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## Foundation gearing up to allocate thousands

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County Community Foundation officials are gearing up to distribute more than \$100,000 in grant funds, and they're inviting area groups interested in applying for the money to attend an informational meeting this week.

Community foundation Executive Director Ken Micklash will host the informational session to answer questions today (Wednesday) at 3 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

"Approximately \$105,000 will be available to apply for during this upcoming spring grant cycle for eligible Tuscola County organizations," Micklash said. "The meeting will acquaint participants with the community foundation's grant guidelines, its grant application forms and additional details concerning the available funding.

Applications should be sent to the Tuscola County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, and must be postmarked by March 1. More information is available by contacting Micklash at (989) 673-8223 or by sending an email to [tcfc534@centurytel.net](mailto:tcfc534@centurytel.net).

Grants will be distributed from the following funds in conjunction with the annual spring allocation:

\***Janks Fund** — \$48,070 for unrestricted projects.

\***Andrews Fund** — \$14,365 for children's activities.

\***Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund** — \$28,767 for youth programs.

\***Tuscola County Homelessness Fund** — \$1,566 to aid the homeless in Tuscola County.

\***Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund** — \$4,142 for tobacco cessation programs.

\***Founders Fund** — \$2,387 for unrestricted projects.

\***Greater Millington Area Fund** — \$4,839 for projects designed for the betterment of the Millington community.

\***Anne S. Laethem Fund** — \$500 for the preservation of historic buildings in Tuscola County.

\***Don List Fund for Special Needs Children** — \$750 to provide for special needs children.

\***Dr. Ed & Dorothy Scollon Family Foundation** — \$725 for support of recreational, educational, cultural and health endeavors in the Cass City area.

### SCOLLON GRANT

The Dr. Ed & Dorothy "Dotty" Scollon Family Foundation recently presented the fund's first grant. The money, awarded in conjunction with the community foundation's allocations last fall, will go to Cass City Junior-Senior High School to help

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**CASS CITY JUNIOR-Senior High School science teachers Craig Weaver (far left) and Sterling Herrman recently accepted a check on behalf of the district from Dotty Scollon, whose family established the Dr. Ed & Dorothy Scollon Family Foundation in honor of her late husband. The \$725 gift — the first awarded since the fund was established — will be used to implement a new forensic science class.**

## Tuscola Co. courts hire a domestic relations referee

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County's trial courts are taking the next step in what Chief Judge Kim D. Gaspie has described as an on-going effort to provide county residents with more efficient judicial services.

The latest plan to improve the quality of those services comes in the form of hiring a domestic relations referee.

Tuscola County resident Ariana Hemerline has been hired to take on the new role, according to Donna Fraczek, Tuscola County court administrator. "Ms. Hemerline comes to the courts after 5 1/2 years working as an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Tuscola County's Prosecutor's Office," Fraczek noted.

Originally from Grand Blanc, Hemerline earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Florida before graduating from the University of Michigan Law School.

In her work with the prosecutor's office, she has handled a variety of legal issues, but has focused on abuse/neglect and juvenile delinquency cases. Her husband, Bryan, is a Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy, and they have one child.

"We are tremendously excited to bring Ariana on board as our new domestic relations referee," Gaspie said. "There has been a significant unmet need for judicial support in the circuit court since the elimination of the domestic relations referee in January of 2011. With this move, we

can provide the kind of service that Tuscola County deserves."

Hemerline said she, too, is looking forward to filling the new role. "I am excited at the opportunity to continue to work with the county and serve the community in the capacity of a referee," she added.

Gaspie, Tuscola County's veteran district court judge, along with then-newly-elected Judge Amy Grace Gierhart (circuit court) and Nancy L. Thane (probate court) ushered in what they called a new era of unity in the county's court system in early 2013 with the formation of a judicial council.

Gaspie explained the council was designed to significantly improve court operations by adopting a con-

current jurisdiction plan that enables the judges to fill in for each other's absences and more fairly divide the workload; focuses on a unified collections plan to help the public bring in every dollar that is owed; unifies the personnel policies of the county's three courts, reducing administrative burdens on the county; and combines three separate budgets into one county court budget.

The plan also provided for the design and implementation of a court-wide website that includes user-friendly tools, forms and information for the public.

There have also been other changes in the local court system over the

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## Caro post: initiative cut DWI arrests, accidents

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro say 2013 was a productive year for the post, highlighted by a campaign that led to fewer incidents of drunken driving and traffic crashes in the area.

"As part of the department's strategic plan, the post implemented a new traffic safety initiative during 2013, based on crash data, to target individuals operating a motor vehicle while impaired, and to reduce traffic crashes, which were both traffic safety concerns impacting local communities," said First Lt. Mitch Krugielki, commander of the Caro Post.

"This was a joint initiative in which the MSP Caro Post collaborated with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office and the Sanilac County Sheriff's

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## Per pupil?

### Dems question effectiveness of proposed hikes in school funds

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder proposed a 3-percent funding increase for K-12 education in the next fiscal year when he presented his spending plan for the state last week.

Local school officials say any hike in public education funding is welcome, but they're also quick to say such increases implemented in Lansing don't always translate into more dollars to spend in the classroom.

Highlights of the governor's proposed budget include:

\*\$11.7 billion for K-12 education, a \$1 billion funding increase from fiscal year 2011.

\*Nearly \$103 million of additional property tax relief, primarily to low- and middle-income working families, seniors and residents with disabilities.

\*An additional \$80.3 million for Michigan's 15 public universities and \$8.9 million more for community colleges — a 6.1 percent hike for universities and a 3 percent increase for community colleges.

Snyder said his budget also includes funding to drive job creation, student success in the classroom, stronger communities, increased public health and safety, and more.

"We're the poster child for good budgeting, and I wish Washington would look at us," Snyder said in a press release. "Because the first thing we do is we balance our budget. Second thing is we do it in a timely, thoughtful fashion with no accounting gimmicks, none of that other kind of monkey business that goes on in Washington."

Members of the Senate and House Democratic Caucuses, including 84th District Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon), also discussed the new state budget last week. However, their conclusions differed from Snyder's, especially in the area of school funding.

"I am in touch with people in my local schools on a daily basis, and I can tell you they certainly don't sound like they've been getting funding increases," said Brown, who represents citizens in Tuscola and Huron counties.

"Despite the governor's claim that he has increased school funding, more than 50 public schools around the state are in deficit, and that's more than when he took office," Brown said. "My colleagues and I are asking the governor to really put his money where his mouth is and fully fund Michigan schools."

During a press conference, Brown and his fellow Democrats said more than \$1 billion in cuts to education have yet to be fully reversed. As a

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## Seeing red

### Hospital staffers support healthy hearts for women

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Anyone who walked through the doors at Hills and Dales General Hospital Friday saw red — and plenty of it — but not because they were upset with anything or anyone.

Staff members at the Cass City hospital decided to "go red" in honor of the American Heart Association's National Wear Red for Women Day. Staffers donned all shades of the color in conjunction with a campaign designed to bolster awareness of heart disease — the number one killer of women in the United States each year, claiming more lives than all cancers combined.

"Staff members were simply asked to wear anything red to support the campaign," said Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales' director of foundation and public relations. "There were information handouts, 'Go Red' pins, window clings and other items in the lobby for both patients and staff to take.

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**STAFF MEMBERS AT Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City decided to "Go Red" Friday in honor of the American Heart Association's National Wear Red for Women Day, a national effort to raise awareness about heart disease in women.**

# Kingston announces honor roll

3rd Grade - All A's- - Elizabeth Blankenship, Logan Cloyd, Olivia Cofer, Trent Edwards, Ethan Green, Ethan Harrington, Christopher Hoseclaw, Brooke Retan, Conner Seaman, Rachel St. George; A/B - Julianna Adams, Isabella Blankenship, Catherine Bombard, Hannah Dooley, Abigail Helton, Dierra Jenkins, Alexis Longbeam, Justin Lounsberry, Lawson Lyons, Emily McGee, Robert McMaster, Madison Phelps, Stefannie Robinson, Wesley Sholes, Riley Smith, McKenzie Taylor, Jaelynn Thomas, Hannah Tracey, Destiny Traster, Kiernan Schaller, Hunter Trovillion, James Wilson, Coryn Zyrowski; B Average - Morgan Henry, Coltin Jocham, Nathan

Johnson, Addison Lipe, Jennifer Polega, Charity Queen.

4th grade - All A's- - Ethan Cumper, William Cumper, Gaven Dibble, Collen Dibble, Carter Geister, Zachary Hayost, Evan Kostrzewski, Jacob Rayl, Nicholas St. George, Brooklyn Walker, Dominique Wilson; A/B - Brandon Bombard, Brennen Boyl, Paige Chambers, Nathan Devine, Kyle Ensign, Alex Kotsch, Amber Lage, Landen Noakes, Owen Phillips, Brandon Sanders, Jayden Stark, Shayleigh Torrey, Ethan Ulewicz; B Average - Joey Cryderman, Austin Dorsey, Kristen Ensign, Nydia Perales, Ashtin Reichart, Evan Wright.

5th grade - All A's - Jason Dibble, Morgan Green, Hannah James, Paige Klupp, Dustin Peter, Olivia Ulewicz, Trayton Wenzlaff; A/B - Don Anger, Hailey Bitterle, Hunter Brown, Julie Brown, Evan Carpenter, Isabella Cofer, Mark Crousore, Kealsie Dinsmore,

Kendal Geister, Colten Gildner, Madison Haley, RayAnn Harp, Hunter Heck, Jennifer Heckroth, Jada Hendrix, Lily LaFave, Ronnie Lemke, Joslyn Lupa, Ella Retan, Emma Schuler, Morgan Sheridan, Jessica Stoll, Makayla Thompson, Olivia Vanderpool, Samantha Wood; B Average - Tommy Barrett, Katelyn DuRussell, Lucas Fetting, Kayla Hobson.

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# Engaged



**Katie Swiastyn and Courtney Kemp**

Walt and Kaye Swiastyn of Gageton announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie, to Courtney Kemp, son of Ed and Lori Kemp of Sebewaing.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Owen-Gage High School and a 2010 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education/special education. She is currently employed with Laingsburg Schools.

The groom-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Unionville-Sebewaing High School and a 2006 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in communications. He is currently employed with PepsiCo Inc. in Grand Rapids.

Katie and Courtney are planning a July 2014 wedding.

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# Correction

A story in last week's issue of the Chronicle incorrectly indicated that an assault suspect, John S. Russell Jr., 40, of Deford, allegedly threatened his mother at a residence in Huron County's Grant Township. The story should have stated that Russell allegedly threatened another woman, who was residing with some friends at the residence.

The Chronicle regrets the error.

# Blood drive on tap in Cass City

Donating blood is a simple process that saves millions of Americans each year. Blood is needed every three seconds. Medical advances have improved the treatment of serious illness and injury. However, these advances have increased the need for blood products to support a patient through recovery. By the age of 72, 95 percent of all Americans will have needed a blood transfusion. There is no substitute for blood. Blood is a perishable product and lasts only 42 days once taken from the body, thus we are in constant need of blood donors.

A blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 from 1:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW. Donors are eligible to give blood once every 56 days (or every 8 weeks). If you have questions, you may contact Joan Smithson at 989-872-2031 or Kerry Brown at 989-912-6319.

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**Reporter's notebook****No excuses when we make a mistake**by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The phones were ringing off the hook at the paper after last week's edition hit the stands. Well, not exactly, but some folks were upset with a front page story on the arrest of a Deford man charged with assault.

Those readers had reason to be ticked off, because we (I) made a mistake.

The error involved the relationship between the complainant, Sandra L. Harwood, and the suspect, John S. Russell Jr. Our story stated Russell is Harwood's son, however, the fact is that he is the son of a couple with whom Harwood had been living with for several days at a South Elkton Road residence in Huron County's Grant Township, where the incident took place. In other words, Russell did not threaten his own mother.

Huron County Sheriff's deputies reported that Russell did, however, confront and threatened Harwood with a shotgun, demanding that she leave the residence. He was later arrested at his home in Deford, charged with aggravated assault and jailed on a \$10,000 cash bond.

Of course, we'll apologize for the error in last week's story in a printed correction this week, but I won't offer any excuses. The bottom line is, I misinterpreted a police report.

Here's a newflash: this wasn't my first mistake in nearly 30 years as a reporter/editor, and I'd be surprised if it were my last.

Still, I'll be the first to say accuracy is the cornerstone of our business. We stake our reputation — and that of those who published this newspaper before us — on providing our readers with an accurate account of news events week in and week out.

That's something I take very seriously, not only because it's the hallmark of my craft, but also because all the corrections in the world won't undo an error that's gone to print. Period.

Sure, it's easy to say we're all human and we all make mistakes, but that doesn't ease that awful feeling when you realize you screwed up. And for newspaper folks, that also means every reader and their brother is probably going to hear about it.

While we can't undo our mistakes, we have an obligation to own up to them, learn from them, and make every effort not to repeat them.

For what it's worth, that's exactly what I intend to do.

**Down Memory Lane**

by Tina Pallas

**5 YEARS AGO (2009)**

Veteran bus driver Donna Dorland was picking up students on her route early Thursday morning in Sanilac County when her bus struck a large hole created by floodwater from a culvert along Leslie Road, south of Argyle Road and about 3 miles east of M-53. Later in the day Thursday, Elkland Township fire fighters were dispatched to the intersection of Crawford and Kelly roads to assist a motorist. "His car stalled in the water and we got him out," Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski reported. He identified the driver as Ed Fleming, Cass City. "My firemen walked out, took a rope to the car and pulled him." Water over the road at that location was probably 2 feet deep, according to Pawloski, who said Fleming was not hurt.

This week's recipients of Schneeberger's Athletes of the Week honor are shared by Cass City wrestlers Clark Walsh and Josh Jensen. Both posted perfect 3-0 records Saturday en route to the 2009 Greater Thumb Conference individual championships in the 140 and 171 weight classes, respectively. Walsh, a senior, and Jensen, a freshman, helped the Red Hawks finish as the runner-up in the final Greater Thumb Conference team standings.

**10 YEARS AGO (2004)**

Cass City High School senior Brice Stine has been selected to compete in the "Down Under Bowl" this summer in Australia. The 18-year-old, who has played football since the seventh grade, is one of only 35 Michigan high school players chosen for the international competition.

While Owen-Gage's Cody Howard and Akron-Fairgrove's Adam Christopher were battling it out on the offensive end for game scoring

honors, it was Bulldog Aaron Faist who decided the win. Faist, a junior forward, helped Owen-Gage to its second win of the season with his rebound and put back at the buzzer Wednesday, lifting the hosts to an exciting 67-65 North Central Thumb League - North overtime victory.

The Cass City High School Forensics team flexed muscle early and often at the Roscommon Tournament Saturday in Roscommon. The Red Hawks finished in first place in all divisions at the 16-school tourney.

**25 YEARS AGO (1989)**

Crowned King and Queen of the Winter Carnival at Cass City High School between halves of the North Branch-Cass City basketball game were seniors Jamie Spencer and Bill Kappen.

Local winners in the area Knights of Columbus free-throw contest, held in Cass City, are Cass City Intermediate School students Mark Kubacki, Andrew Gray, Nathan Mastie, Ben Schott, Leana Edwards and Jeremy Faber.

**50 YEARS AGO (1964)**

Superintendent Willis Campbell announced this week that Gov. George Romney has appointed him to the Board of Control of Central-Michigan University. The board is the governing body of the school and was created under the new constitution. "I am gratified by the appointment and the confidence shown in me by the governor," Campbell said.

Capacity crowds attended the opening of the Michigan Livestock Exchange Yard Tuesday when an estimated 5,000 farmers and interested visitors flocked to the yard at the intersection of M-53 and M-81, east of Cass City. First cow through

the ring was sold for Frank Little of Cass City. It was one of 1,300 head of cattle shoved through the sale from 1 p.m. Tuesday to 12:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The Cass City Rotary Club elected officers for 1964-65 Tuesday noon at the New Gordon Hotel. Named president was Bob Keating. Vice-president is Bill Kritzman and secretary, Tom Proctor. Serving again as treasurer will be Art Atwell.

**100 YEARS AGO (1914)**

The stormy weather does not stop W.O. Stafford from drawing his milk to Ubly. He just takes four horses instead of two and makes three trips a week. He has over a ton of milk of his own besides drawing for some others. He is busy installing a Standard milking machine which will help greatly in his work.

Wilmot — Our paper man, Mr. Allen, his household goods, press and family have arrived. We are expecting to see the first copy of the Wilmot Enterprise this week. We are sure it will be a benefit to the town and wish him success with all our heart.

One of the most interesting basketball games of the season was played Wednesday evening at the town hall between the High School and Cass City, resulting in a victory for the High School. Score, 23 to 22. Both teams are showing remarkable improvement over last week. The Cass City team is fast developing and some great games should be seen in Cass City this winter. The line-up for the High School was Yakes and Duncanson, forwards; McGillvray, center; Benkelman and Hoadley, guards. For Cass City: McGeorge and Brown, forwards; Koepfgen, center; Auten and Kinnaird, guards; Dodge, substitute.

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# Caro post: initiative cut DWI arrests, accidents

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office," Krugielki explained. "As a result of this initiative, traffic crashes involving alcohol investigated by the Caro Post were reduced by 21 percent," he said. "Traffic crashes involving personal injuries decreased by 44 percent, and reported property damage traffic crashes decreased by 84 percent. In 2013, the Caro Post investigated 112 incidents of operating while intoxicated, which is a decrease compared to 162 incidents in 2012."

According to Krugielki, troopers from the post were also involved in serving the community by providing guidance in the correct installation of child safety seats in vehicles, raising funds for Special Olympics and donating to local food pantries through the Michigan Harvest Gathering initiative.

"In addition, post personnel were also involved with fundraising activities for, and serve on the board of, the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County, which provides services to sexually and physically abused children," he said.

"Throughout the year, troopers gave presentations on a variety of public safety issues to several local churches, schools and libraries," he added. "During the holidays, troopers participated in the Shop With a Hero program and Tip Night at a local Pizza Hut restaurant to raise funds for local underprivileged children."

Krugielki also noted Michigan State Police officials are continuing to hire new troopers.

"Earlier this year, the department unveiled a new recruiting campaign, 'Enforce, Investigate and Serve', aimed at attracting candidates interested in a career with the MSP," he said. "The new recruiting campaign highlights the training and qualities every recruit must possess in order to enforce, investigate and serve as a state trooper."

Krugielki outlined the year's activities for the Caro Post, saying troopers:

- \*Investigated 3,868 complaints.
- \*Made a total of 2,237 arrests, including 127 felony fugitive arrests, 428 misdemeanor fugitive arrests, 291 original felony complaint arrests, and 1,391 original complaint misdemeanor arrests.
- \*Investigated 715 traffic crashes and issued 3,198 citations.
- \*Stopped 13,683 vehicles and issued 12,905 verbal warnings to drivers.
- \*Arrested 112 intoxicated drivers.
- \*Seized drugs in 162 cases.
- \*Investigated 10 Sex Offender Registration Act violation complaints, resulting in warnings for seven non-compliant sex offenders, five of whom have been arrested.
- \*Closed 79.82 percent of investigations with an arrest.



**SCHOOL BUS CRASH** – Tuscola County Sheriff deputies were dispatched to the intersection of M-81 and Walk Road for a collision involving a school bus Thursday morning. Deputies reported that a Reese Public School bus driven by Mary Millerov, 64, Reese, had been westbound on M-81, and that a pickup truck driven by Christine Bassett, 27, Bay City, was also westbound and had slowed down to turn north into a private drive. Millerov could not stop and struck the pickup from behind, according to reports, which state the bus was full of children, but none were hurt. However, a passenger in the pickup truck suffered minor injuries and was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

## Circuit court news

### Several face charges

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

\*James M. Klein, 29, Millington, pleaded guilty to three counts of uttering and publishing Dec. 1 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being a habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

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

\*Edwin M. Luke, 58, Millington, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana and possession of marijuana Sept. 16 in Arbel Township.

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

### Dems call on governor to fully fund public schools

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result, they said, students face overcrowded classrooms and not enough textbooks to go around, teachers are paying for supplies out of their own pockets, and in two cases, entire districts were dissolved because they lacked the money to remain open.

"Education should not be a partisan issue," Brown said. "All Michigan kids deserve to have the best schooling we can give them."

"To really get Michigan growing again, we need to have a strong labor pool, attracting business and getting the jobs of tomorrow. That starts with a world-class education," he added. "The time for full school funding is now."

Snyder has said his administration has increased education spending at the state level for K-12 "each and every year to the point where we've invested \$660 more per student than there was previously before I took office."

Data from the non-partisan Senate Fiscal Agency (SFA) backs up that claim — school aid spending increased from \$10.8 billion in 2011 to \$11.5 billion in 2014. However, once federal funding is factored in, the gross appropriations increased by less than three percent, which is slower than the rate of inflation.

And, Snyder's \$660 per-pupil fig-

ure takes into account dollars spent on education-related expenses — not necessarily money that makes it to the classroom — such as debt service for the school bond loan fund, state spending on the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System, and declining enrollment numbers.

In the final analysis, the minimum per-pupil foundation allowance — the money schools automatically receive based on enrollment — has fallen from \$7,146 in 2011 to \$7,026 in 2014.

School districts, meanwhile, have struggled to keep up with increased costs for everything from fuel to textbooks, according to Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel, who doesn't see the governor's proposed K-12 education funding increase of 3 percent, or roughly \$100 per student, having a significant impact on local school finances.

"It doesn't mean it's (3 percent) actually going to be 'per-pupil' — for the kids — it's going to include things we don't have any control over," Hartel said. "I think we're probably going to see an increase, but I don't think it's going to be a thing where we have all this extra money."

"We're skimping by. We just hope to have a balanced budget," Hartel added. "We're just going to try to keep surviving."

### Hills and Dales "goes red"

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"The goal was to raise awareness about what can be done to reduce heart disease for women and men as well," Blaine explained. "Many of the handouts included information about healthy cooking, active lifestyles, reducing stress, and the importance of health screenings and check-ups."

"We thought this was a really fun opportunity to raise awareness on such an important cause. Even if we reached one additional person with information about heart disease and prevention, we made a difference," Blaine added.

"The staff at Hills and Dales General Hospital is always looking for creative ways to educate our patients, and this is just one example of a simple activity to do just that."

The American Heart Association has been sponsoring the campaign to raise awareness in the fight against heart disease in women for more than 10 years. Officials say they've made tremendous strides during that time, including 21 percent fewer women dying from the disease; 23 percent more women being aware that it's their number one health threat; publishing gender-specific results, established difference in symptoms and responses to medications, and women-specific guidelines for prevention and treatment; and legislation to help end gender disparities.

Heart disease is a subset of cardiovascular disease that includes all forms of disease affecting the heart and blood vessels in the heart, including hypertensive heart disease, pulmonary heart disease, atherosclerotic heart disease, heart failure and coronary heart disease.

Over the past five years, nearly 61,000 women in Michigan have died of heart disease — enough to fill Ford Field for a Detroit Lions football game, according to Michigan Department of Community Health statistics.

# Obituaries

## Joyce Barnes

Joyce Marie (Kritzman) Barnes, 76, passed away Tuesday January 21,



2014 at Bay Medical in Bay City.

She was born May 29, 1937. Joyce was the second of nine children born to the late Grant and Carol (Armstead) Kritzman.

Joyce was a lifelong resident of the Shabbona area in Sanilac County.

She is survived by 4 children, Harold (Linda) Barnes, Jacquelyn (Randy) Smith, Edwina (Ed) Phetteplace and Douglas (Patty) Barnes; 17 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren. Joyce was preceded in death by 3 siblings and 3 great-grandchildren.

The memorial service will be held at Shabbona United Methodist Church on February 22, 2014 at 1 p.m.

Memorial suggestions may go to the Shabbona United Methodist Church or United Hospice of Marlette.

## Thelma Mangert

Thelma E. Mangert, 96, of Howell, passed away Wed., Feb. 5, 2014 at her home.

She was born March 25, 1917 in Cass City, daughter of the late Frederick and Doris (Palmateer) Newstead.

Thelma worked for Kroger, retiring after 24 years, she enjoyed sewing, cooking, volunteered with the 4-H in Hillsdale County, Headstart and at Emmanuel Lutheran Church school in Dearborn, and especially enjoyed time with her family. Thelma is survived by a son, William (Joyce) Townsend of Portugal, a daughter, Marcella (Eugene) Heintz of Howell, 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 2 great, great-grandchildren and a brother, Grant Newstead. She was predeceased by two daughters, Alice Cooley and Sherron Lemons and a brother, Jack Newstead.

A visitation will be held Sat., Feb. 15 at Niblack Funeral Home, 1005 E. Grand River Ave., Fowlerville, from 9:30 a.m. until a 12 noon funeral service. The Rev. Linda Anderson, Spiritual Care Coordinator with Great Lakes Caring Hospice will officiate.

Burial will be in the spring in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to Great Lakes Caring Hospice or Oasis of Serenity Home. Please share condolences at [www.thabefuneral-home.com](http://www.thabefuneral-home.com).

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ARTWORK CREATED by Cass City Junior-Senior High School art teacher Danielle Laming along with other Thumb area art teachers will be on display at Artistic Endeavors Gallery in Cass City through the remainder of February. The gallery will host a reception for the artists Friday, Feb. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Cass City gallery to feature talents of area educators

Officials at the Artistic Endeavors Gallery in Cass City recently announced plans to feature the artwork of Thumb area art teachers through the end of this month.

A reception has been scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery, located at 6358 Main St. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

Teachers participating in the exhibit will include Danielle Laming, Cass City Junior-Senior High School; Ward Donovan, Lakers High School; Deanna LaLonde, Caro High School; Joanne Rummel, USA Elementary School; and Deb Oakwood, Kirk Elementary School, Millington.

Artistic Endeavors Gallery is open on Thursday, from noon to 5 p.m., Fridays from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Foundation slated to allocate grants

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pay for expenses related to expanding the district's science curriculum.

"We are looking at ways to increase some electives for our students in the sciences. We are looking into astronomy and forensic science as possibilities," explained Cass City science teacher Craig Weaver.

"We don't know if they are a go until the students get a chance to sign up for their next year classes, in a couple of weeks," he added, "(but) some of the areas of inquiry (in the forensic science class) will be evidence collection, finger prints, DNA evidence, soil examination, glass evidence, anatomy and physiology, and the human body.

"We're not sure of the supplies needed, but we are looking at it being a semester-long course if the interest is there," Weaver said.

The Scollon fund was established in March 2006 in honor of longtime Cass City veterinarian, Cass City Board of Education member and county Commissioner the late Ed Scollon.

Dr. Scollon, a proud Michigan State University graduate (twice), began his first veterinary practice in Deckerville in the early 1960s, then practiced in Marlette before purchasing his clinic in Cass City in 1964, continuing his work for 42 years.

He was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus 8892, St. Pancratius Church Council, Cass City Lions Club, and the Tuscola County Health Board. He served on the Cass City School Board for 20 years, including 8 years as board president, and was a Tuscola County commissioner for 10 years.

Dr. Scollon was honored as the Cass City Citizen of the Year in 1994 and was also named a Lion of the

Year.

Dotty Scollon played an integral role in her husband's veterinary practice, but she was also active in a host of organizations. A former longtime Cass City teacher, she helped to start the first Cass City preschool program back in the 1960s and was a tireless volunteer during various school millage campaigns. She is a charter member of the local branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

### FALL ALLOCATION

Tuscola County Community

Foundation officials announced grants totaling some \$121,000 during the organization's fall allocation session last December.

"The Tuscola County Community Foundation currently maintains 80 funds for donors of the Tuscola area," Micklash noted. "Assets at the conclusion of 2013 totaled \$9,784,319. We hope to break the \$10 million level in 2014.

"The larger the funds grow and the more funds that are established means the more good that can be done for Tuscola County to make it a better place to live," he said.



THE FIRST Dr. Ed & Dorothy "Dotty" Scollon Family Foundation grant is being awarded to the Cass City Schools to help establish a forensic science class. Dotty and the late Dr. Ed Scollon are pictured above.

## Tuscola courts add domestic relations referee

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past 12 months.

For example, circuit court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart announced last July that she was participating in the Tri-County Community Adjudication Program, also known as Tri-Cap.

Tri-Cap functions as an alternative to prison for offenders whose biggest problem is a desperate need for treatment to overcome problems such as addiction, a common link to criminal activity. The program promises to both cut costs and improve outcomes by providing offenders with the help they need to become productive members of society, Gierhart says.

In November, The Thumb's trial courts — Tuscola County's included — embarked on a cooperative experiment that gives them tools outside of the traditional fines and jail time to encourage those convicted of drunken driving to turn over a new leaf.

Thanks to a \$255,000 grant from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), the Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac County trial courts organized what is known as the Thumb Regional DWI Court.

The program targets individuals who plead guilty to driving while

impaired (DWI) or under the influence of alcohol and/or a controlled substance and are diagnosed as being substance-dependent — not merely abusive.

Defendants admitted to the program are required to attend group and individual counseling sessions, go to support group meetings, get tested for drug and alcohol use multiple times each week, and appear before a judge running the program every two weeks for review hearings.

"Problem-solving' courts are really changing the way the criminal justice system does business," Glaspie said. "Traditionally, the criminal justice system has relied on the threat of monetary penalties and incarceration to deter criminal behavior. For crimes that are motivated by a substance abuse problem, this hasn't worked very well. Problem-solving courts give us more tools to get people the treatment they need and make them productive members of society."

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## Red Hawk offense catches fire in win

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Cass City's offense came to life Monday, exploding for a season-high point total to defeat visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port for a second time in Greater Thumb West play.

With the 62-55 victory, the Red Hawks halt a 4-game skid. In those losses, Coach Aaron Fernald's squad averaged just 30 points per game.

Curtis Dickinson got the hosts off to a quick start with 7 first quarter points. His old fashioned 3-point play with 1:23 showing on the clock gave Cass City an early 11-6 edge, which the winners expanded to 24-16 by the intermission.

In addition to a better showing offensively, Cass City's defense did a much better job of protecting the paint against the Lakers. After surrendering 38 points to USA big man

Brendan Ballard on Friday, the hosts were able to limit Laker all-conference center Paul Zwemmer to a basket and pair of free throws in both quarters before the break. Zwemmer finished with 17 points.

The Lakers were able to close to within 20-16 on an Aaron Christy trey, but Dickinson tallied Cass City's final 4 points of the opening half to put the hosts up 8 entering the third quarter. His jump shot over the 6' 6" Zwemmer, followed by a Dickinson basket on the final inbounds play of the half, sent Cass City to the locker room on a high note.

After being held to just 3 points in the opening half, Cass City sharpshooter Collin Hartwick took over the scoring duties in the last half. His back-to-back triples to begin the third quarter put Cass City in front 30-16.

While Hartwick was hot from the outside, sophomore Mason Erla was hard at work in the paint. Three straight baskets from the Red Hawk center helped produce a 36-18 gap, equaling the largest spread of the night.

To their credit, the Lakers battled back and treys from Christy and Jared Schuette in the final minutes made the score respectable.

Hartwick hit 5 shots from behind the 3-point arc on the night and collected 23 points to lead all scorers. Cass City also had double digit scorers in Tristan Kuntz and Dickinson, who tossed in 12 and 11 points respectively, while Erla posted 6, Sawyer Cuthrell 5, Drew Loomis 2 and Jacob Perry 1.

For the Lakers, Christy recorded 18 points, while Schuette pitched in 11, Trent Cunningham 7 and Seth Bowles 2.

JOCKEYING for position near the glass during Monday's GTW contest are Laker Paul Zwemmer and Red Hawk Drew Loomis.

## Six Cass City grapplers moving on to regionals

The show continues for six Cass City wrestlers.

Freshman Darren Dickson recorded a third place finish Saturday in Mayville, tops for Coach Don Markel's Red Hawks in Individual District action. Dickson will now advance into Individual Regional play this Saturday at New Lothrop.

Joining him there will be teammates Seth Osentoski, Blake Lebioda, T.J. Moore, Daymon Tabako and Ethan Monte, all who recorded fourth place honors over the weekend to march on in the post season.

"A hard working group," said Markel of his regional qualifiers. "They earned what they got. I think our tough schedule during the year is paying off for them this time of the year."

### TEAM DISTRICT

On Thursday, Bad Axe had little trouble winning district team honors in Cass City.

The Hatchets defeated host Cass

City, 45-27, in a semi-final bout to open play on the night and then went on to whip Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 60-9 to claim their second straight district championship.

Bad Axe now moves on to Team Regionals at New Lothrop tonight

(Wednesday), where they will take on Greater Thumb Conference foe Vassar.

Cass City, meanwhile, ends their dual meet season with a 13-28 record.

## Hacker sets new standard on floor

The Cass City gymnastic team notched their third regional qualifying score Saturday in Vassar, leaving Coach Kathy Bouverette's Red Hawks needing just one more team score above 120 to advance into regional play.

Host Vassar edged Cass City 129.075 to 126.325 to finish first over the weekend, while St. Johns came in a distant third with 114.325.

Stealing the spotlight for Cass City was Katie Hacker.

"Katie broke the school record for floor," said a delighted Bouverette. "She won the floor with a score of 9.275. The old record was held by Nicole Doerr with a score of 9.2."

Hacker also turned in scores of 7.35 on the beam, 8.9 on the vault and 7.3

on the bars. She placed second in the all around with a tally of 32.825.

Red Hawk Dakota Wilson finished fourth in the all around with a score of 31.525. She recorded marks of 8.85 with her floor routine, 8.35 in the vault and 7.075 on the bars.

Other strong showings for Cass City had Victoria Mathewson with a score of 8.475 on the floor, 7.8 on the beam and 6.825 on the bars, while Alexis Bates scored 7.5 on the beam; Alexa Torres, 8.0 on the vault; and Kendra Kerkau, 7.05 on the bars.

"We only have one scheduled match remaining, so the pressure is on to reach regionals," said Bouverette.

Cass City travels to Vassar on Feb. 20th.



LUCAS Baker (bottom), Cass City's lone senior team member, posted a 2-0 victory over his Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port foe during Individual Districts in Mayville.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

### Varsity Basketball



Tom Montgomery



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### Girls' Basketball

#### Tuesday, Feb. 11

Brown City @ Cass City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Memphis @ Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly

#### Thursday, Feb. 13

Owen-Gage @ Caseville	Caseville	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
North Huron @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Harbor Beach @ Ubly	Ubly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
BCAS @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City

#### Monday, Feb. 17

Owen-Gage @ Deckerville	Deckerville	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Deckerville
Kingston @ Memphis	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston

### Boys' Basketball

#### Monday, Feb. 10

Ubly @ Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
EPBP @ Cass City	EPBP	EPBP	Cass City	Cass City

#### Tuesday, Feb. 11

Kingston @ Sandusky	Kingston	Sandusky	Kingston	Sandusky
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#### Wednesday, Feb. 12

Memphis @ Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
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#### Thursday, Feb. 13

Owen-Gage @ Mayville	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
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#### Friday, Feb. 14

Flint International @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Flint International
Harbor Beach @ Ubly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
BCAS @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City

#### Tuesday, Feb. 18

Kingston @ Mooney	Mooney	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
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Last Week's Result	7-7	8-6	9-5	11-2
Season's Results	32-29 (62%)	40-21 (77%)	40-21 (77%)	45-15 (87%)



ALL SMILES are Brennen Winter and Katie Hacker. The pair highlighted Friday's Snowcoming activates in Cass City, when they were announced as the school's 2014 royal couple during halftime ceremonies of the boy's varsity basketball game against USA. For game summary, see page 10.



**CASS CITY'S Marc Shelton keeps a hand on USA's Zach Cramer during Friday's Greater Thumb West contest.**

## USA's Ballard nets 38 points in GTW win

Cass City's chances of successfully defending their Greater Thumb West basketball title all but ended Friday when visiting rival USA recorded a 52-38 victory.

The contest showcased 2 teams heading in different direction. With the win, the Patriots remain on top of the GTW standings at 5-1, while the Red Hawks slip to 1-4 in conference affairs.

Brendan Ballard, the Patriot's 6' 6" center, enjoyed a banner night and poured in a career best 38 points to lead the winners. He tallied 4 points in the first frame, 10 in the second, 13 in the third and 11 in the fourth.

The Red Hawks, who bowed 43-28 earlier in the week at Ubly, have lacked chemistry out on the floor in recent games, according to Coach Aaron Fernald, and have now dropped 4 straight games.

Sawyer Cuthrell led Cass City in scoring in both defeats. The sophomore guard tallied a dozen points against USA and 7 points against Ubly.

**CASS CITY-** Cuthrell 4-1 (1-1) 12; Hartwick 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hartel 0-1 (0-0) 3; Perry 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ross 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dickinson 4-0 (1-2) 9; Erla 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kuntz 1-1 (1-1) 6. Total: 13-3 (3-4) 38.

**USA-** Saenz 1-0 (4-4) 6; DeSimpelare 1-0 (0-0) 2; Cramer 1-0 (0-0) 2; Harper 0-0 (2-4) 2; Ballard 16-0 (6-10) 38; Gangler 1-0 (0-0) 2. Total: 20-0 (12-18) 52.

**CASS CITY-** Cuthrell 2-1 (0-0) 7; Shelton 1-0 (3-3) 5; Hartwick 1-1 (1-2) 6; Perry 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ross 0-1 (0-0) 3; Dickinson 1-0 (1-2) 3; Erla 1-0 (0-3) 2. Total: 7-3 (5-10) 28.

**UBLY-** Wright 2-3 (0-0) 13; Burton 1-0 (0-0) 2; Mierap 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kubacki 0-0 (1-2) 1; Irvine 2-0 (0-0) 4; Bischer 2-0 (0-0) 4; Brandel 4-0 (1-1) 9; Morell 4-0 (0-0) 8. Total: 16-3 (2-3) 43.

1-0 (0-0) 2; Dinsmore 5-0 (1-2) 11. Total: 50-6 (7-20) 63.

**CASS CITY-** Chambers 3-3 (2-2) 17; Zdrojewski 2-0 (0-2) 4; Martin 2-0 (0-0) 4; Dickinson 2-0 (1-3) 5; Riddle 0-1 (0-2) 3; Scott 0-0 (1-2) 1. Total: 18-12 (4-12) 34.

**BAD AXE-** Kociba 1-0 (2-2) 4; Shemka 6-0 (3-5) 15; Butch 0-0 (3-4) 3; Smith 1-0 (0-0) 2; Wiley 2-0 (0-0) 4; Bechtel 3-1 (0-0) 7. Total: 28-0 (8-16) 37.

## Cards roll in crossover tilts

The Kingston Lady Cardinals cruised to a pair of easy North Central Thumb League crossover wins recently to improve to 13-3 on the season.

On Saturday, Kingston traveled to Port Hope and returned 58-15 winners.

For Kingston, Cassidy MacGuire had 17 points and 7 steals; Elissa Chambers, 10 points, 8 assists and 6 steals; and Jenna Boyl, 6 assists and 5 steals.

Earlier in the week, Kingston held host Caseville to single digits Monday to register a 67-8 decision.

Sarah Savage led the winners with 14 points and 6 rebounds, while Chambers posted 11 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals; Boyl, 11 points; and MacGuire, 8 points and 10 assists.

10 points, respectively.

Erika Martin had 10 points to lead Cass City.

### BAD AXE

In search of a quality win, Cass City came up just short last Tuesday in Bad Axe.

The Red Hawks exploded for 18 first quarter points, but would be held scoreless until a Chambers third quarter triple had Cass City within one procession, 24-21, entering the final 8 minutes.

Chambers took over the scoring duties for Cass City down the stretch. Her third trey sliced a 6-point Hatchet advantage to 37-34, which held up for the final tally.

"Shania is the one every team prepares for. She's the one who makes our team go. She's really a true point guard. She would rather make a pass than take a shot. I need her to be more selfish with the ball at times," said Haire.

Chambers netted 17 points to lead all scorers.

**CASS CITY-** Chambers 2-1 (0-0) 7; Martin 5-0 (2-2) 12; Dickinson 3-0 (0-0) 6; Riddle 1-1 (0-0) 5. Total: 22-6 (2-2) 30.

**USA-** Aoppe 0-0 (0-2) 0; Winchell 2-1 (0-0) 7; Fritz 11-1 (1-4) 26; Neuman 3-0 (4-10) 10; Ewald 2-0 (1-2) 5; Thomas 1-0 (0-0) 2; Bohm



**RED HAWK Erika Martin looks for an outlet pass Thursday in action against USA.**

## Lady Hawks show improvement

Cass City fell to 2-13 on the season Thursday when guest USA recorded a lopsided 63-30 victory.

The Lady Red Hawks lost the battle under the boards. They committed several turnovers. Cass City didn't shoot a high percentage and trailed 23-10 entering the second quarter.

Why then, was Red Hawk skipper Clarke Haire in such a good mood entering games this week against Brown City and Bay City All Saints? "We played much better this time around against USA," said Haire. "They held us scoreless from the floor in our first meeting and we played much improved tonight."

Still, USA led 36-13 at the break as they were able to hold Cass City to a Shania Chambers trey in the second quarter.

Cass City was outscored 17-13 in the third quarter and 10-4 in the fourth.

"(USA) Coach (Lindsay) Bitzer told me after the game that at the half her girls told her they couldn't believe how much we have improved. And (USA junior varsity) Coach (Dave) DeSimpelare stressed our girls played hard to the final whistle and never gave up. Considering the sources, I say that's high praise."

Erika Fritz posted game scoring honors and 26 points to pace the Patriots, while Bre Dinsmore and Stephanie Neuman chipped in 11 and

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Schneeberger's congratulates Seth Osentoski as their "Athlete of the Week" award winner. The Cass City freshman grappler has enjoyed a banner rookie season under Coach Don Markel and advanced over the weekend into Individual Regionals with a fourth place effort in Mayville during district action. Osentoski competes in the 119-pound weight class. Seth, who finished third last week at the Greater Thumb Conference League Meet, has really improved his technique in recent weeks, according to Markel. Seth is the son of Daniell and Chris Osentoski

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Dave and Veda Reinelt

## Reinelts celebrate 46 years together

Dave and Veda Reinelt recently celebrated 46 years of marriage.

The couple was married September 23, 1967. Both retired, the couple lives in Sandusky.

Dave and Veda have 5 children: Frank (Patti) Reinelt of Trinity, AL; Rachel (Lonny) Miller of Myakka City, FL; Loretta (Brian) Main of Minden City; Lugene (Dale) Peters of Cass City; and Lynn (Glen) Lewis of Hendersonville, NC.

The couple celebrated their anniversary this year with a party held at Dale and Lugene's home in Cass City. They were united with all of their children for the first time in 16 years.



## Mark the day with a creative memento

(MS)- Many couples remember their wedding day through photographs, videos and a guest book. The book is placed near the door and guests are encouraged to sign their names and write a little message. But, for the creative couple you can express your individuality with clever ideas that borrow tradition from the guest book. Here's a few ideas, courtesy of Easiest Wedding™.

- Ask your friends and family to sign a mat board that you will later frame along with a photograph of yourself and your new husband. As an unconventional form of remembering your guests, the signatures can be mounted in your new home.

- In Asian cultures, wedding guests sign a piece of silk with a permanent marker. This, too, makes an unforgettable decoration to hang in your home.

- Have a special wedding quilt made that can be signed on one side during the reception.

- If you or your husband-to-be are sports enthusiasts, consider having your guests sign a basketball, golf club bag, tennis skirt or shorts, or running wear. Let your imagination run wild.

- Have a special 12-month calendar made for the year of your wedding. Ask each family member and friend to sign on the date of their birthday. This not only is a memento of your wedding, but you'll remember guests' birthdays, too.

- A white linen tablecloth and matching napkins can be signed with an indelible marker. On each occasion you set your table, you'll have your wedding guests dining with you. If you're ambitious, later you can embroider over the signatures, using thread colors matching those of either your dining room or wedding bouquet.

## Don't forget the groom

(MS)-Weddings are all about the bride, right? After all, "Here Comes the Bride" is played, she walks down the aisle with a special escort, while the groom hangs out to watch all of the festivities unfold. Actually, a wedding celebrates the union between two people who will be spending their lives together, therefore it is important to make the groom feel included.

Even though many of the magazines are geared toward the bride, the major wedding issues include tips for the groom as well, notably a listing of his responsibilities leading up to the big day. Here are some of those responsibilities, courtesy of YourWeddingPlan.com.

- Announce engagement to family and friends.
- Choose and pay for engagement and wedding rings with your fiancé
- Draw up a guest list with your family.
- With fiancé, meet the celebrant and discuss the ceremony, legal requirements and any premarital counseling that may be required.
- Choose your Best Man and ushers.
- Discuss honeymoon destinations - check passport validity,

visas and vaccinations required.

- Choose your wardrobe and arrange for the male members of the bridal party to provide sizes.

- Pre-book accommodations for out-of-town guests and attendants

- If you're having a bridal registry, help your fiancé choose your preferred styles.

- Arrange to pay for bride's bouquet, corsages and boutonnières.

- Confirm and reconfirm honeymoon arrangements, pick-up travel documents, travellers cheques and, if travelling overseas, exchange at least \$100 of foreign currency.

- Attend (and try to survive) bachelor party two weeks before the wedding.

- Consider your grooming - if a haircut is in order, try to make the appointment for at least a week before your wedding day.

- Pick up suits and arrange their return (usually via the Best Man).

- Plan and practice your speech.

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John and JoAnne Graham then



John and JoAnne Graham now

## Grahams celebrate 50 years

John and JoAnne (Shurlow) Graham were married January 15, 1964 in Fairgrove. They honeymooned with a road trip that included a trip to Niagara Falls.

They have lived in Caro their entire lives, John has worked on the family farm his entire life and retired from that. JoAnne has worked in jobs and volunteered involving the elderly in the community. The couple met at the Colwood United Brethren Church which they still attend today.

Now they enjoy all the wildlife by their home, good friends and continue to enjoy lots of family activities, too.

They have 3 children: Jonathan, Kelli, Jeffery and 1 granddaughter Zoei.

## Home Sweet Home: Easy Relocation Tips

(MS) - Congratulations - you and your spouse are moving into your first home together as newlyweds. Whether that means a house with a white picket fence or an urban condo on a tree-lined city street, the process of moving - even with help from professional movers - can be overwhelming.

By following a few helpful moving tips, you can make the load a little lighter and lessen the chances of letting your excitement about a new home get lost within the shuffle. Following are some tips to help you get started:

- Make a list of addresses and phone numbers of utility companies, newspapers, magazines and any other publications to which you subscribe. You will need to inform them about your move. Then, familiarize yourself with the new area. Locate the nearest pharmacy and bank; check for branch stores or offices and make sure your new information is in their database.
- Get a free change-of-address kit from the post office. For extra flair when informing friends of your move, send specially designed change-of-address cards (available at card shops) or create your own and personalize them using rubber stamps or stickers.
- Make sure you have plenty of boxes on hand. First, pack the things you don't use or need right away, and move them in early. Anything you can take care of ahead of time will make the moving day easier. Remember to label the outside of the boxes so you know what is inside each one.
- Consolidate as much as you can. Wrap fragile items in towels, linen, tissue or thick layers of newspaper. Use smaller boxes for heavy items like books, and larger boxes for lighter items.

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Connie and Daryl Iwankovitsch in 1973



Daryl and Connie Iwankovitsch now

## Iwankovitschs married 40 years

Daryl and Connie (Hartman) Iwankovitsch celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on August 11, 2013. They were united in the sacrament of marriage on August 11, 1973 at St. John Fisher Chapel, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan. The couple honeymooned first at Houghton Lake and then in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

After residing in Royal Oak, Michigan for 11 years, they moved to Cass City in the fall of 1984, when Daryl began teaching and coaching at Cass City High School. Connie taught at the Tuscola Tech Center for 3 years then became a Cass City Schools staff member in 1995. Both Daryl and Connie are now retired.

They have 3 adult children: Scott (MaryAnne) Iwankovitsch of Georgetown, Kentucky; Kurt (Nancy) Iwankovitsch of Deer Creek, Illinois; and Dara (Michael Sterly) Iwankovitsch of Charlevoix, Michigan.

Daryl and Connie currently have 4 grandchildren: Anna, Nevaeh, Ariel, and Rosie Iwankovitsch.

Friends and family celebrated the anniversary at a surprise party given by the children and grandchildren at the Knights of Columbus Hall on July 28, 2013.

## Trends in honeymoon planning

(MS) - For many couples, planning a honeymoon is just as important as planning the wedding itself. Regardless of where you plan to go on your honeymoon, there are some things you should do and some new ideas of which you need to be aware in order to make it the kind of experience you want it to be.

First, you must decide on a budget. If money is not an issue for you, bon voyage! However, if you're like most couples getting married, you're already paying for more than you anticipated. Establish a budget and use it as a guide. You may also want to consider using a honeymoon bridal registry like the free one provided by TheHoneymoon.com. Honeymoon registries allow wedding guests to contribute toward specific elements of your honeymoon. Things like shore excursions, parasailing, spa services and tours all make great wedding gifts. These are becoming more popular as couples getting married nowadays often have many of the basic household necessities that comprise a traditional gift registry.

After deciding on a budget, figure out where you would like to go. If you and your spouse-to-be want the same type of honeymoon experience, no problem. However, if one of you wants adventure and the other wants to relax in the sun, you need to compromise. There are destinations that can satisfy you both; you just need to do some research. Of course, it is also important that your destination fits your budget.

Once you have a destination in mind, decide whether you want an all-inclusive package or whether you would prefer to be on your own a little more. For those with tight budgets, an all-inclusive honeymoon has the advantage of one all-inclusive package price. This includes most activities at both all-inclusive resorts and on cruises. However, there are usually things that are not included

for which you will need to pay. Again, these make great gift items for your honeymoon registry. If the idea of an all-inclusive honeymoon with multiple destinations excites you, then a cruise may be the dream honeymoon for you.

If you wish to be on your own to take in more of the surrounding area and culture, then you have a lot of options at your disposal. Do you want a big hotel, or a small boutique hotel with history and character? If you like to experience the world through your taste buds, you'll want a variety of gastronomical adventures. In other words, if you don't want to be confined to a preset menu of activities and dining experiences, then you may be better off creating your own experience.

Of course, the honeymoon takes on a whole new meaning when you decide to do a "destination wedding." These are becoming very popular as more couples decide to forego the average \$20,000 wedding price tag in addition to the honeymoon expense. These are especially popular with second marriages. It's easier to get married in some countries than others, so check with a reliable information source first.

Your final step is booking and paying for this trip. Many honeymoon suppliers offer specials for early booking, which may or may not include airfare. Many packages that include airfare can offer significant savings because these suppliers buy airline seats in bulk at a discount and then package hotel and sometimes car rental to give you significant value. Usually these packages need to be purchased from a travel agent or from businesses like TheHoneymoon.com, which combine travel agent services, the convenience of the Internet, honeymoon registry, personal wedding Web pages, and honeymoon information all at your fingertips - all from the convenience of your home or office.



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