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School officials looking at \$460,000 in cuts

by Tom Montgomery Editor

looming once again, Cass City School officials started the task Monday of looking at revenues and expenditures with their fingers crossed.

Unfortunately, the preliminary figures indicate the local school board will have to slice costs by roughly

by Andie Peck

Staff Writer

agreed to hold the line on the vil-

lage's tax rate for another year dur-

ing its monthly meeting Monday

Cass City's millage rate, which will

remain at 18.1387 mills in 2014, has

The Cass City Village Council

eted fund balance.

With the start of a new fiscal year tion with a special budget session that followed an uneventful rescheduled monthly meeting Monday night.

> School Supt. Jeff Hartel outlined Cass City's budget and enrollment trends over the past several years prior to presenting the board with a list of anticipated cost increases

According to members of the coun-

now in order to start the tax bill

Nanette Walsh, village clerk-treas-

urer, explained the millage rate is

equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 of

assessed value, and will remain the

same for 2014. "Whatever the tax-

and mailed by July 1

Not surprisingly, enrollment losses topped the list, with a projected per-pupil state foundation grant of

\$460,000 or dig deeply into its cov- totaling \$461,020 in the coming reduction of another 20 kids next \$7,076. year, adding up to a little over \$140,000 in lost revenue based on a enrollment locally — about 3.7 per-

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CASS CITY Elementary School students gathered at the football field to try some Zumba moves with Jody Barrigar from VIP Fitness during Relay Recess, a program emphasizing the importance of making healthy daily choices. At right, Beth Howard (left) and Vanessa Sutton (center) present a \$4,886.60 check generated during the community fundraising effort to Nolan Piotrowski, senior manager of Relay for Life.



been that amount since 2009. Please turn to page 20. Judge orders jail time

in embezzlement case

Council holding

line on tax rate

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Cass City woman convicted of embezzling more than \$20,000 while court costs and fines totaling \$698 working at Millennium Industries plus full restitution of \$26,224.80. was ordered to serve jail time last Prosecutors alleged the crimes took week in Tuscola County Circuit

Amber R. Hennessey, 26, previously pleaded no contest to one count of embezzlement by an agent - \$20,000 to \$50,000. A second count of embezzlement by an agent - \$1,000 to \$20,000, was dismissed.

The offense carries a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in prison and/or a \$15,000 fine, or three times the amount embezzled, whichever is greater. However, under a plea

agreement reached in the case, Hennessey was sentenced to 150 days in jail.

In addition, she was ordered to pay

place over the course of 16 months, from April 2011 through August 2012, at Millennium Industries' Cass City plant, located at 6285 Garfield

The Cass City Police Department began its investigation into the allegations in October 2012, according to reports, which state plant officials claimed the thefts took place while Hennessey was employed as human resources manager at Millennium.

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RELAY RECESS

Local pupils raise \$4,886 for American Cancer Society

Staff Writer

Cass City Elementary School students participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay Recess program, which taught them about the importance of making healthy choices about nutrition and physical activity, as well as sun exposure safety and tobacco use prevention.

From Tuesday, April 29, through Friday, May 16, students also helped raise money for the American track.

affected by cancer.

Elementary school students gathered at the football field to try some announced that the fundraising efforts generated a whopping \$4,886.60 — more than double the goal of \$2,000.

Decorated luminary bags lined the cer and is now in remission.

Cancer Society by donating \$5 and Vanessa Sutton, who organized the decorating a luminary bag in honor community involvement with Jamie or memory of someone in their lives Reinke, indicated it was wonderful to see the program achieve the original goal and then some. "It is absolutely amazing to see

Zumba dancing and run and play everyone in the community come around the track, where officials together," she said. She noted the idea for the elemen-

tary school students to participate in the program was inspired by her son Wyatt, who was diagnosed with can-

Sutton worked with Reinke to make phone calls, secure sponsors in the community and recruit elementary school teachers to help out with

Sponsors chipped in for bracelets and for a dunk tank. Winners of the raffle enjoyed the opportunity to dunk a principal.

Special events slated to honor Thumb veterans

by Andie Peck **Staff Writer**

Memorial Day is a well-known national holiday meant to honor soldiers who have fallen while in service to this country. It is celebrated across the nation with parades and events. Originally named Decoration Day, it was established after the Civil War

ended as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with While the actual place of origin of the holiday remains a mystery, it has

come to be known as a powerful reminder of the price those in the Armed Forces pay for

"He travels the country with his wife and displays the car as part of his ministry.'

> --Joe Merchant, commander, VFW Post 3644, Cass City

The residents of Cass City take special pride in this

our freedom.

holiday respecting the sacrifice soldiers made to this country, and plan to celebrate with an annual parade through town followed by a ceremony at Elkland Township Cemetery.

This year, there will be an added attraction to the normally planned Memorial Day activities.

A Marine Corps veteran will be involved in Memorial Day activities over the weekend by displaying his privately maintained "Marine Corps-Vette" that is decorated in a patriotic theme.

David Sommerdorf, the Marine veteran, leads the Ground Zero Mobile Memorial to 9/11 and the War on Terror, the Corvette. It seeks to serve as a reminder of the lives lost during the events of September 11, and all lives lost in service to the military.

"He travels the country with his wife and displays the car as part of his ministry," Joe Merchant, commander of VFW Post 3644, said.

The Marine Corps-Vette serves as part of a larger purpose for Sommerdorf and wife Debra, to meet and minister to families and speak about the importance of supporting our troops as they defend our free-

Sommerdorf will be a special guest at the First Baptist Church Sunday, May 25, during the services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. that will honor veterans. After the services his car will be on display at the church.

Merchant said Memorial Day attendees can look forward to the annual sight known commonly as the "Avenue of Flags," the lining of roughly 200 American flags up and down the main drive of the Elkland Township

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Peck interning at the Chronicle for the summer

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

The staff of the Cass City Chronicle recently welcomed the arrival of this year's summer news/editorial intern. Andrea "Andie" Peck, 21, of Ortonville, began her duties early

last week. "In the fall, I will be a senior at Central Michigan University, where I am studying journalism



and history," Andie Peck
Peck said. "I haven't had any internships before, but I have worked at Central Michigan Life, the student newspaper at CMU, for three years."

Peck's primary role this summer will be as a staff writer and photographer, helping to cover all areas of news and features in the community. She'll also be writing the Chronicle's revived "Ask you neighbor" manon-the-street column.

In addition, Peck will be responsible for producing and assisting in compiling all of the copy and photos for the paper's annual Freedom Festival section.

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MARINE VETERAN David Sommerdorf and his wife, Debra, travel the country displaying their Marine Corps-Vette and ministering to communities. They also speak about the importance of being thankful for the freedoms Americans enjoy, as well as honoring the victims of the events of 9/11. They will be special guests at the First Baptist Church in Cass City Sunday for 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services.

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THE CASS CITY Junior-Senior High Academic Games Math and English teams recently finished first among 11 Thumb area schools in an annual competition at SVSU. Members of the Math team are (above, from left) Joe Kampo, Alex Tabar, Elisabeth Milligan, Lucas Koepf, Kayla Zmierski and Shaede Perzanowski. Not pictured is Coach Amy Tamlyn.



THE FIRST-PLACE English team is composed of (from left) Olivia Smerdon, Erin Schuette, Kristin Ewald, Anna Bagnall, Paige Bagnall, Savana Doerr, Morgan Anderson and Coach Jane Reif. The overall Academic Games results, with teams listed in first through third places, respectively, were: English — Cass City, USA and Caro; Math — Cass City, Sandusky and USA; Science — Kingston, Reese and USA; Social Studies — Caro, Brown City and Reese; and Technology — Caro, Mayville and Kingston.

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Sattelburg graduates from CMU

Crystal Lynn Sattelburg recently graduated with a master's degree in education from Central Michigan University.

Crystal was a 2002 graduate of Cass City High School.

Her parents are Bill and Gloria Sattelburg of Midland.



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Tom Montgomery Editor

Young victims are depending on you

Tuscola County is known for a number of positive things — a hard-working agricultural and industrial community, small town values, great schools and some of the best hunting to be found in the Great Lakes State.

But the county also has one of the most frightening caseloads of sexual and physical abuse in the region, and many of the victims are among the most vulnerable: our children.

Giving those youngsters a strong voice in the local criminal justice system — and equally importantly helping them to heal from the physical and emotional scars they bear at the hands of their abusers — is what prompted a team of officials representing law enforcement, the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office, Department of Human Services, victim advocacy and others to establish the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County.

We're proud to say the Cass City community played a key role in raising the money necessary to launch the center, with the Pinney Foundation, employees at Millennium Industries and Walbro, and the United Way of Tuscola County all among those contributing.

Established only about a year ago, the center has already earned national accreditation and is accomplishing what officials are calling extraordinary work in the area of investigating and prosecuting crimes involving A dose of reality sexual and physical abuse.

Arresting and prosecuting sexual predators not only puts an end to abuse of victims in one case, it can also spare the childhoods of countless other prospective victims, according to experts, who say perpetrators in many cases continue a pattern of abuse until they are caught.

But the center, which specializes in conducting forensic interviews with victims and doesn't charge for its services, is in need of the community's continued financial support while officials await news on grant funding.

Towards that end, supporters of the center are organizing the 5K Superhero Run to raise money for operational expenses.

The event, open to all ages, is set for Friday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro. Registration information is available by contacting Karen Southgate at (989) 673-9130 or (989) 977-0626, or via email at TuscolaCAC@aol.com.

Even if you're not a runner, consider contributing a few dollars to the cause.

We can't think of a more important investment than the safety and wellbeing of our kids.

Slices of Life



As drivers, we all possess certain pieces of equipment related to the operation of our vehicles. A license is a good start. Keys are a necessary second. GPS comes in handy for new and distant destinations. We all understand the importance of plenty of window washer fluid and regular oil changes. Car air fresheners work as fragrant reminders of a tropical island while on the inter-

All these items help make life on the road safer and easier. But something's missing. It's a tool that we don't have – yet – but I wish we did.

It involves communication. Not with your passengers. Not with your spouse via cell phone, but with those who share the road with you. Drivers have a need to communicate with one another - beyond a gesture involving the middle finger.

I'm proposing a universal set of hand signals – Car Sign Language, or CSL. Consider all the things we could say to each other if only we had a way to say

Countless instances of road rage could be alleviated if we had a sign for "I'm sorry I pulled out in front of you," or maybe one that meant, "I didn't see you there in your 6,000-pound pick-up truck." These are two gestures I wish I had in my arsenal on more than one occa-

How about the times you've been driving behind a vehicle with its right blinker left on? The driver of the other car is unaware he's proverbially blinking, which is not only distracting for other drivers but makes the blinker look a little less than brilliant. It's the driving equivalent to having spinach between your teeth.

When you've observed a perpetual blinker, haven't you wished for a way to prompt him to turn the darn thing off? We all have. We need a gesture for that.

Similar to the blinker, we need a sign to tell other drivers when their fuel door cover is open - sort of like coming out of the restroom with your own door open, if you catch my drift. Another gesture could call attention to a burned out head or taillight.

Up until now, I've suggested gestures dealing with a vehicle's operations. But there's more to driving than just blinkers and headlights. We've all shared the road with a vehicle occupied by a driver and canine passenger. I admire dogs sitting in the passenger seat with the window open and their snout sticking out and have often wanted to say, "Hey, cute dog," but I've lacked the universal CSL to do so.

People go to a lot of creative effort and spend some hard-earned cash when deciding to use vanity license plates, but we've no way of telling them how awesome their NEVR L8. UR2SLO. X OOO ME or PLZ STOP plates are. We need a quick and easy way to tell them,

Just as important, we have a need to respond to those vanity plates that are so obscure we spend the next five

miles – in vain – trying to figure out what the heck they meant. Imagine paying for a vanity plate, thinking you are so very clever, and then no one understands your cryptic message anyway. For example, I'd have a hard time figuring out these occupation-related plates: 22OVER7 (math teacher), DR 4 DK (dentist), LTAG8R (attorney), 2N2R4 (teacher), HSIF I (fisherman) and one of my favorites PP DOC (urologist). All are cute. Ingenious, even. But hard to figure out while doing 65 mph and not texting on the highway. I'm sure these good people would like to know their vanity is going right over our heads.

There's so much more and so little column space. "Quit riding the brakes." "You're driving with your brights on." There's green fluid leaking out your underside." 'Thanks for letting me in at the merge." "Attractive leather interior." "Nice Darth Vader costume." "There's a clown hiding in your back seat." The list goes on and on. All would prove useful time and time again. Some more than others, but you get my gist. May the force be with you. Yeah, we probably need one for that, too.

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



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Emterra Environmental USA, the refuse contractor for the Village of Cass City, will be in town Thursday filming a commercial promoting their company.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano says they will be focusing on their recycling division and you may see their trucks and recycling bins in your neigh-

If you have any questions, please fell free to contact the municipal building at (989) 872-2911 or Curtis Wolschlager, Emterra route supervisor, at (989) 550-7532.

Several people have asked about the progress of fundraising for Tyler Perry's upcoming internship with The Friends of Israel in Las Vegas. As of today, he's about \$1,700 away from the total \$6,650 needed. Tyler will be heading to Nevada in August and will be there until May, working in an internship focused on building spiritual bridges between the Christian and Jewish communities.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to his internship fund can contact Perry at (989) 553-

Letters to the Editor

on RTL opinions

Re: LetEd CCC 5-7-14 Having only attended one "For the last time"

compassionate person, his 31,600 anti-RTL avid written Life" thing to do.

RTL meeting in my life, unlike Mr. Adams, I do not I guess I could have sub- claim to know everything mitted this letter last about the goals of the week, but being a caring, organization. So, I will refer him to a letter in the allowing Mr. Adams and CCC 2-12-14 eloquently by Donella readers in Huron County Peasely, president of to gloat for an extra week Tuscola County Right to seemed like the "Right to Life, wherein she pretty Please turn to page 4.

Charmont staffers are honest people

There are some very honest people, right here in know for sure

ebrating my son's birthday safe. at the Charmont. Our younger son was there him. When we were done, the iPad was accidentally left behind. We did not discover it missing

for about five or six hours. time in and around our great people! home, I went back to the Charmont to see if it was The Thabet Family left there. The employees

me, saying they had found it, but of course did not

who left it, and had locked On May 10, we were cel- it in the office to keep it

These iPads are rather also and had his iPad with expensive. So I just want to applaud their honesty and concern in keeping it safe and being sure it was returned to its owner. The staff and own-After searching for some ers of the Charmont are

Cass City

The Tuscola County Health Department will be offering free vision and hearing screening for any child who may have missed kindergarten round-up and plans on entering school in the fall.

Screenings will be done June 10 and Aug. 12 at the Tuscola County Health Department, 1309 Cleaver Rd., Caro. To schedule an appointment, call (989) 673-8114 (ext. 141).

The purpose of this screening is for early identification of a possible vision or hearing problem. These problems can be subtle and difficult to detect, but they can affect a child's performance in school and other activities.

This screening is mandatory before a child can enter kindergarten, and parents and children are encouraged to take advantage of the free service.

According to my sources, The Pinney Foundation has awarded about \$17,000 to several non-profit organizations this month, leaving about \$55,000 still available to causes deemed worthy. The Cass City charitable trust needs to spend that money or pay taxes on it. Got a need? Call Pinney Foundation President Dave Milligan at (989) 872-2937 with your requests. The local philanthropic group dishes out endowments twice annually.

The Chronicle staff hopes everyone enjoys a safe Memorial Day holiday weekend. Please remember that our office will be closed Monday, May 26, and next week's Chronicle will arrive a day later than usual, with newsstand copies available Wednesday

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Several appear on felony charges

week on various criminal charges:

*William G. Diehl, 19, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to charges of assault with a dangerous and fines totaling \$1,370 plus attorweapon (felonious assault) and malicious destruction of property totaling \$200 to \$1,000 Nov. 29 in Almer Kingston, was sentenced to 270 days Township.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,098 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Lindsey M. Irish, 21, Fairgrove, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of guilty to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Feb. 11 in Millington Township.

She was placed on 12 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,248 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$30.

*Michael D. Vermillion, 36, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with work release, and 60 months probation following his pleas of no contest to two counts of criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree, involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between April 15, 2013, and Aug. 3, 2013, in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,266 plus attornevs fees of \$500.

*Fred J. Colosky Jr., 19, Mayville, was sentenced to six to 15 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to five counts of criminal sexual con-

The following people appeared in duct, third degree, involving a victim determined. Tuscola County Circuit Court last at least 13 years of age but under 16 31, 2013, in Vassar and Millington townships.

> He was also ordered to pay costs neys fees of \$500.

*William L. Vanderpoel, 56, in jail (deferred) and 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 4 in Wells Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

*Larry B. Peifer, 44, Cass City, was sentenced to two to 20 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, receiving and concealing stolen firearms, possession of a firearm by a felon, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Nov. 10-11 in Elmwood Township/village of Cass City, and unlawfully driving away an automobile Nov. 10 in Cass City. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions)

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines total- ordered and bond was continued at ing \$4,000 plus attorneys fees of \$5,000. Sentencing is to be sched-\$500. Restitution in the case is to be uled.

*Jayme L. Hix, 28, Vassar, pleaded years between Jan. 1, 2012, and Dec. no contest to possession of marijuana, second offense, and impaired driving March 27 in Caro.

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

*Jeremy D. Livingston, 41, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery Jan. 3 in Arbela Township.

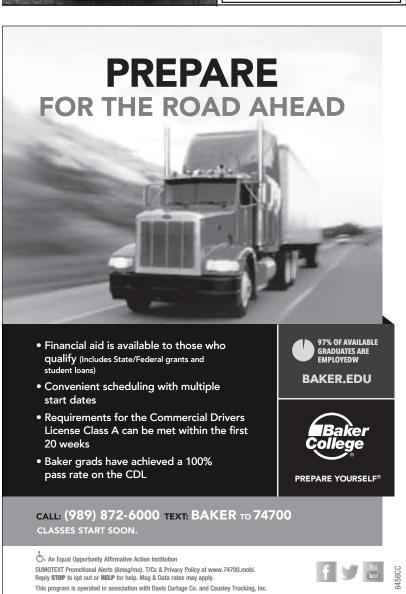
He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,348.

*Tuscola County Jail inmate Charlie L. Presley, 24, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building Dec. 30 in Vassar Township, and to tampering with an electronic monitoring device worn as a condition of parole Feb. 4 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be sched-

*Martin R. Rose, 41, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and domestic violence March 19 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was



Letters to the Editor

A dose of reality on RTL opinions

Continued from page one.

much covers all of the "they should" or "they don't" allegations made by Mr. Adams. As an outside observer all I can do is point out the humor in the ridiculous absurdities emanating from his vivid albeit fictional imagination. Considering the volume of those absurdities should be an indication of why I "failed to misquote" all of his "other reasons."

Mr. Adams, no "rational" person could possibly conclude that all of the anti-abortion residents in Huron County attended the RTL meeting or even knew that it was taking place. Nor could any "rational" person conclude that all of those not in attendance are pro-abortion. Now, could that be an indication?

And I'm really not familiar with your reference to Oprah Winfrev's mother. I've never really been interested in soap operas or shock jocks, so having been preoccupied with the misquotes and half-truths of Fox News, The Blaze and conservative talk radio, never got around to watching Oprah. If you have her mother's number pass it along and I'll ask her about her adoption

But, Mr. Adams, hypothetically, if you are referring to her mother choosing to have a baby and give it up for adoption and her mental anguish that ensued, would it have been better to kill the child in the womb? Might that have been better for her mother's mental anguish knowing that she killed her own child? How about the child's mental anguish?

Concerning your fictitious single mom with three or four fictitious school age kids, where do I begin? Apparently she chose to not have an abortion three or four times. According to your sick logic, she would have been better off aborting three or four of her unborn children. Since you're obviously living in a dream world, ask those fictional children if they would have rather been aborted.

What if they were your children or grandchildren, Mr. Adams? Would you want them aborted (dead) or would you want them alive? Would their lives be worth a little sacrifice of your daily routine and perhaps some financial inconvenience?

In reality, your fictional single mom could not exist under the circumstances you have defined, at least not in this country. In the real world the working RTLs, TEA Party members and others would be subsidizing her existence with their taxes. The daycare for her children, her rent, utilities, food, health care for her children, all subsidized by others, many of them RTLs and TEA Party mem-

And a TEA Party patriot is her slum landlord? You have either lost your grip on reality or you think you are auditioning for a career in fiction writing. Maybe both. I suggest you attend even one TEA Party meeting and try to find the slum landlord you have so vividly created with your wild imagination.

"TEA Party types railing against

government spending and then making total fools of ourselves in eagerly accepting Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid?" The fact is, if they are old enough to get Social Security and Medicare, they have been forced to pay into it all of their lives. Not exactly what any "rational" person might consider being phony.

Would it be phony to allow your auto insurance company to pay for fixing your wrecked car after, perhaps objecting to, but being forced to pay auto insurance for decades? Again, Mr. Adams, just pointing out the humor in your more obvious judgment, some constructive critiabsurdities.

I have attended numerous TEA Party meetings over the past few years and I don't recall any anti-govany of the meetings. There have been many guest speakers, some of them elected politicians and judges, generally discussing the limitations on government written in the U.S. Constitution, i.e., the law of the land which is supposed to tie the hands of which government exists. We discuss the amendments in the Bill of Rights, the first of which allows us to Bob Papovich

"letters to the editor".

Concerning Supreme Court decisions; they are human so they do occasionally make mistakes. They sometimes reverse their decisions if their majority opinions change when interpretation of Constitution changes from conservative to liberal or vice versa. As I've stated previously, science and technology will eventually prevail concerning Roe v. Wade, assuming we remain a reasonably moral society.

And, Mr. Adams, against my better cism. Instead of making ridiculous statements concerning groups or people about which or whom you know nothing, try prefacing your ernment rhetoric being discussed at ridiculous statements with "in my opinion" because, contrary to what you firmly believe, you are neither the authority nor the final word on these issues, and the cruel reality is that you don't know and you don't know that you don't know.

If you're interested in reality and government and be the guidelines by really want to know, see you at the next TEA Party meeting.



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Wednesday, May 21

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

Thursday, May 22

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

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

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

Monday, May 26

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 27

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

•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)



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Friday, May 23, 2014 at 7 p.m. Cass City High School Gymnasium

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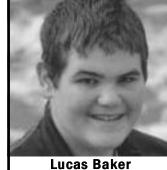
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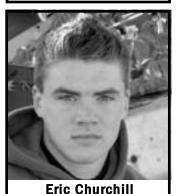
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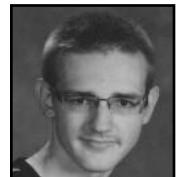
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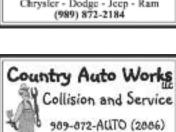


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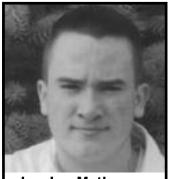




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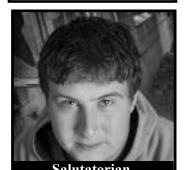
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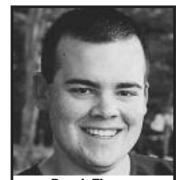


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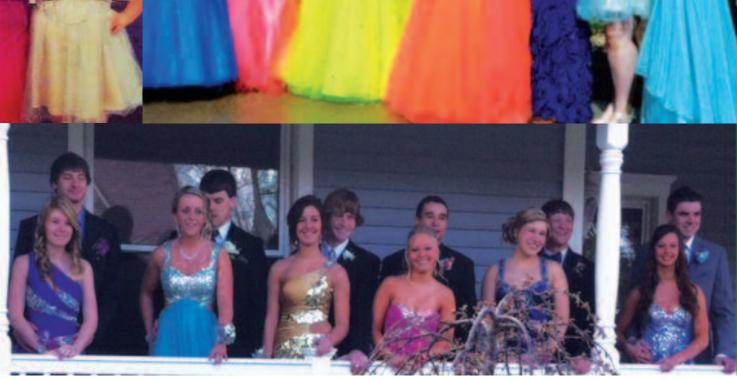
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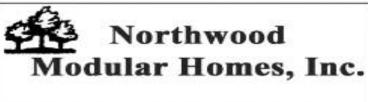
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