebounded to beat Imlay City 48-27.

Double winners for Cass City included Alex Jeffrey, Darren Dickson, and Lebioda.



CAIDEN PARKER, 7, waited until the last day of November to take this 13-point Sanilac County buck.



ONE FOR THE WALL. Kevin Ouvry, Cass City, used an H&R 12-gauge shotgun to bag this main frame 10-point in Sanilac County. Ouvry's prize buck had 6 sticker points.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's recognizes Collin Hartwick as their choice for "Athlete of the Week" award winner.

The senior guard has played a major role in helping the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team get off to a 3-0 start.

In the team's hoop opener, Hartwick scored a game-high 21 points during a 46-41 victory at Capac. Hartwick followed his opening night performance with a 13-point effort in a 48-41 win over Sandusky.



Still, it was Hartwick's all around play against Caro in the annual M-81 Clash game that stands out most.

Hartwick poured in 15 points, including Cass City's final two points at the foul line in a hard fought 34-31 decision over the Tigers. Hartwick nailed three treys in the Red Hawks' win and was named the contest's MVP for the second straight year.

Hartwick is the son of Susie and Rob Hartwick.

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All games at 6 p.m. unless noted
12/9 Capac at 5:30 p.m.
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



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2/3 Memphis
2/5 Vassar
2/10 Marlette
2/12 USA
2/19 Harbor Beach
2/24 Reese



JH GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m.
11/4 Memphis
11/6 Vassar
11/11 Marlette
11/13 USA
11/18 Harbor Beach
11/20 Reese
11/25 Memphis
12/2 Vassar
12/4 Marlette
12/9 USA
12/11 Harbor Beach
12/16 Reese



JH WRESTLING

11/9	Mayville	9:00 a.m.
11/13	Lakers/Brown City/Vassar	5:30 p.m.
11/18	Brown City/Memphis/Sandusky	5:30 p.m.
11/26	Memphis/Vassar/Sandusky	5:30 p.m.
12/2	Memphis/Lakers/Marlette	5:30 p.m.
12/4	Mayville	5:30 p.m.
12/9	GTC League Meet @Bad Axe	5:30 p.m.



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Clear cutting still a useful practice

The Department of Natural Resources' Forest Resources Division is in charge of managing the timber on state forest land. The DNR's Wildlife Division is in charge of managing the critters. But because forestry practices have a big impact on wildlife habitat, the two divisions co-manage state forests to benefit both timber and wildlife.

And although the divisions sometimes have different ideas, both agree on one often misunderstood technique: clear-cutting.

"Clear-cutting is a sound scientific management technique for harvesting and regenerating certain forest types," explained Deb Begalle, forest planning and operations section manager with the Forest Resources Division. "Usually it's for shorter-lived species — such as aspen and jack pine — which are also sun-loving species. They need a lot of sunlight to establish and grow."

Clear-cutting involves removing virtually all the timber from a stand, which encourages regrowth of the preferred species. But it doesn't involve stripping the landscape as it did during the timbering era.

"Clear-cutting isn't what it was 100 years ago," Begalle said. "We leave some trees in place for a variety of reasons — for wildlife, for aesthetics, sometimes in clumps, sometimes individual trees.

"People are averse to the look of clear-cuts. They see a lot of slash (branches, logs and other debris from natural occurrences or logging operations) on the ground and find it unsightly. But the slash puts nutrients back into the ground as the branches decompose. It also provides micro-habitat for wildlife species, such as salamanders, and brush piles for rabbits."

DNR wildlife biologist Mark Sargent says young aspen is important to a host of species — grouse, woodcock, deer, rabbits, hare, moose, elk and numerous song birds.

"In the case of grouse, young aspen stands provide brood-rearing and nesting habitat and as they grow older, they produce winter food via buds," he explained. "But young aspen also provides browse for deer, elk and moose — leaves, stems, tops and bark. As the trees grow larger, they grow out of the reach of the animals."

But along with aspen, Sargent said, come other shade-intolerant plants — raspberries, forbs, dogwood and hawthorns — that provide food or cover for wildlife, too.

"A clear-cut can create outstanding browse and still provide habitat for grouse and woodcock," he added. "It's a win-win situation." The most critical characteristic of clear-cuts is that they really don't last long.

"We always assure trees are going to grow back quickly," Begalle said. "In the case of aspen, it will come back so quickly that within a year we have seedlings all over the place."

Jack pine, on the other hand, generally has to be replanted. The DNR replants jack pine within two years of a cut.

Aspen is typically managed on 40- to 60-year rotations for several reasons. That's not only when the trees have good timber value, but when they're prime for regenerating.

"The older it gets, the less well aspen regenerates," Begalle said. "Aspen sort of uses up its vitality. It regenerates through its root system and if it's losing vitality, it won't produce as many sprouts."

Clear-cuts maximize regeneration. If an aspen stand is selectively cut, it will not regenerate as well and many trees won't survive in the shade.

Jack pines are usually managed on 50- to 70-year rotations.

"If jack pine gets over-mature it's prone to insect problems — such as jack pine budworm — which increases mortality and the risk of wildfire," Begalle said. "The older it gets, the more susceptible it is to problems."

However, not all mature or over-mature stands of jack pine and aspen are clear-cut.

"We stay out of areas with threatened or endangered species or areas of particular environmental sensitivity, such as natural areas," Begalle said. "Along water courses, we use the Sustainable Soil and Water Quality Practices manual that was produced by DNR and Department of Environmental Quality, and was last updated in 2009. It's basically to ensure that no soils or sediments go into the streams and there is shade provided by trees along the waterway."

Clear-cuts tend to be relatively small — averaging 40 acres — and if it's more than 100 acres, department policy is to review the plan before the timber harvest to make sure it's justified. Sometimes, however, larger cuts are necessary. One factor on the size of the cut is the habitat requirement by certain wildlife species, Begalle said.

"Kirtland's warbler, for instance, needs hundreds of acres of young jack pine. So we'll have large timber sales so we can regenerate large areas — sometimes 300-plus-acre clear-cuts."

While the cuts are well-planned, one of the things the DNR is sometimes criticized for is not leaving buffer areas around clear-cuts.

"We usually do not leave buffers along private property lines, because people then think that's the property line," Begalle explained. "A lot of people utilize or build on that uncut area because they believe the cut is the property line. And if we left buffers along all the property lines, that would leave thousands of acres unmanaged."

"We try to keep aesthetics in mind," she continued. "If we have long-lived tree species, such as white pine and oak, we will try to leave those along roadways and private property. But if they're short-lived trees, or in poor health, they become a hazard or die fairly quickly, and don't serve the purpose for which they were left. We want to create a new, healthy forest as quickly as possible."

Clear-cuts do not work for all trees, such as hardwoods or sawlog conifers, but where short-lived, shade-intolerant species are concerned, both Wildlife and Forest Resources division staff agree: Clear-cuts are clearly the way to go.

For more information about how the DNR manages Michigan's state forest land, visit www.michigan.gov/forest-plan.

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Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Land situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan: Commencing at a stake 60 rods West of the Southeast corner of the South part of the West part of the Southwest 1/4 of fractional Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence running North 80 rods; thence West 20 rods; thence South 80 rods; thence East 20 rods to the place of beginning, excepting the East 9 rods thereof

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Dated: December 4, 2013
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Attorneys for Servicer
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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain

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Dated: December 04, 2013
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 2, 2014.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence East 208 feet, thence South 208 feet, thence West 208 feet, thence North 208 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE3 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 27, 2012 and recorded March 05, 2012 in Liber 1242, Page 594, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Four and 17/100 (\$106,754.17) including interest at the rate of 8.02500% per

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If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: November 27, 2013
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 Attorneys for
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Senator part of gathering to promote amendment

State Sen. Mike Green recently participated in the Mount Vernon Assembly of nearly 100 legislators from 32 states at the former home of George Washington.

The assembly discussed the development and proposal of rules for a convention of the states considering a federal balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Twenty-one states have passed a petition for such a convention on the balanced budget amendment, with a total of 34 needed to require Congress to issue the call. Green has sponsored Senate Joint Resolution V as Michigan's official petition. The resolution has passed the Michigan Senate and is currently awaiting action in the House.

Green, R-Mayville, offered the following statement on his experience at the assembly:

"I was honored to represent Michigan at the historic and bipartisan Mount Vernon Assembly of state legislators from around the country to discuss the development of rules for a future Article V convention of the states on a federal balanced budget amendment.

"Founding fathers like George Washington designed the Constitution to protect individual freedom by placing checks and balances on the size and power of the federal government.

"Perhaps the greatest threat to our freedom and way of life today is the uncontrolled and unprecedented deficit spending and growth in the national debt at the federal level."

THE COLD AND snow that typically marks a Michigan winter can get a bit tiresome, but the season also provides the opportunity to enjoy a good-old fashioned white Christmas, not to mention plenty of picturesque scenes such as this one, shot just south of Cass City overlooking the Cass River.

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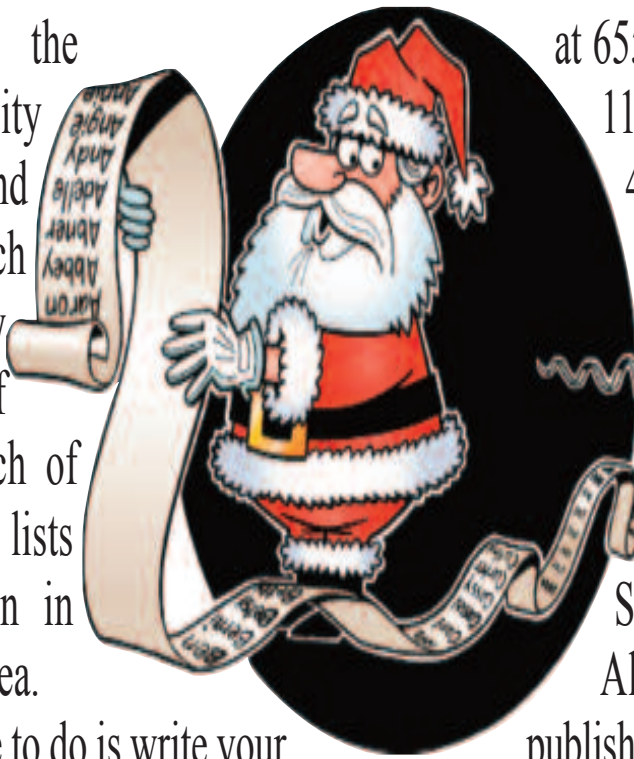
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