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## Christmas in the Village celebration on tap

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Christmas season in Cass City kicks off in earnest this weekend, and everyone is invited to share in the fun.

The annual Christmas in the Village celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, with activities for the entire family, from the wildly popular chili cook-off to a colorful lighted winter parade — now in its ninth year — in the evening, to visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The day's events kick off at 10 a.m. with a large craft show that runs through 4 p.m. at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. Dozens of crafters sign up to showcase their wares each year, offering visitors a wide variety of Christmas gifts and other items.

Last year roughly 60 crafters signed up for the show, matching the annual holiday extravaganza's most successful year ever, in 2011.

Those planning to stop at the show are encouraged to donate a non-per-

ishable food item for the Eastern Michigan Food Bank and be entered into a drawing for door prizes.

Once again, the Cass Theatre will be showing a free matinee both this Saturday and Saturday, Dec. 13, courtesy of Thumb National Bank. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and the movies will start at 2 p.m. The theatre will be showing "ICE AGE: The Meltdown" this week and "Marmaduke" the following Saturday.

Another popular attraction is the Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off. Now in its 11th year, the event is sponsored by Knights Insurance Agency, Cass City, and pits the area's best chili chefs against each other with a year's worth of bragging rights at stake.

Here's how it works: cooks at local businesses will be preparing their best chili recipes — from mild to wild. Visitors can wander through town from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., tasting each one after purchasing a ticket to participate in the event. You can buy your ballot to vote for your favorite

chili at any participating business for \$4 (adults) and \$1 (kids age 12 and under).

The ballots will be tallied at the end

of the day and the winner announced at Knight Insurance Agency, 6468 Main Street.

CK Graphics took home last year's

first-place chili honors behind the culinary talents of Kurt Russell, followed by Amy Peters of Knights

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**DOUG SOFFA OF Cass City** tastes the chili cook-off entry at Coach Light Pharmacy, served up by Leah Sanders, during last year's Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off. Organizers are gearing up for what they hope will be another wildly successful competition during Cass City's 2014 Christmas in the Village celebration Saturday.

## Trial slated for Huron Co. woman charged in fatal drug overdose

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Huron County woman charged in the fatal drug overdose of her boyfriend in March 2013 is scheduled to go to trial April 21.

That was the date set in Huron County Circuit Court, where Amanda I. Vanvalkenburgh, 23, is charged with a felony count of delivery of a controlled substance — causing death. Vanvalkenburgh, of Elkton, previously waived her right to a preliminary examination in Huron County District Court last month.

The March 27 incident took place at an apartment complex in Elkton, where Vanvalkenburgh allegedly injected her boyfriend, 19-year-old Ryan A. Shemka, with methadone, resulting in an overdose.

According to Huron County Sheriff's Department reports, deputies were dispatched to the complex to investigate a report of a man who was unconscious and not breathing.

Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said dispatchers worked with occupants of the apartment to initiate CPR. An Elkton Ambulance crew arrived and took over the life-saving efforts, but Shemka was pronounced dead at the scene a short time later.

"It was learned that the victim...who had been temporarily residing at the apartment, had fallen asleep with his girlfriend in a closet used as a bedroom," Hanson said. "This was apparently after the two had spent several hours intravenously injecting each other with methadone and consuming alcohol."

The investigation by deputies and the Elkton Police Department resulted in the request for a search warrant for a Colfax Township residence, where officers seized several methadone pills and a small amount of cash.

Bad Axe attorney Walt Salens has been appointed to represent Vanvalkenburgh, who could face up to life in prison if convicted.

Her bond was initially set at \$3,500 (10 percent cash), but Huron County District Court Judge David B. Herrington later revised the amount to \$10,000 (personal recognizance) at the request of Prosecutor Timothy J. Rutkowski, who cited the severity of the alleged crime.

## Sanilac County business targeted

### Police looking for armed robbery suspect

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thumb law enforcement authorities responded to an armed robbery report in Sanilac County over the weekend, and investigators are asking for the public's help by providing any information citizens may have regarding the crime.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported the robbery occurred at the Sunrise Marathon Station in Worth Township Saturday just before 6:30 p.m. A 19-year-old female clerk at the business called 911 at 6:26 p.m., according to Sgt. Nathan Smith.

"The initial investigation revealed that a male subject wearing a red hooded sweatshirt, dark colored blue jeans and black face mask entered the front entrance of the store and produced a black in color semi-auto pistol," Smith reported. "The male demanded money from the clerk, which she provided him from the register. The male subject then left the store and was observed by witnesses to be running southbound

along M-25, and then ran westbound near Gardner Line Road."

Witnesses told police that the victim appeared to be in his late teens to early 20s, about six feet tall with a skinny build.

Officers from the Lexington, Crosswell and Port Sanilac police departments all assisted at the scene, as did troopers from the Michigan

State Police post in Caro and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Law Enforcement Division.

Deputies ask that anyone with information related to the case contact the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau at (810) 648-2000.

## Injuries reported in crashes

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Injuries were reported in traffic crashes last week in both Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department investigators said two individuals were hurt in a one-vehicle accident Friday at about 2:15 p.m. on South Germania Road near Cooper Road. "A 2011 Chrysler Town and Country driven by a 56-year-old female was northbound on Germania Road near Cooper Road when she left the roadway and entered the west ditch," Sgt. Nathan Smith of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department reported. "She then struck a driveway embankment and came to rest in the yard of 760 S. Germania Rd. The driver and her 27-year-old passenger were both wearing

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**AN ESTIMATED 200 area residents gathered for this year's Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Cass City United Methodist Church, according to Scott Mills, veteran event coordinator, who lauded all of the volunteers, service clubs and churches for their participation.**

## Hey kids! It's time to write letters to Santa

Hey kids, get busy writing those letters to Santa. yourself to: [sales@ccchronicle.net](mailto:sales@ccchronicle.net). Letters can also be mailed to the

Everybody knows Santa has a subscription to the Cass City Chronicle, and he checks each issue closely this time of year in search of Christmas lists from children in the Thumb area. paper at 6550 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726, or drop them off to us in person (we're located at the corner of Main and Oak streets, next to Schneberger's).



All of the letters will be published in December - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 24. But get started now because the way is to have mom or dad e-mail your note along with a photo of deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 16.

## Owen-Gage honors students of month

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for November is 'Respectful of Others'. A student who is respectful of others cares about others and their property, demonstrates courtesy and cooperates with others. The student also listens to others, interacts appropriately, shares with others and accepts differences in others.

The following students have been chosen: Addison Bach, third grade (elementary level), daughter of Ernie and Christi Garcia; Cordell

Clarkson, eighth grade (junior high level), son of Brad and Amy Clarkson; Morgan Ondrajka, ninth grade (high school level), daughter of Fred and Sarah Ondrajka; and Sidney Bencheck, twelfth grade (senior student), daughter of Kelly Bencheck and the late Mark Bencheck.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Sidney Bencheck. Sidney participated in volleyball as a freshman, junior and senior. She was a member of the varsity softball team her sophomore year. Sidney has also been a member of the Owen-Gage Band all four years, in which she plays the flute.

Academically, Sidney has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. She was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society as a sophomore. She served as the N.H.S. treasurer her junior year.

Each year, Sidney has served as secretary of her class. She was a homecoming representative her freshman and junior years and as a senior was a homecoming queen candidate. Sidney served on the prom committee her junior year and she has been a yearbook staff member the past two years. She attended the Huron Area Technical Center as a

junior, where she was enrolled in the Health Science Program and was a member of HOSA - Future Health



**Sidney Bencheck**

Professionals. As a senior, Sidney is taking dual-enrollment classes at the H.A.T.C. through Mid-Michigan Community College.

Sidney plans on attending Delta College in the fall and then transferring to Central Michigan University to pursue a degree in speech pathology with a minor in audiology.

In her spare time, Sidney enjoys music, poetry and spending time with loved ones.



**Addison Bach**



**Cordell Clarkson**



**Morgan Ondrajka**

## TBHS once again earns three-year accreditation

The Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors recently announced that TBHS has been accredited for a period of three years.

The agency was accredited for the following programs:

Assertive Community Treatment; Mental Health-Adults; Case Management/Services Coordination; Mental Health-Adults, Children and Adolescents; Integrated DD/Mental Health-Adults; Crisis Intervention-Mental Health-Adults; Community Employment Services; Employment Supports and Job Development; Community Integration; Intensive Family-Based Services-Family Services-Children and Adolescents; and Outpatient Treatment Mental Health-Adults, Children and Adolescents program.

The latest accreditation is the third consecutive three-year accreditation for TBHS from the international accrediting body, CARF. Prior to 2008, TBHS was accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation

of Rehabilitation Facilities (JCAHO).

By pursuing and achieving accreditation, TBHS has demonstrated that it meets international standards for quality and is committed to pursuing excellence.

The survey report highlighted a number of items that CARF determined to be strengths of TBHS, such as:

\*TBHS documents its numerous successes in visual chart form, thereby allowing staff members, consumers, families, board members, referral sources and other stakeholders to view the progress made in various programs.

\*Employees exhibit compassion and enthusiasm for the mission of the organization and the services that are provided. TBHS employs dedicated and professional oriented staff members who communicate a love and commitment for the work they do.

Attention to person-centered services and rapid responsiveness to individual needs are readily apparent when talking with consumers and staff members. Persons served speak highly of the staff's dedication, capabilities, understanding, and assistance when needed. Staff members do a great job in utilizing community resources for consumers' preferences.

\*TBHS has brought together a staff team from a wide range of professional backgrounds and ages. Team members bring their unique skill sets and knowledge to the program and share and support each other with a true focus on improving the lives of persons served.

CARF identified TBHS as demonstrating exemplary conformance to the standard for "assisting consumers with developmental disabilities and mental illness to move toward greater self-sufficiency through increased participation in the community. The organization is actively involved in the community and works closely with community organizations, such as the nursing homes and churches, to provide natural supports to the consumers."

TBHS Chief Executive Officer Sharon Beals expressed her satisfaction with the survey, saying, "The survey results reiterate the staff's and the board's commitment of providing quality services and their dedication to improving the lives of individuals during their recovery."

The accreditation represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and demonstrates the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards, according to Beals, who noted an organization receiving a three year accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. "It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit, October 2014, its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality," she said.

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems is a not-for-profit organization, with its administration office in downtown Caro and clinical programs located at 1332 Prospect Ave., Caro. TBHS has been providing mental health services in Tuscola County since 1974.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process.

## Baker College enrolling

Baker College of Cass City, a satellite of Baker College of Flint, is enrolling students for the 2015 winter quarter, with classes slated to begin Monday, Jan. 12.

Students have the flexibility to take classes three ways: on ground at the Cass City campus, a mix of campus and online courses or 100 percent online. Baker College Online offers two sessions beginning, Thursday, Jan. 8, and Thursday, Feb. 19.

Career programs offered at the Cass City campus include welding, human services, business management, business administration, medical assistant, pharmacy technician, early childhood education, computer information systems and information technology support.

Financial assistance is available to students, including scholarships, grants, low-interest loans and work-study programs. For more information, call Baker College of Cass City at (989) 872-6000. Students may schedule an appointment via the Baker College website, [www.baker.edu](http://www.baker.edu).

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**Answers to November 26, 2014**

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# In Our OPINION...

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## There's no shortage of giving in village

*You don't have to tell Cass City area residents about giving — just ask any family in the area whose friends have organized a benefit for them in a time of crisis or illness.*

*That spirit of giving locally is evident throughout the year, but especially during the Christmas season, and we're confident the community will come through as it always has for those who are struggling financially and in need of a helping hand.*

*You don't have to be wealthy to make a difference.*

*Helping others could mean as little as donating a few dollars to Revive Ministries in town to help fund the organization's regular food pantries, or dropping off a new toy or article of warm clothing at Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Cass City, which annually serves as the Cass City Rotary Club's Christmas for Kids headquarters.*

*Perhaps you have an elderly neighbor who could use a ride to the grocery store, or whose sidewalk needs to be shoveled and salted?*

*Or maybe you have a couple of free hours in your weekly schedule and could volunteer for a food or toy drive in the area.*

*Speaking of giving, we'd like to tip our hats to the Cass City business community for its generosity in making the local chamber of commerce's Christmas in the Village celebration a hit every year.*

*This year's event is slated for Saturday, Dec. 6, and we hope everyone will turn out for a full day of activities ranging from a craft show, chili cook-off and a free matinee at the Cass Theatre, to the lighted Christmas parade and community gathering featuring free goodies and visits with Santa Claus.*

*The celebration is made possible by contributions from several area businesses and organizations, and don't forget all of the hard work that goes into the event, most of it courtesy of a small army of volunteers.*

*As we said, Cass City knows all about giving. It's a tradition built on caring, compassion and a willingness to share and go above and beyond whenever a need arises.*

*It's what makes this community a wonderful place to live, especially during the holidays.*

## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler




A.M. or P.M. — When it comes to time, it's all in the details

“Does anybody really know what time it is? Does anybody really care?”

The idea of time and running late have been an issue since at least 1969 when the band, Chicago, sang this snappy tune. The lyrics came to mind this morning as I was lying in bed. I'd just rolled over to enjoy a luxurious nine long minutes before the alarm rang when my husband asked, “You know your clock is wrong, don't you?”

I sat up with a jolt. The red flickering lights said 6:21. “It's really about 6:37,” he said.

“Since when?” I asked, suddenly very wide-awake.

“At least a couple days now,” he said observantly.

I truly hadn't noticed. I only set my alarm when I have an early morning meeting, which is a rarity. Otherwise, I subscribe to the freer practice of “I wake up when one of the kids pulls on my toes” routine of life.

It's not that I don't value clocks. I've got one on my bedside table. There is another on my husband's side. We've got one in each of the kids' rooms. There are four in the kitchen, two on the computer, one in my van. And, of course my smartphone is up to the minute when it comes to time.

Still, I never really know what time it is. None of our clocks are set exactly the same. Even the ones in the kitchen. One will read 7:29 when the other across the room says 7:32. This may not seem momentous, but three minutes can be a deal breaker when you are running late for the school bus.

And a 16-minute discrepancy on your bedside clock is equal to an eternity by anyone's early-morning standards.

When I am on my A game, I set my clocks about five minutes fast. Even though I'm aware 5:05 really means 5:00, I operate like I don't know and believe this little trick helps me get to where I need to go on time. Some of the time. I don't pretend to understand the psychology of it. I'm just going with the flow and hoping not to be too late (versus slightly so).

More often than not though, time has its way of getting away from me. I don't think I'm alone. Who hasn't raced to an early morning work meeting or from work to the fifth grade music program hoping to get there before the final song is complete? I know I'm guilty of participating in similar true-life reality challenges at least twice a week.

If I do find myself with a handful of extra minutes, I feel the necessity to fill them with a quick run to the post office or a speedy zip through the car wash. Or maybe I just check my email or update an app. Whatever the activity, I am always challenging time, pushing the limits and trying to squeeze an extra second or two out of every minute.

In other words, running late.

So when I suddenly lost 16 minutes this morning, I was in a familiar spot. I dove out of bed and into the shower

faster than you can say “snooze button,” and didn't give my alarm clock another thought.


Until precisely at 6:30 this evening, when it finally went off. So much for me and clocks.

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## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Bert Althaver, former Cass City Citizen of the Year honoree, says the next Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner gala, where the coveted award becomes public, is slated for February 7.

Accordingly, nominations for both citizen of the year AND junior citizen of the year (new format this year) will be accepted until Friday, December 12. Nominations should be placed in an envelope and dropped off or mailed to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce office, located inside the downtown municipal building at 6506 Main Street.

Most of us know our school board members and how to reach them. Here is how to do the same for our 2015 Village of Cass City officials. President Carl Palmateer — 989-549-2865, President Pro Tem Jenny Zawilinski — Jennyz cc@hotmail.com, trustee Nancy Barrios — dana1947@charter.net, trustee Marilyn Biefer — rbiefer@charter.net, trustee Stephen Erickson — 989-325-0778, trustee Mark Karwowski — mkarwowski@gmail.com. and trustee Michael Kim — mfkim@charter.net.

Hey newsstand readers — today is the day. After several big shopping days, Michiganders have the opportunity to shift the focus away from consumerism by making a charitable donation on what has been dubbed #GivingTuesday.

Bill Gesamen, director of stakeholder engagement with the Michigan Nonprofit Association, says this is the third year for the international day of giving back. While many people have traditionally waited until the very end of the year to make donations, Gesamen says charities have turned #GivingTuesday into a day to make donated dollars go further.

For more information phone 1-800-931-0085.

With the holiday season upon us, the Michigan State Police is encouraging citizens to celebrate responsibly. If your holiday party involves alcohol, designate a sober driver before the party begins. In addition, party hosts are asked to make sure all guest leave with a sober driver.

“Driving under the influence of alcohol endangers everyone, from the driver to the passengers, to other people on the road,” said Community Service Trooper Mark Swales of the Caro Post. “For safety sake, please don't get behind the wheel if you've been drinking.”

To reduce traffic crashes and fatalities this holiday season, law enforcement officers will be on the lookout for drunk drivers. In addition, officers will be making sure motorists obey laws including using a safety belt and following speed limits.

“The holidays are a time to enjoy gatherings with friends and family,” said Swales. “Together, we can make sure everyone celebrates safely.”

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, one of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems. Here are some basic fire safety reminders to avoid these tragedies:

- \*Always unplug lights, both inside and outside, before leaving the house or going to bed.
- \*Carefully inspect lights for worn or frayed cords before use.
- \*Do not purchase a dry tree of one that's losing its needles. Set tree away from heat sources and exits, and water it daily.
- \*Have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home, especially outside of sleeping area.



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## Reporter's notebook

**KISS? Not when it comes to DNR**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



One of the first things they teach you in journalism is the importance of KISS when you write.

Nope, I'm not talking about a PDA (public display of affection) or anything related to Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley and outlandish face paint. The acronym stands for "Keep it simple, stupid." It's also a design principle stating that most systems work best if they are kept simple, rather than made complicated; therefore, simplicity should be a key goal in design and unnecessary complexity should be avoided.

Guess the folks at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) never heard of it.

Maybe my level of stupidity is just increasing with age, but have you figured out the latest hunting regulations/license structure?

"Okay, so I have to buy a 'base' license before I can buy a deer license, and I can't hunt deer with it but I can shoot rabbits and squirrels? Oh, I have to then buy a deer license, which will allow me to take one deer. What if I then want to buy a second license? I see, if I want two licenses, I have to buy them in a combo deal first instead of opting for the license that allows me to shoot one deer..."

Seriously, folks?

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. The last time I took a look at the state's fishing regulations, I pretty much gave up trying to figure out in what body of water I could attempt to catch trout, with what bait, at what time of the year, without being led out of the woods in handcuffs.

Need proof? Here's the DNR's intro to understanding inland trout salmon regulations and maps:

"Color coded maps have been developed to assist anglers in locating inland waters that contain trout and salmon and the regulations that apply. See pages 46-50 for a description of regulations concerning streams, gear restricted streams, and inland trout lakes. Stream Types 1-4 and gear restricted streams are differentiated on the maps by color (Type 1 are green, Type 2 are yellow, Type 3 are orange, Type 4 are blue, and gear restricted streams are red). Please note that some gear restricted streams have split regulations. Any lake regulated by Type (A-F) will be labeled in red text and the lake will appear shaded in dark blue or will appear as a blue dot on map..."

What the...? Yeah, that's a good idea, publish instructions like these and expect people (well, guys) to read them anymore than they do the paperwork that comes with that new lawnmower or leaf blower.

Okay, I realize this is all supposed to be about wise stewardship of natural resources, but is it really necessary to create this sort of confusing mess AND charge an arm and a leg to hunt in your own backyard? Hopefully, most sportsmen will try to make sure they're enjoying their sport legally.

But I wouldn't count on it any more than I would predict that the state's education "experts" are likely to come up with an easy-to-understand and score standardized test featuring clear-cut objectives and which doesn't penalize well-performing schools. Having results that serve a useful purpose wouldn't hurt, either.

Anyway, it seems to me the DNR would have much better luck getting more folks outdoors, hunting and fishing, if they just simplified things a little (or a lot).

In the meantime, I'm seriously considering taking up another hobby where the regulations are a little easier to understand, like building my own space capsule for a solo manned flight to Mars.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2009)

Through the use of hands-on agricultural lessons, Cass City Middle School teacher Jenifer Green brings not only science to life for fifth graders, but also language arts, reading, math and technology. Her agriculture-based lessons are so popular that former students often make return trips to her classroom to reminisce about the projects and what they learned. For those reasons and more, the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) has named Green, of Cass City, the organization's "K-12 Educator of the Year". MFB honored the 20-year veteran school teacher during the Dec. 2 awards ceremony at the MFB 90th Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids.

Hundreds of area residents flocked to Cass City Saturday for a day full of family activities in conjunction with the annual Christmas in the Village celebration. Saturday night's community gathering drew a big crowd, with residents warming up in the Cass City VFW Hall and enjoying a variety of snacks, while youngsters — more than 250 of them — waited their turn to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Cass City sophomore Josh Jensen is this week's recipient of Schneberger's Athlete of the Week award. The Red Hawk grappler, who qualified for regional play as a freshman, has picked up right where he left off last season for Coach Don Markel. Jensen, who compiled a 42-15 record in his rookie season, has won his first 7 matches of the season, including a pair of victories in the 171-pound weight class Wednesday over opponents from Imlay City and Capac to kick off the season, followed by a perfect 5-0 showing Saturday at the Crosswell-Lexington Team Tourney, where the Red Hawks finished as the runner-up in the 6-team field. Josh's parents are Jeff and Winifred Jensen.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2004)

Owen-Gage seniors Katie Swiastyn and Kayla Zaleski repeated as first team selections on the North Central Thumb League - North Division all conference basketball team. Joining the Bulldog pair as dream team members were Port Hope junior Kelsey Mausolf and senior Breanne Iseler, Caseville senior Kelly Ross and North Huron junior Andrea Clancy.

First Deer — 15-year-old Jessica Bessler bagged a 5-point buck while hunting Thanksgiving Day with her dad in Sanilac County.

Nearly 85 years worth of experience on the Elmwood Township Board is represented by Supervisor Jim Turner, Trustee Ken Blue, Clerk Elaine Seibel and Trustee Norma Rabideau. All 4 officials opted not to seek reelection last month.

Three Cass City Boy Scouts are nearing their goal of earning the highest honor in scouting. When they complete the achievement, they will join an impressive list of former scouts who earned the Eagle rank — Apollo Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr., former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, businessman H. Ross Perot, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and former President Gerald R. Ford, just to name a few. The local scouts, Pat Reed, Derrick Mallory and Jeff Wills, are all members of Cass City Boy Scout Troop 594.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1989)

Some 900 Cass City elementary students visited the ocean's edge last week, shaking hands with a horseshoe crab, handling an ocean sponge and even making friends with a live 4 ½-foot nurse shark. No, the students didn't go to the ocean. But they did enjoy the next best thing. The area pupils took part in a special program presented by the Living Science Foundation, Novi, which is known for its hands-on approach to learning about science.

Department of Natural Resources Director David Hales announced that 110 Michigan residents, including Gerald D. Toner of Cass City, have been randomly selected to participate in Michigan's winter elk hunt Dec. 5-12. The successful applicants were computer drawn from more than 42,000 persons who applied for the licenses.

A few of the newest and most eye-catching ideas in balloon decorating have been created by artists in San Antonio, Texas; Las Vegas, Nev.; Mesa, Ariz.; Youngstown, Ohio; Palm de Mallorca, Spain, and Cass City, Mich. Yes, Cass City, according to the international publication,

"Balloons Today." Local artist Beth Spencer, whose work can be seen in the publication's December issue, couldn't be more pleased. Not only did the magazine print photos of one of her balloon designs, the publication's editor asked the Cass City resident to recreate that design at the National Association of Balloon Artists' annual convention, March 25-28 in Las Vegas. "I'm very excited. I can't wait to go to Las Vegas," Spencer remarked Thursday at Buds and Blossoms by Sandy, where she has worked with her mother, owner Sandy Tierney, since the shop opened 5 years ago.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1979)

It was on Dec. 3, 1978, that throw-away soft drink and beer bottles became a has-been in Michigan. On that date and presumably forevermore, consumers had to pay deposits on their bottles and return them if they wanted their money back. As for those local merchants surveyed who have to take bottles back, now that a year has gone by, their opinions of the law ranges from acceptance to hatred. Major complaints concern the space needed to store the containers and failure by some customers to wash them out before returning them. They do agree that roadsides look cleaner as a result of the returnable law. "It's not as bad as I had expected, but it's getting progressively worse," said IGA Foodliner owner Harry Lenda of the effect of the law.

Don Smith, 29, is the new Tuscola county magistrate. He assumed the position Nov. 26, taking over for Joan Maki, who resigned. Smith previously served as a juvenile probation officer in the county and was coordinator of its juvenile diversion program. A native of Traverse City and Air Force veteran, he received a B.S. degree from Ferris State College in 1977.

Owen-Gage's Brad Erickson and Pete Klemkowsky have garnered all-state football team honors following their team's 9-1 season that took it to the first round of the state playoffs. Erickson was named to the United Press International Class D all state team as a running back and Klemkowsky as a tackle (interior lineman). Receiving honorable mention were Dan Warack, lineman, and Kirk Carolan, quarterback.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1974)

The new burn unit at Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital is \$1,000 richer this week, thanks to the efforts of the Elkland Township Fire Department. The department presented the hospital with a check Tuesday representing proceeds from a country-western music show staged in Cass City last fall to benefit the unit.

Over 50 4-H leaders representing 600-plus years of service were recently honored at the Sanilac County 4-H Leaders Banquet held at the Lamotte Township Hall. The banquet, sponsored by the 4-H Council, is held to recognize those leaders who have given of their time and efforts in helping the youth of Sanilac County through 4-H activities. One of the highlights of the evening was the recognition given to the 25 to 20-year leaders. Receiving awards for 20 years of service were Charles Hooper of Deckerville, Lloyd Severance of Decker, Mrs. Dan Masten of Decker and Mrs. Reta McQuarrie of Marlette.

Beginner's Luck- It was the first year of deer hunting for Chris Titus, 15, of Marlette and he celebrated with a big 8-point deer shot about 2 ½ miles north of Cass City. The buck was shot late Thursday evening and lost. The Titus luck held as the hunting party returned Friday morning and found the trophy about 50 yards from where it was shot.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1964)

Grant Glaspie, 35, of Cass City became the 19th postmaster of Cass City Saturday when he assumed the head job at the department from Lewis Bishop, 67, who is retiring. Glaspie will be acting postmaster as permanent appointments are not made until competitive written exams are completed. Bishop has served as postmaster for six years and has been a resident of the community since 1948. He ran a hardware store for 10 ½ years.

Archie Dorman, 55-year-old Marlette dry cleaner, and his wife, Elsie, purchased Hunter's Variety Store, Cass City, Monday from William Hunter, Gagetown. The couple officially took charge of the business Tuesday morning. Dorman had

been in the dry cleaning business for the past 35 years and had been in Marlette for about two years. The couple will make their temporary home in Marlette until they find accommodations in Cass City.

A Cass City man was elected the Tuscola County 4-H Council board of directors Saturday evening, Dec. 5, at the annual meeting of the county 4-H leaders. Meeting at the 4-H building in Caro, leaders elected Arthur Battel to a three-year term as a member of the board to represent this area. Battel, leader in the Cass City Livestock Club, has served eight years as head of the club's swine project division. Others newly elected were Mrs. Ray Toohey of Gagetown, Charles Gilkey of Caro, Waldo Garner of Vassar and Mrs. Robert Bush of Caro.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1939)

At a meeting of the directors of the Cass City Community Club held at the office of Dr. P.A. Schenck, retiring president of the society, Tuesday evening, State Representative Audley Rawson was elected president of the club. Willis Campbell was chosen vice president; G. B. Dupuis, secretary; and J.C. Hutchinson, treasurer.

Probably the brilliant record and rapid advancement made by Col. H.C. Sweeney, who visits his sister, Mrs. E. Simpson, of Novesta Township occasionally, was partly influential in the enlistment of his two nephews, James and Hardin Simpson, sons of Mrs. Simpson, in the U.S. Army. Both boys attended high school in Cass City. Hardin enlisted last September and is stationed at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, where more than 5,000 officers and enlisted men are already domesticated. James Simpson has seen 11 months' service and is stationed at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He is an expert rifleman and was third in a recent rifle meet.

Carl Keinath, former supervisor from Denmark Township, has been appointed county supervisor of the bureau of social aid in Tuscola County by Dr. Callahan, head of the state bureau of social aid. The position of county supervisor was created in the state for the first time last June. Mrs. Andrew N. Bigelow of Cass City and Mrs. Dorr Wiltse of Caro, who have been employed by the county bureau as visitors, will continue in those positions and a third visitor will now be employed in the person of Miss Betty Myers of Caro. Miss Dorcas Calbeck is the stenographer in the office of the bureau.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1914)

The ladies of the Presbyterian church are very much pleased with the result of their Christmas bazaar and feel that their finances have been greatly increased through these efforts. The excellent line of fancy work which the ladies displayed, along with their home made candy, the supper served Thursday evening and the entertainment of Friday evening, netted them \$175.00, while the rummage sale which they have conducted gave them \$125.00 returns. Thus the ladies in less than two weeks added \$300.00 to their treasury.

Robert Warner sold five spring pigs 7 months and 10 days old Saturday which averaged 276 pounds in weight. The largest one tipped the scales at 320 pounds and was probably the largest hog at that age ever purchased here. For the five pigs he received a check for \$89.60, and had the local buyers been able to ship their stock to the Buffalo markets, Mr. Warner's check would have called for a larger amount.

When John Crocker telephoned the Chronicle that Paul Bien and Ray Meiser had been lost while hunting near his farm, the boys planned to get something on John. They have it now. John, they assert, had started home from viewing a new piece of land he recently purchased when he came across a fox trail. This he followed for some time and finally discovered he couldn't locate himself. The boys claim he didn't find his home until late that afternoon and that he was lost on his own farm.

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We use these next few weeks as a time to get ready for Jesus' arrival.

In these weeks we take extra time to hear God's Word about why Jesus was born in the first place. We consider what human sin and selfishness have caused in the world. We also take a clear look at our own sin – the

wrong we do to God and to other people.

By remembering our sin we understand what a great gift God the Son has given us by being born as a human baby, living a perfect life and suffering our sin's punishment on the cross. He did all that so He can forgive us and give us eternal life.

We also use this season to get ready for the next time Jesus will come to earth – the Last Day when He will end the evil in this world and establish a new and forever-perfect heaven and earth for everyone who



Pastor Bagnall

believes in Him.

And we celebrate that in this time of waiting for the Last Day, Jesus still comes among us. When His word is read and preached, and when Holy Communion is celebrated, Jesus is here, today, to forgive our sins and draw us close to Himself.

Whether you follow this tradition, or not, I encourage all of us to take some time away from all the parties and feasts of the season to look in the spiritual mirror and see our sin. The more we understand just how much Jesus has saved us from, the more we

will love and celebrate our Savior.

Pastor Bagnall  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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11:00AM – 3:00PM: CHILI COOK-OFF at local businesses

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1:30PM: (doors open, movie starts at 2PM) – FREE for all ages

matinee of "ICE AGE: The Meltdown" at the Cass Theatre

6:00PM: LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

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9:00AM: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS at the VFW Hall

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FREE drawing for toys for all children who attend the breakfast (11 and under)

1:30PM: (doors open, movie starts at 2PM) – FREE for all ages

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Tom Thumb Singers Christmas Concert @ Cass City United Methodist Church at 7 pm

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**Fire in the sky...**

IT MAY LOOK warm and toasty on Michigan's sunrise side, but Old Man Winter has wasted little time reintroducing Thumb residents to bitter cold and brisk winds. Weather forecasters were calling for quiet conditions the rest of this week, but chances are good the Thumb can look forward to another white Christmas.

**Christmas in the Village set Saturday**

Continued from page one.

Insurance in second place, and Carolyn Westerby at Chemical Bank, which captured third place.

In all, 36 businesses participated and there were 171 tasters, with 65 of them making it to all of the participating businesses and sampling all of the chilis.

Santa will be making his grand entrance during the annual Lighted Christmas Parade, which will get underway at 6 p.m. The parade route begins near the football field and ends at the VFW Post 3644 Hall on

Veterans Drive.

Following the parade, visitors are invited to Cass City's annual holiday community gathering at the VFW hall, where kids can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and receive a free photo, and everyone can enjoy free hot bean soup, hot chocolate, cookies, popcorn, caramel apples and carriage rides. Every child age 11 and under will receive a small gift and be signed up for the children's toy drawing being held that night. There will also be free children's crafts.

The weekend's celebration will continue Sunday evening with a

Christmas community hymn sing starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

The kids are invited back to the VFW hall Saturday, Dec. 13, for breakfast with Santa. The event is free for children age 11 and under, and \$2 for adults and kids 12 and older. There will be a free drawing for toys for youngsters who attend the breakfast.

For more information related to Christmas in the Village activities, call the Cass City Chamber of Commerce office at (989) 872-4618.



SANTA AND MRS. Claus are slated to again make their first visit of the season to Cass City during the Christmas in the Village Celebration Saturday. As always, they will greet parade goers during the annual Lighted Christmas Parade and then visit with area youngsters at the local VFW hall after the parade. Free photos, treats and gifts will all be part of the festivities.

**Injuries reported in traffic accidents**

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seatbelts and alcohol does not appear to be a factor," Smith said. "The

passenger was treated and released at the scene and the driver was transported to Marlette Hospital by Marlette EMS."

The names of the occupants were not released by deputies, who noted the Marlette Township Fire Department assisted at the scene.

In Tuscola County, both drivers suffered injuries in a two-vehicle traffic crash Tuesday in Elmwood Township, Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said.

The accident was reported shortly after 8 p.m. at the intersection of Dodge Road and M-81, according to reports, which state the driver of a southbound vehicle on Dodge Road failed to stop for the stop sign at M-81.

"That vehicle was driven by a 55-year-old Gagetown man," said Undersheriff Glen Skrent. "His vehicle collided with a vehicle headed eastbound on M-81, driven by a 57-year-old Cass City female. Both drivers were injured and transported

to a local hospital by MMR."

Skrent did not release the names of the motorists involved in the collision.

Closer to home, a three-vehicle accident resulted in minor injuries to one driver last week. The crash occurred Tuesday night.

According to Cass City police reports, a pickup truck driven by Austin A. Conley, 21, Cass City, was stopped at the corner of Main and Maple streets when he attempted to make a right turn and collided with a passenger car driven by Michael F. McDermott II, 28, of Mayville. Conley told police he then put his truck into reverse in order to move out off the street, and in the process struck a pickup truck driven by Gerald W. Bennett, 69, Cass City.

Officers cited Conley for failure to yield. McDermott, who was transported by MMR Ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital, was cited for driving with a suspended license.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Village Ordinance 137 prohibits parking on any Village street from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. during the winter months, from December 1 to March 31, for snow removal and emergency access.

Violators of this ordinance will be cited.

Nanette Walsh  
 Village Clerk

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A Thank you for all of the prayers, cards and phone calls. Also, thank you to my lottery friends. It has meant so much to me to receive all of your kindness and caring words. I send my love to all of you. I am truly blessed to have so many wonderful people in my life.

- Cathy Smith

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THE 2014-15 Cass City Lady Red Hawk basketball team is eager to roll. They were to have faced guest Harbor Beach Tuesday and will travel to challenge Memphis on Friday. The team members are: (front, l-r) Erin Zdrojewski, Noora Ellonen, Alliah Riddle, Kelly DeLong (back) Erika Martin, Hunter Langenburg, Lauren Scott and Becca Warford.

## Cass City hopes to improve win total in 2014-15

The Cass City girls' basketball team suffered a key loss last year — 4-year starter Shania Chambers — but returns 6 senior letter winners

for third year Coach Clarke Haire to build around. "Things have been a little sloppy at Please turn to page 10.



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**THE 2014-15 Cass City junior varsity basketball team isn't shy on numbers. They are: (front, l-r) Joseph Skiles, Joey Krol, Shaede Perzanowski, Garrett Deitering, Brendan Hamilton, Nick Perry, Chase Denniston, Michael Ziegler (back) Joel Collins, Brad Hacker, Hunter Vaughn, Cole Chippi, Brady Warford, Darren Miller, Seth Roggenbuck and Andy Cole.**

## Falls can be preventable

Officials with the Injury and Violence Prevention Program of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) recently observed Falls Prevention Awareness Day.

Falls are the leading cause of fatal injuries for Americans age 65 and older. Nationally, more than 18,000 older Americans die every year because of a fall, and that rate has increased dramatically over the last ten years.

"The good news is that through identification and reduction of risk factors, falls are preventable," said Nick Lyon, director of the MDCH. "By raising awareness and encouraging preventative measures to protect against falls, we can help keep older adults safe in Michigan."

Fall-related deaths are on the rise, with the numbers reflecting a 118 percent rate increase from 1999 to 2012. In 2012, falls resulted in 740 deaths for people age 65 and older and 14,425 hospitalizations due to fall-related injuries.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), falls among older adults cost the U.S. health care system upwards of \$30 billion annually.

"Falls are not a normal part of aging and most of them can be prevented by taking a few simple steps," said OSA Director Kari Sederburg. "I encourage everyone to...spread the word about this important issue and learn more about how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe from falls."

Studies show that a combination of interventions can significantly reduce falls in the older adult population.

Experts recommend a physical activity regimen with balance, strength training, and flexibility components; consulting with a health professional about getting a fall risk assessment; having medications reviewed periodically; getting eyes and hearing checked annually; and making sure the home environment is safe and supportive.

Aging organizations across the United States have programs like Matter of Balance and Tai Chi which help older adults gain strength, improve balance, and increase confidence to help them stay healthy and preserve their independence. Call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 to connect with your local Area Agency on Aging to learn more about these programs.

Visit the MDCH website at [www.michigan.gov/injuryprevention](http://www.michigan.gov/injuryprevention) for more information about fall prevention and intervention. For additional resources regarding falls, visit the CDC website <http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/adultfalls.html>, or the National Council on Aging website <http://www.ncoa.org/>.

## Cass City Lady Red Hawks lack size, but have favorable schedule

Continued from page 9.

practices so far without Shania. Her leadership and knowledge of the game is really missed. In my rookie season Jocelynn Venema handled those duties and last season it was Shania. This year's team leader hasn't surfaced yet," Haire said.

Senior captains Erika Martin and Alliah Riddle are the ideal candidates to take control of the 2014-15 squad that will look to improve on a 3-16 record. Martin, who is sidelined until after Christmas following ACL surgery in September, came on strong at the end of her junior year and averaged double digits over her final 4 contests. Riddle, meanwhile, drives to the basket like a college player and is a capable scorer from the perimeter. Both were Greater Thumb West all-conference picks as juniors.

"Erika has been with me every step of the way since her sophomore year. Most kids couldn't come back so quickly from that type of injury. Erika isn't like most kids. She has been working hard on her rehab and I am anxious to get her back," Haire said. Adding, "Alliah is a talented athlete. She put in the time this summer and her game is better because of it. All Alliah lacks is a bit of confidence."

Also returning with a year's experience under their belts are seniors Erin Zdrojewski, Lauren Scott,

Hunter Langenburg and Becca Warford. All are expected to see plenty of playing time early, as Cass City's graduation toll is heavy and also includes Lauren Bukoski, Kara Reif, Elisabeth Milligan and Kayla Barns.

"Lizzy shared female athlete of the year honors with Shania last year, so that's a lot of talent to replace. All those girls were 2-year players and that adds to our difficulties in prac-

tices," said Coach Haire.

Another problem facing Cass City is a lack of size.

"Erin and Lauren are both undersized for their positions. They will spend time helping Alliah with the ball handling as guards and Lauren will split time playing small forward. Both players are fit, strong, runners and that helps make-up for their lack of size."

Langenburg and Warford are the

team's best inside weapons. Langenburg is a good leaper, while Warford's broad shoulders and soft touch should give opposing defenses trouble in the paint.

New to the varsity ranks are junior Kelly DeLong and Exchange Student Noora Ellonen. DeLong has shot the ball well during early season workouts, while Ellonen is proving to be a fast learner.

"Kelly is the only junior on the team. Injury caused her to miss last season. None-the-less she has a nice mid-range jump shot and can help us put points on the board."

As usual, Reese and CMU-bound Reyna Frost will be the pre-season favorites to defend their Greater Thumb West championship, while Mariah Cook-led Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Sam Ewald-driven USA should battle for runner-up honors, according to Haire.

*"In my first year, we won just once. Last year we won three games and this year - if Erika can return to full strength - I think there are six games we can win on our schedule."*

*~Coach Haire*

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

### 2014 Girls' Basketball Picks



Krysta Boyce



Tom Montgomery



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**TUESDAY, DEC 2**  
Harbor Beach at Cass City  
Marlette at Bad Axe  
Ubyly at Deckerville  
North Huron at EPBP  
Cros-Lex at Kingston

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**WEDNESDAY, DEC 3**

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A-F at Caseville

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**FRIDAY, DEC 5**

EPBP at Ubyly  
Cass City at Memphis  
Caro at Vassar  
Kingston at A-F  
Owen-Gage at Mayville

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## BOYS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m. unless noted

12/10 Sandusky  
12/12 Caro  
**12/17 Harbor Beach**  
12/19 Memphis  
1/7 Ubly  
1/9 Bad Axe  
1/14 Marlette  
1/21 Lakers  
1/23 BCAS  
1/30 Vassar  
2/4 Reese  
2/6 USA  
2/11 Bad Axe  
2/13 Brown City  
2/18 Mayville  
2/20 Deckerville (Snowcoming)  
2/25 Lakers  
2/27 Reese  
3/3 Vassar  
3/5 USA  
3/9-3/13 Districts @ Bad Axe

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m.

12/2 Harbor Beach  
12/5 Memphis  
12/9 Sandusky  
12/10 Caro  
12/16 Vassar  
**12/18 USA**  
1/6 Ubly  
1/8 Bad Axe  
1/13 Marlette  
1/20 Lakers  
1/22 Mayville  
1/29 Vassar  
2/3 Reese  
2/5 USA  
2/10 Bad Axe  
2/12 Brown City  
2/17 Akron-Fairgrove  
2/19 Deckerville  
2/24 Lakers  
2/26 Reese  
3/2-3/6 Districts @ Bad Axe

## WRESTLING

12/10 Millington 6:00 p.m.  
12/13 Marlette Team Tourny 8:00 a.m.  
12/17 Caro 1:30 p.m.  
12/20 Cros-Lex Team Tourny 9:00 a.m.  
1/3 North Branch Team Tourny 9:00 a.m.  
1/7 Memphis/EPB Lakers 6:00 p.m.  
1/10 Saginaw Heritage 9:00 a.m.  
1/14 Bad Axe/Marlette 1:30 p.m.  
1/17 Marysville Team Tourny 8:00 a.m.  
1/22 Sandusky/Mayville 6:00 p.m.  
1/24 Mayville Team Tourny 9:00 a.m.  
**1/28 Vassar/Brown City 1:30 p.m.**  
1/31 Bullock Creek Team Tourny 8:30 a.m.  
2/7 GTC League Meet @Bad Axe TBD  
2/11 Team Districts TBD  
2/14 Individual Districts TBD  
2/18 Team Regionals TBD  
2/21 Individual Regionals TBD  
2/27-28 Team State Finals @ Battle Creek TBD  
3/5-3/7 Team State Finals @Auburn Hills TBD

## GYMNASICS

12/10 Vassar 6:30 p.m.  
1/10 Fraser Invitational 9:00 a.m.  
1/13 Vassar 6:30 p.m.  
1/17 Milford-Lakeland 8:30 a.m.  
1/22 Vassar 6:30 p.m.  
1/31 St. John Invitational 10:00 a.m.  
2/7 Vassar Invite 12:00 p.m.  
2/26 Vassar 6:30 p.m.



## FOLLOW THE HAWKS AT HOME!

### SR. HIGH

Girls' Basketball  
Dec. 2 ~ Harbor Beach ~ 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball  
Dec. 17 ~ Harbor Beach ~ 6 p.m.

Gymnastics  
Dec. 10 ~ Vassar ~ 6:30 p.m.

Wrestling  
Dec. 10 ~ Millington ~ 6 p.m.

### JR. HIGH

JH Boys' Basketball  
Jan. 14 ~ USA ~ 5:30 p.m.

JH Wrestling  
Dec. 3 ~ Bad Axe/Lakers/Memphis ~ 5:30 p.m.

## BOWLING

All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted

1/8 North Huron  
1/13 Harbor Beach  
1/15 Ubly  
1/20 USA  
1/27 Brown City  
2/5 Reese  
2/10 Bad Axe  
2/12 Sandusky  
2/14 Conf. Singles Tourny @ Sandusky  
2/17 Girls Position RD @ Harbor Beach  
2/19 Boys Position RD @ Capac 4:00 p.m.  
2/21 Conf. Team Tourny @ Bad Axe



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1/20 Reese  
1/21 Vassar  
1/26 USA  
1/28 Reese  
2/2 Vassar  
2/4 USA  
2/9 Reese  
2/11 Vassar  
2/12 EPBP Lakers  
2/14 8th grade League Tourny



TBD

### JH GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m.

11/3 Vassar  
11/5 USA  
11/7 EPBP Lakers  
11/10 Reese  
11/12 Vassar  
11/17 USA  
11/20 Reese  
11/24 Vassar  
12/1 USA  
12/3 Reese  
12/6 8th grade League Tourny



TBD

### JH WRESTLING

11/8 Mayville 9:00 a.m.  
11/12 Bad Axe/Brown City/Sandusky 5:30 p.m.  
11/13 Mayville 5:30 p.m.  
11/17 Brown City/Marlette/Lakers 5:30 p.m.  
11/19 Mayville/Brown City 5:30 p.m.  
11/24 Vassar/Memphis/Brown City 5:30 p.m.  
12/3 Bad Axe/Lakers/Memphis 5:30 p.m.  
12/5 GTC League Meet @ Lakers 5:30 p.m.



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# Cass was a pioneer, politician



*Editor's note: The following historical account of how Cass City received its name was compiled by area historian Jim Ware, who granted the Chronicle permission to reprint his article.*

Some references claim that Cass City got its name from the Cass River, which was named after the Territorial Governor Lewis Cass, but articles in two early Cass City Chronicle newspapers state that the town was named after Gov. Cass directly.

The very first merchant in the area was a lumberman by the name of Nathaniel Clerk who had a store to sell supplies to other lumbermen on Main Street where the Quality Auto

Parts store now stands, and he is credited with suggesting the name. The story goes that his two daughters, Annis and Mary, suggested it to their dad, and he suggested it to the township board, and it was accepted.

Lewis Cass was born in 1782 in Exeter, N.H., the son of Captain Jonathon Cass, who had fought in the Revolutionary War and was with General George Washington in the encampment at Valley Forge. One day, when Lewis was still a very young lad, the new President George Washington came to Exeter on a tour of the new country and actually shook hands with Lewis. George Washington and his father were his life-long personal heroes and role models. Lewis attended the Phillips

Exeter Academy and became its most educated student at that time after completing seven years of schooling.

Jonathon Cass applied for a land grant and got one in the Southern Ohio Territory, which was still the frontier at that time. The family moved to Marietta, Ohio. Shortly after that, Jonathon was commissioned as a major and was assigned to serve under General Anthony Wayne. He would have fought in the Battle of Fallen Timbers, but suffered a kick from a horse, resulting in a broken leg. His leg never did heal right and it ended his military career. He then became a homesteader on his property, which was near what is now Zanesville, Ohio.

While Jonathon was away, the family stayed in Marietta and Lewis continued his studies, reading every law book he could buy or borrow, and he also worked in two different law offices while still a teenager. He eventually set up his own law office in Zanesville and became a circuit rider lawyer. He was the first certified attorney in Ohio after it became a state in 1802. As a circuit rider, he traveled around the state, fording rivers and streams, and even camping out when accommodations could not be found. Wherever he went for a court case, people would come from miles around to witness the courtroom drama as one of the only forms of entertainment available at the time. Court was held in taverns, barns or any other accommodations that were available as courthouses had yet to be built.

Lewis married Elizabeth Spencer, and during their marriage they had four children – three daughters and one son. Their names were Isabelle, Mary, Matilda and Lewis Jr. Lewis was a very dedicated family man, but his profession required him to be away from home more than he liked. Lewis became very involved in the Masonic Lodge in Ohio, and later started the first lodge in Michigan. A plaque in his honor stands in the Cass City Village Park, commemorating his contributions as a member of the Masons, a fraternal organization of high personal ethics.

Through his personal connections, Lewis learned of a conspiracy by Aaron Burr, the former vice president under Thomas Jefferson, and the one who killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel, to start a resistance movement in the Louisiana Territory. Lewis became a party to Burr's arrest. For Lewis' involvement in the Burr affair, he was named as a federal marshal for Ohio. He was then also commissioned as a colonel in the Ohio Militia along with Duncan MacArthur under General William Hull, the territorial governor of the Michigan Territory, to fight in the War of 1812 against British forces.

The British had a system of enlisting the Indians to fight on their side by giving them gifts, whisky, and paying them for the scalps of American settlers they killed. One of the Indian chiefs was named Tecumseh and had led a raid against settlers near the Raisin River, near where Monroe, Mich., is today, and massacred them. "Remember the Raisin" became the battle cry. Cass and MacArthur were livid because they knew they could have prevailed against the British.

Lewis was called to Washington to testify, and during the trip he became very ill. His illness caused him to

lose all his hair and, from that time on, he wore a wig. Not being a very handsome man in the first place, including having a large mole on his cheek and being overweight, this did not help his political image.

After his testimony, he was promoted to brigadier general of the U.S. Army and assigned under General William Henry Harrison of Ohio to continue the battle after his surrender sentence term had expired. Together with the success of Admiral Oliver Perry in defeating the British on Lake Erie, and their victory in the Battle of Thames (Chatham, Ontario, today) the war was won. Chief Tecumseh was killed in the battle. Along with the British being now out of the picture, this helped to dampen the warring attitude of the Indians.

Lewis was then named the new territorial governor by President James Madison for the Michigan Territory, which at that time included Michigan, Wisconsin and the eastern part of Minnesota over to the Mississippi River. Detroit became the center of the territorial government, but was poorly equipped because the war had left the infrastructure and crops destroyed, the troops withdrawn, and the Indians not acclimated to accepting the new American authority. It didn't help that the first surveyors sent to the state got discouraged and left after taking a short sample and declaring that Michigan was swamp and mosquito infested, and unfit for settlement. This upset Cass greatly and he petitioned, and petitioned Washington to send another surveying team and supplies to support civil order and survival. He was eventually successful and began to govern, establishing the state into counties, townships and villages in a similar fashion he knew from his knowledge of Connecticut. He was also successful in setting up the state's educational system and supporting the beginning of the University of Michigan.

Cass was probably most noted for his ability to negotiate with the Indians. He took the time to learn their culture, and hated the way the British had used them. He was a teetotaler himself and very aware of what "fire water" would do to the Indians, and did his best to keep it away from them.

He developed a reputation among the Indians as being an honest and fair negotiator, but also a brave and stern one as other stories can tell. The Indians affectionately referred to him as "OsKotchee", meaning "fat belly". Many people, in hindsight, may think he took advantage of the Indians, but he could see that the settlers were not going to stop coming regardless, and greater conflicts were bound to come if some accommodation was not reached. In 1819 Cass negotiated the Saginaw Treaty, which freed up the territory where Cass City is now located, for settlement.

There's much more to be told about our town's namesake, but too little room in one (article). Cass later held several important posts in federal government, and even ran for president within the Democratic Party, narrowly losing to James K. Polk, who went on to become the president. Before Gerald Ford became president, Lewis Cass was the only Michigander to have his statue placed in the Statuary Hall of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.



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