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THE AREA'S first significant winter storm of this season left a thick coating of ice on just about everything, resulting in headaches for motorists across the state over the weekend. Tens of thousands of Mid-Michigan residents lost power, according to published reports, which indicated the impact was less severe in the Thumb, where DTE officials stated some 6,000 customers were without electricity in Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

## Paying it forward

*Generous stranger makes a Marlette mom's day while shopping at Cass City thrift store*

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thrift Shop last week.

Stewart knew there are plenty of bargains at the local shop, and she really wanted to pick up some gifts for her three children. But like many other parents struggling financially in the Thumb, the Kentucky native

was working with a very limited budget.

Still, Stewart did make the trip, and she left with several bags filled with gifts. And, it didn't cost her a penny.

Stewart says a gentleman she had never met before covered her tab without a word. The anonymous gentleman has a reputation for embracing a practice known as "paying it forward" — sharing his own resources with others and asking nothing in return with the exception that they, too, "pay it forward" for someone else when they are able.

"I was purchasing five of the \$2 bags (of merchandise), and the lady at the counter told me that someone paid for my purchases," Stewart recalled. "I had tears in my eyes and my heart fluttered. That \$10 meant a lot to me. My children got a lot of

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## Rotary sees slight dip in gift requests

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City Rotary Club members have once again made their lists and checked them twice, shopped 'till they dropped, then bagged and tagged their way to another successful Christmas for Kids campaign.

"The numbers were down a little bit this year — probably (by) 10 to 15 families, which is a good thing," Rotary Club member Pat Curtis said of this year's effort to help ensure

that Christmas morning is very merry for dozens of youngsters residing in the Cass City School District.

Curtis said contributions were plentiful during the campaign, now in its 15th year. "There was a lot of good community support," he added.

Among the organizations lending a hand was Rawson Memorial District Library, which took in a record number of books — more than 300 — to donate towards the cause this year.

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K-9 "BAKI", an 18-month-old German Shepherd, has officially joined the ranks at the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department. Baki, who will serve as a dual purpose explosives detective and patrol dog, is pictured above with his partner, Deputy Josh Horst.

## K-9 "Baki" now on patrol in Sanilac Co.

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

There's a new cop in Sanilac County, and Sheriff Garry Biniacki says he anticipates the latest recruit will be an asset to his department and to the communities he'll serve in the coming months and years.

The new officer hasn't marked his second birthday yet, but he's already patrolling the streets and getting to know his territory, according to Biniacki.

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## Police probing student threat at Caro Community Schools

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Law enforcement officials and the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office are continuing their investigation

into what is being described as one student's written threats against a number of schoolmates last week in the Caro Community School District.

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## Meg's Peg



by  
Melva E. Guinther

### Poor Grandma

Well, now I know how Grandma felt when she got run over by a reindeer.

It wasn't actually a reindeer that ran over me, but close enough! It was a highly energetic 100-pound canine. Not my dog. Shadow weighed only 78 pounds at last check, and she wouldn't dream of knocking me over. If she ever happened to see me down however, she'd do her best to keep me there, assuming it's play time. Fortunately, she was in the house when the incident occurred.

We had just returned from our walk when I noticed a ruckus across the street. One neighbor's dog, Bailey, whom I'd never seen outside her fence, was interacting with another neighbor's 2 dogs, both of which are ordinarily well behaved. It was getting pretty wild, both neighbors trying to get their respective pets under control, with little success.

Since we'd visited the first dog through the fence and since I had a supply of dog biscuits in my pocket, I decided to try to help my neighbor corral Bailey. Not one of my wiser decisions. Bailey came galloping over, grabbed up the thrown treats, made a wide circle and headed back at me full speed. When Shadow does that, if I stand still

she deliberately misses me by a couple inches. Not Bailey.

Bailey barreled straight into me. I recall back pedaling, thinking surely my balance would be restored any second now, but it never happened. I ended up on the street on my back, but I must have tried to save myself at some point with an elbow and a knee, which would account for the bruises and swelling there. And my whole leg had to have been twisted to account for the pain in the groin area. I wish I had a video.

Anyway, the neighbors watching rallied to help me up and make sure I'd survive. Thankfully, nothing was broken but my self-esteem.

Our long twice daily walks have been curtailed considerably due to the aches and pains along with the snow, ice and bitter temperatures. The Ohioans keep insisting that this is not typical Ohio weather. We've already had more winter than is usual for an entire season. It's a good thing we're from Michigan and used to it.

We have some interesting experiences on our dog walks. One day while strolling in the area of a school in the neighborhood

around 4 p.m., Shadow caught scent of FOOD. That's the one thing that can cause her to lose control. I've learned not to try to keep her from anything she deems edible.

Lo and behold! She'd come upon a whole glazed donut, which she quickly gulped down. We went a few feet farther and there was another donut next to the sidewalk.

Half a block later 2 slices of pizza miraculously appeared and begged to be scarfed down. By the time we discovered the dinner rolls in the same block, she doggedly chewed them up, but her enthusiasm was waning. Needless to say, she didn't want any dinner that night.

I'm guessing that kids discarded these goodies on the way home from school. Why? I haven't a clue. We've also come upon numerous articles of clothing on our walks. Perfectly good gloves, hats, scarves, sweatshirts and jackets are apparently tossed aside.

Maybe it's because I grew up poor, but I can't understand how people can carelessly throw things away when so many others would feel privileged to have them.



CASS CITY SIXTH grade students recently named local winners in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee were: Hailey Beckrow, first place; Abbey Salcido, second place; Tiana Tageson, third place; Kevin Estrella, fourth place; and Gracie Williams, fifth place. The top four finishers will move on to the Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocese Spelling Bee at Hemlock High School in January. Williams will serve as an alternate. All five winners received Cass Theatre tickets and gift certificates to McDonald's.

## Health insurance focus of workshop

To assist residents to learn how to make a smart choice about health insurance, Huron County Michigan State University Extension will host free Smart Choice workshops Monday, Jan. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Huron Expo Center, 170 W. Soper Rd., Bad Axe.

Research shows that almost all consumers are confused about how to purchase and use health insurance. Many people are not comfortable with the terms and rules of health insurance plans. Many consumers don't have confidence in their decisions.

With the passage of the Affordable Care Act and the recent opening of statewide health insurance marketplaces in Michigan and elsewhere, a focus has been directed toward important issues involving health insurance. MSU Extension wants to help consumers take control of their personal and family financial and health needs with the Smart Choice for Health Insurance workshops.

The Smart Choice program offers tools to give people confidence and help them build their smart shopping skills.

Through the Smart Choice program, participants will find tools they can use, such as definitions (you will need to understand health insurance), Sample insurance plans (to show how insurance plan information will look), Worksheets (to help you make your own Smart Choice insurance purchasing decision). Worksheets include My Health

Insurance Needs; My Health Insurance Plan Comparison; My Monthly Spending Plan)

Registration is required. Call the Huron MSUE Office at (989) 269-9949, (ext. 602) to register.

## It's a girl!



Olivia Osantowski

Proud grandparents Tom and JoAnn Osantowski announce the birth of their 8th grandchild, Olivia Rose Osantowski.

Laura Osantowski gave birth to Olivia on December 4 at 11:03 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and

was 19 inches long. She was born at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. She was welcomed home by her big brother Christopher Fifer who is 13.

Olivia's Great-Grandmother Johanna Piot lives in Hazel Park, Mich.

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# In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire  
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## Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps. We present it again to our readers for their enjoyment.

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON,  
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood

## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

### Affluenza - blame the parents




As a self-professed fan of the English language, I like to think I stay hip with our ever-evolving lingo, but I learned a new vocabulary word this week. It came to my attention during a news story about a 16-year-old boy in Texas who, as part of his defense in a drunk driving case, claimed he suffered from a condition called affluenza, or poor-little-rich-kid syndrome.

His legal team said he couldn't be held accountable for his actions because he was too rich to understand that other people are, well, people too. His parent's wealthy lifestyle makes them responsible for his affliction. They were so busy buying him expensive vehicles, designer clothing and lavish toys that they forgot to teach him right from wrong. Or so the story goes. In other words, this whole thing is not his fault.

Yeah, I know. If it weren't true, it might be funny. But it's not, because it is.

Affluenza may be a new concept for me, but the word's been around for decades and was the topic of a PBS documentary in 1997 and at least two books - in 2001 and 2006 - one of which describes affluenza as a "painful, contagious, socially transmitted condition." Ouch. According to the online Oxford Dictionary, the noun originated way back in the 1970s. I guess the rich have been suffering for much longer than I ever would have thought.

I am a skeptic. I question the accuracy of the description of the "disease." It's hard to imagine wealth being painful, but I guess I wouldn't know until I've tried it. As for the condition being contagious, I have been hoping to catch affluenza for as long as I can remember, and despite my reckless behavior (I hardly ever wipe the cart handle with the disinfectant wipes provided by the superstore) I have yet to become infected with any sort of superfluous affluence. Finally, the only socially transmitted disease I've ever come down with is something I call kidfluenza, which I contracted on at least

four separate occasions - each episode lasting the better part of nine months.

A logical person might not buy this affluenza defense. In fact, she might go so far as to say affluenza isn't real and is a fancy term made up by some rich person's hired psychologist. I'd tend to agree with this - if logic were the issue here.

Some things - like flying reindeer or putting a dead tree in your living room - are just too illogical not to be logical. You couldn't make up something so outrageous. Affluenza fits comfortably into this category. It's too bizarre not to be the real deal.

As a parent, this worries the heck out of me - not about my kids contracting affluenza (we should be so lucky). My concerns are bigger and more widespread.

Consider the implications: if kids can blame their problems on their parent's wealth, what's next? For the last 20 years, I have been a completely imperfect parent and could be accused of spreading any one of a number of afflictions to my children including strictodystrophy, do-without syndrome, no-means-noriasis, lose-my-temperitis, procrastipation, and acute crabbiosis - to name just a few.

It's pretty clear; I've been a veritable wrecking ball in my kids' lives. They're so messed up, they'll probably never catch affluenza and will be forced endure a plain, everyday existence like mine: One where there isn't enough money to really count, but we feel rich - in all the ways that matter.

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.


## Letters to the Editor

### We still have our insurance

Something smells and it isn't Obamacare. Someone wrote: "President Obama said, 'Remember, if you like your insurance, you can keep it. A lie. If you like your doctor, you can keep him. Another lie.'"

Well, I still have my same healthcare insurance and my same doctor. My wife still has her same healthcare insurance and same doctor.

Ray Donaldson  
Cass City



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

We can all help Leota Anthes enjoy a Merry Christmas. Perhaps the oldest Chronicle subscriber, Ms. Anthes turned 95 years young earlier this month. Her friend Stan Moore says a card shower would be wonderful for the long-time former hair dresser. Send your wishes to: Leota M. Anthes, 126 Casler Rd, Charlotte, MI 48813.



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Area subscribers were most likely pleasantly surprised this week when they received the Chronicle's final issue of 2013 a day earlier than normal.

While our usual print time is 7 a.m. every Tuesday morning, arrangements were made to deliver our Christmas issue before the December 25th holiday, as opposed to after.

Those same arrangements have been secured for next week's issue also, the first of 2014.

Nathan and Jaime Fritz shared this photo below. It shows some of the 5,000 items collected by the local Future Farmers of America club and donated to the Revive Ministries pantry. Job well done gang.



Cass City Lions Club member Kelly Smith reports nobody has come forward with the winning ticket from the club's 50/50 raffle held during this month's Christmas in the Village gathering.

Therefore, another ticket has been drawn and the holder of ticket number 623485 can contact Eric Brown at 989-872-4311 to collect their loot.

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We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

#### Social News

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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Wednesday, December 25

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.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

## Thursday, December 26

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

Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

## Saturday, December 28

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 30

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.

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

## Tuesday, December 31

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

# Baker College officials name Thumb native new president

Baker College of Flint Board of Regents has announced that Thumb native Wendy "Wen" Hemingway will become president of Baker College of Flint when Dr. Julianne Princinsky retires Aug. 31, 2014. Hemingway will join Baker College Jan. 2, to serve as chief operating officer during the transition.

Following a 20-year career in retail and commercial banking, Hemingway has spent the past six years in entrepreneurial endeavors, including manufacturing, consulting and leading a real estate company she founded.

"It's difficult to imagine Baker College of Flint without Dr. Princinsky," said F. James Cummins, Baker College System president. "She has advanced the college in many ways during her 18-year tenure as president. However, Ms. Hemingway possesses outstanding executive abilities and is well suited to leverage her corporate and entrepreneurial experience to benefit Baker College and its single, focused goal of preparing others for meaningful careers."

Hemingway held positions in the retail and commercial divisions of NBD, National City Corporation, Fifth Third Bank and Citizens Banking Corporation, where she advanced to senior vice president-director of commercial sales.

In 2008, she turned to entrepreneurial interests. She helped launch and manage Shadowood Technology, a retrofitter of diesel engines developing an emerging technology. As an independent consultant, she specialized in mergers and acquisitions,

## Circuit court news

# Several appear on charges

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

Kirk I. Pero, 42, Vassar, pleaded guilty to one count of delivery/manufacture of marijuana July 3 in Vassar Township. He was also con-

educational board retreats, product development, vendor management, revenue growth and cost-containment strategies. Hemingway also led Shadowood Properties, a real estate company she founded.

"I am honored to become a part of more than a century of tradition in providing the most focused approach to education and training available,"



Wendy "Wen" Hemingway

Hemingway said. "I look forward to continuing the work necessary for our graduates to be successful throughout challenging and rewarding careers."

Hemingway is well known to the Baker College community. She has served as a member of the Baker College of Flint Board of Regents since 2006 and as chairperson since 2008. She has also been a trustee for

the Baker College system since 2008 and a director of the Jewell Educational Fund for the past two years.

Hemingway earned an MBA in accounting from Wayne State University. At Oakland University, she received a Bachelor of Science in human resource development with a specialization in training and development and a minor in management with a concentration in labor studies. She is also a certified treasury professional (CTP) as designated by the Association for Financial Professionals. A Mayville native, she resides in Lapeer County.

As a trustee for McLaren Oakland, Hemingway serves as board treasurer, chair of the finance committee and a member of the audit committee.

Princinsky's tenure with Baker College of Flint spans 38 years, beginning in 1976 as an instructor. She became president in 1995. Under her tutelage, Baker's enrollment has grown from nearly 3,300 to more than 5,000 students today. She was the first female president of a Flint-based college and the first woman president within the Baker College system.

Baker College of Flint is the largest of the 12 Baker College campuses. It employs more than 600 instructors, staff and other support personnel at three locations: the 40-acre main campus on Flint's southern border; the Center for Transportation Technology at I-69 and Dort Highway on 11 acres in the City of Flint; and a satellite campus in Cass City, 75 miles northeast of Flint.

victed of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Dana J. Erber, 39, Clio, was sentenced to 60 months probation following his pleas of guilty to abandoning/cruelty to 10 or more animals, and two counts of attempted assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 30 in Arbel Township.

He was also ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,098 plus attorneys fees of \$500. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

\*Daniel K. Jones, 25, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted filing a false report of a felony (felonious assault) Sept. 11 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Kelly L. Tank, 32, Sandusky, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of guilty to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 2 in Almer Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$498 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Krystal F. Erber, 28, Clio, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 36 months probation following her pleas of no contest to attempted abandoning/cruelty to 10 or more animals, and two counts of attempted assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 30 in Arbel Township.

The jail term was deferred, according to court records, which state Erber was ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,198 plus attorneys fees of \$500. The issue of restitution was taken under advisement by the court.

\*Phyllis M. Packer, 44, Detroit, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of no contest to identity theft in October 2012 in Almer Township.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$398 plus attorneys fees of \$200.

\*Randi M. Bamford, 39, Millington, was sentenced to 90 days

in jail and 24 months probation following her pleas of no contest to charges of attempted possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana June 4 in Arbel Township.

The jail term was deferred, according to court records, which state the defendant was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$875 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Tiffany L. Szagesh, 23, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of guilty to two counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device-holder July 2-4 in Vassar.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$667 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$85.

\*Ronald B. Poirier, 61, Vassar, pleaded no contest to charges of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, fleeing a police officer, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, July 24 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$30,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Jeffery T. Stephen, 28, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 17 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Jonathan M. Wilson, 19, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to a charge of absconding or forfeiting bond Dec. 3 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing was scheduled for Jan. 3.

\*Jason M. Fraley, 27, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to escape from jail while awaiting sentencing on a felony conviction Aug. 25-27 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,198 plus attorneys fees of \$500.



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## Reporter's notebook

### 'Twas the edition before Christmas

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



*'Twas the day before Christmas, and all through this place, not a staffer was slacking, each kept up the pace.*

*With ink in our veins and a spring in our step, we tackled this issue with vigor and pep.*

*Santa's coming, you know. There's no time to lose! Our printer is waiting for Cass City's news.*

*The Christmas edition is bigger than most. It's one of our best, though we don't like to boast.*

*There are features and columns and photos galore, holiday artwork and letters and more.*

*Each story — well proofed — and placed on a page, with the speed of a reindeer, in spite of our age.*

*With the click of a keyboard, the pages — they fly, on a cyberspace journey to the pressmen, oh my!*

*The papers, now printed, arrive here by truck. We stamp them and bag them and hope for some luck.*

*We know that our readers should not have to wait. So we scurry and scramble, don't want to be late!*

*There's just one more thing that we'd like to convey; We hope you are blessed on this wondrous day.*

*Thanks again for inviting us into your home. You know that we'll be there wherever you roam.*

*From Clarke and Krysta and Tom and Deb, On the phone, in person and on the Web.*

*We hope that this time will be joyous and bright. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!*

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Cass City reeled off 14 unanswered points Thursday to open its non-conference affair with guest Almont and never looked back enroute to a 52-42 victory. After pouring in a season-high 26 points just 2 days earlier, Red Hawk center Chris Summersett served notice to the Greater Thumb West Conference that he'll be an offensive force to reckon with, as he pumped in a game-high 24 markers while leading the hosts over the Raiders.

Members of the Cass City Rotary Club finished up their final packing chores Saturday morning at the Curtis Chrysler dealership in Cass City. With an outpouring of support from the community, the club was able to serve 135 families during this year's Christmas for Kids campaign.

Cass City Middle School students in Ryan Walker's seventh grade class brought in food items, a host of presents and opted to give up the pizza party they earned earlier in the year, instead donating their \$50 prize to an 'adopted' Thumb area family.

### 10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Santa Claus (Sing to Yankee Doodle) by Brandon Miller, 9th grade, Cass City High School — Santa Claus comes to town, Riding behind a reindeer. Throws a present in a house, And hopes the people like it. CHORUS: Santa Claus get going, Big Red Santa Claus. Make sure you don't miss a house, Big Red Santa Claus. — Santa Claus don't be late, Everybody is waiting for you. If you're late they might get mad, And hit you with a snowball.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1988)

All in the families. Over the years I've called on J. D. Tuckey to bail me out of varied troubles with machinery. Mr. Goodwrench I'm not. Neither is Clarke Haire. He was having mechanical trouble with a press

last week. He called on Rick Tuckey, who hustled down to the office and quickly got him running again. Need I tell you that Rick is the son of J.D. and Delores? There must be something in the genes that does it. (From Rabbit Tracks by John Haire)

Cass City Intermediate School officials recently announced their "motivated" students of the month for December. They are sixth graders Nathan Mastie, Andrea Speirs, John Rae and Jenny Laming, and fifth graders Danny Sherman, Ed Hartwick and Leann Foster.

Barbara Hutchinson, librarian at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, received a check for \$125, representing a payment of 20 cents per gallon for each gallon of gas sold during a specified period during the grand opening of People's Choice Market in Cass City. Other donations made included \$135 to the Cass City Student Council and \$160 to the Cass City Band Boosters.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Gavel Club officials have estimated that Santa Claus handed out between 300-400 packages of candy to area youngsters Friday evening, Dec. 20. Club members, giving Santa an assist during his busy season, packed approximately 800 packages of candy. Candy not given out Friday was left with Santa to give to children who had missed out.

Consumers Power natural gas service to Gagetown was approved by five votes more than was needed to meet the 60 percent of the total vote required for ratification during an election held Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the village. Mrs. Vernon Beachy, village clerk, reports that 117 ballots were cast with 74 "yes" votes and 42 "no" votes. One ballot was spoiled.

Santa Claus received more orders for color television sets for area homes this year than ever before, according to reports from Cass City's two leading television centers.

The increase in color sets in the area is in keeping with the general buying trend across the nation, following recent color receiving improvements and reduction in prices. "In a few years," speculates Bud Schneeberger, of Schneeberger TV Sales and Service, "there will be just as many color sets as black and white." Thumb Appliance Center's Zenith color sales are holding their own, reports Harold and Stan Asher. "We started selling color sets a little, over a year ago," Stan recalls, "and sales this year are somewhat ahead of last year."

### 100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Ladies' hats for next season, just now being introduced in the cities of Europe will be 28 inches high. Hence a tall female, say five foot six, will show off for an eight footer, minus two inches. Wouldn't she look sweet by the side of a five foot husband wearing a skull cap?

Deford - Mrs. Hiram Lester of sec. 35, Novesta, reached right out and touched the sixty-fifth mile stone of life Dec. 20. In the evening several gathered in, ate supper, and helped to make merry. Both old folks seemed to be at their best. "Hipe" danced a jig to the banjo that made the "young stuff" peel their eye. By the way let it be understood that "Hipe" has passed the three score and ten mark, but can flourish off a jig or hoe down a hornpipe with any man in Tuscola county, youth not barred, and should any think we are "winding," there are shekles over this way say so.

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### Anchor Cove Outreach Church

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



### 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  
872-2770  
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  
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.



### 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  
www.casscityefc.org



### Novesta Church of Christ "the friendly church that cares"

2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Minister: Brad Speirs  
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

### 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.



### First Baptist Church (Independent, Fundamental)

Barrier Free  
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-3155  
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.  
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  
Website: www.fbccc.us



### Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church

Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5186  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker



### 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



### First Presbyterian Church

Barrier Free  
State & National Historical Registry  
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn



### St. Pancratius Catholic Church

4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3336  
Summer  
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. DST  
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



### 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



### Fraser Presbyterian Church

3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn



### 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 Karwowski  
Website: www.lwwccog.net



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## O-G plays, then stays, at northern Michigan island gym

Owen-Gage used a successful road trip last week to run the Bulldogs' early season boys' basketball record to 5-0.

It was no ordinary road trip for Coach Steve Hollocker's gang.

"We went to Mackinac Island - played Tuesday night, spent the night on their gym floor and then played Vanderbilt (Wednesday) on our way back down," Hollocker said.

The Bulldogs defeated their island hosts 58-31 and Vanderbilt, 70-44.

Four Bulldogs reached double figures in Wednesday's victory over Vanderbilt, led by Jake Wright with 18 points, while Dan Good scored 16 and Ben Good, 15, for the winners, who also had Quinn Smith tack on 14 markers.

A day earlier, the entire Bulldog roster entered the score book on their way to an island victory. Owen-Gage leaped out in front 22-9 after one period and never looked back in the non-conference contest.

Wright and Ben Good finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

### LADY 'DOGS

The Owen-Gage girls' team also made the trip to northern Michigan last week and split tilts with hosts Mackinac Island and Vanderbilt.

Mackinac Island squeaked out a 34-32 decision over the Lady Bulldogs, who were able to bounce back to defeat Vanderbilt, 50-33.

## Fewer deer taken in 2013 says DNR

Michigan's 2013 firearm deer season is now in the books, and challenging conditions and lower deer numbers in some areas have likely led to fewer deer being taken this year, according to the Department of Natural Resources. Firearm season deer check-station activity declined in all regions of the state compared to 2012.

Each year the DNR generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes on Nov. 30. Those estimates are replaced by a rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons using an annual hunter mail survey.

The 2013 firearm deer season harvest appears to have decreased in all regions this year, but particularly in the Upper Peninsula and southern Lower Peninsula. Experiences can differ widely within regions; DNR biologists estimate the harvest (compared to 2012) was down perhaps 15 to 20 percent across the Upper Peninsula, decreased only slightly in the northern Lower Peninsula, and declined perhaps 10 percent in the southern Lower Peninsula.

"Deer populations in the Upper Peninsula are feeling the effects of late and heavy snowfall last winter, and in some areas of southern Michigan are still recovering from an extensive outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease two summers ago," said Brent Rudolph, DNR Wildlife Division Deer and Elk Program leader.

"A new antler point restriction in 12 counties of the northern Lower Peninsula has added protection for young bucks," noted Ashley Autenrieth, Wildlife Division deer biologist for the northern regions, "so we expected buck harvest in that region to be lower for at least a year."

Severe weather conditions, warmer-than-average temperatures and concentrations of standing corn that provide secure cover for deer also contributed to adverse hunting conditions in some locations. A recent national survey highlighted that persistence pays off, particularly when conditions are not ideal. Successful deer hunters hunted an average of 18 days, which is longer than the entire

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**CASS CITY'S Collin Hartwick is squeezed by Harbor Beach defenders during a GTW crossover battle. The Pirates delivered their visitors a 62-33 setback, the Red Hawks' first on the season.**



**HOST USA put a defensive strangle hold on Cass City Thursday en route to a 55-5 whipping. Colliding during the GTW contest are Red Hawk Lauren Scott and Patriot Morgan Thomas (21).**

## Kraft shines in Pirate victory

Harbor Beach showed no effect from an extended football season Wednesday and cruised to an easy Greater Thumb Conference crossover boys' basketball win.

Cass City was the victim in the non-conference contest and was delivered their maiden loss with a 62-33 drubbing.

The hosts went on a 10-0 spurt midway through the opening frame and enjoyed a 14-5 margin entering the second quarter. There Harbor Beach increased the gap to 27-12 at the intermission.

Eli Kraft took over after the break and scored 13 of his game-high 28 points in the third to help build a 46-27 difference on the score board entering the final stanza.

Kraft lived up to his billing and effortlessly controlled the contest. He nailed 3 treys and scored on

numerous shots in the lane, where the senior playmaker made good use of his chiseled frame.

Cass City, meanwhile, received 13 points apiece from Curtis Dickinson and Collin Hartwick in vain.

For Harbor Beach, Josh Schelke scored 8.

**CASS CITY** – Cuthrell 0-1 (0-0) 3, Hartwick 2-3 (0-0) 13, Perry 1-0 (0-2) 2, Dickinson 5-0 (3-4) 13, Erla 1-0 (0-2) 2.  
**TOTALS** 9-4 (3-9) 33

**HARBOR BEACH** – Butterfield 1-1 (1-2) 6, Schelke 4-0 (0-1) 8, Ginther 1-0 (0-0) 2, Paxton 0-1 (0-0) 3, Kraft 7-3 (5-7) 28, Seltz 1-0 (0-1) 2, Hessling 1-0 (2-2) 4, Siemen 0-3 (0-0) 9.  
**TOTALS** 18-6 (8-13) 62

## Lady Red Hawks up and down in GTW cage games

It was one step forward and two steps back for the Cass City Lady Red Hawks.

Coach Clarke Haire says Cass City played its best game since he took the helm in 2012 last Tuesday against visiting Vassar in the Greater Thumb West opener for both schools.

Despite suffering a 43-31 setback, Cass City battled the Vulcans from start to finish.

"We decided before the game to push the ball up the floor and look for a shot before Vassar's defense could force us into our half court sets. That gave us some open looks in the first half."

Kara Reif made the most of Cass City's up tempo attack and had the hosts trailing just 14-9 after one quarter and 27-16 after two. Several times the senior forward used a shot fake from the wing that allowed her to penetrate into the lane. There she made good on 3 field goal attempts and finished with a career-high 12 points to lead Cass City.

Vassar also was able to gain access to the lane on the night and holding the key was senior LaTonya Wilson. She recorded game scoring honors with 22 points, including 16 before the intermission.

"Wilson is the best player that we have faced this year. She is quick, can jump, and will hurt you from outside and inside. She was the difference tonight," said Haire.

Vassar held Cass City to a Shania Chambers field goal in the third quarter and entered the final 8 minutes with a 36-18 advantage.

To Cass City's credit, they never surrendered and mid-way through

the frame sliced the margin to 10 points, but could get no closer on the night.

"From day one, I've always told the girls to compete. They came to play against Vassar. If we can challenge Vassar, we should be able to battle most teams in the Thumb," Haire said.

Chambers finished with 7 points and Erika Martin added 5 for Cass City.

Vassar's Rebecca Huizar posted 9 points and Elizabeth Cypha registered 7.

### USA

Cass City entered Thursday's GTW match-up against USA with high hopes after their promising showing against Vassar. The Patriots, however, squashed the visitors' new found optimism with a relentless defense during the lopsided 55-5 defeat.

The visitors were held scoreless from the field on the night.

"Give credit to USA's defense. They did a good job of getting back in transition. They found our wing players quickly and didn't allow any easy shots," said Haire.

Martin had Cass City's only points in the opening half. Her charity tosses put Cass City on the score board near the end of the initial stanza, and despite a sluggish start, the guests trailed by single digits entering the period before the break.

That quickly changed as USA scored the game's next 24 points and led 35-2 at the break. USA then used a 12-1 run in the third period and an 8-2 run in the final period to complete the beat down.

"I think our girls have a mental block when it comes to USA. This wasn't the type of game I wanted to enter Christmas break on."

Hunter Langenburg and Martin each scored 2 points for Cass City.

USA's Erika Fritz led all scorers with 14 markers, while Stephanie Neuman and Samatha Ewald split 26 tallies.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

### Forecast at the Break

## Varsity Basketball



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Krysta Boyce



Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

Week of Dec. 11 Results	3-8	8-3	6-5	9-2
Season's Results	3-8 (27%)	8-3 (73%)	6-5 (55%)	9-2 (82%)
Week of Dec. 18 Results	4-3	6-1	6-1	6-1
Season's Results	7-11 (64%)	14-4 (78%)	12-6 (67%)	15-3 (83%)

**CASS CITY** – Chambers 2-1 (0-0) 7, Reif 3-0 (6-12) 12, Langenburg 0-0 (1-2) 1, Zdrojewski 0-0 (1-2) 1, Martin 2-0 (1-1) 5, Milligan 0-0 (1-2) 1, Riddle 2-0 (0-0) 4.  
**TOTALS** 6-1 (10-19) 31

**VASSAR** – Cypha 1-1 (2-3) 7, Huizar 4-0 (1-2) 9, Guile 0-1 (1-2) 4, Wilson 8-1 (3-7) 22, Blaney 0-0 (1-2) 1.  
**TOTALS** 13-3 (8-17) 43.

**CASS CITY** – Reif 0-0 (1-2) 1, Langenburg 0-0 (2-2) 2, Martin 0-0 (2-2) 2.  
**TOTALS** 0-0 (5-7) 5.

**USA** – Hoppe 1-0 (0-0) 2, Winchell 1-0 (0-0) 2, Fritz 6-0 (2-2) 14, Neuman 6-0 (1-2) 13, Ewald 4-0 (5-5) 13, Thomas 1-0 (0-0) 2, Bohn 1-0 (0-0) 2, Dinsmore 3-0 (2-2) 8.  
**TOTALS** 23-0 (9-13) 55.



THE 2013 Cass City 7th grade basketball team members are: (front, l-r) DeeDee Haley, Layna Mathewson, Brittany Hamilton, Brianna Mester, Kelly Ziegler (back) Coach Dave Weiler, Gabrielle Romain, Rebecca Morrish, Jalene Krol and Kacey Haire.



THE 2013 Cass City 8th grade basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Katie Autry, Samantha Stern, Riley Klein, Rylie Weiler (middle) Bailee Ross, Lauren Fernald, Lauren Dickinson, Baylee Murphy, Konnar Warren (back) Coach Lloyd Schinnerer, Savannah Walker, Claire Kausch, Sayge Cuthrell, Kelsey Bouverette and Dakota Cook.

## Fewer deer taken in 2013

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duration of Michigan's firearm season.

Rudolph stressed the importance of cooperation with Michigan's hunter harvest survey, which he called "a vital tool for Michigan's deer program, and an important way in which data provided by hunters contributes to our information base."

Hunters that do not receive a survey in the mail but wish to provide their

hunting and harvest information may visit [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer) and select the Deer Harvest Reporting Form link. Hunters should only provide this information once they have completed all of their 2013 hunting activities, including seasons open through as late as Jan. 1, 2014.

For more information about hunting opportunities or deer management in Michigan, visit [www.michigan.gov/hunting](http://www.michigan.gov/hunting) or [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer).

## Basketball Records

Boys' Basketball Standings				Girls' Basketball Standings			
Greater Thumb West				Greater Thumb West			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
Reese	0	0	2	1	Reese	2	0
USA	0	0	2	0	Vassar	2	0
Cass City	0	0	3	1	USA	2	0
BCAS	0	0	1	2	EPBP	0	1
EPBP	0	0	1	2	Bad Axe	0	1
Vassar	0	0	2	2	Cass City	0	2
Bad Axe	0	0	1	2	BCAS	0	2
Greater Thumb East				Greater Thumb East			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
Harbor Beach	0	0	2	1	Marlette	1	1
Brown City	0	0	2	1	Brown City	1	0
Marlette	0	0	4	0	Sandusky	2	0
Sandusky	0	0	1	2	Harbor Beach	0	1
Memphis	0	0	1	2	Ubyly	0	1
Ubyly	0	0	0	3	Memphis	0	1
NCTL Stripes				NCTL Stripes			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
North Huron	0	1	1	3	CPS	2	1
Caseville	0	1	0	2	Port Hope	1	1
CPS	0	2	0	3	North Huron	3	0
NCTL Stars				NCTL Stars			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
Peck	2	0	4	0	Deckerville	1	2
Kingston	2	0	3	1	Mayville	0	3
Mayville	1	1	1	2	Kingston	3	0
Deckerville	1	1	1	3	Peck	1	1

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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	Cross-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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### Girls' Basketball

Jan. 9 ~ Bad Axe ~ 6 p.m.

### Boys' Basketball

Jan. 3 ~ Brown City ~ 6 p.m.

### Gymnastics

Jan. 21 ~ Vassar ~ 6:00 p.m.

### Wrestling

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

## JR. HIGH

### JH Boys' Basketball

Jan. 20 ~ Marlette ~ 5:30 p.m.

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### JH BOYS' BASKETBALL

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1/13 Memphis  
1/15 Vassar  
1/20 Marlette  
1/22 USA  
1/27 Harbor Beach  
1/29 Reese  
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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# Obituaries

**Grace Gorton**

Grace Gorton, 101, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2013.

Grace was a loving nanny in her early days, homemaker for her family and involved with Women's Circle at Trinity United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids.

Grace is survived by her children Charles and Melody Gorton; Carol Gorton; grandchildren Bill and Jean Gorton, Richard Gorton, Samuel Gorton; great-grandchildren Benjamin, Samantha Gorton, Danny, Juno Gorton; great-great grandson Cory Gorton; sister and brother-in-law June and Russel Striffler; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband Emerson, grandson Aaron Gorton and sister Melvina Howorth.

The funeral service was held at Clark Retirement Community Chapel. Interment was in Elkland Twp. Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the rose garden at Clark Retirement Community.

Arrangements were provided by Zaagman Memorial Chapel, Grand Rapids.

**Raymond Martin**

Raymond E. Martin of Caro, 78, passed away Monday, December 16, 2013 at his home. He was born September 4, 1935 in Caro, the son of the late Delbert and Nellie (Clark) Martin.

Ray was united in marriage with the former Carol LaPeer in June of 1977 in Cass City. She preceded him in death on December 20, 1991.

He was later married to the former Sally Palmer in February of 1994 in Cass City, and the couple has cherished nearly twenty years together. Ray was employed as a semi-truck driver for UPS for thirty-one years, retiring in 1994, and was honored for over thirty years of safe driving.

While with UPS, he traveled the route between Cass City and Mt. Pleasant for twenty years, and spent his last eleven years driving from Cass City to Grand Rapids. Ray was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Caro and loved motorcycles and animals of all kinds, especially horses and dogs.

brothers, Patrick Greyerbiehl and his wife, Vickie of Bad Axe, George Greyerbiehl and his wife, Mary of Bad Axe, Douglas Greyerbiehl and his wife, Tammy of St. Joseph, Paul Greyerbiehl and his wife, Mary of Cass City; six sisters, Shirley Leppek of Fort Wayne, Ind., Nancy Janik and her husband, Henry of Bad Axe, Beverly Greyerbiehl of Bad Axe,



Patricia Grigg of Bad Axe, Theresa Provet and her husband, Philip of Coldwater, Brenda Kreh and her husband, Tom of Pigeon.

Janet was preceded in death by two brothers, Michael Greyerbiehl and infant Thomas Greyerbiehl.

Mass of Christian burial was held Friday, December 20 at St. Columbkille Church/Good Shepherd Parish in Sheridan Corners. The Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor, officiated. Burial will be in St. Columbkille Cemetery.

Memorials have been requested to Huntington's Disease Research or St. Columbkille Church.

Please visit [www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com) to express your sympathy and sign the guest book for Janet's family.

**Joseph Mack**

Joseph R. Mack, 57, of Ubly, passed away after a long illness, Fri., Dec. 20, 2013 at St. Mary's of Michigan, Saginaw.

He was born July 28, 1956 in Detroit, son of John and Billie (Baker) Mack.

On Dec. 1, 2001 he married the former Debby Bernheim in Manchester, MI.

Joe worked as a C and C Machinist in the Automotive and Steel Industries and as an over the road truck driver, he served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam war, working in communications. He loved his Harley Motorcycle and especially loved activities with his sons, such as Scouting, sports and camping.

Joe is survived by his wife, Debby, sons, Samuel and Abraham, both of Ubly, his mother, Billie Baker Mack of Ubly, siblings, John (Sharon) Mack of TX, Sue James of Ubly, Carol (Larry) Bronson of Waterford and Vickie (Paul) Tabor of Sterling Heights and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, John.

Funeral services were held Mon., Dec. 23, 2013 at Living Word Worship Center, Cass City. Pastor Mark Fibranz officiated.

Honoring Joe's wishes, cremation will follow. Memorials may be made to the Boys Scouts pack 3594. Please share condolences at [www.thabetfuneralhome.com](http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were provided by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.



Ray is survived by his wife, Sally Martin of Caro; his children and their spouses, Debbie & Bud Tait of Georgia, Dawn & Rick Fouch of Harrison, Randy & Marie Martin of Holly, Shelly & Steve McNally of Harrison, LeAnn & Jeff Hicks of Lansing, Brenda & Tim Cronin of Missouri, Jim LaPeer of Hawaii, Wayne & Marie Corlis of Midland, Colleen & Mike Watson of Indiana; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Carrie Withun; three brothers, Leo, Clark and Lawrence; three sisters, llabelle, Laura and Evelyn.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 20 at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro with the Rev. Cameron Steele officiating. Cremation will follow the service with burial at a later date at Novesta Township Cemetery in Cass City.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the National Kidney Foundation.

The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at [www.RansfordCollon.com](http://www.RansfordCollon.com).

**Janet Sweeney**

Janet I. Sweeney, 69, of Cass City, passed away Monday evening, December 16, 2013 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

She was born September 27, 1944 in Bad Axe to the late George Sylvester "Lester" and Helen Mae (Hill) Greyerbiehl.

She married Edward B. Sweeney April 7, 1962 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe.

Janet was a loving homemaker and helped on the family farm. She attended the Bad Axe Schools. She was a parishioner at St. Columbkille Church. She enjoyed camping and visiting with friends. She cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Janet is survived by her husband of 51 years, Edward of Cass City; nine children, Anthony E. Sweeney of Tennessee, Julie A. Hiltz and Chuck of North Branch, Terry M. Sweeney and his wife, Colleen of Cass City, Jamie L. Heineman and her husband, Andy of Midland, Todd J. Sweeney and his wife, Paula of North Branch, Troy P. Sweeney and his wife, Laura of Davison, Jeanie L. Martin and her husband, Phil of Cass City, Janel M. Morgan and her husband, Sam of El Paso, TX, Jody H. Bolton and her husband, Dan of Bad Axe; 19 grandchildren, Kelly, Charlie, Danielle, Jerry, Amy, Jennifer, Rebecca, Heather, Hailee, Andrea, Kelcie, Hannah, Olivia, Ava, Thomas, Travis, Jasmine, Jade, Amanda; 5 great grandchildren, Nixon, Brooke, Caylin, Taylor and Gavin and; four

## Rotary gift campaign

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Curtis wasn't far off when he predicted the club's 2013 drive to collect toys, clothing and other items would be similar to that seen in recent years. It's a need the local Rotary Club has managed to meet with the help of the community.

Last year's campaign concluded with volunteers serving roughly 116 families — more than 330 children in the local school district.

Referrals for the project annually come from the Cass City Public Schools and the Tuscola County Family Independence Agency.

Club members get an early start on the project in November, encouraging residents and businesses to drop off gifts at the Christmas for Kids headquarters in town, located inside the Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership on Main Street. Volunteers purchase additional items needed to fill the wish lists, then gather at the dealership to sort, bag and tag the items for distribution to families before Christmas.

## Baker College holiday hours

Baker College of Cass City, a satellite campus of Baker College of Flint, continues to enroll students for the winter 2014 quarter. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 13, with registration continuing through the start of classes.

Baker officials have announced the following holiday hours for the Cass City admissions office:

- \*Monday, Dec. 23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*Monday, Dec. 30, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- \*Tuesday, Dec. 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*Thursday, Jan. 2, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- \*Friday, Jan. 3, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The office will be closed Dec. 24-27, and Jan. 1.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 6, the admissions office will return to regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To provide additional time to register for January classes, the admissions office will also be open Saturday, Jan. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon.

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# K-9 on patrol in Sanilac Co.

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"K-9 'Baki', an 18-month-old German Shepherd, officially joined the ranks and began patrolling the streets on Monday, Dec. 9, along with his partner, Deputy Josh Horst," Biniecki said.

Just three days earlier, Horst and Baki graduated from the intense, five-week Basic Canine Handler's Course through the Mid-Michigan Kennels in Eaton Rapids. Baki is considered a "dual purpose explo-

sives detective and patrol dog" and will assist with tracking, area and article searches, according to Biniecki.

"K-9 Baki replaces K-9 Adam, who retired in May of 2013 after serving seven years; and K-9 Kaye, who retired in March 2012 after five years of service," the sheriff noted. "Both retired K-9 Adam and K-9 Kaye are enjoying retirement with their former handlers and their families."



**CASS CITY FIFTH** grade student Raeven Periso, daughter of Kenneth and Liza Periso, and high school sophomore Jose Torres, the son of Heriberto Estupinan and Ana Herrera, were recently honored by the Cass City Board of Education and school staff after being named the latest recipients of the coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

## Students honored with the award of excellence

Cass City School officials recently recognized the latest recipients of the district's coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

They are Cass City Elementary School nominee Raeven Periso, fifth grade student, and Cass City Junior-Senior High School nominee Jose Torres, a sophomore.

During the months of October, December, February and April, each school building staff is asked to nominate students for the award, which recognizes students in the areas of leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved, or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are invited to attend a Cass City Board of Education meeting, where the district's administration and board members present the students with a maroon ribbon and certificate, and personally congratulate each winner.

Periso, the daughter of Kenneth and Liza Periso, Deford, was nominated by teacher Andrea Ross.

"Raeven is an outstanding student and a wonderful role model for her peers. Her strong work ethic and determination to be the best she can be distinguish her from others her own age," Ross said in her nomination letter.

"I can't think of too many times she hasn't had that wide and friendly grin spread across her face," Ross added. "One day, not too long ago, I was having a rough morning. I was in the hall collecting myself and as I turned around to enter the classroom, there she was...wide-grinned and holding a bouquet of silk flowers for me. She said, 'Mrs. Ross, I was thinking about you and wanted to give you these'. Needless to say, the tears came and I put my arms around her and hugged her for her beautiful act of kindness.

"She touched my heart in an indescribable way that morning. That's Raeven; kind, generous and always thinking of others.

"Honesty and respectfulness are just two more of Raeven's numerous qualities," Ross continued. "She treats everyone the same and with the same dignity. When

groups are formed, she never hesitates to include everyone. She doesn't judge nor does she condemn others for any shortcomings.

"Raeven's work is always done with great care and of the highest quality to ensure accuracy of the material," Ross said. "She participates in classroom discussions and always adds to our conversations. She looks at tasks with a positive approach rather than as work that has to be done. She has a genuine desire to learn and excel which show through in her attentiveness and attention to detail in the classroom."

Torres, the son of Heriberto Estupinan and Ana Herrera, Cass City, received an equally enthusiastic letter of support from Cass City Junior-Senior High School Student Council Advisor Nichole Maurer.

"In my opinion, you could not find a more deserving individual for this award. Jose holds some of the best attributes of our students; he is extremely bright and a natural leader with a great attitude," Maurer wrote. "He constantly distinguishes himself in both the classroom and in everything he does. He has also earned the highest regard and respect of his fellow classmates and teachers.

"Jose is a very dedicated individual to both our school and our community," she added. "He is actively involved in the Cass City Junior-Senior High School Student Council, boys' basketball, soccer, track and cross country teams. Jose is continuously volunteering his own time to work with many school and community events. He is extremely dependable and has repeatedly demonstrated responsibility and strong leadership abilities.

"Finally, and most importantly, it is always a pleasure working with Jose," Maurer said. "Regardless of the situation, Jose always has a positive attitude and a smile.

"His academic success in conjunction with his strong leadership skills and community involvement make him an exemplary student and a strong candidate for this award."



**MEMBERS OF THE** eighth grade class at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, including (from left) Megan Graham, Garrett Deitering, Kalean Boynton, Reed White and Andy Cole (lying in front), recently honored the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting with their own Sandy Hook Wall. "The entire eighth grade class made the hands, and these students along with a few others not pictured put up the design. Our hands all have an 'I hope...' statement about what we hope can happen to keep our country safe," explained Mary Keroson, eighth grade English/reading and writing support teacher. The memorial was set up just over a year after the Dec. 14, 2012 Sandy Hook massacre in which an gunman fatally shot 20 children and 6 adult staff members at the elementary school in Newtown, Conn. It was the second deadliest mass shooting by a single person in American history.

## Paying it forward in village

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their Christmas presents that day, and I had extra gas for the week from that wonderful person (whose) kindness will...forever be in my heart."

Stewart wasn't familiar with the phrase, "pay it forward", but she knows all about the satisfaction that comes with giving. She still remembers seeing a little boy at the local thrift shop who wanted a comforter on one of the shelves, but his mother couldn't afford to buy it for him. Stewart's heart sank as she watched the boy, prompting her to step up and pay the bill herself.

"I just never thought it would happen to me," said Stewart, a regular

customer at the Revive Ministries Thrift Shop.

"I go there every Tuesday. That's usually where I get my children's clothing — it's very clean and neat. It's really helpful," she said, adding she planned to do some Christmas shopping there as well last week, but was hesitant because she wasn't sure if she would have enough gasoline for the rest of the week.

"I was debating that day if I should even go," she recalled. "I had enough to afford it, but I was running a little low on money — I was counting change."

Jaime Fritz of Revive Ministries called the anonymous donation an

awesome example of paying it forward in action.

"A customer left money to pay for the next individual's purchase. There was money left over, so the next individual's purchase was paid for. That individual then left money to pay for the next individual's purchase," Fritz said. "The customer just did it on their own. They left \$10, which I believe turned into approximately \$15. There were four customers that afternoon that had their purchases paid for."

"I was very blessed that day," Stewart commented. "It was a great feeling and I'll never forget it. You just have no idea how it impacted me."

## Caro student threat probe continues

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The incident reportedly involved a 14-year-old student who allegedly compiled what some believe was a "hit list" of other students' names.

"It was reported to our high school principal that a student had developed a list of students and potential actions against them. The parents of those students on the list have been

contacted," school officials stated in a news release issued by the district Thursday.

"The principal began an immediate investigation by meeting with the parents of the student, who has been suspended indefinitely. The student has not been on campus since this came to our attention, and district security measures are in place. All

doors are secured and monitored as normal by intercom," the news release stated.

"Due to the nature of the event, the police were notified and are coordinating an investigation with school officials. Even though the investigation is on-going, Chief Newcomb of the Caro Police Department stated that they do not feel there is an immediate threat to anyone."



**A NUMBER OF** Cass City residents have been busy "decking the halls" this month with festive Christmas season lighting in anticipation of Santa's annual visit to the village.

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