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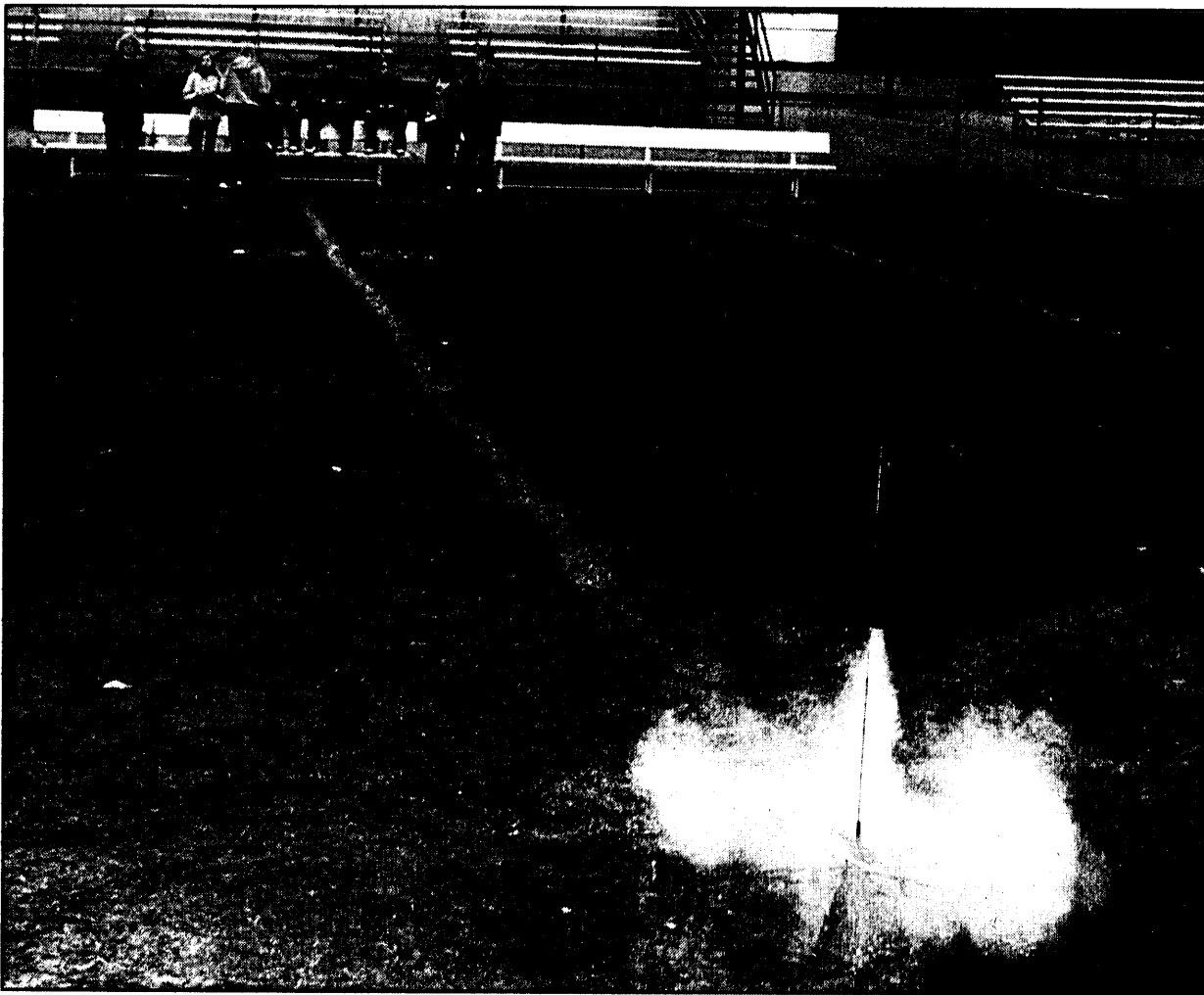
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DAVE BITZER'S eighth grade science classes at Cass City Middle School explored rocketry last week at the football stadium in Cass City. The students - 136 in all - not only launched model rockets they built themselves, but were also expected to participate in physics lessons in which they calculated the trajectory and speed of each rocket as well as the altitude of each flight. At left, Bitzer offers some advice to student Brandon Montgomery as the pair insert an engine into his rocket Friday morning.

Voters face host of state races and proposals Nov. 7

Thumb area residents will join voters across the state in electing a new governor as well as filling several other key Michigan offices in the Tuesday, Nov. 7, general election.

Voters will decide the hotly contested race between Grand Rapids Republican Dick DeVos and Democratic Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. Also vying for Granholm's job are Douglas Campbell of the Green Party, U.S. Taxpayers Party candidate Bhagwan Dashairya and Libertarian Party candidate Gregory Creswell.

Incumbent Republican Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land, meanwhile, is being challenged by Democrat Carmella Sabag and Green Party candidate Lynn Meadows, and incumbent Attorney General Mike Cox faces competition from 3 challengers — Democrat Amos Williams, Charles F. Conces of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, and Libertarian candidate Bill Hall.

ties, is also seeking another term. Challenging Barcia are Republican Zachary W. Nuncio and Reinhold Ploep of the Libertarian Party.

STATE REP

Thumb residents will also elect a new 84th District state representative. The candidates are Terry L. Brown and John Hunt, both Huron County residents.



Terry L. Brown

The 84th District is comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties. Current state Rep. Tom Meyer (R-Bad Axe) was unable to run for his seat again due to term limits.

Brown, a lifelong resident of Pigeon in Huron County, earned the Democratic nomination in the August primary election, when he defeated John Neeb at the polls.



John Hunt

Hunt, a lifelong resident of Huron County's Verona Township, meanwhile, beat out a host of Republican candidates in the primary.

Brown has been employed at the Huron Intermediate School District for the past 23 years. He is also associate pastor at Bay Port Community Church of

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5 statewide proposals set for general election

With issues ranging from dove hunting to affirmative action, Michigan voters will decide 5 statewide proposals in the Tuesday, Nov. 7, general election.

The following is some background information on each of the proposals:

PROPOSAL ONE

Proposal One is a constitutional amendment that would establish the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund, the Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund and the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.

A bipartisan coalition of Michigan legislators placed the measure on the ballot to prevent future policy makers from diverting the monies in these restricted DNR funds into the state's general fund to address budget deficits. Supporters noted that \$7.8 million was taken from the Waterways Fund to help deal with the 2002-03 budget deficit. They feel that constitutional protection is needed to ensure that the monies are used for the intended purposes.

PROPOSAL 2

Also known as the Michigan Civil

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Cass City vs. Bad Axe for dairy plant?

Resident questions land swap proposal

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It wasn't on the agenda, but a proposed land swap between the village of Cass City and Triple T Farms drew a positive and negative comment during a regular Cass City Village Council meeting Monday night.

The brief session also included an update on a proposed dairy processing plant involving the Dairy Farmers of America, with village Manager Peter Cristiano telling council members that Cass City has some competition for the project.

Village officials say the proposed land swap involves about 45 acres. Triple T Farms representative Roy Tuckey reportedly has discussed with the village the possibility of trading property owned by Triple T Farms, located just east of Cass City Recreation Park, with a comparable sized parcel in the village's industrial park. Village officials say the deal also involves Doug Wilson, who owns and operates a gravel mining operation just east of Koepfgen Road, south of M-81. Wilson reportedly is interested in purchasing the industrial park land to expand his mining operation.

However, village President Bert Althaver noted Monday that a deal has not been struck at this time.

"We have no written proposal from the owner. We have considered a number of things, but we have made no decisions," Althaver said.

Neither Tuckey nor Wilson attended Monday's meeting.

Cass City resident Ray Donaldson told the council he supports the proposed land swap, saying he has heard some good things about Wilson's future plans for the property.

However, Elkland Township resident Janet Bryant, who lives on Elmwood Road near Wilson's existing mining operation, sharply disagreed and warned the proposal spells trouble for both township and village resi-

dents living in the vicinity of Wilson's operation.

"All of you should be deeply concerned of what is going on at this time," said Bryant, who cited concerns regarding safety, environmental, land and water issues.

COMPETITION

Turning to the proposed Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) dairy plant, Cristiano reported that he and Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant Supt. Rick Mohr recently traveled to Goshen, Ind., to meet with the manager of a DFA plant there.

"We learned much. It appears that Cass City does not have a lock on the dairy plant," said Cristiano, who

told the council the village faces some competition from the city of Bad Axe.

"There is the potential for 2 new products to be developed here in the Thumb area," Cristiano said. "The decision on the products will be made in the first 6 months of 2007."

DFA is a dairy marketing cooperative that was established in 1988 with the consolidation of 4 regional dairy milk cooperatives. The Kansas City, Mo.-based cooperative employs more than 4,000 people and last year marketed more than 59.7 billion pounds of milk.

Village officials and others met with DFA representatives last September to discuss the potential location of a new DFA plant in Cass City. At that

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O-G audit offers good news for board

Audit reports can be a dicey subject for any school district, especially in these economic times.

The Owen-Gage School District knows all about financial struggles, having dealt for years with soaring costs and a dwindling enrollment, but this year's audit gave school officials plenty to smile about.

Duane Reyhl of Andrews, Hooper and Pavlik PLC, Bay City, presented Owen-gage's 2005-06 audit report during a regular monthly meeting last Wednesday.

Reyhl told the board of education that the final budget figures for the year exceeded expectations when the board adopted the spending plan in 2005. In fact, he reported, the district ended the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$328,000, some \$224,000 more than anticipated.

"We have seen some changes - positive changes," school Supt. Dana

Compton acknowledged. "Our original revenues - we had budgeted for about \$1,785,000 and we ended up at \$1,862,000. Part of this was the (Gagetown Elementary School) building sale, plus some state revenue sources and a grant," Compton said, noting the school sale brought in about \$74,000, while the grant totaled close to \$10,000.

"We also made some significant savings in our expenditures," he added, noting an effort to streamline staffing and implement some scheduling changes, without having to make any layoffs, paid off. "We had budgeted \$1,995,000 (in expenditures) and we ended up with \$1,909,000," he said.

In the end, Compton said, the district ended much stronger financially than projected, even after making conservative estimates at the beginning of the fiscal year. "We went, in essence, from what we thought was going to be a \$287,000 hit on our fund balance to taking about \$62,000 out of the fund balance," he said.

"We're pleased. We'd like to get to

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Fatal crash still under investigation

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro are continuing their investigation into a one-vehicle traffic crash that claimed the life of a Caro woman last week.

According to reports, Carla Anne Delgado, 39, died in the accident, which occurred last Wednesday at about 2:10 p.m. on M-24, just south of Treasurer Road in Dayton Township.

Prior to the crash, there were numerous calls of a vehicle traveling at high speeds on northbound M-24, according to troopers, who said information from the callers matched the description of Delgado's vehicle.

Troopers said Delgado was the lone occupant in the vehicle, and she was not wearing a seatbelt.

Troopers from the Lapeer post, Mayville police, Mayville Ambulance personnel and the Mayville Fire Department all assisted at the scene.



COMPLETE CONCRETE of Cass City is making quick work of thousands of dollars worth of sidewalk repair on Seeger and Main streets in Cass City. Above, (front to back) Gilbert Nazario, Tom Barr and Jason Humpert prepare a section for concrete along Seeger Street Friday. The work is being funded, in part, by a \$45,000 Community Development Block Grant.

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Wyatt Steven Schuette

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Schuette of Midland announce the birth of their son, Wyatt Steven.

Wyatt was born Oct. 3, 2006. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by a big sister, Kaylee.

His grandparents are Clare and Donna Schuette of Cass City, and Howard and Judy Festerling of Toledo, Ohio.

Wyatt was baptized at Good Shepherd in Midland Oct. 15. His sponsors were Jamison and Jennifer Diehl.

Kildee to visit village

Congressman Dale Kildee will be meeting with state representative candidate Terry Brown Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Cass City High School.

"He agreed to walk and knock doors or visit businesses with me any one place in the district and I thought Cass City would appreciate the visit," Brown said. "Feel free to meet with us."



Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolschlagler Thursday evening. After the meeting, cards were played. High prizes were won by Delores Bouchard. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Russell Bouchard. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wolschlagler Nov. 16.

Twelve members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Coffee Cup Plus next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski for Mrs. Eugene Depcinski's birthday. A lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp of Sebawaing were Monday supper guests of Mrs. Harold Ballagh of Cass City.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Mrs. Bernard Holdwick and Janis Stein of Harbor Beach Tuesday.

Mrs. Gerald Wills visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Wednesday.

Wayne Kennedy and friend, Carl, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King Monday.

Mrs. Dan Franzel is spending a few days with Mary Catherine Nicol of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended a ham and sausage dinner at St. Anthony at Helena Sunday.



Janis and Eric Lasceski

Mastie, Lasceski wed in Cass City

Janis Eva Mastie and Eric David Lasceski, both of Saginaw, were married Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City. The Rev. Steve Fillion officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Marilyn Mastie of Cass City. She is the granddaughter of Grace Maurer and the late Fred Maurer of Ubyly, and Michael Mastie and the late Margaret Mastie of Vulcan.

The groom is the son of David and Genevieve Lasceski of Kinde. He is the grandson of Reta Pollum and the late Herman Pollum of Ubyly, and the

late Gertrude and Edward Lasceski of Kinde.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a strapless organza A-line gown with a detailed deep basque waist and metallic re-embroidered cathedral train. She carried a bouquet of white roses with deep pink Stargazer Lilies.

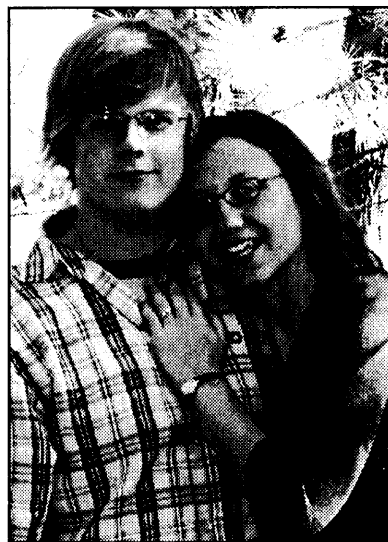
The matron of honor was Melissa Robinson of Harrison, friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Emily Witkowski of Midland, Shaune Chacon of Saginaw, Kara Grove of Grand Blanc, Susan Young of Saginaw and Leah Hockenberry of Magnolia, Texas, all friends of the bride. The junior bridesmaid was Ashley Bowen of Howard City, and the twin flower girls were Megan and Lauren Lasceski of St. John's, all nieces of the groom.

The best man was Charles Prill of Reese, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Kevin Lasceski of Kinde, brother of the groom; Nathan Mastie of Madison Heights, brother of the bride; Nick Sopczyński of Howard City, cousin of the groom; Jason Robinson of Harrison, friend of the groom; and Mike Lind of Walker, friend of the groom. The junior groomsmen were Justin Lasceski of Harbor Beach, nephew of the groom.

The organist was Connie Iwankovitch, and the harpist was Alyssa Nicol, both of Cass City.

The reception was held at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe for 300 guests. After a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, the couple resides in Saginaw.

Engaged



Deanna Newby and Keith Romstad

Deanna R. Newby and Keith B. Romstad of Bay City, formerly of Cass City, announce their engagement.

Deanna is a 2004 graduate of Cass City High School and is the daughter of Louisa Cartwright of Bay City, formerly of Cass City, and David Newby of Mattoon, Ill. She currently attends Saginaw Valley State University in education and is employed at Meijers in Bay City.

Keith is a 2004 graduate of Cass City High School and is the son of Bruce and Ronna Romstad of Bowling Green, Ohio, formerly of Cass City. He is currently employed at S.C. Johnson in Bay City.

The wedding date is pending.

Greenleaf club meets

The Greenleaf Extended Club met at the Jim Doerr sap shanty on Germania Rd. for a noon luncheon of pancakes and sausage provided by Mr. Jim Doerr. Roll call was answered by favorite household hints. Progress and needs of the Huron County Baby Pantry was reported by Judy Doerr. Donations for the luncheon was given to the baby pantry. The November meeting will be a potluck dinner at the Cass City Church of Christ with Midge Clemens, hostess.

Meg's Peg
Wonderfully made
by Melva E. Guinther

Our 14-year-old grandson, Drew, underwent major surgery last week to correct a problem. The doctor said that except for back surgery, the operation Drew had presents the most trauma to the body. It makes me shudder just thinking about it.

Surgeons at Children's Hospital in Oakland, CA, made a 6-inch incision in his leg above the knee, severed the thigh bone and rotated it about 20 degrees. Then they bolted everything back together. Isn't that amazing?

I applaud the doctors' skill and Drew's strong constitution.

The body's ability to heal itself after such a major trauma is awesome. Even watching a small cut heal is fascinating.

As marvelous and mysterious as modern technology is to most of us, the human body is far more complicated.

Twelve separate complex systems work in harmony to keep us going.

Just consider the digestive system. We eat a sandwich. It travels to the stomach, where it gets broken down into chemicals the body needs, with a little help from the liver and pancreas. Then what the body can't use is eliminated. (Many of us wish we could eliminate more of what gets stored as fat, but that's another story.)

Even more awe-inspiring is the reproductive system. A single fertilized egg becomes 2 cells, then 4, then 8. By 4 weeks the baby is only about 1/4 inch long, but its organs are developing and its heart is beating and pumping blood.

At 3 months (and only about 3 inches long) he or she has arms, legs,

fingers, toes and nails, and the kidneys are working.

By 6 months the baby weighs about one and a half pounds and is about 12 inches long, and at 9 months, about 20 inches long and around 7 pounds. All this from a single cell!

I did some research and learned that the average adult is made up of 100 trillion cells and 206 bones, each doing its special thing. More than half of the bones are in the hands and feet.

It's hard to fathom that there are also 70,000 miles of blood vessels, ranging in size from finger thick to microscopic, even in those pencil thin gals that don't look like they could possibly contain everything they need within that meager frame.

The heart and its circulatory system are awesome, and the brain is far more complicated than the best computer man can come up with. Scientists are constantly discovering new information about its complex workings.

As King David said in Psalm 139, we are "wonderfully made."

How anyone can believe that this complex, intricate piece of engineering came about by chance is beyond my power to comprehend.

I think it takes more faith to suggest that it just happened than to believe in Intelligent Design.

Well, that's my sermon for the day. As this is being written, Drew is still in the hospital. He's had some rough days dealing with pain and adverse reactions to pain medication.

He'll have to stay off his left leg for about 6 weeks - a challenge for a 14-year-old. But he's tough, and I'm sure he'll be on the mend and back on both feet before we know it.

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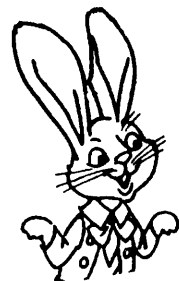
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Dean Hoag brought in the front page of the Port Huron Times Herald because it pictured Irv Claseman, a former coach in Cass City. Claseman is now 85 and he spent 15 years in Cass City before moving to Port Huron to coach Port Huron Central High School. Claseman looks remarkably fit in the photo. Hoag says he played for Claseman during his final year in the community. Incidentally, Irv didn't completely divorce himself from Cass City after leaving. He was in town for dental care and then attended the basketball game between the champion Red Hawks and the undefeated Unionville Sebewaing team. (An upset Hawk win).

Mark Monday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. on your calendar. That's the date that Barb Hendrick, the owner of the Crow's Nest in Cass City, will be on the Price is Right.

She stood in line waiting to attend the show when 300 persons were admitted. She wasn't one of them. Later, 20 more persons were admitted and Hendrick was the first one selected from that group.

She won about \$9,000 in prizes including a motorcycle, 4 electric guitars and a couch.

After reading in a food magazine that any spice with the name McCormick in rectangular tins is at least 15 years old, my wife went through our supply and found dry mustard that has to be at least 15 years old and probably is 20 or more.

Anyway, we replaced it. The discarded spice had the price still intact. It showed 1.12 ounces for 95 cents. Our replacement mustard was in a larger can, 2 ounces. The price today is \$3.79.

3 injured in weekend crash

Three Thumb residents were injured in what police described as a multiple pin-in traffic accident Saturday on M-46, about a half-mile east of White Creek Road in Koylton Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro said 2 vehicles were involved; the first a full-size pickup truck driven by Andrew C. Banks, 29, of Mayville, and the other an SUV driven by Daniel H. Coburn, 38, of Carsonville.

Based on evidence at the scene, troopers said they concluded that Banks was eastbound on M-46 and he crossed the road centerline into the path of Coburn's vehicle. A glancing head-on collision followed in the westbound lane.

Both drivers and the passengers in Coburn's vehicle were injured. The passengers were identified as Christa Coburn, 10, and Shayla Posey, 11. Troopers, who noted both vehicles

sustained severe damage, requested 2 helicopters from St. Mary's Medical Center and Covenant to transport the victims.

Reports stated Daniel Coburn was airlifted to Covenant and underwent surgery to repair multiple fractures in his upper and lower legs. Banks was airlifted to St. Mary's and was reportedly in stable condition. Christa Coburn suffered facial lacerations and was treated at Marlette Community Hospital and then released, and Posey was not injured.

Assisting troopers at the scene were the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, Kingston police, Marlette police, Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, MMR personnel, Kingston Rescue, Kingston Fire Department, Marlette Fire Department, Marlette Ambulance, FlightCare and LifeNet helicopters, and the Tuscola County Road Commission.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

It's about time, I think. Two Washington congressmen are proposing that someone shoot a few sea lions. Not a bunch. Just a few. That would be an improvement at least.

Congressmen Doc Hastings and Brian Baird say they will introduce a bill that would allow officials of Washington, Oregon, and Native American tribes to quickly obtain permits to kill as many as 10 sea lions that go after salmon below Bonneville Dam.

The theory is that killing a few will have an educational effect on the others, making them less aggressive about grabbing fish from fishermen's lines or champing up salmon trying to enter fish ladders.

Maybe 10 is enough? One hundred would be better, but we could start with 10.

The bill proposed by Hastings and Baird could allow the states to remove some of the culprits as early as next spring.

The Corps of Engineers has tried everything else: Firecrackers, rubber bullets, profanity. No one is surprised those things don't work.

The number of sea lions below Bonneville during salmon runs has increased from almost none 10 years ago to more than 100 in 2006. Biologists counted about 30 at the dam in 2002.

State and federal biologists estimate these critters kill three percent of the spring salmon run at Bonneville Dam. Contrast that with the sports fishermen's allocation of 1.2 percent of that run.

Nobody knows how many salmon sea lions kill in the 200 miles of river before the fish reach Bonneville. Sea lions in the Columbia have learned to

eat sturgeon as well, threatening that population, also.

Sports fishermen are only allowed to keep salmon that are fin-clipped, indicating they are hatchery fish. This protects wild and endangered runs. Most people believe sea lions keep whatever they catch.

There will be opposition to killing any sea lions, of course. The same folks who propose removing dams (at a huge cost to agriculture and other industries) will object to killing sea lions.

Even the Governor of Oregon wants to remove dams. I wonder how he feels about sea lions?

Sea lions are in no danger of extinction. Oregon officials say there were 50,000 when the Marine Mammal Protection Act was passed in 1972. They estimate the population at 300,000 now.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act is another example of legislating a biological disaster. Anytime we rule out lethal means in wildlife management we have created a mess.

Sea lions aren't the only problem, of course. We also have cormorants, Caspian terns, and several other salmon predators that are protected and increasing at phenomenal rates.

Then we have pike minnows that prey on salmon smolts. The Bonneville Power Administration pays anglers \$4 to \$6 each for pike minnows. So there are several predators we can't touch and another with a bounty on its head.

Does this make any sense? Maybe it's time to get rid of some 30-year-old laws that never made any sense to begin with.

The Haire Net

Ticket stings simply unfair



If you want to scrounge around for a last minute ticket to sold-out games do it at the college, not the professional level.

Already a good seat for the upcoming Ohio State and University of Michigan game is on the market for \$4,270.

Tickets for the opening World Series baseball games at Comerica Park sold from \$500 to perhaps \$3,000.

There's no problem with that here. It's your money, spend it any way you want. There is a problem if you want to buy or cash in tickets for professional games in Detroit.

If you try to sell a ticket at the regular face value outside of the park, or, heaven forbid, to make a buck on the sale, you're in trouble. The only scalped ticket sale that is legal is the one that is offered by the Tiger organization. Undercover cops don't birdog the crowd for ticket sellers outside the park to protect the fans, but as an easy, legal way to raise cash.

Although the example here concerns baseball, it includes any sport in Detroit. Back in the days when the Pistons won their first championships and were the hot ticket in town, a group of fans from Cass City went to the game. One of them had an extra ticket to sell. A man walked up and asked what he wanted for the ticket. How much will you give me, he asked. That did it. The ticket was grabbed and a fine assessed at a later court appearance.

Contrast that with any football or

basketball game at the college level. It's a common practice to see ticket sellers and buyers negotiating a sale for that day's game.

No cops, no sweat. It allows dedicated fans to get in to see their favorite team in action even though buying a ticket in advance is impossible with all seats sold out for the season.

It's reasonable to call them dedicated fans because they are taking a chance that there will be no tickets for sale. Doesn't happen often. There was a time when I was a regular street buyer of tickets. Only once in 15 years or so did I run into a true scarcity of tickets. It was for a game that wasn't previously sold out, but the weather was beautiful and a throng of late arrivals gobbled up the tickets available. There were hundreds left waiting at the gate.

Undoubtedly, many tickets are sold at premium prices, but the huge majority most times went at face value or less.

I must have purchased tickets on the street at least 100 times and never had to break an ironclad rule not to pay a premium for them.

In Detroit there's no outcry when all prices such as parking fees are raised from \$3 to as much as \$40 when the series is on.

But the average Joe can't even buy or sell at published prices tickets that are available. It's unfair and should be stopped, but there is little chance that it will be.

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Upcoming Moon Phases
Full 11/5, Last 11/12, New 11/20, First 11/28
Sunrise/Sunset Times
Sunrise today: 7:08 a.m., Sunset tonight: 5:24 p.m.
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Day High Low Normals Precip
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Tuesday 43 34 54/37 0.00"
Wednesday 45 28 54/37 0.00"
Thursday 48 26 53/37 0.00"
Friday 43 36 53/36 0.00"
Saturday 41 34 53/36 0.00"
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Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

Ghosts, ghouls and goblins. Yes, it's Halloween time in Cass City. I spent the past week talking with students in the area to see just what they had planned for this year's Halloween.

At the high school level, I found out that a surprising number of students are ready and waiting to celebrate Halloween. High School Senior Adam Wentworth told me that he was planning to go with a few of his friends to the midnight showing of "Saw III" in Bay City. "It will be a lot of fun," he told me.

However, senior girls' basketball player Courtney Rabideau had other plans as well. "Well, we have a game on Halloween night, so I will be busy for a while, but then I plan to join Adam and go to the movies," Rabideau added, "I am sure that I will be scared to death by it!"

But what about kids at the middle school, or even at the elementary school? Well, most kids that I talked to said that they were ready to go trick-or-treating! And although I don't go trick-or-treating anymore, I always love staying home to hand out candy and see all of the creative costumes.

On Thursday of last week, I had the opportunity to work at the AAUW Halloween Carnival and Middle School Spook House. There were a number of kids who attended and many were already sporting their Halloween costume. Some were princesses, some were vampires, and some were even football players, but all had very festive costumes. In fact, some of the adult and youth workers even dressed up! Money raised from the event will go to sponsor the RIF program, the July Paint-in, and school assemblies.

Yes, Halloween is indeed a fun time of the year. Whether you are trick-

or-treating, going to a haunted house, or even staying home to hand out candy, there is always fun to be had on Halloween...even if you do still get a little scared!

One other thing that I asked a lot of students this week was what they would be doing with their day off of school on Wednesday. Most students chimed in with the same response. Not surprisingly, they told me that they would be sleeping in! However, there was one high school student who told me that he would have to get up and go to work...at an unheard of 10 a.m. in the morning! But something tells me that he will survive.

As a reminder to parents, students will not have school on Wednesday due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. I would like to invite all parents of students in the Cass City school system to attend and meet with their child's teacher. Conferences will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school, from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the middle school, and from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

And if by chance you happen to be stopping by the middle school for Parent/Teacher Conferences, be sure to check out the Middle School Book Fair. Family Day will be held on November 1 from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and students will be able to purchase items November 2-9 from 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Money raised from the event will be used to purchase books for the media center that students will be able to check out.

So whether it's trick-or-treating, going to the movies, or just sleeping in, this week has something for everyone. So enjoy the Halloween season and if you're a student at Cass City, enjoy your day off!

Still planning a career in music Helland a nuclear reactor operator

A funny thing happened on Marcel Helland's way to becoming a music performance major - he joined the U.S. Navy.

Today, Helland, 19, of Cass City, is a nuclear reactor operator stationed at the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek, S.C. He's in the process of continuing his training and hopes to soon be serving his country aboard a submarine.

But the 2005 Cass City High School graduate hasn't lost sight of his plans to become a professional saxophone player. In fact, he says, serving in the Navy will help him to accomplish that goal.

"I thought it would be a good intermediate start before I go to college, and the military is something I wanted to do," Helland said recently while home on a 2-week leave.

Helland, the son of Annette Bell of Cass City and Wayne Helland of Kingston, signed up for 6 years in the Navy, shipping out for boot camp in Great Lakes, Ill., in August 2005.

"I plan to extend that by 2 years," he said of his time in the service. "There's a nice bonus for re-enlisting, of course, and that will help me with my career aspirations. The last 2 years will be on 'short command' - I'll be on shore duty, so I'll be able to attend college and still have a full-time job."

Helland is a petty officer third class with a rating of electronics technician. He just recently graduated from an intensive nuclear power training school and was scheduled to resume his next phase of training when he

returned to South Carolina last week.

As a nuclear reactor operator, Helland explained he is charged with assuring safety aboard ships propelled by nuclear power. "I make sure the nuclear reactor plant is maintained in a safe condition," he said. "It's a tremendous responsibility, and I'll likely end up on submarines - that's the lives of 120 people.

"My next 6 months will be hands-on training," added Helland, who will remain at the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek, but will be assigned to the Nuclear Power Training Unit for the next several months.



Marcel Helland

Deford man faces 2-15 years in prison

A Deford man charged with 41 counts of criminal sexual conduct was sentenced to prison last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Kenneth R. Crawford, 60, was ordered to serve 2 to 15 years in prison for pleas of guilty to 3 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct. Court records state the offenses involved a single victim who was at least 13 years of age but under 16 years at the time. The crimes, which took place between Sept. 2003 and January 2006, also involved personal injury to the victim.

In addition to prison time, Crawford was ordered to pay \$160 in court costs and fines.

In other circuit court proceedings: •Walter E. Ross II, 47, Saline, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 183 days in the county jail (deferred on a month-to-month basis), with work release, for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from March 1, 2005, through March 20, 2006.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,620 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$44,073.80.

•Jamie A. Curtis, 20, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence for pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer and possession of marijuana March 5 in Tuscola Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,345.

•Debra M. Romain, 44, Kingston, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 30 days in jail, with work release, for her pleas of no contest to maintaining a drug house and possession of marijuana June 22, 2005, in Koylton Township.

She was also ordered to pay \$1,360 in costs and fines.

•Ashley L. Pike, 17, Caro, pleaded guilty to false report of a felony (felonious assault) April 13-15 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$100. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Shawn P. Jefferson, 45, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, June 7 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$120.

•Jered K. Jevicks, 20, Vassar, stood mute to a charge of delivery/manufacture of marijuana Aug. 29 in Denmark Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$8,000.

•Timothy M. Parker, 27, Saint Clair, stood mute to 2 counts of possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, possession of mari-

juana, subsequent offense, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle Sept. 24 in Ellington Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$3,000.

•Troy R. Inches, 26, stood mute to charges of second degree home invasion and larceny in a building June 27 in Dayton Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.

•Austin L. King, 24, Mayville, was sentenced to 3 to 20 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to first degree home invasion and assaulting a police officer April 22 in Wells Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,080.

•Kenneth D. Schultz, 44, Vassar, stood mute to charges of domestic violence, third offense, Aug. 25 in Tuscola Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.

•Jeremy L. Sharp, 24, Reese, pleaded guilty to counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Aug. 29 in Denmark Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Stephanie L. Spencer, 25, Caro, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, June 23 in Caro.

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

•Gregory R. Coats, 44, Millington, pleaded guilty to fleeing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor July 22 in Watertown Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Red Hawk Excellence Award goes to 3 pupils

The first of 4 Red Hawk Award of Excellence meetings that honor an outstanding student from each of the 3 Cass City school buildings was held last week. The awards based on leadership at the school or in the community. Also considered is academic performance.

Selected from Campbell Elementary School was Jessie Kammer, daughter of Kip and Kathaleen Kammer of Cass City.

Jessie is in the fourth grade and demonstrates the pillars of character, her teacher says. She asks good questions and her work is neatly done, well organized and completed on time. She listens to suggestions from her peers and can be depended on to complete an extra job. She is an asset to the classroom and the school.

Selected from the middle school building was Krista Guinther, daughter of Tina Guinther and Ron and Cheryl Guinther. Krista is in the 8th grade and her accomplishments are varied and numerous. She always strives to do her best. She is a caring person and helpful to the teachers and helps other students who may have trouble with an assignment. She plays softball and volleyball and is active in performing arts and in a youth group. Krista is an outstanding young lady, her teachers say.

Selected from the high school was Kyle Swanson, son of Mark and Ann Swanson. The teaching staff says, "volunteer must be Kyle's middle name." He volunteers and is active in every committee in the National Honor Society, student council and future youth involvement. He has given weeks at a time during the summer to help in the high school office. He writes a column about school activities each week in the Chronicle. Kyle is a senior who is courteous, pleasant, supportive and honest. For all these reasons he was nominated by the high school staff.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

The Shabbona United Methodist Church congregation is gearing up for a big move and some welcome expansion next year. The project has required a big leap of faith, but the Rev. Ellen Burns is confident the congregation will meet each challenge because the focus has always been on one thing - building on the church's ministry in the community. The 2-phase project includes construction of a fellowship hall about three quarters of a mile north of the church, and then moving the church to the new location. "We started out with a budget of about \$350,000, but it might be a little more," Burns said. "It's a big step - we have a membership of about 106 - that's a lot to undertake."

It's a poor year for pumpkins. Dry weather early in the season followed by rains in the fall cut seriously into the size and quality of this year's crop. Don't try to sell that to Robert Wood, Cass City. Wood is one of about 17 area farmers who compete every year in an informal contest to grow the largest pumpkin. Wood's largest pumpkin this year weighs 357 pounds. That was a prize winner this year. No, not the grand prize winner. It was just second best. The winner weighed 459 pounds and was grown by Robert Vaughan of Caro. Regardless, either of the giants would make a lot of pumpkin pies. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Eric Montreuil, 9, was inducted into the Supercross Hall of Fame at the Pontiac Silverdome after winning the Supercross competition in April.

10 YEARS AGO

His wife went out of her way to lend a helping hand to Blaine deBeaubien. Blaine is an avid hunter and was spending a little of his recreation time bow and arrow hunting at an undisclosed site in the area. At his home he has a deer bait pile. After spending a few fruitless hours hunting, he returned home and his wife was there to help. While he was hunting, she photographed a big 8-point buck

feeding at the bait in the family's backyard. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Four Cass City High School debaters brought home trophies for superior speaking skills following a week-end debate competition held in Frankenmuth. The Cass City students, coached by Performance English instructor Chad Daniels, started out their season with a bang Saturday, winning the same number of trophies as Class B school Gaylord during the 4-round tournament. In the open division, senior Lee Dillon took a third-place speaker trophy, and in the novice division, junior Andrew Hartwick won the first-place speaker trophy. Also in the novice category, sophomore Rose Hoelzle took the fifth-place speaker trophy, and freshman Nicole Doerr brought home the seventh-place speaker trophy.

25 YEARS AGO

Editor Mike Eliasohn says that his interview of Fred Jaus last week just about wore him out. That's because the 100-year-old Jaus refused to sit down for the first half hour of the interview and later walked around his garden while answering questions. Speaking of oldsters, how about Jason Kitchin? He was in the other day to transfer his paper to Florida, marking the 26th straight year that he has made the trek south for the winter. We can't say just how old Jason is, but he's up there, unless you compare him with Jaus...then, I guess, he's merely a young sprout. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Francis and Paul Laethem, owners of Laethem Equipment Co., John, Deere dealers in Caro, announced the purchase of the former Stokeley-VanCamp canning factory building in Caro. Francis Laethem said the company will begin remodeling newer buildings at once and remove older wood buildings. The dealership will move from 337 Montague to the new site. Paul Laethem said that there is over 88,000 square feet under roof in the complex. That is more than two acres. The total area is about 19 acres. The move to the new location will be as soon as possible and the owners

hope to be doing business there by spring.

After losing a pair of games by close margins, the Cass City Red Hawks turned the tables Tuesday night with a win in double overtime over the Bad Axe Hatchets, 54-52. It looked for a while as if the host Hatchets were going to blow Cass City out of the game early. In the first period Bad Axe poured in 16 points while Cass City netted just six. The second period was a reverse of the opening eight minutes. Cass City ripped in 18 points while the Hatchets slumped to just nine.

35 YEARS AGO

The Kingston village council accepted the low bid of William C. O'Dell, Thumb contractor, for the erection of a new municipal warehouse, offices and fire hall at its regular meeting Tuesday, Oct. 26. The building will have 5,600 square feet of floor space and will be a commercial type steel building designed by Michigan Certified Engineering. The building will be totally insulated with several overhead doors for convenient equipment storage.

The village of Cass City will probably get out of the fire fighting business when the new Elkland Township Hall is completed. Now they furnish the building for the township department. But last week the village voted to start paying for the care of the cultural center (Elkland Town Hall) and village taxpayers will again be paying a double load. Villagers, of course, pay all township taxes and in addition pay village taxes. When the village assumes a payment on a building used by both the township and the village the village dwellers pay twice...once as a township resident and once as a village resident. It's a system that needs changing. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Army Specialist 4 Richard S. McRae, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McRae, 8673 Hadley Road, Cass City, is expected home this weekend for a 7-day leave. He spent last month in Germany where he participated with more than 11,000 troops in exercise Reforger III.



DISPLAYING THE CERTIFICATES and ribbons earned as Red Hawk Award of Excellence students are, from left: Krista Guinther, Jessie Kammer and Kyle Swanson.

State proposals on tap

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PROPOSAL 5

Rights Initiative, Proposal 2 would ban public institutions from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes.

Public institutions affected by the proposal include state government, local governments, public colleges and universities, community colleges and school districts.

Supporters say that affirmative action programs have met the original objectives and are no longer needed, while opponents argue that affirmative action programs are needed to remedy past discriminatory practices and to foster greater diversity in public institutions.

Proposal 5 would increase current education funding by some \$565 million and require the state to provide annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges and universities. It would also require the state to fund any deficiencies from the general fund.

Proponents emphasize the value of a highly educated workforce for strengthening Michigan economy. Opponents have raised concerns about the potential impact of the funding guarantee on the state budget, particularly when State School Aid Fund revenue does not increase at the rate of inflation.

PROPOSAL 3

Proposal 3 asks voters to approve or reject a 2004 law that establishes a hunting season for mourning doves.

Supporters of the law point to 40 other states that already allow the hunting of mourning doves. Many also feel the referendum represents a direct threat to hunting rights.

Opponents of the law initiated a successful petition drive to place the issue on the ballot. They cite the dove's popularity as the state's official "Bird of Peace" and say doves are so small that hunting them amounts to live target practice.

PROPOSAL 4

Eminent Domain is the focus of Proposal 4, a constitutional amendment to prohibit government from taking private property by eminent domain for certain private purposes.

The law would restrict the power of state and local governments to take private property by adding 4 new elements to the eminent domain section of the Michigan Constitution. They are:

*"Public use" would not include the condemnation of private property for economic development purposes or enhancing tax revenues.

*A property owner must be compensated at 125 percent of the property's fair market value.

*If government tries to take private property to relieve blight conditions, it must provide a "preponderance of the evidence" to demonstrate the blight actually exists.

*Any existing "right, grant or benefit" for property owners that was in effect prior to Nov. 1, 2005, cannot be changed.

Election Nov. 7

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Christ, where he has served for more than 25 years.

He has worked as a school social worker, an administrator in special education, early childhood and at-risk student programs, and professional development. Brown has also been involved in MSU Extension, the Huron County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Human Development Commission's (HDC) Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee.

Hunt has been a business owner for more than 3 decades. The owner of J.W. Hunt, based in Bad Axe, he is a 17-year veteran of the Huron County Road Commission, currently serving as chairman, and also is a member of the Verona Township Planning Commission and the County Road Association of Michigan.

Hunt sits on the board of incorporators for Huron Medical Center and is a past member of the Verona Mills School Board and of the St. Joseph Parish Council in Rapson.

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Cass City runners earn return trip to state finals

Cass City cross country coach Amy Cuthrell was more than pleased with the performance she received from the Red Hawk boys' team at Saturday's Division 3 regional in Bad Axe.

However, it was the effort of sophomore Lady Hawk Brittnay Loomis that made her day.

Loomis, who earned Greater Thumb West all conference honors the week before, qualified as an individual for this Saturday's state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklynn with a top 15 finish at the Hatchet regional.

Running in cold, wet and gloomy conditions, Loomis recorded a time of 22:09 to pace Cass City's 6th place team finish. She crossed the finish line with the 12th fastest time among the girls.

"This is Brittnay's first year of cross country," coach Cuthrell said. "Three months ago, at the beginning of the season, she couldn't even run one mile without walking. And now she's heading to the state finals. What a wonderful kid."

Chelsie Fuller recorded medallist honors among the ladies with a time of 20:05 for winner Freeland. The Fal-

cons posted 47 points to easily defeat runner-up Essexville Garber with 76. The complete team standings had Saginaw Nouvel with 96, Caro 98, Tawas City 151, Cass City 158, Swan Valley 186, Bad Axe 194, Standish Sterling 196 and Bullock Creek with 207.

The Lady Hawks also received a 28th place individual finish from Leah Whittaker (22:59) while Ashleigh Rabideau placed 30th (23:05), Jennica Richards 39th (23:33) and Lindsay Bliss 58th (24:57).

BOYS' FIELD

For the second straight year, the Red Hawks advanced to the state finals as a team.

The Hawks finished third on the day with 89 points, bowing to champions Freeland with 39 points and runner up Swan Valley with 80. Rounding out the team standings were Essexville Garber with 102 points, Tawas City 153, Reese 174, Saginaw Nouvel 186, Bad Axe 197, Caro 230, Bullock Creek 262, Standish Sterling 263 and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port with 309.

Sophomore Lukas Varney turned in the Hawks' top time on the day, finishing 6th individually with a time of 17:24.

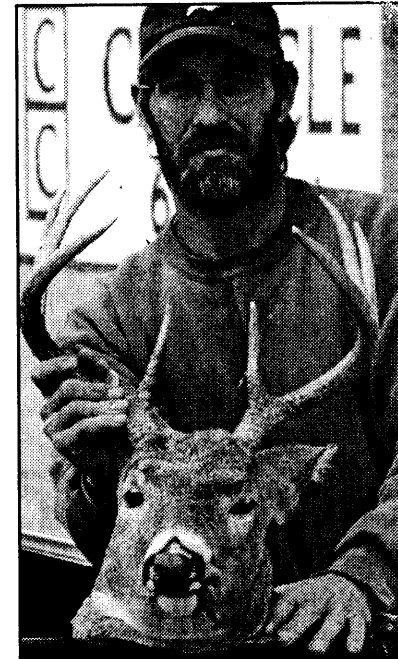
Cass City seniors Kyle Reif (17:52) and Cameron Lautner (17:55) both broke the 18 minute mark and placed 12 and 13th, respectively. Finishing with a time of 18:06 was Red Hawk Tyler Burke, who placed 17th, while Adam Wentworth crossed the end line in the 38th position at 19:06.

Freeland's Anthony Miller earned medallist honors on the day with a time of 16:47.

"This will be Lukas' and Cameron's third trip to the state finals," Cuthrell said.



GAGETOWN resident Levi Adams and his 7-point buck.



CASS CITY resident Mark Deering and his 8-point buck.

Hawks split pair of GTW outings

For the second time this season the Cass City Red Hawks made a valiant bid to upset the undefeated in the Greater Thumb North Lakers, only to fall short and virtually assure Elkton Pigeon Bay Port the league title.

The Hawks lost last week, Tuesday, by 6 points, 48-42, and the game was closer than the final score indicates. In the first game the Lakers won by a single point, 47-46.

The Hawks staged a last half rally to keep the outcome in doubt all the way. In the first period neither team was able to find the hoop with regularity and in the second quarter the Lakers bounced out to a 23-15 lead.

The Hawks nearly erased that deficit in the third quarter and trailed by just a single point entering the last period. The Hawks tied the game in the final quarter, but were stymied by the 3-point shooting of the league leaders.

Megan Jobs connected from outside the arc, was fouled and converted the charity toss to put the Lakers in front by 4.

Coach Lloyd Schinnerer said, "I'm very pleased with the all-out effort put forth by our girls. The difference in the game was the Laker 3-point shooting and balanced scoring attack."

Emily Schinnerer with 22 points and Courtney Rabideau with 15 points carried most of the Cass City scoring load. Schinnerer was Cass City's top rebounder with 9 boards.

There was only one Laker in double figures. Stephanie Maxwell scored 13 points and the remainder of the Laker offensive production was shared by 5 other players.

tory over USA Thursday. It was a tremendous job, coach Lloyd Schinnerer said. The Patriots have been averaging around 50 points a game and we held them to just 33.

Cass City's 41-33 win was closer than the final score indicated. The Hawks bounced out to an early lead, only to have USA come back in the second half to set the stage for a battle to the end.

Starting the third period Cass City was in front, 19-12, and the Hawks were held to a single basket in the quarter. Going into the critical last period the score was tied at 21 all.

Maddie Dooley came off the bench and contributed a sparkling game with 10 points and 3 rebounds. She opened the fourth period with a pair of quick hoops. The Patriots countered with great rebounding by Kate Rayl and fine play by sophomore Carly Treiber.

The score was tied at 25 with 5:49 left to play and again at the 2:53 mark. The teams traded baskets until the last 2 minutes of the game. Great foul shooting in the last 1:48 provided the spark that allowed the Hawks to register the win. With just under 2 minutes left, USA was in front, 32-31.

Courtney Rabideau started the successful parade to the foul line to convert a pair to put the Hawks ahead. Schinnerer followed with 3 of 4, Dooley added a pair, Sara Meeker contributed 2 for 2 and Rabideau added another to end the assault.

In that stretch, the Patriots scored a single free throw.

Courtney Rabideau did a nice job handling the press, coach Schinnerer said, and Emily Schinnerer snagged 7 rebounds and 5 steals. Besides Dooley and Schinnerer with 10 points, Rabideau with 12 were in double figures for Cass City. Treiber led USA with 11.

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Dooley helped the Hawks earn a hard fought 41-33 decision over host Unionville-Sebewaing on Thursday in Greater Thumb West play. Dooley scored 10 points that included a perfect showing at the foul line in 4 trips.

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Bulldogs suffer road setbacks

Owen-Gage opened a 5-game road stand, which eventually will end at Dryden to close out regular season play, with North Central Thumb League losses at North Huron and Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

The Bulldogs went ice cold during the middle quarters of Thursday's NCTL crossover match up against CPS and surrendered, 55-39. Earlier in the week, the visitors suffered a tight 43-41 setback against NCTL-North foe North Huron.

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It's unlikely Owen-Gage's road struggles will end anytime soon as the Bulldogs travel to meet Memphis on Thursday. The Yellowjackets stand perfect in NCTL play and hold a lofty 17-1 record overall.

Against the Tigers, April Nowaczyk helped the visitors keep pace in the early going with a trio of hoops as the 2 teams traded field goals during the opening frame that closed, 10-10. The Tigers then turned up their defensive intensity during a 12-4 run to end the initial half and continued that pressure in the third frame where the Tigers settled the contest with an 18-6 scoring advantage.

The Bulldogs were limited to a pair of baskets by Amanda Faist and solo hoops by Becky Schmidt and Nowaczyk during the 16-minute span. CPS' Erica Christy, who led all scorers with 19 points, tossed in 13 markers during the deciding middle quarters.

Trailing 40-20, Owen-Gage outscored their hosts 19-15 to the final whistle. Schmidt found the range in the stanza where she connected on 2 treys and tallied 13 of her team-high 17 points.

NORTH HURON

North Huron took a 33-29 margin into the final period and held on for a 43-41 victory in NCTL-N action on Tuesday. The Warrior win, their 4th of the season, revenges an early season 54-36 setback to the Bulldogs.

Once again, the Bulldogs had 3 players with double-digit performances, but received only 2 Bethany Kovach free throws from the remaining cast.

Schmidt put the visitors on top in the first period with 3 field goals and the Bulldog defense did its part, holding the Warriors to just 5 points in the game's opening 8 minutes.

The Warriors, however, were able to draw even at the intermission, 18-18, as a balanced attack saw 6 different players record solo field goals in the second frame.

After the break, Ally Eggert led the way for North Huron with a trey and 5 free throws that put the Warriors in front for good. Eggert, who was held scoreless in the first half, finished the night with 10 points.

Chelsea Roth led the host's attack leading into the final period where she collected 8 of her 10 tallies as the host's only other double-digit scorer.

Schmidt recorded game scoring honors for the Bulldogs with 16 points. She ripped the nets for 11 points before the break.

In the final half, Owen-Gage turned to Faist at the offense end of the floor and she contributed a 7 of 8 showing at the foul line to complement 2 field goals. Faist and Nowaczyk finished with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

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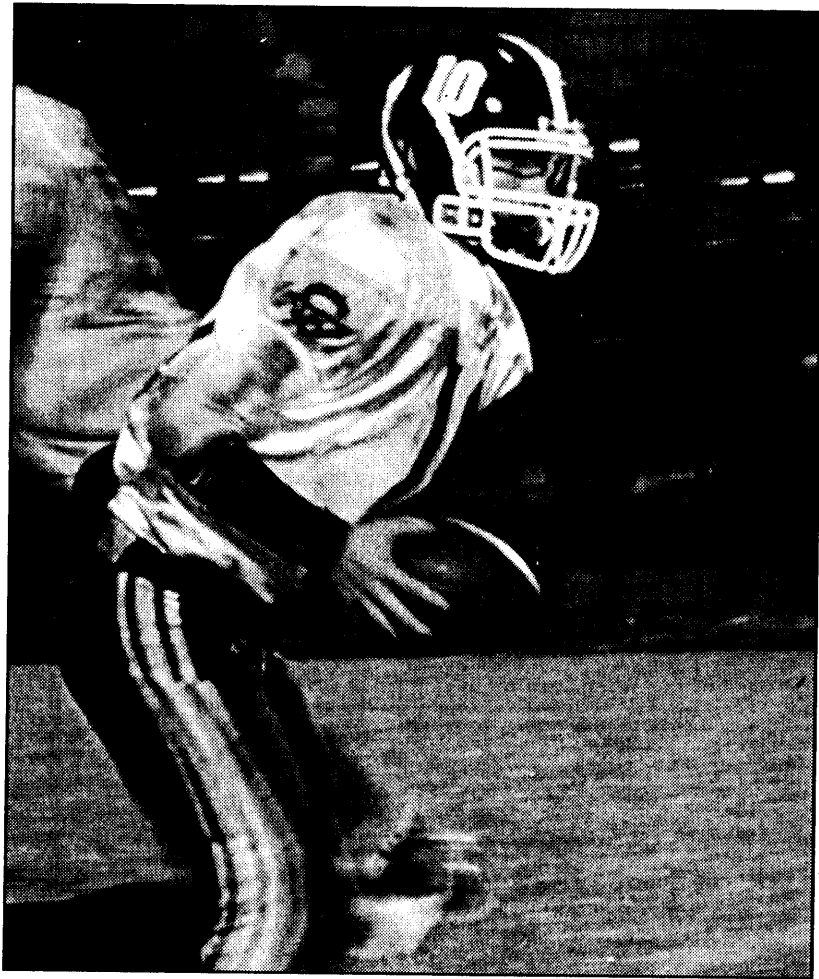
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DEVIL OF A TIME

Cass City bows at Lake Fenton in Division 5 district semifinal outing



MR. DO-IT-ALL

QUARTERBACK Brad Hartel gets ready to hand off in Friday's Division 5 playoff game at Lake Fenton. Besides calling the signals, the Red Hawk senior played safety, returned kicks, returned punts and handled the kicking chores for Cass City.

Youth Football Program new to Cass City students

If practice makes perfect, by the time Cass City students Zachary Clapper and Jacob Perry are Red Hawk seniors, the pair will be two outstanding football players.

Clapper, a third grader, and Perry, a fifth grader, are members of Cass City's inaugural Youth Football Program (YFP). The first year program consists of two teams. Clapper is a member of the combined 3rd and 4th grade team, while Perry is on the 5th and 6th grade team roster.

Although the program is new to Cass City, it's been up and running for years around the Thumb. Teams from Ubly, Bad Axe, Elkton, Unionville-Sebewaing and Pigeon have been involved in league play for several years.

Cass City's youth teams began practicing before the start of school in late August. Each player, 39 total, receives a helmet, mouth guard, shoulder pads, knee pads, hip pads and a girdle. Additionally, players are given 2 sets of pants and jerseys, one for practices and the other for games.

However, all the rented equipment must be returned at the end of the season, and the tab to compete is \$135 per athlete.

Chuck Erla, Cass City's YFP president, would like to see that changed.

"I'd like to raise enough money to lower the entry fee to \$50 maximum," Erla said.

The Cass City Gavel Club has already donated \$2,000 to the program and YFP officials have solicited funds from the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Boosters Club and the Pinney Foundation. They hold 50/50 raffles at each home game and the players are taking part in the fundraising with a Little Caesars pizza campaign.

"We're trying to raise between \$16,000 and \$20,000. That will equip 80 football players and 20 cheerleaders. We could save money by buying some cheap stuff," says Erla, "but how long would it last?"

If the YFP is successful in its

fundraising efforts, they will be able to buy their own equipment and use the lower entry fee towards other operating costs.

"We would use the entry fees to pay officials, insurance, re-conditioning equipment, there are still plenty of expenses," Erla noted.

THE DEBATE

The freshman YFP team consists of 17 members, including 7 players in the third grade. They are under the guidance of coaches Clarke Haire, Chad Daniels and Chris Peters.

While no one doubts that there are several advantages associated with the YFP, it can be debated if a better football team down the line is among them.

One argument is that when young kids start at such an early age, they've had a whole career by the time high school rolls around and some of their interests will have wandered. Others, many believe, will drop out after encountering a bad experience, or, even worse, from a major injury.

Cass City Athletic Director, Aaron Fernald, believes the YFP is a great alternative for young kids. However, he isn't completely sold on the idea that it will necessarily lead to a better varsity team.

"As far as the total picture, I wouldn't want to lose any kids on the way. Back when our program was struggling, I talked to Mike Rea (Kingston head coach) and he suggested eliminating the junior high program. And I've talked to Dale Sage (Reese Athletic Director) and Reese doesn't have junior high football, but has a freshman team."

Coach Haire also isn't sure what effect, if any, a YFP will have on Cass City's high school program.

"There is no doubt all the kids are much better football players now than at the beginning of the season. Will they be that much more advanced from the kids that aren't playing right

Cass City's gridiron season came to a close Friday at Lake Fenton during a 36-14 opening round setback to the undefeated Blue Devils in Division 5 playoff action.

The loss puts the Red Hawks into the history books with a 6-4 record. It also marked the final game of coach Scott Cuthrell's Super Six.

"We had a great season in my view," Cuthrell said. "Of the 4 games we lost, we were only one or two plays from going 8-1 or 9-2."

The Cass City football careers of seniors Brad Hartel, Dereck Halasz, Kyle Sieradzki, Micah Randall, Brad Severance and Alex Walsh ended in the district semifinal tilt, the same spot they started in 3 years earlier.

The Super Six are the only Red Hawk players to be members on each of Cass City's 3 playoff teams, beginning in 2004 when the then sophomores were called up from their undefeated junior varsity squad to aid Cass City's first ever playoff contest at Birch Run.

"I told them before the game to feel good about what you have accomplished. You're all part of Cass City history," said Cuthrell.

While the Hawks were able to record upset victories in the previous 2 years during the district opener, it wasn't to be Friday.

As a light mist turned into rain, Lake Fenton washed away Cass City's upset bid to advance into the district final against Birch Run.

The Hawks had trouble moving the ball in the early going, while the Blue Devils scored on their first 3 possessions to build a 22-8 margin at the break.

"Lake Fenton was a quick, physical team," Cuthrell said. "They were solid at every position. We had a hard time finding an area to expose."

After holding Cass City to 3-and-out on the game's opening series, Lake Fenton moved 62 yards to notch its first score with 6:46 left in the period. The hosts marched toward the Hawk goal on a steady diet of runs around both ends. Then after hard running fullback Justin Peterson converted a key 4th-and-one situation to keep the Blue Devils' initial drive alive, quarterback Kyle Showers made the Hawks pay as his first pass of the night found Griffin Lloyd wide open behind the Hawk secondary for a 28-yard tally. Lloyd also added the 2-point conversion run, spotting the hosts to a 8-0 edge.

Cameron Lautner gave the Hawks solid field position on the ensuing kickoff when he returned it 25 yards to midfield. But a quick 3-and-out series forced another Hawk punt. Cass City's Halasz boomed a punt that pinned up the winners deep into their own territory, but a costly penalty forced Cass City to punt again.

On the redo, Cass City surrendered 30 yards of field position as the Devils took over near midfield.

Five running plays later, Peterson extended his team's margin on a 7-yard dive. Dillon King hauled in a Showers pass for the points after to close the scoring in the period with Lake Fenton in front, 16-0.

Cass City answered Fenton's score with one of its own on the next series. With its running game stalled, the Hawks went to the air for its first points. Starting on its own 38-yard line, Cass City recorded 3 first downs that led to a 12-yard scoring strike from Hartel to Halasz.

Sieradzki, who was limited to 29 rushing yards on 6 carries, put Cass City into Lake Fenton territory when he found running room around the right end and the visitors moved the chains for the first time. Hartel, who completed 5 of 9 passes for 45 yards, then connected with Halasz and Derek Ricker for consecutive first downs that moved the ball deep into the red zone. However, a big Lake Fenton sack produced a 3rd-and-13 situation. But the Hawks wouldn't be denied as Halasz hauled in Hartel's toss, ran over a Fenton defender, and scored on a clutch fourth down play. Halasz also accounted for the 2-point conversion.

In front 16-8, Lake Fenton would put one more score on the board to grab a 22-8 advantage at the half. Peterson accounted for the marker with 3:08 left on the clock from 2 yards out.

After Peterson's second score of the half, Cass City drove down to the 12-yard line behind a 36-yard scamper by Randall. But back-to-back quarterback sacks ended the threat with 12 seconds left till the break.

Lake Fenton opened the final half with a 50-yard scoring run by King to extend their margin to 28-8 much to the chagrin of defensive coordinator Josh Stern. During an earlier time out, coach Stern challenged his defensive unit.

"This is not the team I watched practice all week," barked Stern. "This is not Cass City football. Are they better than you?"

Cass City's defense responded with its first stop of the night when Walsh pounced on a Devil fumble that led to the Hawks' next score.

Randall, who recorded 130 yards rushing, mostly in the final half, broke loose for a 33 yard run that narrowed the hosts' margin to 28-14 entering the game's final 12 minutes.

The Hawk defense then forced its first punt of the night on Lake Fenton's next series. Facing 4th-and-4, Fenton attempted to get Cass City to jump off sides with a hard count before the punt, but the Hawk defense wouldn't bite and slowly momentum was building on the Cass City sideline.

However, with an opportunity to cut the Lake Fenton margin to a single score, Cass City couldn't move the ball.

Fenton then used a trick play to record its final score and remove the wind from Cass City's sails when halfback Jake Kirk tossed a 21-yard strike to Ridge Warren. Lake Fenton used another halfback pass - King to Kirk - for the points after and with 8:16 left in the game Cass City would never recover.

In addition to the Super Six, Cass City seniors Lautner, Ricker, Tyler Mabe, Dennis Bowen, Joe Homrocky, Preston Stec, Andrew Jones and Andrew Martin played in their final game.

"They are a great group of kids. Good people with good personalities. They were fun to coach and I'll miss them," Cuthrell said.



CASS CITY'S Tommy Parrish (45) brings down Lake Fenton's Justin Peterson in district semifinal action.

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At this time, I am writing to you because I want to return the favors, in terms of opinion and advice, I have received from you in the past. Because I personally know one of the candidates in this election and have a very strong opinion regarding this candidate, I would like to share my thoughts with you.

Terry Brown is running for our state representative seat, which will soon be vacated by Tom Meyer. I have known Terry Brown my entire life. As a child, I attended summer church camp with Terry and played against him on the football field. As an adult, I have been a coworker of Terry's and have served with him on numerous interagency committees and community projects.

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YFP new to Cass City youngsters

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time Drew enters high school, Drew will have played in more games than he did in his whole career.

"Drew is really into football right now! We play against each other in a fantasy league - not for any money - but it's doing something together and it's fun," Loomis said.

The freshman YFP games adhere to special rules. Coaches are allowed on the field. There are no kick-offs, as the ball is spotted on the 35-yardline to start the game, after the half, and following a score. Punters can't be rushed and punt receivers can't fumble. Some games blitzing isn't allowed and the clock runs continuously.

Both YFP teams play their home games on the varsity field in the recreational park. Some action has occurred under the lights, all games make use of the huge lighted scoreboard near the field's south end zone. Every game, all game long, the players' names are broadcasted over the public address system. There are officials, chain gangs and an open concession stand.

THE SOPHOMORES

Cass City's sophomore YFP team includes 22 players and is coached by Chuck Kaake, Jim Baker and Scott Hartel. All 6 YFP coaches have sons playing on the teams.

Coach Baker says it's all about the kids.

"You know I like working with the kids, teaching kids. I do a lot of volunteer work with the Boy Scouts, and to see them learn so quickly is satisfying. See them do out on the field what we've practiced and do it right. If one kid gets it, it's satisfying."

"At the sophomore level, no coaches are allowed on the field, the running quarters are longer and the level of competition, as should be expected, increases. Usually the better athletes are on the field, although every player is guaranteed to see action on at least 8 plays. Despite being the sophomore YFP team's rookie season, they hold an impressive 5-1 record."

"That 5th grade group is very talented. They remind me of last year's (varsity) squad with Cody (Halasz) and Brad (Langenburg)," Baker said.

Cass City varsity coach Josh Stern, who also has a son involved in the YFP, feels that in football terms alone, the program will pay dividends.

"It just happens that football is a game of fundamentals, if you start learning things like your stance, blocking techniques early, by the time they reach the middle school they've done those things a million times. And then at the next level, it will allow us to go deeper," Stern said.

Coaches Kaake and Hartel agree. "I definitely think it will pay off in the future," says Hartel. "The kids are working together and they're all enjoying it."

Added Kaake, "I think it's been wonderful for Cass City, especially the football program. We start the kids in the third grade, preparing them for varsity. We use the same plays, same formations as the varsity team. We had a lot of parent support for the first year, and from here (we can watch) it just grows."

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2006 Varsity Football

Aug. 25	Sandusky 22, Cass City 56
Aug. 31	Marlette 12, Cass City 45
Sept. 8	Bad Axe 0, Cass City 46
Sept. 15	USA 41, Cass City 38
Sept. 22	Reese 45, Cass City 32
Sept. 29	BCAS 26, Cass City 22
Oct. 6	Buena Vista 6, Cass City 61
Oct. 13	Lakers 6, Cass City 52
Oct. 20	Freeland 26, Cass City 59
Oct. 27	Lake Fenton 36, Cass City 14

2006 JV Football

Aug. 24	Sandusky 18, Cass City 40
Aug. 30	Marlette 20, Cass City 45
Sept. 7	Bad Axe 16, Cass City 47
Sept. 14	USA 0, Cass City 48
Sept. 21	Reese 13, Cass City 37
Sept. 28	BCAS 12, Cass City 42
Oct. 5	Memphis 6, Cass City 50
Oct. 12	Lakers 12, Cass City 39
Oct. 19	Freeland 28, Cass City 26

*Home games are in bold

2006 Cross Country

Aug. 25	Bad Axe Invite	9:30 a.m.	A
Aug. 30	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 6	USA Invite	3:45 p.m.	A
Sept. 9	Bad Axe Invite	10:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 16	Holly Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 21	Frankenmuth Invite	4:30 p.m.	A
Sept. 23	Delta College Invite	10:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 28	Mayville Invite	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 30	Harbor Beach	9:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 7	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.	H
Oct. 14	Reese Invite	8:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 17	League Invite	4:30 p.m.	A
Oct. 21	Caro Invite	11:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 29	Regionals		

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2006 Boys' Soccer

Aug. 22	Caseville 2, Cass City 1	
Aug. 24	Sandusky 3, Cass City 2	
Aug. 26	USA Invite	
Aug. 29	Harbor Beach 6, Cass City 4	
Aug. 31	Marlette 3, Cass City 2	
Sept. 7	Caseville 3, Cass City 2	
Sept. 9	Bad Axe Invite	
Sept. 12	Sandusky 6, Cass City 1	
Sept. 14	Harbor Beach 1, Cass City 1	
Sept. 19	Marlette 1, Cass City 4	
Sept. 21	Bad Axe 7, Cass City 0	
Sept. 26	Lakers 5, Cass City 0	
Sept. 28	USA 3, Cass City 1	
Oct. 3	Bad Axe 6, Cass City 0	
Oct. 5	Lakers 7, Cass City 1	
Oct. 10	USA 2, Cass City 1	
Oct. 11	Caro 5, Cass City 1	
Oct. 16-21	Districts	

2006 Girls' Basketball

Aug. 28	Uby 50, Cass City 48
Aug. 30	Brown City 32, Cass City 41
Sept. 5	Frankenmuth 36, Cass City 47
Sept. 7	Sandusky 45, Cass City 27
Sept. 12	Mayville 26, Cass City 46
Sept. 14	Bad Axe 31, Cass City 45
Sept. 19	Lakers 47, Cass City 46
Sept. 21	Marlette 49, Cass City 46
Sept. 26	USA 41, Cass City 50
Sept. 28	Harbor Beach 57, Cass City 45
Oct. 3	Reese 41, Cass City 55
Oct. 5	BCAS 41, Cass City 40
Oct. 10	Deckerville 35, Cass City 54
Oct. 17	BC John Glenn 25, Cass City 47
Oct. 19	Bad Axe 28, Cass City 43
Oct. 24	Lakers 48, Cass City 42
Oct. 26	USA 33, Cass City 41
Oct. 31	Reese 6:00 p.m. H
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Nov. 7	Caro 6:00 p.m. A

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CASS CITY AREA educators, family members and friends who traveled to Ireland and Scotland over the summer are (left to right) Tom Fulcher, Paul LeValley, Brenda Fulcher, Deb LeValley, Kath Carey, Marlene Baker, Sally Wood, Mary Kerner, Homer Bailey, Kathy Milligan, Linda Bailey and Linda Duquesnay.

Local educators tour Scotland and Ireland

Editor's Note: the following article was submitted by Cass City Middle School teacher Linda Bailey.

July 28 marked the return of 12 educators, families and friends from a 10-day trip to Scotland and Ireland.

The primary stimulus for this trip was to seek further education about these countries, their heritage and a desire to share that information with others. Some plan to utilize information in their classrooms, while others will disseminate information to civic, social, church and garden groups.

This diverse group left July 19 from Detroit, ultimately arriving in Glasgow, Scotland. From that point, the group toured Georges Square and the Burrell Collection at Pollock Park. The next 4 days was a whirlwind of castles, woolen mills, distilleries, Loch's including a view of "Nessie" and partaking of haggis at a Scottish cabaret.

A short flight took the group from Edinburgh to Dublin, Ireland where they were treated to a tour of the city and an evening Irish cabaret show.

Some distinct differences in music and song were noticed and similarities as well between the 2 countries. An opportunity to kiss the Blarney

Stone, view the castle and more woolen mills and shop areas were taken. The group had the opportunity to be treated to tea and scones at an area farmhouse that was over 300 years old and still in the family. The group toured through the center of Ireland and around the Ring of Kerry, Macgillycuddy's Reeks and the Gap of Dunloe.

Throughout the entire trip, the driver/guide spewed historical fact, fiction, folklore and humor that did not facilitate sleeping.

Throughout the 2 countries the scenery, farming, industry and environmental awareness and conscientiousness were observed and marveled at.

On one-hand, hills and valleys of grasses and wild flowers were growing in volcanic rock neatly manicured by herds of sheep that have free range regardless of land ownership, and then there are multiple wind farms of tall, silent, majestic wind turbines. One area we counted 37 turbines. We find that these are privately owned and the energy fed back to the grid.

Gas ran about one pound or euro per liter, depending on where you were. This computes to close to \$9 a gallon. The good news is that most vehicles are running diesel and even the gas-powered vehicles run 50-60 miles to the gallon. Large cars, SUVs, pick-ups and Hummers were not seen anywhere. Electricity in the rooms was turned on with the room key placed in a slot, which eliminated lights and TV being left on.

A genuine respect for and preservation of history is paramount in the new construction or preservation of all monuments whether they are "Stonehenge" like monuments, cathedrals, castles, streets, homes, businesses or natural resources. The coastlines, industry, shipping and farming all seem to be regulated to ensure the people of consistency and productivity.

The group discovered that gun ownership is heavily regulated, and hunting is a privilege rather than a sport. Gun ownership is allowed, but the firearm is housed with the police. This status is enacted after a tragedy involving sixteen children. Police officials carry defense materials but no firearms except for the equivalent of our SWAT team.

The group viewed a building that looks similar to our White House and discovered that the same architect designed both. An entire village was dedicated to U.S. Grant whose family was from one of the areas visited.

We discovered that the MGM lion, Stephan, came from the zoo in Phoenix Park in Ireland.

Homelessness was not an issue seen, as the government provides housing in exchange for government work programs. Shopping, entertainment and friendly people were in large amounts and enjoyed by all. Scotland wins in the garden yards department. Pavement or black top goes

directly to the edge of the houses, which most seem to have sunrooms attached, and baskets and barrels of flowers and hedges abound. One major find was palm trees growing in abundance, which were not associated with either of these two countries. Amusing was an evergreen tree that appeared to be constructed out of dark green pipe cleaners rather than needles.

Several observations made included, how friendly the people are.

Some feelings of intimidation regarding the attitudes of Americans were quickly alleviated when interacting with the locals or even watching the television. The news was more complimentary of our country, government and people than observed in the states.

The culminating activity of feasting at a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle recognized Tom and Brenda Fulcher as the Lord and Lady of the evening.

With that last touch of royalty, the group returned to the reality of the United States, and Cass City.

K. Homakie participates in the "Pull" at college

Krista Homakie, a Hope College sophomore from Cass City, participated in the "Pull", one of the nation's oldest college traditions now in its 109th year. She was a moraler for the class of 2009 team.

The Pull, first held in 1898, is an annual fall highlight at Hope. It started as a tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes for the freshmen to earn their place on campus. Over the years, it has evolved into a grueling 3-hour match during which freshmen and sophomore teams, entrenched in shallow pits on opposite sides of the Black River, attempt to gain the most rope through their strength and stamina.

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Homakie is the daughter of Michelle Homakie of Cass City. She is a 2005 graduate of Cass City High School. While attending Hope, Homakie has also participated in Nykerk and has been named to the dean's list.

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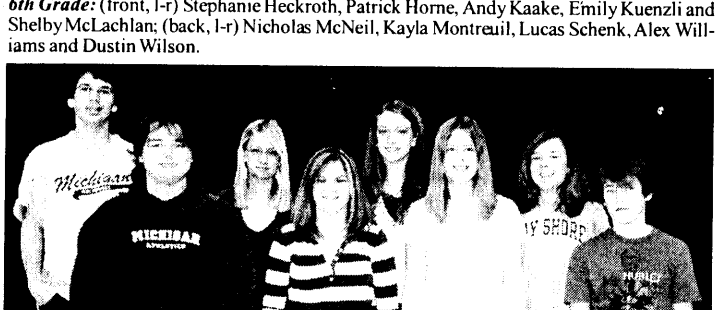
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6th Grade: (front, l-r) Stephanie Heckroth, Patrick Home, Andy Kaake, Emily Kuenzi and Shelby McLachlan; (back, l-r) Nicholas McNeil, Kayla Montreuil, Lucas Schenk, Alex Williams and Dustin Wilson.



7th Grade: (front, l-r) Morgan Erla, Tim Finkbeiner, Becca Hacker, Joseph Louks, Megan Parrish and Zachary Potrykus; (back, l-r) Alexandria Smith, Shannon Stec, Heather Sweeney, Cassandra Tomlinson, Jared Weidman and Haley Wynn.

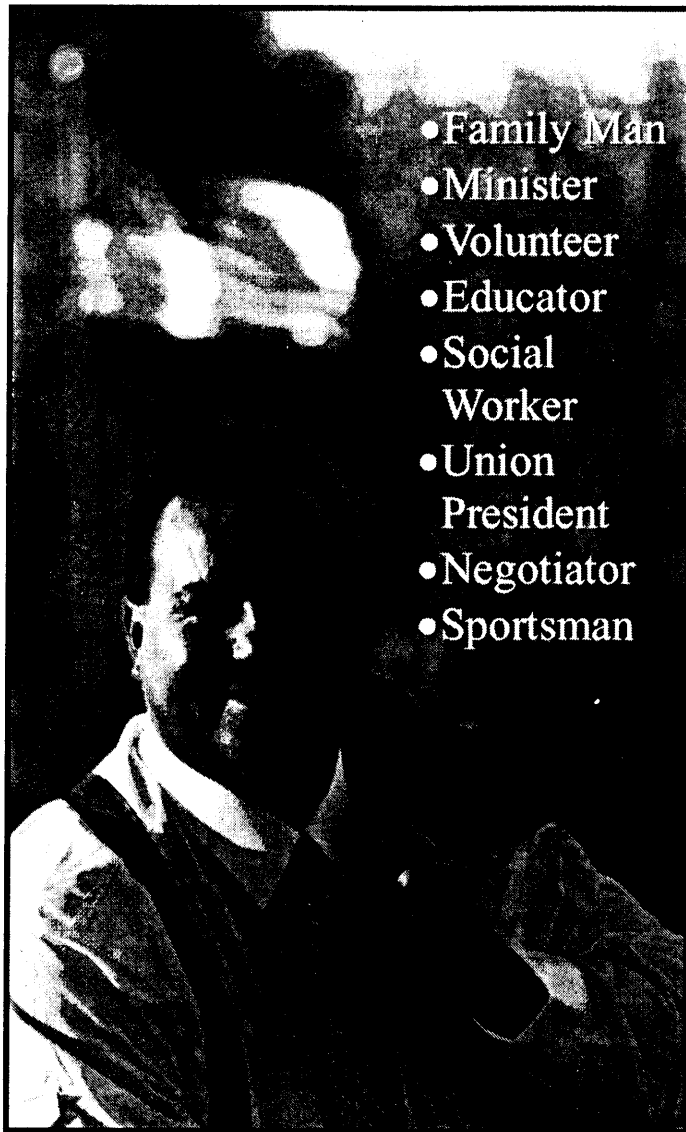


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NEW! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story with full unfinished basement. Town living without the taxes!!! Here is a home that you will be proud to call HOME. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with an acre lot outside of town. New attributes include: plumbing, furnace, central air, and woodwork throughout the house. This is a must see home. Extra deep lot for the kids to roam or the pets. 660' deep is big. Come take a look. It is located outside the city limits as well. Taxes are cheap! Call Tavis today for appointment to see.

NEW!
Nice & Noticeable! Many updates to this historic 2 story home. New siding, windows, doors, kitchen, baths, central air, all repainted and tastefully decorated. Appliances are approx. 4 yrs. old as well. Designed stamped sidewalk sets this corner lot home apart from the rest. CCT-377

HOME WANTED
Ready to Move Into - Fresh coat of paint on interior, new carpeting and Pergo flooring. Offers 3 bedrooms, full basement, attached 2 car garage. Located on a corner lot. Keys at closing, call today for your personal showing. CCT-366

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LOOKING FOR A HOME IN THE COUNTRY? Here it is!! 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch with full finished daylight basement on 1.3 acres. You also get a 25'x32' heated and insulated pole barn and a 1 bedroom apartment. Cass City schools. Convenient to Caro and Cass City. Call today on Cy2520

SELLER MOTIVATED!!! Family wanted for this 3 bedroom home with formal living room, dining room, family room with gas log fireplace and a hot tub room with doorwalls to the patio and above-ground pool. Beautiful treed 1.65 acre yard. Lakers schools. Priced at \$139,000. Come look and make the seller an offer. Cy2490

MOTIVATED SELLER!!! Come make an offer on this turn-of-the-century 2 story home. 3 to 4 bedrooms. Updates include newer furnace, storm windows and water heater. Could be converted to 2 apartment rental units. Call on TCC1492.

SELLER SAYS MAKE AN OFFER!!!! Ugly duplex with garage, separate utilities and separate driveways. Downstairs apartment has newer kitchen cabinets, countertops and remodeled bath. Could easily be a one family home. Don't pass this one by. \$67,900. T0709

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION!!! Be in your new home for the holidays. Hillcrest Subdivision. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, master bedroom with master bath and walk-in closet, living room with fireplace, finished basement and indoor pool. Seller will consider rent with option. TCC1473

PRIVACY AND SECLUSION - Are yours with this 3 bedroom home nestled in the woods on 2 acres. Home features an open floor plan and an oversized attached 2 car garage. Cass City schools. Home Warranty. \$106,900. Cy2455

CUTE AS CAN BE!!! Come see this storybook home. Completely remodeled with a full basement and large lot. Why continue renting when you could buy this home priced at \$59,900? TCC1490

Resident questions land swap proposal

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 time, DFA officials expressed an interest in developing a new product line, possibly yogurt, in the Thumb. The DFA representatives indicated

they will need a minimum 20 acres to establish the new plant, which is expected to total 100,000 to 300,000 square feet. They also estimated the new plant would eventually employ 50 to 60 people.

•Scheduled a public hearing for Monday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. at the municipal building to consider a proposed zoning amendment related to residential housing in a business district.
 The amendment, recommended by the Cass City Planning Commission,

would allow residential occupancy on the ground floor of such properties provided they meet certain guidelines.
 •Approved a request from Michael Sines, owner of Gilligan's, to transfer half of his interest in the business to his wife, Deanna Sines.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the council:
 •Accepted the resignation of Trustee Dawn Karr, who is leaving the council due to what she described as health issues. The council then appointed Jim Heiser to fill the vacancy immediately. He will serve until the next regular election, in September 2007.

In a related matter, the council named Trustee Don Richards the village president pro-tem, a position previously held by Karr.

Heiser is a retired Detroit Edison manager with extensive experiences in system design, supervision, management, negotiations and dispute resolution. He was named manager of the North Area Energy Center in Cass City in 1984 and retired 10 years later. He is currently a member of the village's downtown development authority-economic development corporation (DDA-EDC) and also serves as vice president of the United Way of Tuscola County.

•Accepted the resignation of Curt Strickland from the Cass City DDA-EDC board. Strickland, who cited increased responsibilities at work, served on the village's planning commission and DDA-EDC boards for a combined 28 years.

Book fair scheduled for today

Cass City Middle School is once again hosting a scholastic book fair.

This year's book fair will be decorated to celebrate the theme "Reading Through the Rain Forest." Students will have an opportunity to take part in book-related activities and sign up for drawings.

The book fair will be held today (Wednesday), Nov. 1, through Thursday, Nov. 9, in the middle school media center. The hours are Nov. 1, Family Day from noon to 7 p.m.; and Nov. 2 to 9, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Building classroom libraries is one goal of the book fair. Visitors may purchase and donate requested books for any classroom's library. A bookplate is then placed in the book to acknowledge the donor.

The book fair features traditional children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators. A special Family Event will be held Wednesday, from noon to 7 p.m. during the parent teacher conferences. Everyone is welcome.

Audit offers good news

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a point where we're not taking anything out of the fund balance, but it's tough," Compton added.

And, it could get tougher. The word out of Lansing is that state officials may scale back a promise of increasing a per-pupil foundation grant increase for the state's schools from \$210 to \$100 per student. At Owen-Gage, the reduction would add up to more than \$22,400 in lost revenue.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last week, the board:

•Accepted the resignation of co-head cook Sandy Salcido and approved the hiring of Susan Selleke as head cook.

Compton said Selleke has a great deal of restaurant experience as owner of Angelina Mia's in Bad Axe and will fit in well with a new school wellness policy to incorporate more home-style cooked meals into the menu in the coming weeks.
 "Next month we're going to experi-

ence our first menu under a new cook and we're looking forward to it," he added.

•Rescheduled its monthly meetings in November and December due to conflicts with holidays in both months. The new meeting dates are Monday, Nov. 27, and Monday, Dec. 18, both starting at 7 p.m. in the school library.

•Accepted the nominations of Josh McLaren and Amber Pillsbury as the "Senior Students of the Month" for September and October, respectively.
 •Heard the district's annual education report.

Honor roll

Campbell Elementary School announces the first marking period honor roll.

Grade 4

Blake Autry, Jane Ballard, Crysta Beyette, Samuel Bootz, Kennedy Brown, Tyler Brown, Kayla Cavanaugh, Rachel Collins*, Marshall Conley, Joshua Daniels, Brett Deering, Isaac Fisher*, Jonathon Goniwicha, Rebecca Graff*, Jacob Guinther, Robert Haley, Acer Hana, Katie House, Cody James, Jessie Kammer, Kendra Kerkau, Luke Koepf*, Hunter Langenburg, Laken London*, Drew Loomis, Kyle McClorey, Aaron McClorey*, Natasha McNeil, Ethan Montei, Lindsey Montei*, Allison Norcross, Kyle Osentoski, Elijah Osentoski, Lydia Papovich*, Chandler Pawloski, Justin Peters*, David Pitcher, Kyle Potrykus, Dalton Prieskorn, Logan Raymond, Emily Repinski, Alliah Riddle, Sara Roberts*, Kyle Ross*, Brianna Samons, Nathan Shantz, Emily Sopha, Miranda Spry, Barbara Steely, Jackson Stern*, Brandon Stewart, Daymon Tabako*, Bradley Thornton, Elizabeth Venema, Eugene Wilson, Aubrei Witherspoon, Genna Woodward, Lucas Wright and Erin Zdrojewski*

*Denotes all A's

Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

Wednesday, November 1

Scholastic Book Fair Family Day, noon-7 p.m., Cass City Middle School Media Center.

Thursday, November 2

Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, November 3

Christ-centered 12-step recovery: pain management, addictions, divorce, "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m. New Creations Church, 114 N. Almer St., Caro (across from Caro Post Office). For more information, call (989) 673-3274 or visit www.colwood.org.

Dance with Denny Ewald Band, 7-11 p.m., VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. \$7 per person. Lunch served.

Saturday, November 4

Online demonstrations of the Cass City Newspapers archives & Elkland Township Cemetery records databases, 10-noon, Rawson Memorial Library.

Cass City United Methodist Church Bazaar & Lunch, 8-3 p.m., 1 1/4 miles north of stoplight. Baked goods, attic treasurers, rugs, knitted items, Christmas decor, cookbooks, crafts, etc.

Monday, November 6

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

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Charmont. For additional information, call Nancy Braun at (989) 551-6495.

Tuesday, November 7

Traveling Place for Peace, 10-2 p.m., Cass City United Methodist church. For additional information, call (989) 325-0024.

Heartland Hospice Grief Group meeting, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex Building, Cass City. For additional information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

Wednesday, November 8

Chicken dinner with all the trimmings, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. For takeouts, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon or after 12:30 p.m.

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