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## DFA to build wastewater treatment system

by **Clarke Haire**  
Publisher

The Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) milk plant being constructed in the Cass City Industrial Park will process more than just dairy prod-

ucts. The estimated \$40+ million Farmers Cooperative will now also treat its own waste products.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano reported the Cass City Village Council approved for the Tuscola County Economic Development

Corporation to issue \$10 million in tax free revenue bonds to pay for the construction of the wastewater treatment system at the DFA's Doerr Road site during their June regular monthly meeting.

The wastewater treatment plant for

the DFA will reside on approximately 3 acres of land in the northwestern corner of the southern portion of the property. It will process waste water generated primarily by rinsing and cleaning tankers, silos, pipelines, processing equipment, and the pro-

duction area of the plant. The discharge will meet all requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for discharge directly into a surface waterway, according to Cristiano.

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## Owen-Gage holding the line on spending in the coming year

by **Andie Peck**  
Staff Writer

The Owen-Gage Board of Education is breathing a sigh of relief after approving the district's 2014-15 budget.

It was cause for celebration all around when school officials, meeting in the final regular session of the fiscal year last week, announced that revenues in the new spending plan aren't expected to fluctuate from expenditures by more than \$120.

School Supt. Bob Drury stated it's a sign the school district can work and spend within its means, and the projected budget is a very good thing.

Total revenues for 2014-15 are expected to be \$1,678,955, a decline of \$21,042 from 2013-14, which saw total revenues at \$1,699,997.

Expenditures, meanwhile, are projected at \$1,679,075, leaving a deficit of just \$120. School officials anticipate they will end the year with a fund balance of roughly \$228,000.

Expenditures last year were \$1,750,039, about \$70,964 more than in the proposed 2014-15 spending plan. Last year's fund balance totaled \$228,364.

School officials indicated they will be holding the line on general fund spending in the coming year.

But that doesn't mean the district isn't spending money. Thanks to a voter-approved bond issue approved earlier this year, Owen-Gage is undergoing a facelift of sorts in the form of overdue capital improvement projects, including a new roof, a renovated gymnasium, cafeteria and classrooms, and other upgrades. Construction is expected to be all but completed by the start of classes in the fall.

All the work and purchases are being funded by the \$3.15 million bond issue supported by residents and resulting in more than \$1.67 million in construction contracts.

Discussion during the meeting also included recent legislation passed at the state level that will add at least \$50 to the per-pupil funding level for schools. While spending will increase to up to \$125 per-pupil for small schools,

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## Exploding tire claims life of Caro area man

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

A Tuscola County man died while attempting to repair a farm implement tire last week in the Deford area, Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported.

Deputies were dispatched to a farm on Mushroom Road at about 8 p.m. Monday to assist an injured worker, later identified as Joseph LaBlanc, according to Undersheriff Glen Skrent.

"The worker, a 44-year-old man

from the Caro area, was working on a tire when it exploded while trying to fix it. It was a tire rake tire and the worker had filled with air and was trying to seal the bead," Skrent said.

"When the tire exploded, the other workers around him immediately called 911 and gave assistance," he added, noting Sgt. Mike Mattlin investigated at the scene.

The victim was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, where he was pronounced dead.



## Music in the park...

MUSIC IN Rotary Park's first band of the summer, "Muzyka!" performed Friday night for a crowd of local music lovers. The series will feature new performers every Friday throughout the summer.

## Good news

### Two year study reveals water quality of the Cass River is good to excellent

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

Run-off from land into the Cass River following heavy rains adversely impacts the watershed, but the overall water quality is good to

excellent.

Those were among the findings during a two-year study conducted by the Cass River Greenway, a project organized by a group of local volunteers, assisted by professional resources and municipal leaders,

working to enhance recreational opportunities and the environmental well-being of the Cass River Corridor.

Cass River Greenway officials recently announced completion of

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## Need for speed: Montreuil set for motocross championship

by **Andie Peck**  
Staff Writer

For Eric Montreuil, Independence Day weekend brings a whole lot more than barbecues and fireworks; it means he'll have the chance to compete in the sport that, for him, is a career and a way of life.

Montreuil is gearing up to again compete in the Red Bull RedBud National, a Michigan motocross race set for Saturday, July 5, which is part of the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship. The RedBud National is a well-known event among those in the racing community, and the upcoming competition is part six of the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship.

Montreuil said he's looking forward to the race this year and sees it as a chance to gain some more ground within the series.

"The RedBud National is considered to be one of my home races and I'm looking forward to it," he said, adding that he will be racing in the 450 class, referring to the type of bike he will be racing.

Motocross is a sport in which competitors race specially-designed motorcycles over a complicated course of hills, jumps and

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ON JULY 5th, Eric Montreuil will compete in the Red Bull RedBud National, round six of the AMA Lucas Oil Motocross Championships. Southwest Michigan's RedBud MX track has hosted the series since 1973.

**Inside this week:**  
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# Obituaries

## John Lockwood

Ann Lockwood; one son and daughter-in-law, John W. & Cathy



John Wesley Lockwood, 84, of Huntington, Indiana and formerly of Caro, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at his residence. He was born October 30, 1929 in Caro, the son of the late Wesley and Lotela (Hudson) Lockwood.

John served in the U.S. Army for two years during the Korean War stationed in Japan, and farmed with his father and brother, Alvin, for twenty years. He was employed with Armour Pharmaceutical Company in Bourbonnais, Illinois for twenty years, and was a member of College Park United Brethren Church.

He was united in marriage with Charlotte Knoblet, who preceded him in death. He later married Eileen Greenleaf who preceded him in death. He married Grace Ann Price on March 20, 1999, and she survives him.

John is survived by his wife, Grace

Lockwood of Louisville, Kentucky; two brothers, Alvin Lockwood of Caro and Paul Lockwood of Cass City; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wives, he was pre-

ceded in death by one son, Mark Lockwood.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro with Pastor Phillip Burkett officiating. Burial will follow at Almer Township Cemetery in Caro. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the service at 2:00 p.m.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the College Park United Brethren Church or to Gideon's International.

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

## Gregory Mark

Gregory S. Mark, 58, of Gloucester,



Massachusetts, died Wednesday, June 18, 2014 following more than three decades of battling diabetes.

Greg was born October 22, 1955 in Cass City, Michigan to James and Phyllis (Wanner) Mark. He was a graduate of Cass City High School and went on to obtain a degree in graphic design from Western Michigan University. Shortly after graduation, Greg married Teresa Colbert and moved to Boston.

Greg's artistic talents were recognized with numerous awards and local art showings. Over the years his craft expanded to include not only drawing and painting, but also sculpture, woodworking and the design and building of furniture and home accessories for his many clients. His prowess was very evident with the many projects he undertook in the remodeling and refurbishing of his home in Gloucester.

Fishing was a lifelong pastime of Greg's also, beginning as a child at the Mud Creek cottage of his aunt and uncle, Russ and Mary Leeson.

He is survived by his wife; and children Sarah Mark of California and Zachery Mark of Massachusetts; mother, Phyllis Mark Wheeler of Cass City; sister Kathy (Philip) Nichols of Snover; brother Joseph (Libby) Mark of Florida; seven nieces and nephews; six great nieces and nephews; aunt Bonnie (Mark) Dill and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, James E. Mark in September 1981.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Northwood Meadows in Cass City to be followed by a light luncheon.

## Frederick Thorp

Frederick E. Thorp, 74, of Sebawaing, passed away Sat., June 28, 2014 at Tendercare Cass City. He was born Jan. 18, 1940 in Denmark Township, the son of the late Ambrose and Laura (Dorrance) Thorp.

He served in the U. S. Army as a Radar Operator, stationed in Japan. Fred worked for Sebawaing Industries for 20 years as a die welder and drove interstate truck for many years. He liked doing transportation for the Amish, for fishing trips, hauling their produce or taking them to PA, IN, or OH.

He is survived by his children, Mike (Sherri) Thorp of Sebawaing, Tom (Sue) Thorp of Flint, Pam (the late George) Vargo of Pigeon, Art (Dynette) Thorp of Owendale, Frederick (Judith) Thorp of Metamora, Victoria (Sandy) Fritz of Elkton and Kevin (Susan) Thorp of Sandusky, 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, a brother, Ward Thorp of TX and a sister, Vera (the late Donald) Markhart of Reese.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Arthur, and by 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

Honoring Fred's wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial gathering will be held Wed. July 2, at Thabet Funeral Home, 6255 Main St., Cass City from 2 until 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation. Share condolences at [www.thabetfuneralhome.com](http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Tom Montgomery  
Editor

## Welcome to village's Freedom Festival!

The sight of veterans marching down Main Street at the head of a parade during this nation's Independence Day celebration still prompts folks in Cass City to applaud and remove their hats out of respect and appreciation.

Local residents also know a thing about food, so there's no shortage when it comes to the irresistible smell of grilled chicken, hot dogs and brats wafting around the village park over the July 4 weekend.

And if the sounds of friendly conversation, youngsters laughing, the roar of engines and the explosion of fireworks take you back to your childhood, you can also revisit those memories and more this weekend in our community.

Welcome to the 36th annual Cass City Freedom Festival!

If you're a return visitor to one of the Thumb's largest July 4 celebrations, we hope this year's event will meet or exceed your expectations. If you're a first-time visitor, we think you'll find our community both welcoming and hospitable.

Once known as the "Pacesetter of the Thumb", Cass City has a rich history of hosting festivals with a small-town flavor and atmosphere you won't find in the big cities.

It was the local chamber of commerce that established what would be called the Freedom Festival back in 1979, and the celebration has been going strong ever since.

The inaugural community gathering featured hot air balloon rides, tug-of-war competitions, a beer tent, trap shooting and even a teen disco dance. Over the years, organizers have experimented with a variety of attractions, from bed races down Main Street and military flyovers, to mud volleyball and professional wrestling.

This year's celebration will include its share of attractions, including a pageant for youngsters of all ages, M/T Pocket Pullers action, the Fire in the Sky three-on-three basketball tournament, a huge flea market and a classic car show that annually draws crowds from near and far. Of course, Cass City's Grand Parade returns with something for everyone, and don't forget the town's outstanding fireworks display.

You'll find all the details in a special section published in this edition of the Cass City Chronicle.

We hope you'll consider joining us for a portion or all of the coming weekend celebration.

Organizers of the Freedom Festival volunteer dozens of hours to ensure its success each year, and they've done an outstanding job of maintaining the tradition started by their predecessors back in the late 1970s. While the events and faces have changed over the years, the goal — creating an old-fashioned, family-friendly festival — has not.

We think you'll agree, but why not come out and judge for yourself, and while you're at it, bring a friend or two. You'll be more than welcome.

## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Picture Perfect




When my kids were babies, I took lots of photos — always hoping to get the one perfect shot. This was during the prehistoric, pre-digital age, when cameras required film and film required developing. You couldn't take a million pictures and preview them on your screen. You had to send them away and pay to have them printed. One by one by one.

Back then, I couldn't tell a megapixel from a winning lottery ticket, but I knew I'd be able to recognize the perfect shot when I saw it. Trouble was, after hundreds of developed photos, I still hadn't seen it.

I burned through scores of 35 mm rolls, peering through the lens and giving thanks for the auto-flash feature. I paid attention to lighting and background. I even went through a black and white phase in the late 90s and considered myself artistic for a month or two.

My babies had trouble cooperating with my photolistic tendencies. They squirmed and blinked and drooled and did the things normal kids do when their mom wants them to sit still and smile. My photos wound up off-center. We were haunted by red eye.

I brought them to professional photographers and the results were the same. My kids looked in the wrong direction. They fussed when we tried to get them to lie on their tummies with their chubby fists tucked under their equally chubby chins. Despite my acrobatic contortions to amuse, they refused to smile. After half an hour I was sweating and exhausted. Having your baby's photo taken is a workout.

We always left the studio with a few okay pictures, but not the perfect one. I gave thanks when naptime arrived. I was tired.

I continued to try (and try and try) hoping to get the perfect picture to include with our annual Christmas card. Just once. I didn't think it was too much to ask.

Instead I got photos of my kids scowling and picking their noses. There's one of the three boys on Halloween where one son insisted on doing his silly face. There's the two oldest, on the front porch, where big sister is practically smothering her little brother so all but the top of his head is covered. One son — who was the happiest of babies — cried wholeheartedly every time we tried to take a group shot with the cousins. We've got a whole series of him bawling. Another son used to smile so big that his eyes shut. That went on for a couple of years. My daughter was a somber baby who hardly ever cracked a grin in front of the camera. At least she wasn't crying.

Somewhere right around baby number four I graduated to a digital camera with the ability to view thousands of pictures without ever having to print any. I figured my shot at the perfect shot increased to even odds.

In the dozen years since, I've taken many photos and have gotten better with practice. I don't have problems with red eye anymore and I learned a trick to increase the odds that everyone is looking toward the camera. I've even taken some pretty good pictures using my phone. Over time, I became less zealous, but I still pursued the one perfect shot — which I never got.

Yesterday, I came upon a pile of old, forgotten photos in the basement and leafed through them. My son, now 19, sat as a baby in his older cousin's lap. He was wailing. Another shot in black and white showed a baby girl, lying in serious contemplation on her daddy's

chest. There was one of the kids splashing in a mud puddle, all dirty and wet. Another of the boys carrying dandelions they'd picked for me. The oldest is giving the youngest a piggyback. Their faces are obscured, but their skin is tan with a warm summer glow and the dandelions are held carefully in tight little fists.

At the time the photos were taken, I saw my daughter and sons doing what they normally did, looking simply like themselves. I was oblivious to their depth and meaning. Now, all these years later, it's right there in front of me.


During the last two decades, I took thousands of photos, always hoping for the perfect shot I never quite managed to get. Now I look back at the photos and realize it's true. I never got the one perfect picture. To the contrary, I got them all.

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)



Michigan residents have until Monday, July 7, to register in order to vote in the Aug. 5 primary, says Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

"Registering takes just a few moments of your time, and the benefits are boundless," she said. "Once you register, you are able to vote in Michigan elections and make your voice heard. I encourage you to register today."

The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To register, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register by mail or in person at their county, city or township clerk's office or by visiting any Secretary of State office.

Voters who qualify may choose to cast an absentee ballot. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are age 60 or older; physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; expecting to be absent from the community in which you are registered for the entire time the polls will be open on Election Day; in jail awaiting arraignment or trial; unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons or will be working as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

As a reminder, voters will be asked to provide valid photo identification when at the polls on Election Day or if obtaining an absentee ballot in person from the clerk's office.

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From all reports, Friday's high school all-star basketball games, consisting of the Thumb area's top graduating seniors, was well attended. Playing on the West boys' team was Cass City's Collin Hartwick and Curtis Dickinson. Both played well and Hartwick won the 3-point shot contest held during halftime of the girls' contest.

Playing on the West girls' all-star team was Red Hawk Shania Chambers. She, too, played well, hitting on her first shot from the field released from beyond the 3-point arc.

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If you have taken advantage of Cass City's Farmers Market — held on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the downtown Rotary Park — give a shout out to Joyce Bostwick. The Cherished Treasures owner has taken on the task of running the summer marketplace.

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Local Chief of Police Craig Haynes says the tire collection held on Saturday, June 21 behind the Municipal Building was a huge success. So much so, that extra help was needed to pull the event off without a hitch. To the rescue were a group of civic-minded young lads pictured below. From the left, the volunteers are Derek Mozden, Branden Horne, Parker Haire, Ryan Schmidt, Keith Lounsbury and Brian Mohr.




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## Wednesday, July 2

•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, July 3

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

•Music in Atwood Park- Sun Shiners, 6:30 and John Timko, 8:30 p.m.

## Friday, July 4

•Music in Rotary Park, Cass City - Celebrate 4th of July with The Fulchers-Tom, Tommy and Mindy from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## Sunday, July 6

•Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 donation.

## Monday, July 7

•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

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

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

## Tuesday, July 8

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•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.)

# Thieves make off with \$20,000 worth of construction equipment

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's Department investigators are asking Thumb residents' assistance in cracking a theft case involving thousands of dollars worth of construction equipment.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said the theft was reported recently when electrical construction workers arrived at the ITC Electric Substation on Learman Road in Huron County's Sigel Township to find several construction items miss-

ing. "Workers from the contracting firm of M.J. Electric out of Iron Mountain said several construction items such as electrical dollies, blocks, ground wires and out rigger pads had been taken from the substation area and from a construction trailer parked approximately one-quarter mile away," Hanson said.

"It is estimated that over \$20,000 (worth of) property was taken. It is also suspected that the culprits may have electrical construction knowledge because some of the stolen

property was detached from live electrical components," he added, noting a citizen reported seeing a suspicious vehicle in the area that may have been a "lookout" in the crime.

"Should anyone have any information about these thefts, we ask that they call our office during regular business hours at (989) 269-6500 or Huron Central Dispatch's non-emergency number of (989) 269-6421," Hanson said. "Confidential callers can also use our TIP Line at (989) 269-2861."

## Circuit court news

# Several charged with felonies

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

\*Timothy P. Reynero, 32, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 3 in Caro.

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

\*Ralph S. Vermillion, 37, Vassar, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify authorities of a license number and a registration number, as well as a description of a motor vehicle regularly used by him between Feb. 15 and Feb. 24 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

\*Perry L. Morrison, 58, Vassar, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of an employment loss and/or by failing to list a vehicle used by him and/or by failing to list a Facebook page used by him between Oct. 15, 2013, and March 1, 2014 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Tamara J. Auld, 34, Millington, pleaded no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence April 30 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at

\$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Donald L. Smith Jr., 50, Cass City, pleaded no contest to five counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between January 2013 and April 2014 in Cass City, and to five more counts stemming from incidents between January 2013 and April 2014 in Ellington, Kingston and Novesta townships.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Jason R. Farnum, 38, Caro, was sentenced to 77 days in the county jail following his plea of no contest to delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Jan. 16 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$698.

# O-G holding the line

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Owen-Gage will not receive quite as much per student, but will match other districts at the same level.

For 2014-2015, the district is expected to gain \$189,251 in revenue from local sources, including the property tax levy, reimbursements and refunds and incoming transfers, with a loss from last year of \$19,168.

Total state revenue is expected to be \$1,288,464, whereas for 2013-2014 it ended up being \$1,294,677. The district will not qualify for performance based funding, so officials will see a loss in the state revenue category of \$5,561.

Major expenditures within state and local funded programs include the elementary and high school programs. The elementary is expected to cost \$210,652 and high school costs are estimated at \$549,536.

Some other notable expenditures are maintenance and operations, but it was made clear by board members that more money is always projected for this category in case emergency measures have to be taken, such as unusually high heating costs, as was the case last winter.

Owen-Gage's budget for food service was also a point of discussion. Total revenues are expected to be \$101,223 and total expenditures are expected to be \$99,734. This will leave a gain of \$1,489 and a fund balance ending at \$4,447, thanks to a fund balance at \$2,958 to end the 2013-14 year.

The hot lunch fund saw a loss of \$1,623 last year.

## Law targets meth production

Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed legislation to combat the illegal production of methamphetamine.

"Methamphetamine production and abuse is dangerous not only for those who use the drug, but to the entire community where meth is used or produced. Meth's potentially fatal production process releases toxic chemicals into the air creating public safety concerns and adverse health effects on those who produce or use the product, as well as their fellow Michiganders," Snyder said. "These bills will give law enforcement officials the tools necessary to effectively fight illegal drug production."

The bills aim to prevent the practice of purchasing small amounts of pseudoephedrine from numerous retailers in an effort to avoid quantity restrictions put in place by the Methamphetamine Act of 2011.

House Bill 5363, sponsored by state Rep. Amanda Price, prohibits a per-

son from purchasing or possessing any amount of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine with the knowledge it will be used to manufacture methamphetamine. A violation of the law will result in a term of up to five years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$5,000.

HB 5089, sponsored by state Rep. Bob Genetski, prohibits a person from soliciting another person to purchase or obtain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine knowing it will be used for methamphetamine production.

HB 5090, sponsored by state Rep. Aric Nesbitt, amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to specify that a violation of HB 5089 is to be classified as a Class D felony involving a controlled substance with a 10-year maximum term of imprisonment.

The bills are now Public Acts 216-218 of 2014.



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## Reporter's notebook



### Breastfeeding law is downright silly

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I was outraged last week when Michigan legislators passed a law prohibiting discrimination against breastfeeding mothers.

I mean, allowing women to commit such an indecent act in public? Eww. Of course, I'm poking fun here, because it's downright silly that time and resources were spent adopting a law to protect something as natural as a mother feeding her child.

In case you missed it, Gov. Rick Snyder last week signed the bipartisan Breastfeeding Anti-Discrimination Act, which gives women the right to nurse a child in any place that is open to the general public, including stores, restaurants and municipal buses.

Under the new law, owners and operators cannot deny goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations to a woman simply because she is breastfeeding. They also cannot post signs prohibiting public nursing.

Maybe now owners and operators can find some time to post signs prohibiting young men from wearing their jeans down to their knees, or perhaps politely stating they won't tolerate young women wearing more on the beach than they do while shopping in downtown.

I don't get it; society tolerates nearly every curse word known to man on prime time television shows (not to mention just about every stage of undress imaginable), it's perfectly alright to abort unborn children, and folks are scared to death that someone will mention God in a public school. And folks are blushing when a mom quietly breastfeeds in a restaurant?

Well, that makes perfect sense. Not. Regardless of your opinion, I'd be more than willing to bet you've been in the same public space with a breastfeeding mother and never knew it.

The reason is simple: these moms aren't trying to draw attention to themselves. What they are doing is providing what experts say is the optimal nourishment for their children, shielding them from infections and fighting obesity.

And many are doing it while also juggling a career, a family and a host of other responsibilities.

Regardless, it's hard to argue with Shannon Polk, executive director of the Michigan Breastfeeding Network, when she talks about breastfeeding being a very natural act and that moms shouldn't have to hide to do it.

"You wouldn't eat your lunch in a bathroom," Polk says. "Why should our most precious and sweetest citizens have to eat in a bathroom?"

Touche.

## Ask your neighbor

by Andie Peck  
Staff Writer

### Freedom Festival great family fun

With the Freedom Festival fast approaching, area residents are looking forward to the opportunity to enjoy some quality family entertainment.

Nicole Pasanski has lived in Gagetown for close to 19 years. She said she loves living there because it is such a small town.

"It's quiet," she said. "There is not that much that goes on and I know my kids are safe in town."

Pasanski loves the summer months and is looking forward to celebrating the Fourth of July. She especially enjoys coming to Cass City for the Freedom Festival and to watch the fireworks. And while she may be celebrating with family this year, Pasanski said the festival has provided some great memories in the past.

"I love to take the kids to see the fireworks," she added. "They always love it, too."

For Pasanski, the best part about the Freedom Festival is that it offers so many activity opportunities for her children and is always a great way to spend the holiday.

"I love the floats, and my kids love all the candy that gets handed out," she added. "There's always a decent amount of stuff going on and it's always really fun."



Nicole Pasanski

#### 5 YEARS AGO (2009)

Cass City's Dave Weiler won't forget this year's Freedom Festival anytime soon. He participated in the celebration's annual golf tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Course, and aced the long par 3 fourth hole, which was playing at 230-yards.

The Thumb Area Antique Auto Club will honor Bob Hirn and his 1966 white Chevy Super Sport this year. He will drive his car in the Classic Car parade on Friday and during the grand parade on Saturday. Hirn also owns a 1929 black and brown Model A Ford. Outside of owning 2 classic cars, Hirn has also been co-chair for 14 years of the Fall Family Days Weekend held in August at the Thumb Octagon Barn in Gagetown.

Arlen Bannick and The Eastern Michigan Music Makers will bring Cass City to life with their old time country music on Saturday. The group consists of multiple players from all over the Thumb. They are scheduled to play at 1 p.m. after the parade at the gazebo in the park.

#### 10 YEARS AGO (2004)

Friends and family of 11-year-old Chantel Beyette rolled up their sleeves and hosted a car wash Saturday at Mr. Chips in Cass City. Proceeds will go towards Beyette's participation as a state finalist in the 2004 Miss Michigan Pre-Teen Pageant, July 22-24 at the Troy Marriott Hotel.

Tom Lounsbury, president of the United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA), recently presented a \$200 check to Don Koglin for the "Bits and Spurs" 4-H Shooting Club. The presentation took place at the Cass City Gun Club.

A total of 41 riders took part in this year's St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-a-Thon in Cass City and raised \$3,226. Among the participants were Kendra Kerkau, Ben Bootz, Libby Venema, Sam Bootz, Mason Erla, Justin Kerkau, Emily Bootz, Jessica Bootz, Tommy Burns, Caitlin Reed and Morgan Erla.

#### 25 YEARS AGO (1989)

A Cass City's couple's daughter recently earned an associate of arts degree in advertising at Northwood Institute, Midland. She is Lisa Ann Hirn, daughter of Robert and Mary Ann Hirn. A 1987 Cass City High School graduate, Hirn has been the recipient of Northwood's President's Scholarship for academic excellence throughout her 2 years at the school. She also served as treasurer of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Her further plans include continuing to work in the area of sales at IBM in Midland, and pursuing a bachelor's degree at Northwood.

Cass City High School's 1989 valedictorian, Janet Koch, has won an All-College Scholarship from the Aid Association for Lutherans. The daughter of Harold and Hilda Koch, she is one of 750 graduating high school seniors to be honored as a winner of one of the scholarships, which range in amount from \$500 to \$2,000. The association's 1989 scholarship recipients were chosen from more than 5,500 applicants by qualified persons in the field of education. The selections were based on academic records, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, church and community involvement, and students' own statements. The winners and runners-up for the

# Down Memory Lane

by Krysta Boyce

first "Cass City Little Miss Pageant" are Nicole Doerr, Laura Auten, Courtney Turner, Jill Wright, Leah Shagene, Kerry Shagene, Michelle Kropewnicki, Alison Emmert and Kayla Karr.

Whitney Osentoski's rendition of "Don't Worry, Be Happy" won third place in Saturday's second annual Lip Sync Contest, held in conjunction with July 4 festivities.

#### 35 YEARS AGO (1979)

Thousands celebrated Cass City's first annual Fourth of July Festival. "I'm already looking forward to next year," said Tom Herron, Chairman of the 1979 festival. "We thought the parade went well with a few snags," said co-chairman Mike Weaver. "One thing we'll try to improve for next year is getting more music. We can do that by working eight to nine months in advance to get in contact with groups."

Ron and Eloise Keegan were crowned king and queen during the Fourth of July Festival. Their roles for the day were to preside over the events of the festival. Christina and Dick Erla were runners-up.

Cass City native Don Lowe found out that \$1,800 could buy him a 1954 Ford Customline from a man who already owned five other cars and wanted to get rid of it.

The first place float in the Cass City Fourth of July Festival was The Provincial House float, made by residents there. The theme of the float was "Down Memory Lane," with residents riding on it singing songs of an earlier era.

Cass City citizens will have the option of sitting in non-smoking sections of rooms when state government agencies are conducting meetings under legislation recently approved in the Senate. Persons smoking in the non-smoking area could be subject to a civil penalty or a fine not less than \$10 or more than \$100 and court costs.

#### 40 YEARS AGO (1974)

First it was beef, then gasoline, then paper. Now the shortage is pennies. Pennies are becoming more and more scarce. Area businesses are already reporting runs on pennies. Mary Rabideau of the Ben Franklin store said a heavy demand for pennies developed four or five weeks ago. Don Erla of Erla's Food Center said cashiers are being told to ask customers for correct change to be able to meet the penny allotment from the bank. Village employees Debbie LeValley and Karen Osentoski count coins from the village parking meter collections. These pennies will be turned over to Pinney State Bank.

Champs of the little league for 1974 are the Tigers. The undefeated team clinched an undisputed regular season title with a 6-1 decision over the Yankees, last year's champs. Team members were Darryl Hoag, Philip Gabler, Kurt Proctor, Larry

Harrison, Rusty Hoag, Mark Guinther, Jack Groombridge, Todd Vatter, Fred Powell, Ken Martin, Don Mackowiak, Doug McArthur and Steve Richards. The Tigers were coached by Ken Martin and Dean Hoag.

Five tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey. High prizes were won by Mrs. Leonard Buella and Harold Copeland. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Lynn Fuester and Arnold Lapeer. The next party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fuester

#### 50 YEARS AGO (1964)

Three mailboxes... four males - Little Mattie Heronemus doesn't seem at all concerned that he's the only male in the Heronemus family without a mailbox. Peter Heronemus, Mattie's great-grandfather started the "mailman's nightmare" when he settled in the area many years ago. He was joined later by his son Norman, who lives across the road. Mattie's father, Jerry, a third generation Heronemus, moved in next door to his father and the third mailbox was added. Their closest neighbor is, you guessed it, a Heronemus, Fred, by name.

High attendance at Cass City's Recreation Pool, brought on by continued high temperatures, has prompted Pool Supt. Roger Parrish to announce that free swimming will be offered on alternate days if the attendance trend continues. He also made an announcement of admission prices. Twelve and under - 10 cents; 13 years and older - 15 cents and adults - 25 cents.

Tennis Club President John Herhalt gives some tennis tips to Tim Barnes and Fred Ryan during a lesson at the Recreational Park courts. In an effort to stir up more interest in tennis, Herhalt has announced a men's and juniors' singles contest.

#### 100 YEARS AGO (1914)

Never had a larger crowd gathered in Cass City to celebrate the Fourth of July. Thousands upon thousands thronged the streets from early morn until late at night. Cass City streets were taxed to their limit and were the town not favored with wide thoroughfares - the widest of any in the Thumb - it would have been a problem.

Cass City won the honors from Vassar at the firemen's tournament held at Caro. The local team made the run, laying and coupling the hose in one minute, 23-1/2 seconds 16 seconds faster than Vassar. In the running, erecting and climbing the ladder event, Cass City's time was 23-1/2 seconds. Albert Goff made the ascent of the ladder and the boys describe it as a "peachy climb." Members of the Cass City Fire Department to compete were Geo. W. Seed, Chief, S. H. Brown, Alfred Crafts, Albert Goff, S.G. Benkelman and Morton Orr.

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## Sexual assault evidence kits will be processed more quickly under law

Sexual assault victims deserve justice and the public needs to be better protected from the people who commit such crimes, Gov. Rick Snyder said recently as he signed a bill to ensure evidence kits

are analyzed more quickly. Snyder signed House Bill 5445, sponsored by state Rep. John Walsh. The bill, which creates the Sexual Assault Kit Evidence Submission Act, was approved unanimously in both the state House of Representatives and Senate. It is now Public Act 227 of 2014.

The bill establishes time periods for sexual assault evidence collection kits to be retrieved by the investigating law enforcement agency, submitted to forensic laboratories and analyzed for forensic evidence.

"Prolonging justice for rape victims is inexcusable and in no situation should investigations be delayed," Walsh said. "Evidence kits...should be collected, submitted and processed in a timely manner because victims deserve full, thorough investigations and fitting communication from law enforcement."

Snyder signed the bill at the Michigan State Police Forensic Science Laboratory in Lansing, joined by Walsh; Attorney General Bill Schuette; MSP Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue; Debi Cain, the executive director of the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board; and Mary Morrow, assistant prosecuting attorney and project director of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault Kit Project.

"Critical DNA evidence from thousands of violent crimes against women was shelved for years, but today we are creating new safeguards to ensure it never happens again," Attorney General Bill Schuette said. "This legislation will strengthen victims' rights, improve our criminal justice system, and help take dangerous serial rapists off the streets."

The legislation comes after a 2009 discovery of more than 11,000 evidence collection kits in a Detroit Police Department storage facility. Those kits are now being tested by state and private authorities. More than 2,600 kits have been analyzed to-date, with a special supplemental state appropriation in 2013 providing the needed resources to test the remaining kits - expected to be completed in May of 2015.

Timely processing of evidence kits is paramount because rapists often go on to commit other crimes. Police can compare DNA samples from the kits with state and national databases.

# EDC to issue tax free bonds

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"Sampling and process control systems will be installed to insure the plant is operating correctly and regulatory requirements are met," he said.

Original plans to process waste from the dairy plant called for revenue bonds, estimated at \$8 million, to be issued by the Village of Cass City to upgrade its 32-year-old wastewater treatment plant. Those bonds would have been paid for completely by the DFA through its monthly sewer bills.

Cristiano noted a plus for village tax payers under the new plan concerning the DFA's wastewater treatment funding is "there is no liability on behalf of the village for consenting to the bond proposal."

In other action concerning the DFA project last Monday, the council approved to proceed with an agreement between the State of Michigan and the Village of Cass City for the reconstruction of Doerr Road from M-81 to Division Street.

Cristiano says 325,000 gallons of milk will travel down Doerr Road daily once the plant is in full swing, the goods of 40,000 cows. The \$572,000 project will include hot mix asphalt resurfacing work along Doerr Road from Division Street

northerly to Highway M-81 and along Comment Drive from Center Drive to Doerr Road; including storm sewer and pavement marking work; and all necessary related work.

State TED funds will cover 80 percent of the project up to an amount not to exceed \$439,972. The village cost will match 23 percent of the project or roughly \$132,000.

"Bids for the project will be awarded by MDOT, not the Village of Cass City," Cristiano said, explaining that if the bids are within estimates the Doerr Road project will proceed. If not, further action from the council will be required.

On track for completion in October, the 33,000-square-foot ingredient processing plant, initially will produce condensed, whole and skim milk, as well as cream and create at least 25 full-time jobs.

### ANNUAL PAYMENT

The council also approved the payment of \$7,769 to the Tuscola Area Airport Authority for their 2013-14 allocation.

Cristiano lauded the work of Lynn Harward, the new manager at the Caro airstrip, and believes the airport serves a county-wide community. It is currently valued at \$4 million.

## July 4th pet safety tips

The Fourth of July is one of the most stressful and potentially dangerous times of the year for pets.

Many pet parents assume that if their pet is not afraid of thunder or other loud noises, they will not be bothered by fireworks. This is not necessarily true. Even pets who normally are not bothered by thunder and other loud noises are often frightened and panicked by the cumulative effects of the fireworks, the excited voices outside, and being left alone inside the house.

By planning ahead and taking some common sense precautions, you can help ensure your pet is happy and safe this Fourth of July.

\* Do not leave your pet alone in the car. With only hot air to breathe inside a car, your pet can suffer serious health effects, even death, in a few short minutes. Partially opened windows do not provide sufficient air, but they do provide an opportunity for your pet to be stolen.

\* Keep your pets in your home in a comfortable and quiet area with the shades drawn. If your pet is crate trained, then their crate is a great

choice. Some animals can become destructive when frightened, so be sure that you've removed any items that your pet could destroy or that would be harmful to your pet if chewed. Leave a television or radio playing at normal volume to keep your pet company while you're attending Fourth of July picnics, parades, and other celebrations.

\* If you know that your pet is seriously distressed by loud noises like thunder, consult with your veterinarian before July 4th for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety he or she will experience during fireworks displays.

\* If your pet seeks comfort in a bath tub, under a bed or other small space...let them. Do not try to lure them out. If the space is safe and it makes them feel more secure, let them be.

\* Make sure your pets are wearing identification tags so that if they do become lost, they can be returned promptly. Animals found running at-large should be taken to the local animal shelter, where they will have the best chance of being reunited with their owners.

**GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP  
SANILAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
PUBLIC HEARING  
July 17, 2014 7:30 P.M.  
Greenleaf Township Hall, 7510 Gilbert Rd,  
Cass City**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP BOARD THAT:**

- The Greenleaf Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make the following township wide improvement consisting of weekly curbside collection and disposal of normal household waste, and one time per month recycling collection, and to create a special assessment against the properties benefited herein, pursuant to the Public Improvements Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended ("Act 188").
- The Township Board has tentatively designated the entire Township as the special assessment district against which the cost of this improvement is to be assessed, but anticipates excluding all properties within the Township that are determined by the Township Board not to be benefited by the improvement.
- The Township Board has reviewed the plans together with an estimate of the costs in the approximate amount of \$31,514.88 in the first year and are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.
- A public hearing will be held at the Greenleaf Township Hall, 7510 Gilbert Rd, Cass City, MI on the 17th day of July, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., to hear and consider any objections to the proposed improvements and special assessment district.
- If the Township Board approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. The special assessment must be protested at the hearing before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment; therefore, appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may file his or her appearance and protest by letter with the Township Clerk at or before the hearing, and in that event, personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person, or in writing at or before the hearing, may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed.

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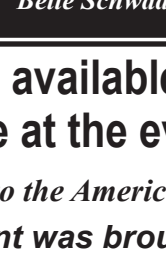

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**Tickets go on sale August 25 and will be available at the Rawson Memorial Library, tickets will be limited!**  
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**THE 2014 Rolling Hills Golf Course club champions include Brad Langenburg, left, and Erik Tamlyn. Langenburg shot 18-hole scores of 80 and 88 to capture First Flight honors, while Tamlyn fired rounds of 69 and 83 to win the Championship Flight.**

## Club champions named at Rolling Hills Golf Course

Club and league members of Rolling Hills Golf Course gathered over the weekend to compete for bragging rights at the Cass City par 35 track.

Erik Tamlyn, Brad Langenburg and Dick Patnaude were crowned the local course's 2014 Club Champions after 2 days of action, featuring 18 holes of play each day.

Tamlyn earned top honors in the Championship Flight. He fired a score of 83 on Saturday, only to trail runner-up Jason Bitzer by 5 strokes entering play on Sunday. But on the final day, Tamlyn caught fire and recorded an impressive 18-hole score of 69, including a 2-under par score of 33 on the final 9-holes to win the coveted title. Tamlyn's 36-

hole score of 152 was 3 strokes better than Bitzer, who shot 37 on his final 9-holes on Sunday. Tony Nika finished third in the Championship Flight with a 2-day total of 162.

Langenburg, like Tamlyn, came from behind to earn the Second Flight title. He shot 88 on day one and trailed Dan Curtis and Ryan Lowman by one shot entering Sunday's action. On the deciding day, Langenburg birdied the par 3 fourth hole, considered by most to be the toughest hole on the course, to edge Lowman for the Second Flight crown. The top 3 spots had Langenburg with a 36-hole score of 168, while Lowman carded 169, and Curtis, 174.

In the Second Flight, Patnaude shot

9-hole rounds of 49, 42, 44 and 87 to record a winning total of 178. Next was Jim Hobbs with a score of 187, while Pat Davis posted a 36-hole total of 194 to finish in third place.



**DICK Patnaude was crowned Second Flight club champ over the weekend. His 2-day, 36 hole, total was 178.**

## Still time to enter annual 3-on-3 hoop tournament

The Fire in the Sky 3-on-3 basketball tournament is slated to begin July 5, courtesy of the Cass City Booster Club and area sponsors.

The tournament, held in conjunction with the Cass City Freedom Festival, will take place at the Cass City Recreation Park.

The deadline for entry is July 4. To be guaranteed a T-shirt, the deadline is July 1.

Registration times will be 11 a.m. to noon for ages 8 to 14 and noon to 1 p.m. for ages 14 to adult.

Games will begin at approximately noon for ages 8 to 14 and approximately 1 p.m. for ages 14 to adult.

Tournament style will be 3-on-3 half court, each team consisting of three to four players.

Divisions will be boys, girls and co-ed and will be based mainly upon the

oldest team player. Co-ed teams will play in boys' division.

First team to reach 16 points by a margin of two will win, or team ahead after 30 minutes of play determines the winner.

Trophies and medals will be awarded to first and second place finishes.

Any tournament questions may be directed to Clarke Haire at (989) 325-1270.

Fire in the Sky entry forms may be found at [www.ccchronicle.net](http://www.ccchronicle.net) or the Cass City Chronicle at 6550 Main Street, Cass City.

Entry forms with a \$75 entry fee, checks made payable to Cass City Booster Club, may be mailed to: Cass City Booster Club, Fire in the Sky, P.O. Box 123, Cass City, MI 48726.

## CHIP SHOTS

at Rolling Hills Golf Course

<b>Monday Night Golf League as of June 23</b>		Biefer/Hoard	8
<b>Division 1</b>		Dillon/Irrer	8
Tony Nika	100	Wallace/Warner	6
Ray Fox	99	Alexander/Spencer	6
Virgil Peters	96	<b>Medalists</b>	
Don Ouvry	83	Individual: Caister	40
Mike Lowe	82	Team: Caister/Veggian	86
David Allen	79	<b>Division 2 - Late</b>	
Brad Langenburg	69	Cotton/Israelson	19
Ryan Lowman	65	Sommerville/Sommerville	16
Ken Cotton	53	Haire/Doerr	15
Ray Begin	44	Weaver/Hartzell	14
<b>Event Statistics</b>		Wallace/Wallace	13
Low Gross:(36) Langenburg		Priesskorn/Repshinska	13
Low Net:(29) Langenburg		Lowman/Tamlyn	12
High Points:(17) Langenburg		Bitzer/Curtis	12
Most Bogeys:(6) Fox		Ulfig/Ulfig	12
Most Pars:(5) Nika		Hartel/Brown	11
Most Birdies:(3) Langenburg		Richards/Bitzer	11
<b>Division 2</b>		Hacker/Nika	10
Dave Block	103	Martin/Stern	10
Harold MacAlpine	102	deBeaubien/Brinkman	10
Paul Regnerus	88	Krol/LeValley	9
Daryl Iwankovitsch	80	Ahleman/Halasz	9
Larry Robinson	74	Hillaker/Murphy	8
Jim Smithson	73	Langenburg/Langenburg	7
David House	66	Loomis/Loomis	6
Jon Zdrojewski	65	Osentoski/Osentoski	3
Tom Thompson	63	<b>Medalists</b>	
Dan Caister	56	Individual: Tamlyn	38
<b>Event Statistics</b>		Team: Adams/Tamlyn	81
Low Gross:(41) Smithson		<b>Thursday Night 2-Man Golf League as of June 27</b>	
Low Net:(31) House		<b>Division 1 - Early</b>	
High Points:(16) House		Guinther/Peters	101
Most Bogeys:(6) House, Caister		Dorsch/Parrish	99
Most Pars:(5) Iwankovitsch		Kohl/Zimmerman	99
Most Birdies (1) Zdrojewski		Steely/Davis	97
<b>Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of June 25</b>		Roemer/SyJr.	90
<b>Division 1 - Early</b>		Gaeth/Roemer	84
Hendrick/Veggian	16	Hahn/Lamke	81
Fox/Herron	16	Balzer/Houthoofd	72
Mastie/Robinson	14	Hoagg/Sy	68
Craig/Knight	14	Chippi/Herron	67
Burns/Caister	14	<b>Medalists</b>	
Jones/Marshall	13	Individual: Chippi	35
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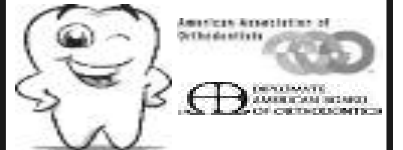
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# Montreuil gearing up

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manmade obstacles.

RedBud is known throughout the motorcycle industry as "America's Motocross Track" and draws tens of thousands of fans each year. It has played host to the AMA Lucas Oil Motocross Championships since 1973 and is a favorite of racers worldwide.

It features the world's biggest professional jump, LaRocco's Leap, which launches competitors 40 feet into the air and almost half the length of a football field.

This will not be Montreuil's first race of the series, having competed in round four, as well. While he placed 57th in that round, he is looking forward to competing once again.

"I've been in other races this year, but this is my home one," he said. "It will be fun to compete in my home state and it will be good practice."

Montreuil is also especially looking forward to the chance to compete this year, after coming back from suffering some injuries last year.

"I had ACL surgery last spring, but I came into this spring healthy," he explained. "I wasn't fighting any injuries, which is always a good thing."

In the past, he has undergone surgery three times for collarbone injuries. He suffered a torn ligament in his left knee early last year that forced him into surgery followed by a physical rehab program.

Montreuil is a 2011 Owen-Gage High School graduate and is no stranger to the RedBud track. While he went pro at the age of 16, Montreuil said he got started in motocross when he was about 4 years old, starting out with flat track races.

"I've always been very competitive," he said, adding that his close relationship with his father is one of the things that inspires him to keep going in the sport. His father, who grew up riding dirt bikes, introduced his son to a battery-operated four-wheeler at the age of one. From there, Eric began riding snowmobiles and gas-powered four-wheelers, and he began competing.

In 2007, at the end of a winning season, officials with the Michigan district of the American Motorcycle Association forced him into the professional ranks at the age of 16.

Since then, Montreuil has raced on tracks across the country, from Massachusetts and Minnesota to Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. He's also spent time living and racing in Texas, Georgia and California.

Montreuil specified that pay for racing can start at \$800 for 40th place and range up to hundreds of thousands of dollars for top finishers.

Montreuil himself often picks annual contracts to race with different teams, and his sponsors pick up the tab for his expenses and pay him to race.

## Bean producers renew checkoff

Michigan's bean farmers have resoundingly approved renewing the checkoff assessment that funds the Michigan Bean Commission (MBC).

The MBC works to benefit Michigan's dry bean growers by promoting research on varieties and production practices; improving bean products' food, therapeutic and dietetic value; conducting market development and research studies; and implementing promotional programs.

Michigan ranks second in navy bean production and second in overall bean production — more than 300 million pounds annually. Most Michigan dry beans are grown in the fertile soils of the Thumb and

Saginaw Valley.

By law the bean checkoff and similar commodity-specific promotion programs must be renewed every five years by grower referendum; this most recent vote ensures MBC's existence from 2015 through 2019. Michigan bean growers currently pay 10 cents per hundredweight (100 pounds) of beans sold.

For the MBC and its activities to have been renewed, more than half of the voting producers must approve the measure.

Of the 320 total ballots cast, 292 growers (91 percent) voted yes. That represents 1,552,323 hundredweight—approximately 90 percent of the state's annual bean production.



**MONTREUIL BEGAN** racing professionally at the age of 16 and has since raced across the country, on courses in Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

## Study finds Cass water quality good

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their study, which was sponsored by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Water Resources Division.

The study area for the project focused on the main channel of the Cass River on the northern boundary of the Cass River Watershed, from Cass City in the northeast to Bridgeport in the southwest in east central lower Michigan. Volunteers established nine sampling sites located near the municipalities of Cass City, Caro, Vassar, Frankenmuth and Bridgeport in Tuscola and Saginaw counties.

According to the project summary, the primary goal of the study was to provide current baseline information to help determine watershed conditions along the main channel of the Cass River, and use the data and information collected to complement the current Cass River Watershed Management Plan as well as inform community members and others regarding water quality within the

study area.

Over the course of the past two years, volunteers collected water quality data every two weeks at each of the sampling sites along the river from April through October in 2012 and 2013.

Nine water quality parameters were studied, including phosphorus, fecal coliform bacteria and nitrates.

Overall, the test results offered good news across the board.

"All parameters for all sample sites met state and EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) standards and scored in the good to excellent range in developed Water Quality Index standards," the report summary states. "Generally, fecal coliform

levels were below any thresholds that are a cause for public health concerns."

At the same time, the report notes, "Analysis indicated that heavy rain events and high temperatures can adversely affect bacteria levels."

Prior to launching the study, the Cass River Greenway organization contracted with Environmental Science Solutions, LLC, to manage the project.

Organizers are calling the effort a success, thanks largely to a cooperative partnership that also involved the DEQ, wastewater treatment facilities in Cass City, Caro, Vassar and Frankenmuth, and testing facilities at Saginaw Valley State University.



**EVEN A WEED** can be beautiful up close, as evidenced by this close-up photo of a dandelion ready to let loose with an explosion of seeds that are often carried by breezes to distances as far as five miles. One of the most familiar of plants, the name dandelion is taken from the French word, "dent de lion", referring to the coarsely-toothed leaves. Dandelions have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant, and each part — the root, leaves and flower — can be used for food, medicine and dye for coloring.



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NICE TWICE, a women's clothing closet, offering no-cost attire for job interviews, court appearances, funerals, etc., is located at 6358 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan. NICE TWICE was originally started as a Christian Outreach program of the United Methodist Church in Cass City. In 2009, it was located in the church and began serving the women of Cass City and the surrounding area. As clothing donations increased and demand grew, the closet was moved to the former Krantz Funeral Home building, where it is currently located. Debra and Jim Krantz donate the space for the community service project. Linda Derfny, one of the program originators, moved out of the Thumb area, and Connie Iwankovitsch took over her responsibilities. Dolly Misch, also one of the founders, retired in 2011.

NICE TWICE continues to serve the women of the Cass City area. Clients are served by appointment only. Also, donations of clothing (in very good condition) are welcome anytime. For an appointment please call: 989-872-4667. Leave a message if no one is available to answer your call, and we will contact you within 24 hours.

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