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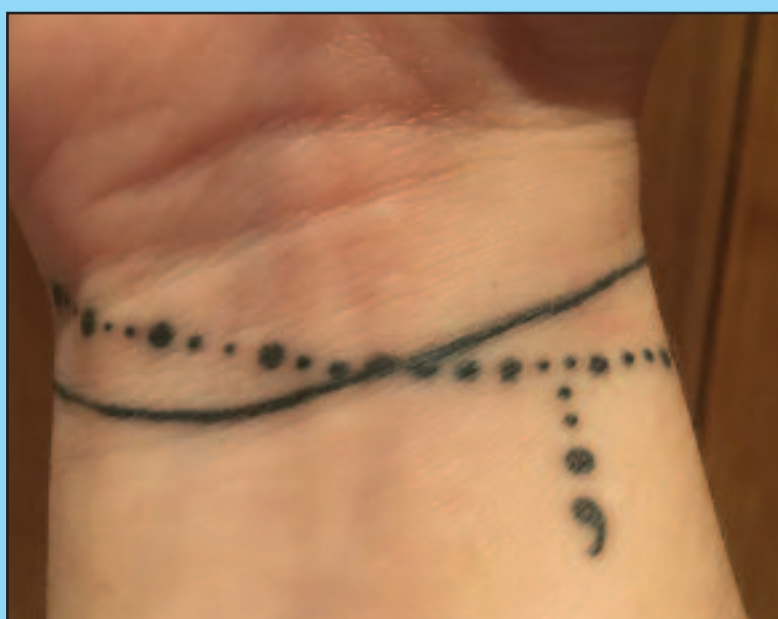
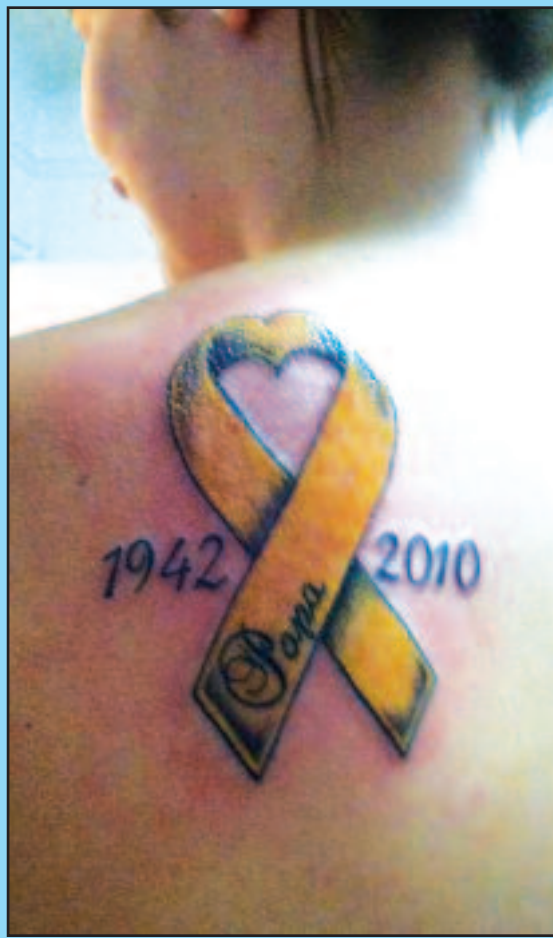
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**TATTOOS HONORING** the memories of a close friend, a grandfather and a stillborn child along with a message of hope are represented above in tattoos belonging to Cass City residents Joe Bean (clockwise from top left), Mandy Czekai and Rebecca Turner.

## Tributes in ink

*Residents embrace tattoos to express devotion, bittersweet memories*

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

If you figure the detailed stairway and waterfall tattoo on Joe Bean's right arm and shoulder must symbolize his favorite rock band or devotion to some sort of cult, you couldn't be more wrong about the Cass City man's motivation for getting the tattoo – or what it means to him.

Same goes for Rebecca Turner, also of Cass City, who chose a petite bracelet design when she took the plunge at a tattoo parlor in Nevada just weeks ago. You probably couldn't guess what

the ink represents, although Turner is happy to share the meanings behind it.

Bean, who graduated from Cass City High School in 2000, works as a second shift general supervisor at Blue Diamond Steel Castings in Pigeon, while Turner, who collected her high school diploma in Cass City a couple years later, is now a psychologist and coordinator of the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court.

Both share a common bond, however; like many others who sport tattoos these days, their body art represents bittersweet

memories and honors loved ones missing from their lives today.

Bean's latest tattoo – his third – bears his devotion to a friend, Daryl Douglas, who died unexpectedly last November. He was just 27.

"We were pretty good friends. I was friends with his brother (Bryan Douglas) and he (Daryl) was always there," Bean, 34, recalled, adding he always considered the Douglas brothers to be his own brothers.

"Daryl loved the water. That's why I went with the waterfall and the stairs of heaven going through him," he said of the tat-

too, which also features an image of his friend. "I knew Daryl for 18-plus years. Over that time I realized he was more than a friend; he was family."

Daryl Douglas struggled with personal issues, but those never got in the way of being "a kind soul that was always there for anyone," Bean said. "Somebody you could call a true friend. He was somebody you could depend on – if you needed help, he was there in an instant. It was really hard to tell what Daryl was going through because he was too busy making

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## United Way of Tuscola Co. awards funds to area groups

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

United Way of Tuscola County officials recently announced the awarding of nearly \$53,000 in funding to area non-profit organizations for 2016.

Over the past 18 years, the local United Way organization has awarded funding totaling just under \$1 million, according to Jim Heiser, director of operations, who noted officials are planning a celebration for next year to commemorate reaching the \$1 million mark since the United Way of Tuscola County was formed.

Heiser announced Friday that this year's allocations total \$52,750.

"The allocations follow a three-month process that started with United Way partner agencies submitting funding requests," he explained. "Agency representatives reviewed

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## Motorcyclist's body discovered hours after crash

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A beautiful spring weekend turned tragic Sunday morning in Huron County's Sheridan Township, where the body of a motorcyclist was found by a passerby following an apparent single-vehicle accident hours earlier.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson identified the victim as Herbert E. Engler, 58, of Bad Axe.

Deputies were dispatched to McTaggart Road, about a half-mile west of Bad Axe Road, at about 6:30 a.m.

"The victim... was found by a Bad Axe man on his way to work, who in turn called 911," Hanson said. "Preliminary investigation is

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## Blaze damages Cass City Gun Club last week

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Damage was estimated at several thousand dollars in an early morning fire at the Cass City Gun Club Thursday.

Elkland Township fire fighters were dispatched to the club, location about four miles south of Cass City at 2676 N. Englehart Rd., at about 3:30 a.m., according to Fire Chief Glenn Guilds, who reported smoke was pouring out through the building's eaves and gable ends when firemen arrived.

"It was called in as a building full of smoke. It was just luck that a next door neighbor noted it," Guilds said, adding four fire fighters entered the structure and, utilizing the department's thermal imaging camera, located hotspots in the attic and cut a hole through drywall to reach them before the flames could spread further.

Guilds estimated damage to the building at

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## Sheriff's department honors its own at annual meeting

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department honored its own during an annual departmental awards meeting last week in Caro.

Topping the list of honors was the 2015 Officer of the Year Award, presented to Detective Sgt. Robert Baxter, who has served Tuscola County citizens for more than 21 years. He began his career with the department in 1994 as a corrections officer and, in March 1996, was promoted to the uniform services division as a deputy sheriff. He was promoted to sergeant in April 2005, and in March 2013 was named a detective sergeant.

"During your career you have received four commendations for

professional excellence and have received numerous letters of appreciation from your command officers and the public you serve," Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf said. "Since transferring to your current position, your efforts have resulted in the closure of numerous felony investigations.

"On Jan. 13, 2015, you were assisting in the investigation of a missing 10-year-old from a home in Almer Township. The temperature was near zero and hours of effort to locate her had been unsuccessful. Your investigative skills led you to a home that had already been checked, but your thoroughness in returning to the location resulted in your finding the child hiding in that location," the sheriff said.

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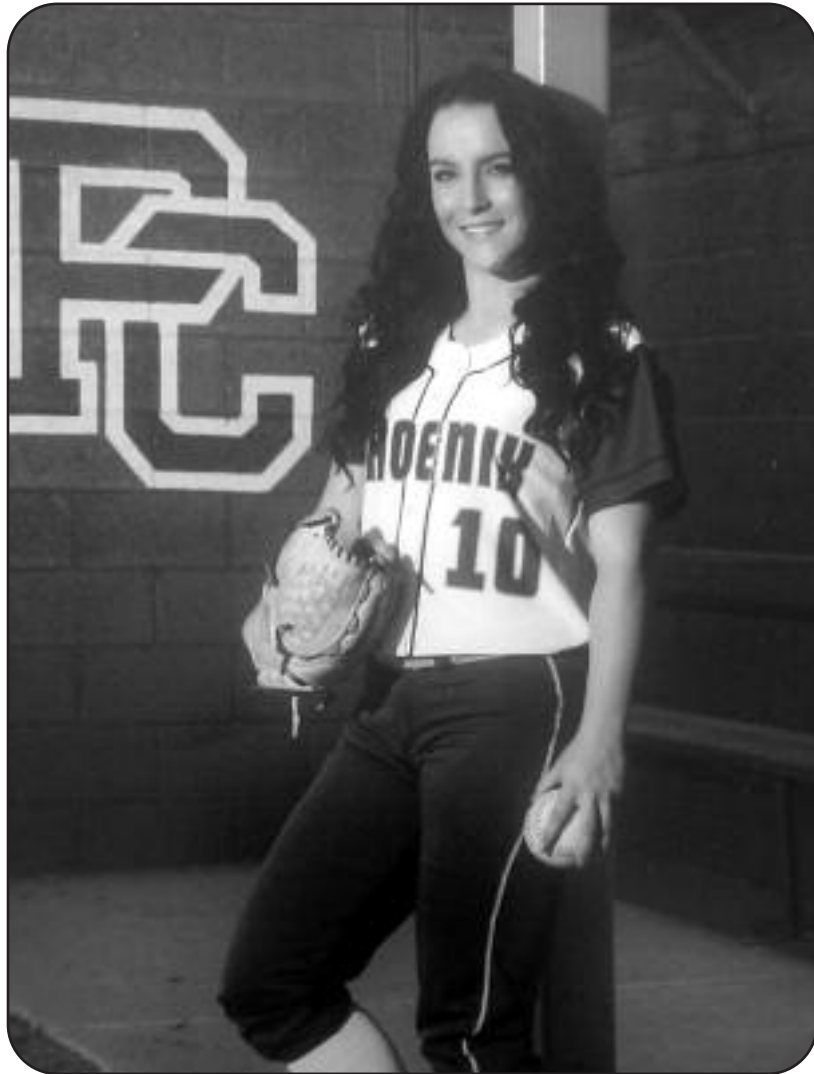
**AMONG THE OFFICERS** honored during an annual Tuscola County Sheriff's Department gathering last week were Detective Sgt. Robert Baxter, named the Officer of the Year (back row, far right), and deputies (back row, from left) Rodney Friday, Spencer Coleman, (front row, left) Justin Nitz, Josh Herman and Chris Whetstone, who all received commendations for professional excellence.

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A long-awaited spring warm-up has arrived in the Thumb, bringing with it the risk of wildfires as residents get outdoors and start the task of cleaning up their yards and, in some case, burning brush and other debris.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds says he isn't expecting a typical grass fire season this year, largely because a brief warm

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Sierra Steimel

*Play ball  
Steimel signs  
to play for  
Texas Univ.*

Sierra W. Steimel, granddaughter of Marty and Sean Zawilinski of Cass City and daughter of Heather (Zawilinski) and Tyler Steimel of Chandler, Ariz., has signed with Texas State University to play softball for the next two years.

Steimel is currently finishing up her studies in Biology at Phoenix Community College where she has also played right field for the last two years.

At Phoenix, she has had a .479 hitting season, owns a 45-game hitting streak and has 19 stolen bases this season. Her journey will continue at Texas State where she will play in the outfield beginning in the fall of 2016. There she will continue her studies in biology with plans to graduate and become a Physician's Assistant. Her long term goal is to work with a college or professional team.

Steimel is also the granddaughter of Tom and the late Tamara Steimel of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Pam and Dave Asher of Goodyear, Ariz.

*Ubly announces honor roll students*

The following students were recently named to the 3 marking period honor roll for Ubly High School they are:

**GRADE 12**

Ana Luiza Abbiate, Bailey Bischer, Evan Block\*, Kaylee Block, Emily Booms, Joshua Bowman, Macanna Briolat\*, Alexandria Camp, Austin Chernow, Makayla Clink, Kyla Czewski, Trevor Dropiewski\*, Jennifer Gentner, Nathan Gilbert, Lindsey Glaza, Madison Glaza, Miranda Glaza\*, Andrew Gosdzinski, Katlyn Groth, Grant Hagen\*, Aaron Hund, Ethan Hund, Aliyah Kaczor, Jessi Kincaid, Courtney Klee, Nolan Lemke, Nicholes Maikrzek, James McBride, Jaylynn Monzo, Nicole Osantowski, Ashley Osentoski\*, Kasey Palmer, Arianna Partaka, Michaela Partaka\*, Shannon Particka\*, Elena Rodriguez, Lucas Rothe, Daniel Rutkowski\*, Daniel Sadro, Blake Schumacher, Rebecca Speciale, Ashley Sweeney, Jesse Vogel\*, Roman Weltin\*, Jeffrey Wright\*, and Jonathan Wright\*.

**GRADE 11**

Jennifer Ayotte, Morgan Block, David Bowman, Jonathan Brandel, Derek Brown, Jessi Clink, Kaitlynn Foster, Nicole Francis, Grace Grifka, Chelsea Holdwick\*, Michelle Inbody, Nathan Keller, Aaron Klama, Lauren Kranz, Noah Krueger, Megan Leppke, Mackenzie Lesoski, Olivia Lipskey\*, Autumn Loss, Emma Melnik, Riley Murray, Lindsey Nast\*, Jillian Osentoski, Kirah Osentoski\*, Tyler Osentoski, Gavyn Pallas, Brianna Pionk\*, Allison Romzek, Jared Sabins, Richard Schmidt, Jesse Schumacher, Keenan Siens, Travis Terbrack\*, Ariel Waterbeck\*, Eric Wolschleger, Abby Wright, and McKenzie Young.

**GRADE 10**

Olivia Bender\*, Levi Block, Danielle Briolat\*, Justin Briolat\*, Chantelle Burk, Rachel Cook\*, Dylan Crickon, Evan Franzel\*, Kendra Franzel, Andrew Gilbert\*, Lauren Gillig, Emily Gosdzinski, Alex Grifka, Jacob Halifax\*, Emma Hembrough\*, Erin Inbody, Macy Knoblock\*, Ashton Lemke\*, Skyler Lesoski, Matthew Maikrzek\*, Peyton McLellan, Jason Mierop, Tori Osantowski, Brent Osentoski, Mary-Christine Osentoski\*, Katelyn Palmer, Kara Peruski\*, Emelia Rodriguez\*, Izabel Rodriguez\*, Nicholas Schultz\*, Madelyn Smalley\*, David Sorenson, Katrina Stevenson, Nicholas Swanson\*, Brett Sweeney, Ryan Sweeney\*, Jacob Uhl, Sebastien Vesel, Savannah Walker\*, Janelle White\*, Steffan Wolff, Lea Wyss, and Yuxin Xue\*.

**GRADE 9**

Isaac Booms\*, Joshua Brandel\*, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essenmacher, Brady Farver, Danika Focken\*, Rebekka Foster\*, Michelle Franzel, Bethany Gornowicz\*, Anna Greyerbiehl\*, Haili Gusa\*, Payten Heleski, Kelsey Knoblock\*, Ethan Lemke, Parker Lipskey, Jaleesa Mattox, Anna Messing\*, Nolan Murray, Kylie Ogryski, Arisa Osentoski\*, Natalie Pallas, Nathan Particka, Rebecca Particka, Madelyn Peplinski\*, Alexis Pionk, Cheyenne Porzondek\*, Ashley Puvalowski, Ryche Roggenbuck\*, Brittney Schmidt, Sabrina Schumacher, Jason Smalley, Sadie Souva\*, McKenzie

Stomack\*, Mikaela VanErp\*, Amanda Weaver, Adam Weber, and Nicholas Wright.

**GRADE 8**

Olivia Brown, Austin Creguer, Grant Geiger\*, Andrea Grifka, Amanda Halifax, Alyessa Krzyzaniak, Rachel Leppke, Claire Melnik, Hannah Melnik, Austin Peruski, Ellie Peruski, Lacey Pionk, Isle Roggenbuck, Jaiden Schulte, Christopher Schultz, Abigail Sorenson, Katelyn Sweeney, Danielle Tschirhart, Danielle Umbreit, Alexia Vogel, Sierra Walker, Jazmyn Warchuck, and Zachary Ziehm.

**GRADE 7**

Andrew Becker, Alivia Bischer\*, Kylee Brandt, Josephine Gusa\*, Cole Hagen, Katie Heilig, Carson Heleski, Amanda Hill, Kalli House, Haley Klama\*, Coryne Klemmer, Haley Krueger\*, Shelby Kuntze\*, Allison Lautner\*, Dajnae Leipprandt, Erin McCarty\*, Reese McLellan\*, Cole Messing, Shelby Messing\*, Madison Michalski, Taylor Pedrotte, Sarah Peplinski\*, Levi Peruski, Dawson Schumacher, Samantha Souva\*, Gabriel Sweeney, Nolan Van Erp\*, Olivia Vesel\*, and Elizabeth Weber.

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## Seniors are popular target of scammers

Hardly a week goes by without a Thumb law enforcement agency reporting on another area resident falling prey to a scam via a suspect telephone call or email, and senior citizens are especially vulnerable to these greedy predators.

Earlier this month, Huron County Sheriff's deputies reported an 80-year-old man lost \$2,000 when he fell victim to a common phone scam. In that case, the scammers posed as a grandson who allegedly had been in an accident, was in jail and needed money. The grandfather obliged by purchasing I-Tune gift cards. The man realized he had been had, however, when the scammers attempted to get another \$3,000 from him, and he checked with his daughter and learned his grandson was fine.

That's just one example.

"The greatest generation grew up in an era when business was done with trust and a handshake. Unfortunately, there are individuals who seek to use that trust to their advantage," Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette said. "Scammers see our parents and grandparents as an especially attractive target."

Schuette noted criminals frequently target seniors in other ways, such as offering one-size-fits-all estate plans, phony reverse mortgages, or offers of home improvements by utilizing high-pressure tactics and then leaving after providing no services or faulty work.

This time of year also brings out another type of scam that takes a variety of forms as area residents wrap up their tax returns.

"Your personal information can be stolen in a number of ways, including theft of mail or tax returns, corrupt tax preparation services or phony emails from imposters. Con artists can quickly learn a lot about you in order to take your money while also defrauding the government," Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki said in a warning to residents issued last week.

Tax identity theft occurs when your personal information is stolen for a fraudulent refund. More specifically, tax identify theft can involve filing a tax return using another person's Social Security Number; claiming someone else's children as dependents, or claiming a tax refund using a deceased taxpayer's information.

Many people are targeted by perpetrators of what is known as the IRS Imposter Scam, an intimidating and sophisticated phone scam in which a caller claims to be an IRS employee and says you own them taxes. They may also threaten to arrest you, know all or part of your Social Security Number, rig the Caller ID to make it look like the call is from the IRS, or tell you to put money on a pre-paid debit card and provide them with the card number.


Biniecki says residents who receive such a call should understand that the IRS does not call to demand immediate payment of taxes without first sending notification by mail, nor does the agency request credit or debit card information over the phone or threaten to have local police arrest you for non-payment.

So what can you do if you suspect you've been targeted by scammers? Start by making a few phone calls. If you believe it's an IRS scam, call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040. If you suspect you're being targeted in another rip-off scheme, contact your local police agency or sheriff's department.

Better safe than sorry, because once your money is gone, chances are very slim you'll ever see it again.

## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler




**All the answers, now what was the question?**

I wish I had all the answers. I know some people who do. I'm pretty sure you do, too – know someone who is smarter than the rest of us. Maybe you are even lucky enough to be one of them.

I think maybe I used to be one of them. Although I can't be sure because I'm not sure of most things. I have a hazy memory of a younger me who used to know it all – or at least a lot of it. Then I blew out a few more candles on the birthday cake and realized how little I really knew and how much more there was to learn. I saw how my opinions about different subjects changed and evolved over time, making me even more knowledgeable than I was when I thought I knew so much, but didn't, really.

But back to the good folks who really do know it all (it goes without saying, you know who you are). One would think, I think, that a person with all the answers would experience a certain, perfect form of inner and outer peace. Being all-knowing would bring with it a heightened tranquility and sense of serenity. There would be no need to be adamant or pushy about one's opinions if those opinions were always 100 percent spot-on correct. Especially the political ones. Yes, especially those.

That's why it's puzzling that the people with all the answers are also the ones who are often outspoken regarding their absolute and infinite knowledge. It would seem if you are unquestionably assured of your correctness that you could whisper and be heard. You wouldn't need to shout or scream the truth – often in CAPITAL LETTERS – because that tends to turn people away, not recruit them to your cause.

Shouting often comes across as anger (just ask my kids). When I shout I'm not doing a very good job of listening because I am so busy being right that I forget there may be another way to look at things. Shouting most often does not work and is not advisable – unless you are in a burning building, doing the laundry or for some reason find yourself holding a megaphone. If that's the case, by all means, go right ahead.

To be fair, being around a bunch of uninformed people who don't know as much as you must be frustrating for those enlightened few. Perhaps that's why they hit the caps lock on their keyboards while signing on to social media to share non-fact-checked links. I wouldn't know, since I'm on the negative side of the omnipotent and deep knowledge pool. But I can only imagine (which I'm probably not very good at, either).


Other techniques used by people with all the right answers include applying feigned humor or mockery to make fun of opposing opinions. What they lack in kindness really knowledgeable people make up for in clever. LOL. This is especially compelling when sarcasm, belittling and name-calling are utilized in tandem. It takes skill to combine the three and I'm always impressed by a person who does so. I give them extra points if they include an unattractive photo of the person or politician they are intending to debate. These

effective techniques work on me and I am immediately drawn to the other side of an argument when it is illustrated how silly my original opinion was anyway. I've got a lot to learn.

I should give thanks for the good folks with all the answers. They tell me what I need to know and how I should think. I used to be one of them. Then I figured things out and realized how much I've yet to learn and no matter how hard I try I'll never be able to know it all.

Which might just put me one step ahead of those who think they already do.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Rebecca Walker, Creative Arts Teacher at Cass City Elementary School, reports the local school district will be having a Fine Arts Night Open House for students and families in grades Young 5s through 12th on Wednesday, April 27th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the elementary school building.

Come see student artwork on display, musical performances going on throughout the night, hands-on craft projects, and more! All are invited to come celebrate the arts and see what talent we have here in Cass City's youth.

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Late breaking news. Another Cass City teacher, 7th grade English teacher Tana Shrader, reports Cass City Junior High Academic Games Team earned 2nd place in all subjects Monday against eight other schools at Saginaw Valley State University on April 18th. Students were given 60 minutes to write an essay and about 60 minutes to answer 25 item response questions, according to the Student Council Advisor.

Well done guys (and girls). Look for a complete story, with team photo, to appear in next week's Chronicle.

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## Letters to the Editor

### We must fix country's corrupt voting system

When some foreign countries hold elections, we send observers there to see that they are held honestly.

When I see how Trump, Cruz and Kasich can wheel and deal and steal delegates on one another, our whole voting system is corrupted. Then, with a broken convention, if one doesn't get 1,237 delegates, the establishment can start wheeling and dealing and stealing delegates. So they can nominate the one they want.

I want the voters to make that decision.

My advice to the American voters, whether you're Democrat or Republican, let's make them change the rules. Whoever gets the most delegates, he or she should be the nominee no matter how many delegates he or she gets. And if the people don't demand this, we are the stupid ones.

Also, the people should demand that there should never be a federal judge appointed for life. Six-year term limits on judges, and attorney general limits of four years. So when they go astray, we can boot them out. Because they can make our lives miserable. They are becoming too politicized. I'll guarantee you they will do a better job understanding the constitution. A lot better than they are now. Instead of deciding what is best for us.

Hitler thought he knew what was good for his people. Just look what it cost us to prove him wrong.

Let's make sure democracy works for us like our forefathers wanted it to. Change the election rules. They only benefit the corrupted establishment of both parties.

I never heard of any sports team that scored the most points and still lost the game.

Robert Peruski  
Ubly

Need yet another tidbit on Cass City school kids? Check out the television stars pictured below. Yep, they are a few of the Cass City band members that visited New York City and appeared Saturday on the NBC Today Show.



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An email from Joanie M. Merchant revealed some typo errors in the printing of last week's Memory Lane (100 years ago.)

According to the Seed Street resident, the writing was about her grandparent's wedding; Jean Boag and Alexander S. Lindsay, her sister Grace Boag, and their return to the Lindsay Farm. Jean Boag and Grace Boag are sisters of Avon Boag who owned the Boag Building in the center of the block on Main Street, west of the stop light.

The purpose of Merchant's gripe was that more care would be given to proof reading. Boag appears as Boat and Boagg. Lindsay is entered as Eindsay. Since it is my family it is more important to me than it would be to others. Also the misspellings would not cause others to link them to the Main Street in Cass City.

Thanks for setting the record straight Joanie, although, please consider that the mistake wasn't necessarily the fault of the Chronicle's current proof readers, but rather how it originally appear a century ago.

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### Wednesday, April 20

- 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.
- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

### Thursday, April 21

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 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.
- Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### Monday, April 25

- 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.
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- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

### Tuesday, April 26

- 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.)

#### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

##### First Sunday:

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

##### First Monday:

- 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.

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- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

##### Second Tuesday:

- 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.

##### Second Wednesday:

- Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City. (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

##### Second Thursday:

- Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

##### Third Tuesday:

- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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##### Third Saturday:

- Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

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##### Fourth Wednesday:

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

##### Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
- Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

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## Pair injured in Sanilac Co. crash

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a two-vehicle collision that left motorists from Kingston and Marlette injured last week.

The crash occurred Thursday shortly after 6:30 p.m. on M-53, south of Marlette in Marlette Township, according to Sgt. Paul Rich.

"A 2012 Chevrolet Sonic driven by James Westover, 70-year-old of Marlette, was southbound on M-53

when it turned into a driveway on the west side of the highway. The driver then made a U-turn and pulled back onto M-53," Rich said. "The second vehicle was a 2002 Ford Explorer pulling a small trailer and driven by 60-year-old Joseph Hilt from Kingston, also southbound on M-53.

"The driver of the Chevrolet Sonic pulled into the path of the Ford Explorer," Rich added. "The driver of the Ford Explorer could not avoid the collision and struck the car. The car came to rest in the ditch on the west side and the Explorer went into

the ditch on the east side."

Rich reported both drivers were transported by Marlette EMS to Marlette Regional Hospital for treatment of their injuries. Westover was later flown by LifeNet Helicopter to Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

"All occupants appear to have been wearing seatbelts and alcohol is not believed to be involved," Rich said.

The Marlette Police and Fire departments, Brown City police and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted deputies at the scene.

## Names released in fatal accident

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies identified the victim in a fatal traffic crash that claimed one life in Arbel Township April 10.

Undersheriff Glen Skrent reported Rosanna Brockman, 46, of Mt. Morris, died in the accident. Her husband, William Brockman, 52,

was listed in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw following the crash.

Slick road conditions were a contributing factor, according to deputies, who were dispatched to the scene - Millington Road near Belsay Road - at 1:38 p.m.

"They found that a vehicle that had been going eastbound on Millington Road had lost control on the

icy/slushy road and ran off the roadway," Skrent said. "The vehicle then rolled over into a water-filled ditch. The vehicle occupants were trapped inside the vehicle. Emergency personnel arrived on scene and were able to get both occupants out."

The sheriff's department's accident reconstruction team is continuing its investigation.

## Circuit court proceedings

### Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Sarah J. Cook, 41, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer and one count of assault or assault and battery Nov. 18 in Millington Township.

Cook was placed on 12 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,076 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Sheyan M. Wroblewski, 24, Caro, was placed on 24 months probation following her plea of guilty to attempted embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000 while employed at the Tuscola County Advertiser Aug. 25.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$1,442.

\*Jared G. Kress, 21, Otter Lake, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana Oct. 22 in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was

continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Kyle A. O'Hearn, 23, Millington, pleaded no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Feb. 21 in Arbel Township.

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

\*Billy J. Verrette, 48, Dafer, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 13, 2015, 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 \$50,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Darryl J. Townsend, 51, Wyandotte, was placed on five years probation following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while impaired and possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) Dec. 11 in

Fremont Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).


In addition to probation, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,408.

\*Theodore J. Conzelmann, 51, Frankenmuth, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and five years probation following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 9 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,858.

Matthew D. Favazza, 39, Deford, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to assault by strangulation, two counts of child abuse, third degree, and one count of attempted child abuse, third degree, between 2011 and June 2, 2015, in Kingston Township.

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,444.



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## Reporter's notebook



Headline writing  
can be tricky...

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



When you're a small town newspaper editor, chances are good you juggle a number of jobs outside the scope of editing — reporting, photography, page design, etc.

I enjoy the challenge of those tasks (well, most of the time), but few are as fun for me as headline writing, something most folks in this business will tell you takes tons of practice, some skill and, frequently, a little luck.

My first attempts years ago were miserable failures and left former Chronicle Publisher the late-John Haire shaking his head and a bit aggravated with me.

There aren't all that many rules when it comes to headline writing, but it isn't as easy as it might look, considering the goal is to give readers an extremely brief glimpse into the topic of a story without confusing them or buying yourself some legal trouble. Oh, you should also keep in mind that a good headline is written in active voice (in other words, verbs are an editor's friends), and you're limited by space.

In the process, you can come up with a headline that will prompt readers to grin or groan; sometimes on purpose, sometimes not so much.

I recall one such headline I wrote for a story some years ago about a husband and wife charged with marijuana possession. It read: "Couple in hot water over pot".

It helps to have a good sense of humor.

Over the years I've collected an informal list of my favorite headlines produced by my journalistic brethren from across the globe and gleaned from various print media and the Internet. They're a good reminder of how easy it can be to get crossed up with the English language. And, they're just plain fun to read.

Here are a few that made me chuckle:

\*Autos killing 110 a day, let's resolve to do better.

\*Something went wrong in jet crash, experts say (probably the same experts conferred with for this head: Plane too close to ground, crash probe told).

\*N.J. judge to rule on nude beach.

\*Cold wave linked to temperatures.

\*Arson suspect held in Massachusetts fire.

\*House passes gas tax onto Senate.

\*Blind woman gets new kidney from dad she hasn't seen in years.

\*Lack of brains hinders research.

\*Two convicts evade noose, jury hung.

\*Smokers are productive, but death cuts efficiency.

\*Clinton wins on budget, but more lies ahead.

\*Include your children when baking cookies.

\*Infertility unlikely to be passed on.

\*Milk drinkers turning to powder.

\*If strike isn't settled quickly, it may last a while.

\*Red tape holds up bridges.

\*New study of obesity looks for larger test group.

And my favorite, courtesy of the Kodiak Daily Mirror and Managing editor Roni Toldanes following the arrest of a serial underwear thief: Underwear bandit caught, admits to brief crime spree.

## In memory of



**Steve Auvil, Jr.**

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*You are greatly missed. Your presence is with each of us every day and it will be, forever...*

*We love you,  
Your Mom, Dad, Brothers, family and friends*

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Dale Kaake, a racing veteran of 18 years, was among the participants in the Michigan Dirt Cup Allstar Performance Modified Tour's "Cans From Race Fans" promotion Sunday, parking his own race car at Erla's Food Center in Cass City and inviting area residents to come out for photos and to bring donations of canned food to be donated to Revive Ministries. Kaake with Becky Bragg and her daughter, Zoie, 4, of Caro, proudly stood by his 9k UMP (United Midwest Promoters) Modified race car, which boasts a small block Chevy engine that generates a whopping 650 horsepower. Kaake is a regular competitor at the Owendale Speedway, where he is the reigning UMP Modified champion.

Walther Farms and Thumb National Bank & Trust Company both recently made sizeable donations to the Cass City High School Agriscience Program barn project. Kevin Storm and Guthrie Laurie of Walther Farms presented a check for \$10,000 to Cass City High School agriscience teacher Ashlee Gibson, while Thumb National Bank's Eric Brown presented a check for \$2,500.

Dustyn Parrish, 13, bagged his first turkey while hunting in the Deford area with his dad, Jeff Parrish on Monday, the opening day for spring gobblers. Parrish's tom weighed 20 1/2 pounds and had a 10 1/2 inch beard.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2006)

This year's celebrating Tuscola's Stars winners were honored during a breakfast Thursday morning at the Tuscola Technology Center. They are Millington Lions Club President Todd Ostrander and Ambassador Bob Meinecke; James and Linda Will of Will's Greenhouse, Mayville; Tom Montgomery of Cass City; and Dan Hittler, also of Cass City.

The American Association of University Women in Cass City recently awarded its annual scholarships to local women who are returning to school to further their education. This year's winners are Rita Hanby, who received a \$1,000 scholarship and plans to seek a college degree in the healthcare field; Carla Dzielinski, who received \$500 and is pursuing a degree in business administration; and Deb Montgomery, who received a \$1,000 scholarship and is working towards her degree as a registered nurse.

The Cass City Red Hawk baseball team chalked up its third win in a row last week Monday at Freeland, defeating the Falcons, 10-7. Brad Langenburg allowed a run, struck out one and yielded 5 hits. Brad Hartel was touched for 6 runs and 4 hits with 3 strikeouts. He helped his own cause with 2 hits in 4 trips, while scoring 2 runs and knocking in a pair. Andrew Martin continued to produce at the plate for the Hawks. He was 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs. Cody Halasz collected a hit in 3 trips, scored twice and stole a base.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1991)

First turkey - Ron Geiger of Cass City was the first successful hunter to report to the Chronicle office following the start of the spring turkey season Monday. Geiger bagged the bird—his first ever—at about 7:30 a.m. while hunting in the Deford area. The young turkey had a 4-inch beard and weighed in at about 14 pounds.

Earth Day 1991 — Joe Campbell of Waste Management of Michigan-Mideast, Almont, Monday presented Cass City Village officials with a blue spruce commemorating the village's effort to make curbside recycling work. Working as village trustee Matt Prieskorn, village manager Lou S. LaPonsie, trustee Nat Tuttle and Campbell.

Army specialist Mike Hoppe, Cass City, returned home last week after serving 8 months with Operation Desert Shield Storm forces in the Middle East. It wasn't the first conflict for Hoppe, who previously served in Panama. Hoppe reunited with his parents,

Melvin and Alice. He is a member of the 82nd Airborne Infantry, Fort Bragg, N.C.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1981)

The Golden Rule class of Salem UM Church will meet Thursday evening for a six-thirty potluck supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Turner.

Darwin Duane Rushlo graduated March 20 from Lincoln Technical Institute, Indianapolis, Ind., after completion of his training in diesel truck mechanics. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rushlo and is currently employed at Rabideau Motors-Farm Division.

Fifth-sixth grade division winners at the Battle of the Books were Jean Weaver, Carolyn Tuckey, Jenny Davis, Meg Brown, Michelle Gaffney and Alicia Bliss.

After a lengthy delay, the Thumb Area Commission on Aging hot lunch program for senior citizens will begin at the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Elkland Township officials received a check for \$1,100.50, half the cost of the new fire siren which will go into service soon. The federal funds come through Title Four of the Rural Community Fire Protection Program which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Receiving the check are Art Randall, treasurer; Jim Jezewski, fire chief; Ed Karr, supervisor; Fay McComb, trustee and Dick Shevchenko, DNR Forest Fire officer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Art Fisher and family were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Jr.

Miss Janet Perry of Chicago spent the Easter week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry. Other guests on Easter were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perry and Troy and Mrs. C.W. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, Sr. were dinner guests April 13 at the Art Fisher home. Other members of the Fisher families joined them in the evening for refreshments as the family celebrated the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, Sr.

Anne Marie Lorentzen of Saginaw spent the Easter weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lorentzen. Other Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Jetta. In the afternoon, the Lorentzens and their guests visited Mrs. Evelyn Wells and Mrs. Grace Brown at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Elkland Township Supervisor Ed Golding this week was named Chairman of the Tuscola County Supervisors at the regular meeting Monday.

A former Cass City resident, Manley L. Fay, has been named superintendent at Caseville School. He received his bachelor's degree from Alma College and his MA degree from Central Michigan University.

One of the many exhibits of local art set for the culture Center Wednesday will be shown by Mrs. Edward Doerr. Mrs. Lambert Althaver is chairman of the event.

The Western Auto Associate Store is holding its formal grand opening this weekend. The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Ware.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1941)

The report of the nominating committee of the Cass City Rotary Club was accepted in its entirety at the club luncheon Tuesday at the Hotel Gordon. Officers elected who will assume the duties on July 1 are President, Ernest L. Schwaderer, Vice President, Louis I. Wood, Secretary, Otis Heath, Treasurer, Arthur C. Atwell, Sergeant-at-arm, M. C. McLellan. Board of Directors — Horace Bulen, Keith McConkey, Audley Rawson, Andrew T. Barnes. Rev. Frank B. Smith was welcomed as a new member of the club and William Miller, club secretary, gave the Rotary charge. A. Blake

Gillies, superintendent of the Detroit House of Correction, invited Rotary members to convene for one of their sessions at that institution at Plymouth, and after their luncheon and program, to inspect the prison. President Robert Keppen appointed Walter Mann, D. A. Krug and Herman Doerr as a committee from Rotary to give suitable recognition to draftees who leave this community for army camps. M. C. McLellan was program chairman and introduced Susumu Hada of Hillsboro, Oregon, who told the advantages of separating little chicks into two classes, the pullets, the future egg producers, and the cockerels, the future broilers. William Miller, secretary of the Cass City Rotary, has been selected by the district governor to give the "thank you" speech at the Rotary district meeting which will be held at Stratford, Ontario, next month.

At a pretty wedding Saturday, April 19, in the Church rectory of St. Agatha's at Gagetown, Miss Blanch Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison, of Ubyly was united in marriage with Alex Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, of Cass City. Rev. Fr. McCullough read the service at 11:00 a.m. The bride wore a floor length gown of white organza and lace and her three-quarter veil fell from a halo of tulle. She carried an arm bouquet of roses and lilies loosely bowed in white ribbons. Miss Helen Ross of Pontiac, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid, wore blue organza and carried a shower bouquet of pink rosebuds tied with blue ribbons. Martin Sweeney of Pontiac attended Mr. Ross as best man. Immediately following the wedding, a dinner was served in the home of the bride's parents when 60 guests were present. After a short trip, Mr. and Mrs. Ross returned to make their home on the groom's farm near Ubyly. Mr. Ross is a graduate of Cass City High School, being a member of the Class of 1930. Mrs. Ross graduated from Ubyly High School and from a Bay City beauty school. She was employed in a Caro beauty shop for some time and later had her own shop in Ubyly.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1916)

Spring time is upon us and the annual Clean-up Day for Cass City has been designated as May 2. Let every citizen put his shoulder to the wheel and help to make our little city a cleaner and healthier place in which to live. Clean and sanitary yards and outbuildings not only safeguard the health—yea, life—of YOURSELF and family, but your neighbors' as well. Help us to starve the doctors out! We trust it will not be necessary for the Health Board and Marshal to compel any of our citizens to clean up their premises.

W. O. Marshall has decided to quit farming and will have an auction sale tomorrow (Saturday) at his home four blocks south of the Chronicle building. Fred E. Wright is the auctioneer and full particulars are printed on page six.

John Knight has rented his farm, five miles north and one-half mile east of Cass City, and will have a sale on Tuesday, April 25. R. N. McCullough is the auctioneer and the property is described on page seven.

Mrs. Jennie Powell is preparing to move to Detroit and announces on page eight an auction of household goods which will be held Saturday, Apr. 29, west of the Exchange Bank. Fred E. Wright will cry the sale.



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## Pastor's Corner

# Community Baptist Church welcomes the Rev. Nathan Whipple

The people of Community Baptist Church (CBC) are quickly approaching a milestone in their ministry. The church will celebrate its 20th anniversary April 24. The church, located at 4446 Ale St. in Cass City, was established in 1996 and was originally named Calvary Bible Fellowship. However, in recent years, the name was changed to Community Baptist Church.

The name of the church isn't all that has changed; there have been numerous renovations and updates to the building itself. Members say those who haven't been inside the building for a few years would be surprised at the changes.

To celebrate, CBC will be having a special service that will include several of the pastors that have filled the pulpit in the absence of a pastor over the past several years. With these pastors come a guest pianist and soloist, and other special music from the children of the church and the pastor's wife as well.

The service starts at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a luncheon. The CBC family would love to invite the community to join us in this celebration.

In addition to numerous physical changes to the building, and the celebration of 20 years of ministry, the church has a new pastor — the Rev. Nathan Whipple. Together the

church and Whipple look forward to the work that God will do through the ministry in the years to come. As they prepare to celebrate the past, the church embraces this transition to the future.

Whipple grew up in Waterford, where he graduated high school in 1996. In 1998, his parents bought property in Imlay City, where they began building a new house. That same fall Whipple attended Bob Jones University (BJU) in South Carolina. While at BJU, he earned a degree in Christian leadership. He also met his wife, Abbie. While waiting for Abbie to graduate (three years), Whipple moved to Minnesota for a short time and worked for Polaris Industries, then moved back to Imlay City, where he worked at a junk yard and also in construction.

It was not until Abbie neared graduation that the couple started to pray about what they would do for a ministry as a married couple, desiring to

serve the Lord. While going to Korea to teach English as a second language (Whipple had previously done for a summer through a mission's team from BJU) seemed like a good option, God made his path clear for another ministry. As God's timing sometimes works, the prayer was answered within a couple of weeks when the First Baptist Church of Attica (FBCA) asked Whipple to consider coming to be their pastor.

Nathan and Abbie were married in Winston Salem, N.C., where Abbie and her family lived. After the wedding and getting Abbie moved to Michigan, Whipple started as senior pastor at FBCA, as well as continuing work in construction for the first few years of the nine that he served as senior pastor in Attica.

Prior to his time at FBCA, Whipple attended North Goodland Baptist Church (NGBC), where he served in children's ministries. Being familiar with many of the families there and being longtime friends with the now

senior pastor, the Rev. John Chippewa, NGBC seemed the natural place to call home while the Whipples sought the Lord's leading for their next ministry.

In 2014-15 they pursued several pastoral positions and took every opportunity to fill the pulpit at NGBC and other churches, including Community Baptist. The Lord continued to close doors for many ministries as he paved the way to bring the Whipples and Community Baptist together.

The couple have five children; Cole, 10, Riley, eight, Brayden, four, and twins Addie and Finn, 18 months.

The family looks forward to getting moved from Attica to the Cass City area and becoming a physical part of the community. Whipple has been very involved in the Lapeer area, coaching elementary and middle school football, and he looks forward to being able to get involved with local school sports teams.

Both he and Abbie play coed softball, and he and the boys also have a great love for the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

Please take the time to stop in and visit Community Baptist Church. Celebrate this milestone with the church and meet its new pastor and his family.



Rev. Nathan Whipple, wife Abbie and their 5 children.



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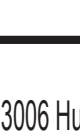
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# April 25 meeting to focus on alcoholism symptoms

Area residents who are concerned about someone's drinking, whether it be a friend, family member or themselves, may be interested in an upcoming meeting focusing on the Jellinek Chart, which outlines the phases and symptoms of alcoholism.

The program is slated for Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 6820 Cass City Rd. (M-81 at the east end of Cass City).

Everyone is invited to this presentation on alcohol abuse. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.



**TUSCOLA COUNTY Victim Services and Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center joined forces to host a Clothesline Project on the courthouse lawn in Caro last week in recognition of National Crime Victim Week. The purpose of the project is to raise awareness of the impact of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault in Tuscola County, and to celebrate the strength it takes for a victim to break the silence. T-shirts for the event were created by victims in the area along with staff and others who wanted to show support for victims.**



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## United Way of Tuscola County awards \$53,000

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programs and budgets with the United Way board, and allocation recommendations were approved to programs that support education, health and self-sufficiency throughout the county.

Nineteen agencies receiving funding this year are:

American Association of University Women, Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, Caro Community Hospital Foundation, Connections Human Services, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, Good Samaritan Fund, Great Start Tuscola - 211, Great Start Tuscola - Imagination Library, HDC Foster Grandparent Program, Human Development Commission (HDC) Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, HDC Spoonfuls of Plenty Program, Saginaw Youth Protection Council - Innerlink, Michigan Crossroads Council - Boy Scouts of America, Lakeshore Legal Aid, Rawson Memorial District Library,

Special Needs Vision Clinic, Thumb Compassionate Friends, Thumb Nature Areas and the Tuscola Homeless Coalition.

In other United Way of Tuscola County news, Heiser said the 2016 leadership team was elected, with Mary Kulis (representing Consumers Energy) serving as president, Susan Holder (Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems) as vice president, and Dawn Prieskorn (Oetiker) as secretary/treasurer. In addition, Heiser was named the organization's ethics officer as well as serving as director of operations.

Also serving on the all-volunteer United Way of Tuscola County Board of Directors are directors Jason Bitzer, Jodi Fetting, Sandy Gaudreau, Myrtle Oatzes and Ken Spencer.

Heiser reminds area residents who utilize AmazonSmile that purchases made through the website can benefit the local United Way organization.

"United Way of Tuscola County is registered with AmazonSmile, a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com," Heiser said. "The difference is that when customers shop on Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate five tenths of one percent of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization selected by the customer."

"The AmazonSmile Foundation does not charge fees or any other charges for this fundraising program," he added, noting shoppers need only indicate United Way of Tuscola County as the charitable organization they support.

Anyone wishing to contribute directly can send their donations to the United Way of Tuscola County, P.O. Box 51, Cass City, MI 48726. For more information and a brochure, call (989) 325-1980.

## Sheriff's department honors its own recently

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"Your work ethic, initiative, ability and loyalty have set an enviable standard for everyone," Teschendorf added.

The sheriff presented commendations to five other officers, including Deputy Steven Anderson and Deputy Joshua Herman for their roles in a Jan. 7, 2015, incident involving a subject who had been reported as being suicidal and was suspected of having overdosed on medication.

"You both located and encountered the subject, who claimed to be armed with a knife and was noncompliant with your verbal instructions. After a short time, you were able to secure the subject, who admitted that he wanted to be shot because he feared being returned to prison," Teschendorf said.

"You both showed a great deal of restraint in dealing with the subject, who was later determined not to have a knife and was seeking to have his life ended by peace officers," he added. "A commendation for professional excellence is more than deserved for your performance in this situation."

Teschendorf presented a commendation for professional excellence to Deputy Rodney Friday for his investigation into the mistreatment of an inmate in the department's custody in February 2015.

"You observed that he was being assaulted and threatened by a fellow inmate. You intervened and placed the victim where he would be safe," Teschendorf noted. "Not stopping at that point, you reviewed the video recordings to discover that there had been several incidents between the two subjects. A report and warrant request were forwarded to the Tuscola County prosecutor for ethnic intimidation that resulted in a prosecution and conviction."

"Your observation skills, conscientiousness and thoroughness are all exemplary and you are very deserving of this commendation," the sheriff told Friday.

Likewise, he presented a commendation to Deputy Justin Nitz, who in May 2015 began an investigation into the passing of counterfeit silver dollars at several locations in the county. The probe led to other victims in surrounding counties as well. "Your investigation was thorough

and time consuming and led to the eventual arrest of the subjects involved and the recovery of several hundred counterfeit coins," Teschendorf said. "Your persistence and patience dealing with the matter were excellent."

Teschendorf also presented commendations for professional excellence to deputies Spencer Coleman and Christopher Whetstone for their handling of a June 14, 2015, incident in Watertown Township, where they had been dispatched to investigate a reported domestic assault.

While attempting to follow-up on the incident, the sheriff said, the officers encountered an uncooperative subject armed with a handgun. After repeated orders to put his firearm down, the subject complied and the pistol was secured.

"You both showed exceptional restraint in dealing with a subject who was later determined to be intoxicated," Teschendorf said. "Your decision not to fire on the individual prevented a potential tragedy and loss of life. Your efforts are greatly deserving of this commendation."

Also recognized last week were several officers for various years of service:

- \*20 years - Sgt. James Hook.
- \*15 years - Lt. Brian Harris, Sgt. Mark House, Deputy Douglas Kinney and Deputy Steven Roland.
- \*10 years - Deputy Bryan Hemerline and Deputy Barbara Thayer.

## Motorcyclist found after crash

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indicating that the victim was eastbound when his Harley Davidson left the roadway and entered the north side ditch, which resulted in the motorcycle flipping over and ejecting its operator.

"The exact time of the accident is not known but it is believed to have occurred several hours earlier," Hanson added. "Accident investigators from our office have processed the scene. The Huron County Medical Examiner's Office was on scene and has ordered an autopsy, which as of press time was unknown when it will occur. The investigation will continue."

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# Sheriffs address Coast Guard seasonal staffing plan for Harbor Beach

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The sheriff's in Huron and Sanilac counties addressed news last week that the U.S. Coast Guard is planning some seasonal closings at some of its stations in Michigan, including the Harbor Beach station in Huron County.

According to Associated Press reports, Coast Guard officials were in Harbor Beach Friday to discuss plans with city officials, law enforcement personnel and other emergency responders to continue staffing the Huron County stations with response crews during the summer months and operate out of Port Huron the remainder of the year.

Under the proposal, the changes could be implemented as soon as fall of 2016.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson and Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki were among those in attendance at Friday's gathering.

"I believe they are justifying their marine SAR (search and rescue) missions based on statistics showing when they are needed," Biniecki commented. "As an administrator, I know how important it is to have staff in the right place at the right time."

"We as sheriffs have been using computer generated statistics for years now to better optimize our patrol needs. As we see it, they are planning on shifting personnel to other sectors during the late fall, winter and early spring months, and their statistics show just that," Biniecki added, noting peak recreational boating activity for the Coast Guard occurs in May through September.

"Sheriffs are here and will continue to be here all year," Hanson said. "We are better prepared during that off-season as shown by the acquisition of our new airboat, the 'Sheriffs' Endeavor'."

"It will still be business as usual," Hanson added. "Sheriff's deputies will still be responding directly to the public needs, and the Coast Guard will be responding from either Port Huron or Saginaw to assist."

"They have reassured us that their air assets, such as helicopters will still be available year round," he said. "The Coast Guard has been asked for additional information along with what equipment could be repurposed to us locally."

According to the Coast Guard, the Harbor Beach station's missions have historically including search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, homeland security, ice rescue, recreational boating safety, military readiness and environmental response.

Station Harbor Beach, located about 60 miles north of Port Huron, is responsible for 1,035 square miles of Lake Huron, which encompasses 75 miles of rocky shoreline starting at Oak Point in the north and ending in Forester to the south.



**THE CASS CITY Lions Club provided free vision screening to more than 30 youngsters at the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center last week. Above, club President Ed Knight demonstrates use of the Lions vision camera. Knight said the club would like to see the screening become an annual event and include both students and their younger siblings who haven't yet reached school age.**



**HISTORICALLY, DEBRIS burning has been the number one cause of wildfires in Michigan, and spring brings the greatest risk due to weather conditions and the number of residents tackling outdoor clean-up projects around their properties. Both the DNR and local fire departments are reminding residents to use common sense and take certain precautions before lighting a match.**

## Wildfire risk high in the spring

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spell earlier this spring enabled yards and fields to green up to some degree. However, he's cautioning residents to use common sense if they burn outdoors, especially on breezy days.

"The tall grass, the dead grass – that can burn easily, and with the wind, (fire) can take off quickly on you," Guilds said, adding it's best to burn in the evening, when it's calm. "All we need is for the sun to start drying things out a bit, and the wind, and it'll take off and get away from you in a hurry."

Most of Michigan's wildfires occur in April, May and June, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which is responsible for wild fire protection on 30 million acres of state and private land.

April is when wildfires start becoming a problem, and the DNR is using the state's annual observance of Wildfire Prevention Week, April 17-23, to remind the public about the dangers of wildfires.

Wildfire danger is typically highest during the spring," said Bryce Avery, acting DNR fire prevention specialist. "The dead grass and leaves from last year dry very quickly as days become longer, temperatures begin to rise, and humidity levels are often at their lowest points. Breezy conditions increase the danger, but even on calm days, one ember landing in some dead grass is enough to start a wildfire."

He added that if an area has moisture or showers in the morning, all it takes is the sun coming out coupled with a breeze for a fire to start in the afternoon. Avery said this is especially important to keep in mind as people start heading outdoors to clean up their yards.

"Remember if you plan on burning your yard waste, your first step should be to check if the DNR is issuing burn permits in your area."

A person is required to get a burn permit prior to burning brush and debris in Michigan when the ground is not snow-covered. Residents in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula can obtain a free burn permit by visiting [www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit) or by calling 866-922-2876. Residents in southern Michigan should contact their local fire department or township office to see if burning is permitted in their area.

In the Cass City area, Guilds says residents planning to burn should contact a local fireman for a verbal permit to burn. However, he pointed out, even with permission, a landowner is burning at their own risk. "If it gets away from you, you're still responsible for it," he added.

In addition to obtaining a burn permit, the DNR recommends people take the following steps to help prevent wildfires:

\*Pay attention to the fire danger in your area. Don't burn debris when conditions are dry or windy. Unsafe burning of leaves, brush and other debris is a main cause of wildfires.

\*Clear away flammable material surrounding the fire so it won't creep into dry vegetation.

\*Keep campfires small, and do not leave before they are fully extinguished.

\*Have a shovel and water available at all times when you are burning. Be sure and douse fires with plenty of water, stir, and add more water until everything is wet.

\*Do not cover a campfire with soil; it may simply smolder before coming back to life.

\*Embers can re-ignite. Make sure they are out completely.

\*Consider composting or mulching yard debris rather than burning it.

"Plan ahead and know your conditions before you light the match," Avery said. "Be safe and smart when it comes to fire. After all, fire prevention is everyone's responsibility."

For more tips in safeguarding your home and property from wildfire risk, visit the website [www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires](http://www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires).

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- Use a crosscut paper shredder to dispose of documents which contain personal information such as credit card offers, bank account or credit card statements.
- Do not use any personal identification information for your passwords or PIN numbers such as social security number, mother's maiden name, birth date, etc.
- Carefully review your monthly bills and account statements. If you detect any inaccuracies, report them immediately.
- If you become a victim, you should report the crime to the police, the Federal Trade Commission, credit reporting agencies, and your creditors.
- These are only a few tips that can help you protect your identity. Using due diligence and care with your personal information will safeguard you from being a victim of identity theft.



## Sanilac drug team executes warrants in pair of probes

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officers seized various illegal and prescription drugs and questioned several suspects while executing a pair of search warrants earlier this month.

Drug task force Director Jim Johnson said the latest investigation focused on a home on Jefferson Street in Sandusky, where officers found pre-packaged amounts of cocaine and marijuana along with medications not bottled or prescribed to anyone at the residence.

"Five non-residents – two females and three males ranging in age from 20 to 24 – were cited for frequenting a drug house," Johnson reported, noting officers executed the warrant April 8. "There may be other charges pending on some of these five when testing of substances removed from their persons is lab tested."

"Investigators will also be seeking charges on the residents of the home for possession of marijuana and maintaining a drug house, as well as charges on a minor male for possession of cocaine, possession of, possession with intent to deliver, probation violation, and maintaining a drug house," he added.

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Sandusky police and St. Clair County Sheriff's Drug K-9 Unit all assisted drug task force officers at the scene.

Earlier this month, officers executed a search warrant in the 4000 block of West Miller Road in Marlette Township.

"The search warrant resulted in the seizure of pre-packaged heroin, illegal prescription narcotics, packaging materials for drug sales, along with a digital scale and cash," Johnson said. "A 25-year-old male and 23-year-old female were questioned and released from the scene pending lab analysis results and reports being forwarded to the prosecutor's office (related to possible) criminal charges."

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies and the St. Clair County Sheriff's Drug K-9 Unit assisted in the investigation.



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## SURPRISE!

### Cass City track team learns one day later they are winners of 12-school mega meet

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

The Cass City track team woke up Saturday morning to a pleasant surprise.

After returning home with the runner-up trophy from the Brown City invite the day before - assuming they had finished second to Marlette - the Red Hawks learned over the weekend that they actually claimed team honors at the 12-school affair by a slim margin.

"We were second to Marlette on Friday, but after reviewing all races Cass City finished first," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski, noting the final results differ from the results he got at the meet due to finishing errors.

The weather was picture-perfect Friday and the Red Hawks men's team did not disappoint by winning the early season gathering with 120.5 points. Marlette was next in the team standings with 113.50 points, followed by Bad Axe 65, Reese 47.5, Ubley 44, Brown City 39, Mayville 32.5, USA 26, Sandusky 24, Harbor Beach 20 and Dryden 14.

On their way to team honors, Cass City captured four events.

"We finished second in other events, so in basically half of the events Cass City either won or was second," Zdrojewski said.

All four of Cass City's relay teams

finished in the top two spots. The 400 Meter Relay team of Sawyer Cuthrell, Bradley Hacker, Shaede Perzanowski and Parker Haire won with a time of 46.51, nearly equaling the school mark with a surprising showing.

The 3200 Meter Relay team - consisting of CarLee Stimpfel, Bransen Stimpfel, Keith Lounsbury and Zane Wright - posted a time of 8:52, over 30 seconds faster than runner-up Bad Axe.

Grabbing second place honors was Cass City's 800 Meter Relay and 1600 Meter Relay teams. Running legs on the 800 Meter relay were Cuthrell, Hacker, Perzanowski and Haire. The 1600 Meter Relay team members included Cuthrell, Lounsbury, Ethan Hulburt and Bransen Stimpfel.

Despite the teams' success in the relays, it was the Red Hawks' strength in the distance events that paced the victory, according to Zdrojewski.

"We placed three in the top-five of the 800 Meter Run," he said, adding "We also had multiple point takers in the 1600 Meter Run."

Keith Lounsbury was first in the 800 Meter (2:13), Zane Wright third (2:16) and Jose Torres (2:20) came in fifth. In the 1600 Meter race, CarLee Stimpfel finished second, Bransen Stimpfel, fourth, and Wright came in

seventh.

Cass City had a terrific showing in the 3200 Meter Run, as CarLee Stimpfel held off his brother Bransen for the top billing.

Also for Cass City, Parker Haire continued his success in the 300 Meter hurdles, taking second to last year's All-State hurdler Andrew Storm. Darren Miller continued his success in the pole vault, clearing 12' to finishing second. Lounsbury cleared 5' 8" to place third in the high jump.

Turning to the Women's results, Reese was an easy winner with 154. Following the Lady Rockets were Marlette with 91 points, Brown City 53.5, Bad Axe 53.5, Dryden 50, Akron-Fairgrove 42, Sandusky 39, Mayville 21, USA 11, Ubley 10, Cass City 10 and Harbor Beach 4.

A pair of underclassmen led Cass City on the day. Freshman Layna Mathewson took 6th place in both the 800 Meter Run and the 1600 Meter Run, while classmate Hailey Schmotzer did well in both hurdle events, finishing 7th in the 100 Meter Hurdles and 8th in the 300 Meter Hurdles.

Cass City's only other point earners were the 400 Meter Relay team of Dee Haley, Jordan Pawloski, Brittany Stilson and Schmotzer. They placed sixth with a time of one minute flat.



**RELAY WINNERS.** Cass City's Parker Haire takes the baton from Shaede Perzanowski during the 400 Meter Relay. The Red Hawk pair, along with Sawyer Cuthrell and Brad Hacker, captured the event Friday in Brown City with a time of 46.51.

## Despite fast start, strike outs worry Cass City coach

Cass City improved to 3-1 over the weekend as the Lady Red Hawks split decisions at the Tuscola County Tournament held in Millington.

If not for a last inning loss Saturday against neighbor Caro at the annual tourney between county foes, Coach John Hacker and his Lady Red Hawks would be perfect entering Greater Thumb West play, which was to begin earlier in the week.

"We got off to a pretty good start," said Hacker, adding, "but I'm worried about all the strike outs. Especially all the called third strikes. We got to swing the bat."

After sweeping visiting Ubley Thursday in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover twin bill to open their 2016 campaign, Cass City would come up short against Caro and suffered a heartbreaking 5-4 setback.

Trailing 2-1, Cass City plated three runs in the third frame to move in front.

Caro was able to slice one run from the margin in the six inning and then recorded two markers in the seventh with two out and no runners on base to swipe victory in the battle of M-81 opponents.

A walk to McKenzie Smith started the winning rally for the Tigers and Hanna Hodder's clutch double to deep left field ended it, scoring Smith and Morgan Eremia.

Cass City's offense collected nine hits. Sayge Cuthrell led the way with three safeties and two runs scored, while Riley Klein belted a triple and Brianna Mester slapped a pair of singles.

Bailee Ross started on the hill for Cass City and worked six innings. She struck out six and walked two, before handing the ball to Macy Dickinson who was charged with the defeat.

Melissa Kreguer went the distance for Caro to pick up the win. She struck out 15.

In their last game Saturday, Cass City made quick work of disposing of Marlette.

The Red Hawks exploded for nine runs in their first at-bats and then cruised to a 13-3 mercy rule decision.

Dickinson and Cuthrell combined to handle the pitching duties for the winners. They yielded six hits, but didn't allow a free pass in the victory.

Megan LeValley and Kelcie Autry enjoyed multiple hits for Cass City,

while Klein and Brittany Hamilton each clubbed doubles.

McKenzie Wilhelmens was tagged with the defeat for the Red Raiders.

#### UBLEY GAMES

After Ubley's Rhonda Romzek homered on the first pitch of their season opener against host Cass City, starting pitcher Macy Dickinson settled in and helped the Red Hawks to a 7-3 win.

Dickinson scattered five hits for the remainder of the contest to prevail. She fanned five and issued one free pass.

At the plate, Ross had a monster game for Cass City. She knocked in four runs with a home run and a pair of doubles.

Romzek helped her own cause at the plate with a 3-for-3 effort and three runs scored.

In the late game, Cass City never trailed en route to a 4-2 victory.

Cuthrell, Klein, Baylee Murphy and Lauren Dickinson all had two hits apiece for the winners.

## Red Hawks winless in early tilts

A pair of one-run defeats at the Tuscola County baseball tournament Saturday kept Cass City winless in early season affairs.

The Tri-Valley East Caro Tigers handed the Red Hawks a 5-4 setback over the weekend in their first outing at the annual tourney, while a familiar foe - Ubley - delivered Cass City a 9-8 defeat in the Red Hawks' second and final tourney test.

Of Cass City's four losses to open the season, three have been delivered by the Bearcats, including a sweep Thursday in the opening non-conference doubleheader for both teams.

In game one, visiting Ubley trailed 2-0 early, but would rally for a 5-3 victory.

Ryan Schmidt started on the hill for Cass City and suffered the loss.

At the plate, Chase Winter collect-

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**THE 2016 BULLDOG** baseball team members are: (front, l-r) Andrew Partaka, Luke Retford, Devon Lorenz, Matthew Fritz, Cordell Clarkson, and Austin Coryell (back) Coach Brian Wright, Boyd Evans, Brandon Binder, David Binder, Jacob Wright, Daniel Good, Jacob Warack, Aaron Fahrner, and Asst. Coach James Tuckey.



**MEET YOUR 2016 OWEN-GAGE** softball team: (front, l-r) Ashlee Woodruff, Megan Fritz, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Carley Haldane, Justice Blackburn, Chentel Hill, & Sierra Mascorro (back) Carlee Rievert, Natasha Dubs, Alexis Urban, Alyson Witzke, Hailey Schave, Jessica Partaka, Courtney Wightman, and Coach Mike Witzke Missing: Victoria Smith and Adrianna Woodward.

## Owen-Gage ball teams ready to roll

Coach Brian Wright enters his fifth year in charge of the Owen-Gage baseball team with nearly his entire roster back from the Bulldogs' 2015 season that posted a Michigan Summit League record of 4-4 and finished with an overall mark of 11-7.

Returning letter winners for the veteran skipper include seniors Jacob Wright and Dan Good and junior David Binder.

"We have senior leadership and experience playing together. We have an experienced pitching staff with good arms," says Wright.

Jacob Wright, who signed a national letter of intent with Delta College this past winter, spent the summer playing on several elite teams and is eager to put the finishing touches on a distinguished varsity career.

Binder also used the summer to

improve his game. "He (Binder) found his groove as a pitcher last year. And Good is a great overall athlete with a good arm and great reflexes," Wright said.

Bulldogs that should be much improved with a year of experience under their belts include returnees Matthew Fritz, Aaron Fahrner, Brandon Bitzer, Devon Lorenz and

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# Ugly tops Cass City for third time at weekend tournament

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ed two hits to lead the hosts, while Luke Stern and Brenden Hamilton each scored solo runs in vain. Sam Kolacz added a double to the Cass

City attack. In game 2, Cass City fell behind 9-2, before surrendering 9-7. Schmidt, Horne, Joey Krol and Brad Baker all had multiple knocks in vain.



**OPENING DAY SUCCESS.** Cass City resident James Polega, hunting with his daughter Jennifer, bagged this nice tom while hunting in Greenleaf Township Monday morning. Warm temperatures keep the birds from moving early, said the veteran hunter, who bagged his trophy at about 10:30 a.m. Polega's turkey had a 10" beard and 3/4 inch spurs.



**THE 2016 BULLDOG** golf team members are: (front, l-r) Chase Howard, Jameson McKnight, Greyson Matuszak, Cord Clarkson, Carl Steff, & Michael Ray (back) Dan Good, Jacob Wright, Luke Retford, Brandon Binder, & Austin Coryell. Coached by: Mike Sutherland, missing: Matthew Fritz.

# Graduation losses light at Owen-Gage

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Cordell Clarkson. "We have a few young guys who have to play key rolls on defense," Wright said, adding "I see our team finishing over .500 even though we play some bigger teams. Again, Bay City All Saints will be the team to beat (in the Michigan Summit League), with us first or second and Akron-Fairgrove needing lots of

improvement." For the Lady Bulldogs, Coach Mike Witzke returns for a second year as the Owen-Gage softball leader. And as was the case in his rookie campaign, numbers won't be a problem in Owendale. Although the graduation losses of Courtney Southgate and Rachel Mroz will surely be missed, Owen-Gage returning seniors Courtney Wightman, Adrianna Woodward,

Justice Blackburn and Ashlee Woodward can lighten the blow for Bulldog backers. Also returning to the diamonds for the Lady Bulldogs is a solid core of underclassmen. Among the group are Chentel Hill, Carlee Rievert, Natasha Dubs, Alexis Urban, Alyson Witzke, Hailey Schave, Jessica Partaka and Victoria Smith, while new to the varsity ranks are Megan Fritz, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Carley Haldane and Sierra Mascorro.

# Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week award winner is Bailee Ross.

The Cass City sophomore is off to a flying start for Coach John Hacker and the Lady Red Hawk softball team.

In her varsity debut, Ross had a game to remember, leading the hosts to a 7-3 decision over Ugly. She was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, scoring twice while delivering four RBIs on two hard hit doubles, plus a shot over the out-field fence.

Ross followed her dynamic plate performance with a solid showing on the mound over the weekend at the Tuscola County Tournament at Millington. There, Ross worked 6 innings and struck out six without allowing an earned run.

"Bailee has shown us she can hit the long ball since the Caro tournament last summer," said Hacker.

Bailee is the daughter of Steve and Andrea Ross.



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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School 2016 Spring Sports Schedule

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## BOYS' BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
4/12	<b>Brown City</b>
4/14	<b>Ubyly</b>
4/16	Tuscola County Tournament
4/18	<b>Bad Axe</b>
4/20	North Branch
4/21	<b>Sandusky</b>
4/25	USA
4/28	Marlette
5/2	<b>Reese</b>
5/5	<b>Memphis</b>
5/10	Vassar
5/12	Harbor Beach
5/14	Saginaw Nouvel Tourney
5/16	<b>EPB Lakers</b>
5/26	Capac
5/31-6/4	Districts

Home games in bold  
Games begin at 4 p.m.

## FOLLOW THE HAWKS AT HOME

**BOYS' BASEBALL**  
April 21 vs. Sandusky @ 4 p.m.

**GIRLS' SOFTBALL**  
April 21 vs. Sandusky @ 4 p.m.

**TRACK**  
April 19 vs. Brown City/Harbor Beach/Ubyly

**GOLF**  
May 3 GTC Jamboree

**JUNIOR HIGH TRACK**  
April 20 vs. Marlette/Sandusky/Bad Axe

## GIRLS' SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
4/12	<b>Brown City</b>
4/14	<b>Ubyly</b>
4/16	Tuscola County Tournament
4/18	<b>Bad Axe</b>
4/20	North Branch
4/21	<b>Sandusky</b>
4/25	USA
4/28	Marlette
5/2	<b>Reese</b>
5/5	<b>Memphis</b>
5/10	Vassar
5/12	Harbor Beach
5/16	<b>EPB Lakers</b>
5/26	Capac
5/31-6/4	Districts

Home games in bold  
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## TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/5	Reese/USA/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/8	<b>Marlette/Reese/USA</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
4/12	<b>Marlette/Bad Axe/USA</b>	4:30 p.m.
4/15	Brown City Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/19	<b>Brown City/Harbor Beach/Ubyly</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
4/22	Marlette Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/26	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/29	Vassar Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/3	Ubyly Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/6	Reese Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/10	EPB Lakers Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/13	Bad Axe Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/17	GTW League Meet @ USA	4:00 p.m.
5/21	Regionals	
5/24	Tribune Meet of Champs @ BA	
5/31	Thumb Meet of Champs @Caro	
6/4	State Finals	

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## GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/11	Millington	1:00 p.m.
4/12	Ubyly	4:00 p.m.
4/20	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar	3:30 p.m.
4/21	GTC Jamboree @ USA	4:00 p.m.
4/22	Ubyly Invite	8:15 a.m.
4/28	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/2	GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
5/3	<b>GTC Jamboree @ Cass City</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
5/11	Brown City Invite	8:00 a.m.
5/13	Warner Memorial Invite@Vassar	TBA
5/16	GTC League Meet @ Bad Axe	TBA
5/25-28	District @ Verona Hills	TBD
6/1	Regionals @ Westwynd	

## JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/13	USA/Brown City	4:30 p.m.
4/20	<b>Marlette/Sandusky/Bad Axe</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
4/25	Harbor Beach/Bad Axe/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/27	<b>Sandusky/Reese/Brown City</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
5/4	Vassar/USA/Lakers/Reese	4:30 p.m.
5/9	Bad Axe/Reese/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
5/12	<b>USA/Reese/Vassar</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
5/20	<b>Gavel Club Relays</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
5/23	GTC League Meet @ USA	TBA

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2016.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning on the South line of said Section, which is East 594.12 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence continuing along said South line East 198.00 feet, thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds East 440.00 feet; thence parallel with said South line West 198.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds West, 440.00 feet to said South line of said Section and the place of beginning

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Said premises are situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 430 Feet West of South 1/4 Corner of Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 11 East, Thence West 145 Feet, Thence North 350 Feet, Thence East 145 Feet, Thence South 350 Feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Said premises are located in the Township of Wisner, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

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TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda K. Voelker, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1998, and recorded on November 12, 1998 in Liber 755 on Page 1055, and assigned by mesne assignments to Ditech Financial LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight and 04/100 Dollars (\$66,738.04).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 19, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 1886.58 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence continuing West 150 feet; thence South 327.88 feet; thence East 175 feet; thence North 327.88 feet, thence West 25 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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## Obituaries

### Charles Beyette

Charles E. Beyette, 91, of Cass City, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

He was born October 6, 1924 in Caro, the son of the late Norman and Gertrude (Martin) Beyette.

Chuck was united in marriage July 30, 1948 with the former Mary Riddering at the old First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn.

Chuck was a 1942 graduate of Caro High School, and attended Bay City Junior College before joining the Air Force during World War II, spending two and a half years in Italy. He received his BA, Masters and Specialist Degree in education from Michigan State University. During his career in education, he taught school in Okemos, Pontiac and ended his career in Birmingham as a Junior High School Principal.

Following their retirement in 1981, he and Mary worked at making stained glass lamps and sold glass items at craft shows for the next fifteen years. Chuck has been a member of the Cass City Presbyterian Church, serving as elder and deacon on several occasions, a member of Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, the Caro Masonic Lodge, and secretary/treasurer of the Pontiac Teachers bowling league for many years. He enjoyed traveling and camping his entire life and he and Mary would often take trips to Michigan casinos.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of sixty-eight years, Mary; a daughter, Rene'e Lacombe and her children, Todd, Brett, Rianne and Rachelle; a son, Garth (Joyce) Beyette and their daughter, Brogan; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will take place at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro with the Rev. Michele Hile officiating. Burial will follow at the Indianfields Township Cemetery in Caro.

The family will be present to receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 1:00 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 Northwood Meadows in Cass City or the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City.

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).

### David Burk

David Burk passed away April 14, 2016 from kidney and heart failure. He was born November 29, 1948 to Fin and Juanita Burk.

David graduated from Cass City High School in 1967. He retired from the United States Post Office where he worked in the Kalamazoo area. He also retired from the Army Reserve Signal Corps.

He is survived by his wife Charlene; 2 daughters, Rebecca and Amy; and 4 siblings, Alvin, James, Ruby and Diane.

Burial will be at a later date in Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek, Mich.



### Ralph Chapman

Ralph L. Chapman, 92, of Cass City, died Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

He was born March 23, 1924 in Petoskey, the seventh of nine children born to Ervin and Caroline (Weaver) Chapman.

He married Carolyn Mae Johnson November 7, 1946 in Muskegon. She died November 29, 2013.

Ralph graduated from Petoskey High School in 1943. He served a limited term of service at the end of World War II in the Army Specialized Training Program. Ralph was a talented musician, playing saxophone and clarinet. During his time in the Army he played in the Army band. Ralph played six nights a week in the Ralph Chapman Quartet/Combo. After he met Carolyn, he needed to make a living, so he began a job with Auto Pulse Corporation in Ludington. Auto Pulse was bought by Walbro and moved to Cass City. Ralph managed the pump plant in Cass City and then Caro after it was moved there in 1978. He retired in 1989.

Ralph's musical career began in High School. He and a friend played four nights a week in Harbor Springs. He later continued to play on weekends. Ralph played at many venues in the Thumb and Cass City area. He played with the Dick Stevenson Trio. He played at the Sepia Cafe in Muskegon, Sherwood on the Hill since it opened in the 60s, and Friday night parties at Harbor Beach Resort. One of the highlights of Ralph's career was playing for the Miss America pageant the year it was held at the Flint IMA. Ralph loved and raised horses for many years. He also enjoyed going to sulky races, bringing home any winnings to Carolyn. He was a wonderful husband, father and brother. A very generous, loving man. Ralph and Carolyn willingly raised their granddaughter, Jamie after their daughter and son-in-law's death.

Ralph is survived by his daughter, Marlene (Gene) Hopper of Cass City; step-daughter, Lynda Guinther of Tucson, AZ; grandchildren: Jamie (Scott) Nordman, Matthew Hopper, Rachelle Hopper; great-grandchildren: Allyson, Hannah, Alex, Caitlyn, Kendra, Leah; step great-granddaughters: Emily and Grace; sisters: Leone Dewing of Larchmont, CO, Carol Hinkley of Petoskey; sister-in-law, Lorell Chapman of San Diego, CA; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and James Crane; step son-in-law, Charles Guinther; grandson, Trent Guinther; brothers: Dale Chapman, LeRoy Chapman, Doral Chapman; sisters: Arlene Bagnall, Elaine Chapman and Roberta Bricker.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 16, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Active pallbearers for Mr. Chapman: Randy Kelly, Jamie Guc, Gene Hopper, Scott Nordman, Jack Generous, Ed Paladi; honorary pallbearers: Matt Hopper, Alex Hopper.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter or Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

### Charles (Ted) Lauria

Ted Lauria passed away April 9, 2016 at the age of 62.

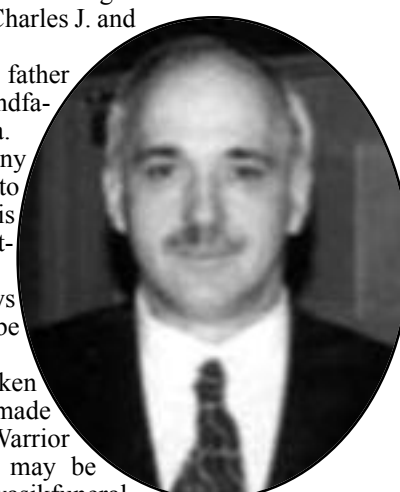
He was born September 10, 1953 to Charles J. and Charlotte (nee Furnace) in Cass City.

Beloved husband of Leslie. Loving father of Thomas (Katie) Lauria. Proud grandfather Jenna Lauria and Rayne Caterina.

Ted worked for Ford Motor Company for more than 42 years. He loved to hunt, fish and garden. He spent all his free time up north enjoying the outdoors.

Ted was a positive person who always saw the bright side of things. He will be dearly missed.

Funeral services have already taken place. Memorial donations may be made to Salvation Army or Wounded Warrior Project. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [www.wasikfuneral-home.com](http://www.wasikfuneral-home.com).



### Joyce Kolacz

Joyce A. Kolacz, 76, of Cass City, passed away Friday April 15, 2016 at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe.

She was born July 15, 1939 to the late Virgil and Helen (Omich) House.

She married Bill Kolacz Feb. 7, 1959 in Pigeon. He predeceased her on May 2, 2012.

Joyce loved to play bingo, crop touring and morning coffee from McDonald's.

She is survived by 2 sons, Michael (Julie) Kolacz and Stephen (Niah) Kolacz; one daughter, Dianna (John) Dunham; two brothers, Jerry (Betty) House and Rodda (Joyce) House; a sister; Barbara (Don) Lambdin; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by 2 brothers, Marvin House and Wayne House and a sister, Trudi Love.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday April 19, 2016 at Thabet Funeral Home, with pastor Brad Speirs officiating.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the family's wishes. Cremation will take place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

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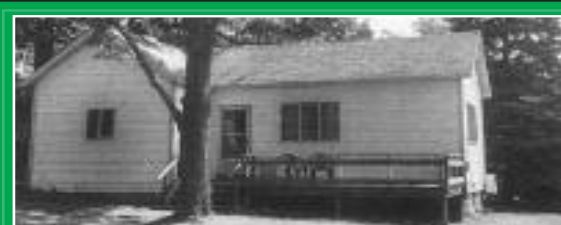


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### A personal connection

When Dr. Ed Scollon passed away in 2006, his family wanted a way to give back to his community. There were a number of causes and organizations that were very special to Ed and his family. Ed's wife Doty met with Ken Micklash of the Tuscola County Community Foundation to discuss ways to give back. The Scollon family decided to establish a Donor Advised Fund in the family's name. The fund now grants to causes in the Cass City area that the Scollon family cares about most.

Recently, based on the Scollon Family recommendations, the fund purchased an AED for the Cass City community swimming pool and provided the Cass City Schools with learning materials to enhance student educational programs.

"This is a wonderful way to support projects and programs to make a difference in the community that Ed and our family love," reported Doty.



**GAGETOWN'S GLEN Christner, 67, invested \$15 and about 20 minutes of time to have a tattoo inked on his right arm while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps back in 1969. The tattoo reads, "Death before dishonor".**

## Residents share tributes in ink

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others laugh.

"I wanted something that would remind me of him every day. He meant a lot to me — not only to me, but to a lot of people in Cass City. The tattoo represents him and it's a reminder to me of how precious life really is," Bean added. "You never know what tomorrow will bring. Tell your family and friends you love them. Tell them often."

Turner was visiting her sister last February in Las Vegas when she decided to get her tattoo, something she had contemplated for years.

"I was always hesitant to get something because I didn't want it to be cliché and I didn't want to regret it later on," she recalled.

"I have a bracelet tattoo with two 'charms'. The first is a Fleur de Lis and represents life and perfection. It is in remembrance of my son who was still-born. He would have been 12 this year," said Turner, who noted today (Wednesday) would have been his birthday.

"The other charm is a semicolon for the semicolon project to raise awareness and promote discussion over self-harm and suicide survival," she explained. "I tried killing myself when I was 19. I have had close family and friends become suicidal. And, as a psychologist, I want people to be able to openly talk about mental illness."

Turner hopes the location of her tattoo will encourage others to ask about it. "I thought, what a wonderful way (to invite discussion) because it's right on my wrist, so it's a good conversation starter," she said.

Another local resident Mandy Czekai, a Cass City High School senior who works as a nurses aide at Northwood Meadows, made the decision to get a tattoo two years ago as a way to honor the memory of her beloved grandfather, Cass City native Gary Czekai.

"I got it the day before the (third) anniversary of my papa's death," the 18-year-old said of the design, a yellow ribbon with the years of her grandfather's birth and death.

Czekai said she talked to her parents, Terry Czekai and Shannon Schnell, both of Cass City, before getting her tattoo. "They both agreed it wouldn't be something I'd regret and that it meant a lot to me," she recalled. "As soon as I got it done, my mom and I looked at it in the mirror and we just broke down and cried because it was so beautiful. It meant a lot to my grandma (Margaret Czekai) as well."

"I didn't second guess it," she added. "I wanted to have something permanent to remember him by, even though he's always with me."

It's difficult to go just about anywhere these days without seeing someone sporting one or more tattoos, but skin art has been around for hundreds of years. Some "tats" are simple, while others are incredibly intricate — they come in all designs, sizes, shapes, styles and colors — but they're all personal.

Since the 1970s, tattoos have become a mainstream part of global and Western fashion, common among both sexes as well as to all economic classes and age groups ranging from the teens to middle age and beyond.

For many Americans today, the tattoo has taken on a decidedly different meaning than for previous generations. That is, the tattoo has undergone dramatic redefinition, shifting from a symbol of defiance to a widely acceptable form of expression.

For some people, including Gagetown area resident Glen Christner, 67, a tattoo can be a reminder of spending a part of one's youth in the service of their country.

Christner recalled he had the words "Death before dishonor" permanently inked on his upper right arm while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He joined the service back in 1969 at the age of 20 and served for two years, including a stint in Okinawa.

Christner was on liberty in San Diego, Calif., when he had the work done. "I can still remember, it cost me \$15 and, I believe, it took 20 minutes is all."

Today's tattoo artists typically charge \$50 to \$75 an hour or more, and the designs they create can take anywhere from less than an hour to several days and cost hundreds of dollars, depending on the work involved.

"What prompted me to get one — when you're young like that, you get 'gung ho' and think you're invincible and going to conquer the world," Christner said.

"I never regretted it," he added. "I think the ones that get the girlfriend's name or even the wife's name and then get divorced are probably the ones that regret it the most."



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## Blaze damages Cass City Gun Club

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\$12,000 to \$15,000 plus another \$2,000 to \$5,000 for contents such as appliances due to smoke and water damage. The club is insured, he noted.

Cass City firemen remained at the scene for nearly three hours. They were assisted by the Elmwood Township-Gagetown and Kingston fire departments.