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Support staff at school gets 3-year contract

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City School officials and the local education association remain worlds apart in their negotiation of a new teachers contract and are now awaiting mediation and fact-finding, but the district's unionized support staff has a new contract.

The Cass City Board of Education Monday night approved the 3-year pact, which was agreed upon early last week and ratified by the support staff over the weekend.

The Cass City Educational Support Personnel Association contract gives the nearly 30 employees - custodians, cooks and cook assistants and bus drivers - 2-percent pay increases in each of the next 3 years, according to school Supt. Ron Wilson.

The agreement adds up to about \$2,500 more annually for the cooking staff, \$6,500 for custodians and \$2,855 for bus drivers. However, Wilson pointed out, those increases won't actually cost the district more because the union agreed to a switch in insurance carriers.

"The total cost (of the new contract) per year is right around \$12,000, but basically, that was paid for in savings from the health insurance," he said.

The change in insurance means fewer covered chiropractic visits (from 36 to 24 annually) and massage is no longer covered. At the same time, the employees will no longer have a prescription co-pay.

The plan is the same accepted by the administrative staff earlier this year, and savings from that decision netted administrators pay increases of 4 percent - 2 percent for last year and 2 percent this year. Wilson ex-

plained that administrators took a zero-increase in salary last year, while the support staff received a 2.5-percent hike.

Wilson said there were few language changes in the new support staff contract. Full-time workers did receive vision insurance, he noted, and the bus drivers will get an additional 5 cents per mile in each year of the pact for routes that are longer than 30 miles, in response to reduction in bus runs from 12 to 10.

Insurance is among the sticking points in talks between the district and teachers union, and those negotiations have been less than productive to-date.

Wilson said that wasn't the case with meetings between school officials and the support staff.

"They were reasonable. They didn't make any 'pie-in-the-sky' requests," he added. "It wasn't contentious. We basically told them we'd return the (health insurance) savings to them, and we did."

KINDERGARTEN

Turning to other matters during the regular monthly meeting, the board heard comments from 2 concerned parents regarding large class sizes at the kindergarten level. Board members later unanimously approved adding a fourth section of kindergarten within the next month.

Parent Michelle Hoppe first addressed the meeting, saying her son has had some difficulties in a classroom setting in which there are 30 students. Hoppe cited studies indicating an improved educational experience for youngsters who are in

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WORK TO REPAIR a collapsed storm sewer along Church Street began Monday in Cass City. Village officials are hoping for sunny skies over the next 2 weeks to minimize their costs.

Storm drain repairs begin this week

During an emergency meeting of the Cass City Village Council Thursday afternoon officials earmarked nearly \$85,000 for repairs to a damaged storm sewer located within the village limits.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano reported that recent heavy rains caused the storm sewer under Church Street, between Brooker Street and West Street, to collapse.

"The (sewer) on the road side has buckled and the property owners' side is completely collapsed," Cristiano said.

The village's storm sewers are 3-sided concrete boxes, with no structured bottom. The Church Street sewer failure didn't come as a total surprise to the council, as it has been deteriorating for some time.

"We currently have a 100' portion of storm sewer that requires immediate repair. Additionally, another 425' of a concrete bottom needs to be put in place to prevent another collapse," Cristiano said.

The council took immediate action and approved bids from CSS Contracting, 4845 Spruce Street, to perform the upkeep which began Monday morning.

The repairs, which will take up to 2 weeks, were handled by a pair of motions made by Trustee Don Richards.

In a unanimous vote, the council approved expenditures not to exceed \$39,632.50 paid to the local firm for the necessary repairs and additional concrete flooring to the storm sewer on Church Street between Brooker and West streets.

In a separate unanimous vote, CSS Contracting was also approved to make the repairs and additional concrete flooring to the Church Street storm sewer, between West and

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United Way campaign off and running for 2008 - 09

No donation is too small, and no donation is too large.

It isn't a new slogan, but United Way of Tuscola County officials repeated it just the same - and emphasized its importance - as they kicked off their 2008-09 campaign last week at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

"Talk to your friends, neighbors,

relatives and fellow employees/employers about how you feel about providing support to those that are in need, and as you all know, there are many Tuscola County residents that have basic needs - food electricity, heat, medical care, etc. - that are often unmet," Jim Heiser, director of operations for the United Way of Tuscola County, said. "The need for donations continues to increase."

Unfortunately, officials saw the supply of donations dip during the 2007-08 campaign, which yielded just under \$50,000. The total marked a decrease in contributions of about 20 percent compared to 2006-07, when the Tuscola County campaign raised \$57,325.

"I was surprised we did so poorly. I know things are bad and times are bad, but there was new money brought in," added Heiser, referring to the \$10,000 raised by last year's mail-in campaign, compared to a previous high of roughly \$7,500.

Last week's breakfast, attended by 50 people, represented both the closing of the 2007-08 campaign and the opening of the 2008-09 campaign, with a host of agencies receiving their

final checks totaling nearly \$23,000 in conjunction with this year's allocation process.

Among the area organizations benefiting from the county United Way over the past year are the American Association of University Women, American Red Cross (East Shoreline Chapter), Cass City Literacy Council, Human Development Commission (HDC) Foster Grandparent and Generations Enrichment programs, Lake Huron Area Council-Boy Scouts of America, Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council, Rawson Memorial District Library, Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Thumb Area Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Tuscola County MSU Extension 4-H and the Tuscola Homeless Coalition.

In other business last week, Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson was introduced as the newest member of the United Way of Tuscola County Board of Directors. The other members are Ken Spencer, president; Susan Rickwalt-Holder, vice president; Shelli Pohlod, secretary; Dawn Priesskorn, treasurer; and directors Raymond Bates, Jennifer Cooper, Al

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Sanilac deputies gaining edge with new training

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are gaining a tactical edge in their jobs, courtesy of a federal grant that's paying for nearly \$100,000 worth of state-of-the-art training.

The sheriff's department applied for a Police Officer Safety Enhancement (POSE) Program grant back in June 2007. The application competed with those from other departments across the country, and last February \$97,000 in POSE Program funding was approved to provide more than 80

hours of intense training for 22 sworn Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies in the areas of weapons and tactics.

"After several months of preparation, the training is now being implemented," said Undersheriff Garry Biniecki.

"We started on Aug. 21 and 25 with training at the Macomb County Law Enforcement Range Complex. Both road patrol and jail personnel spent

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Caro women hit, injured last week

Two Caro women were injured last week when they were struck by a pickup truck just east of Deford.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported the accident occurred at about 6 a.m. on Deckerville Road, a half-mile west of Cemetery Road in Novesta Township.

"Sheriff's deputies determined that Amanda L. DASHO, age 19, of Caro, had just struck a deer going east-bound on Deckerville Road and then stopped," said Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske. "DASHO and her passenger, Jennifer L. KALTZ, age 27, of Caro, were walking in the west-bound lane, presumably looking for (the) deer they had struck a few minutes earlier. William Woodward, age 68, of Cass City, was westbound in a 1992 Chevrolet pickup and struck them."

Both of the women were wearing dark clothing, according to Jashinske, who said alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

LifeNet Helicopter flew DASHO to Covenant Hospital, Saginaw, and FlightCare Helicopter transported KALTZ to St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, for treatment of their injuries. DASHO was initially listed in fair condition, while KALTZ was in critical condition.

MMR personnel along with the Elkland Township Fire Department, Kingston Fire and Rescue, and Tuscola County Road Commission assisted deputies at the scene.



CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY School third graders (from left) Samantha London, Rylie Weiler and Hannah Withey pose inside the wheel of a combine during Thursday's Project RED (Rural Education Day), sponsored by Tuscola County Farm Bureau and held at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro.

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Aby Wright

Steve and Sandi Wright of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Aby Sue Wright.

Aby was born June 24, 2008 at Covenant Health Care, Saginaw. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Aby was welcomed home by her sister, Mia, and her brother, Eli.

Grandparents are Dalbert and Nancy Wright of Cass City, Gail Hutchinson of Bad Axe, and Adrian Hutchinson of Cass City. Great-grandmother is Anna Richardson of Bad Axe.



MEMBERS OF THE Cass City High School Class of 1950 gathered Sept. 13 at the Charmont in Cass City for a reunion. Attending members were: (back row, from left) Carl Palmateer, Bob Mann, Gil Schwaderer, Helen Phetteplace Parry, Jim Schad, Robert Wood, Jim Wilson, (middle row, left) Marilyn Behr Voss, Joan Kanaby Koroleski, Shirley Kritzman McNabb, Mary Lou Anderson Bergman, Mildred Arnott Patch, Nancy Schwaderer Golinvaux, (front row, left) Virginia Newton Zawilinski, Janet Habicht Reed, Lena Newton Fortney and Rosalie Keller Walsh.

Several named to Delta honors list

Several area residents were among the students named to the honors

lists at Delta College following the spring/summer semester.

Named to the part-time vice president's list for achieving a grade point average of 3.7 to 3.99 while completing at least 6 credit hours of coursework were: Eric Hopper, Lauren Meck and Betty Smith, all of Cass City; Gavin Frederick, Deford; Kayla Diegel, Kingston; and Ashley Marks, Ubyly.

Area residents named to the part-time dean's list included Tara Lenhard

of Cass City and Julie Rutkowski of Ubyly. They earned grade point averages of 3.5 to 3.69 while completing a minimum of 6 hours of coursework during the semester.

Finally, Jeremiah Fritz of Cass City, Donald Pisha of Kingston and Heather Briolat of Ubyly all were named to the part-time president's list for earning perfect 4.0 grade point averages while completing at least 6 hours of coursework.

A. Brace arrives for duty in Mt. Pleasant

U.S. Army Sgt. Andrew J. Brace has arrived for duty at the Mount Pleasant Recruiting Station.

Brace, a recruiter with 5 years of military service, is assigned to the Great

Lakes Recruiting Battalion. A 2003 graduate of Sandusky High School, he is the son of Becky and James C. Brace of Snover, and his wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Liz and Eric Maxfield, also of Snover.

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Holbrook Area News. Mrs. Thelma Jackson Phone 989-269-6994. Includes a small photo of Mrs. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Octagon Barn celebration on Sunday.

Bob Jackson had surgery at Covenant Hospital Thursday and came home on Saturday.

Visitors to see Thelma Jackson last week were Nancy Collins, of Allegan, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Sherry Wilson and Kris Karl, all of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney of Ubyly and Linda Dillon of Cass City.

Richard Tschirhart, of Berkley, visited his mother in Bad Axe on Tuesday.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

12 members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at The Crossroads on Thursday. They will meet at the Peppermill next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting at Oswald Hall on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ericson of Florida and Francis Hund, Mrs. Jim Sweeney, Mrs. Roger Sweeney and

Katie visited Thelma Jackson on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski had supper at the Peppermill in Bad Axe on Sunday, and later visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka attended the garden wedding of Stephanie Jonathon of Madison Heights on Saturday.

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

Sally and Pat Bell, Lauren and Katelyn of Cheboygan, Mary and Dan Ritter of Elkton, Beth Ritter of Saginaw, Wayne and Kate Sweeney and Samantha of Auburn Hills, Bruce Sweeney and Eric, Heidi, Brandon, Nicole and Brett Sweeney all of Ubyly were guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney for the weekend. They celebrated Lauren Bell's 12th birthday.

Leone Depcinski attended a wedding reception at Grand Hall in Essexville for Melissa Becking and Kristopher Clarence.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Facing lights while driving at night can be stressful, but that problem is not restricted to night driving. When the sun is shining brightly, some of the cars and trucks create a blinding light. The brighter the sun, the more blinding the light. For certain if the light reflected from the trims of these problem cars is directed towards an approaching driver it is brighter than facing the high beams of approaching traffic.

It's really a minor problem when compared to the really great weather in the mid-Thumb that we have enjoyed. Most of us, I suspect, are willing to put up with it to drink in the sun's rays and put off winter-like weather for a little longer.

The first Michigan fall color report arrived Sept. 17. It says about 5 percent of color has emerged in the Upper Peninsula and that peak color will arrive about 2 weeks later.

Over-all color is expected to be a week or 2 later than normal. My personal experience is that color arrives in spots and many full color areas in the Lower Peninsula are in full bloom as early as they are across the bridge.

One close-by area that in past years has been a great spot to see color is west of Midland on the way to Clare.

Seeger Street and Main Street in Cass City have great color, although on Seeger Street the color is slightly diminished because some of the grand old trees have been removed because of age.

It's so rare that I can't recall a game played in Spartan Stadium that was as warm as it was Saturday. Sitting 52 rows up dressed only in a flimsy T-shirt and summer pants, I sweated like it was the Fourth of July. It probably was 10 degrees or so hotter on the field.

It was whiteout day for Michigan State fans, and the stadium was a mass of white. Go white doesn't do it like Go Green! But call it white or green, a win over Notre Dame makes white a wonderful color.

We were not informed of an important contribution to the Project Linus program that was featured in last week's Chronicle. Helping the program were the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, who furnished 14 blankets for free distribution where needed.

Deputies in Huron investigating fatal shooting Saturday

Huron County Sheriff's deputies are investigating a fatal shooting late Saturday night in the Harbor Beach area.

Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits reported officers were dispatched to a residence on Rapson Road, east of Klug Road, at about 11:53 p.m.

"Deputies arrived on the scene, assisted by the Harbor Beach Police Department and Department of Natural Resources officers, to find that 34-year-old April Jean Lemanski had suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the head, and her husband, 44-year-old Michael Leonard Lemanski, was also suffering from a gunshot wound to the head but still alive," Tibbits stated in a news release.

Tibbits said Michael Lemanski was transported to Harbor Beach Hospital and then transferred to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw, where he was

listed in very critical condition.

The Michigan State Police Crime Lab was called in to process the scene, according to Tibbits, who said there were 2 witnesses in the house at the time of the shooting - a 12-year-old boy and a 27-year-old man.

"They both stated that Michael and April had been periodically arguing throughout the day," Tibbits said. "Michael came into the house at approximately 10:30 p.m. and the arguing continued until just before midnight, when the shooting occurred. Police recovered a .22-caliber handgun that they believe was used in the shooting."

Tibbits, who noted that neither witness was injured, reported an autopsy will be performed on April Lemanski by Forensic Pathologist Dr. Kanu Virani from Oakland County.

Deputies are continuing their investigation, he said.

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Gagetown postmaster tracks down family

Letter arrives... 63 years late

by Tom Montgomery Editor

this story down.

Gagetown Postmaster Ruth Kain has probably heard her share of complaints about the U.S. mail service being slow, but she may never live

Kain, who has served as postmaster since 2005, recently received a letter from the War and Navy Departments. The damaged mail, which arrived in a protective envelope used by the U.S. Postal Service, was ad-

dressed to a Mrs. Cora Cook, 4729 State St., Gagetown.

What caught Kain's eye was the date on the letter — March 13, 1945. "This is a new one for me. Over 63 years is a long time," commented Kain, who enlisted the help of her co-workers and other residents in the community to track down Cook's family in an effort to ensure delivery of the letter.

Word of mouth led to several leads, including the names and addresses of Cook's daughters.

"She (Cook) lived here and her kids went to school here. She had 3 boys and 2 girls. She actually lived in the home next to the store (Allway Stop Market)," Kain said, noting Cook died more than 20 years ago, so the letter will be forwarded to her daughter, Fay Devost of Brighton.

In the meantime, Kain says the contents of the letter will remain a mystery, although she commented about the irony of a letter from the War and Navy Departments arriving so many years late at what is now known as the Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office.

No one would blame area residents for wondering about the nature of the correspondence, considering the year - 1945 was a tumultuous year in U.S. history.

Twelve days before the letter was dated, then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave what would be his

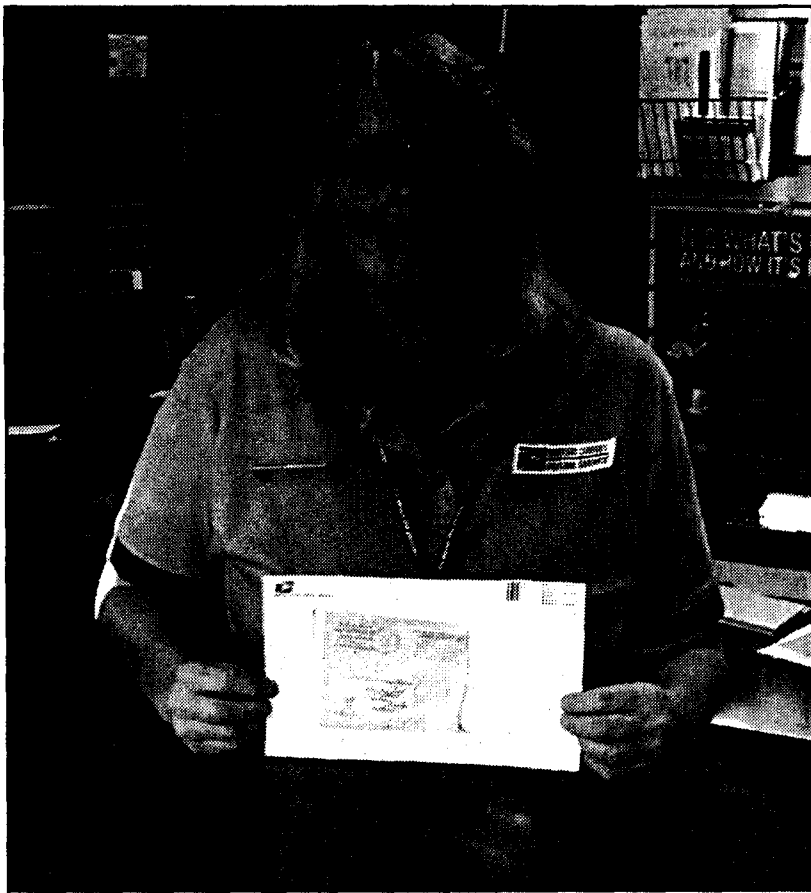
last address to a joint session of Congress (he died suddenly April 12, 1945, and then-Vice President Harry S. Truman became the nation's 33rd president).

Three days after the letter was dated, the Battle of Iwo Jima ended. In the days and weeks that followed, the Battle of Okinawa would begin in the last campaign of WW II. American troops would liberate their first Nazi concentration camp, Adolph Hitler and his wife of one day, Eva Braun, would commit suicide, V-E (Victory in Europe) Day would be proclaimed, and the United States would unleash 2 atomic bombs on Japan, leading to that country's surrender in the fall of 1945.

A portion of the letter addressed to Cook was sheared off, as if it might have become caught in a letter-sorting machine at some point, according to Kain. "They used to have these machines, and you cranked them by hand and the letters would go around," she said, adding the letter may have been discovered at a facility when machinery was being moved.

In any event, Kain indicated she's curious about the letter's contents and hopes to learn more once it arrives at the home of Cook's daughter.

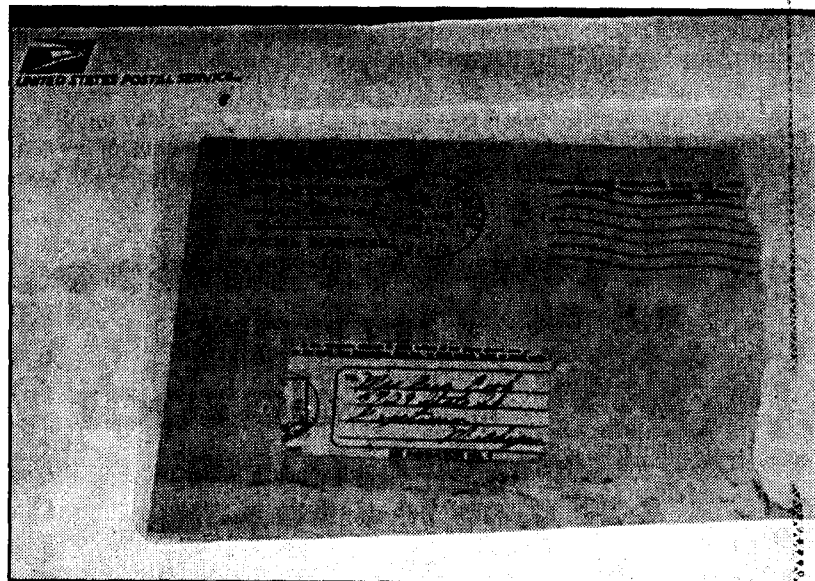
"I don't know if she will (contact me), but I think I'll call her," she said.



GAGETOWN Postmaster Ruth Kain holds the damaged letter she received last week. The letter, addressed to a former Gagetown resident, was sent by the War and Navy Departments back in 1945.

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Dems still have to walk the walk



Long-lost letter

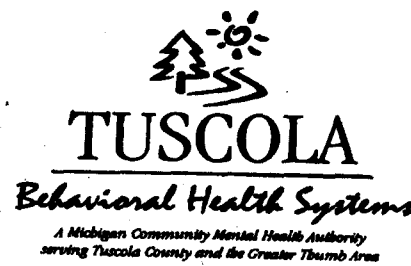
THE NAME ON the address of the letter appears to be Mrs. Cora Cook. The former area resident died several years ago, but Gagetown postal officials managed to track down contact information for 2 of her daughters.

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I regard as campaign rhetoric Obama's feel good way of raising the necessary \$5B. They include closing tax loopholes and eliminating tax breaks for oil and gas companies.

Regardless, the Democrats have a far better record if you are in favor of programs designed to save the envi-

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Everyday Stories

Cass City Public Schools
'Assignment America'
By Emily Martin

With the celebration of homecoming in full swing, the theme of the entire event is centered on the alumni.

This is a time for them to reflect on their years at their alma mater of Cass City. It seems to me that when Friday night, homecoming night, rolls around, people start popping out of the woodwork here in Cass City.

I've always wondered where these alumni hide out. Where are they that they are "coming home"? Will they be truly home in their hearts when they return to Cass City, or is their real home someplace elsewhere?

Fans, alumni and families alike make the pilgrimage back to Cass City for this special night. Or have they been here all along? There is so much hoopla throughout the week that ultimately builds anticipation and strings a community together again.

Will the junior float be done in time for the parade? Can the band deliver a perfect performance for the home crowd? Is Mother Nature going to cooperate (which she never does)? Along with these questions, I've pondered many other queries on this cultural phenomenon labeled "homecoming", which is even honored by its own compound word.

After some thought, I've decided that homecoming is all of this and so much more.

It is the determination in the eyes of the senior football players. They know they will always remember this night, just like those past graduates perched in the bleachers. They will always remember it, no matter the outcome; an outcome that they intend to be sweet. It is the fellowship shared when you see a familiar face. It is gazing around you and realizing that you know almost all of these people by first and last name, maybe even maiden, and have seen them in Erla's multiple times. It is the perfection of the waves by the homecoming court.

It is the hours after hours of planning, numerous phone calls, and sometimes a hint of mild frustration coming from student council members. "I'm really stressing out over this parade, Emily," committee-head and sophomore Alex Varney expressed to me. However, when asked what she is most looking forward to this homecoming season, senior homecoming candidate Brittany Loomis said with enthusiasm, "Believe it or not, I cannot wait for the parade!"

It is the pure insanity of the pep assembly. It is the joining of young and old to commemorate Cass City Public Schools and the community that supports it.

In honor of those who will be coming home to Cass City Friday night, it's fitting to remember the legendary words of Dorothy, with a click of her red heels, "There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home." I happen to agree.

Welcome home.

Sanilac deputies gaining edge with training

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one day of training, utilizing the indoor range," Biniecki explained, adding officers spent a week earlier this month training at the Sanilac Sportsmen's Club Range in Deckerville.

"The deputies are receiving specialized firearms training with handguns and patrol rifles, focusing on both active shooter drills and marksmanship skills," he said. "Other training areas covered included handgun retention, building searches and shoot-

ing in the darkness. Sgt. Brad Roff, the POSE grant coordinator, has enlisted specialized instructors to assist in the training.

"The whole idea behind the POSE grant is to enhance the patrol officer's safety, giving them a tactical edge not normally available to traditional patrol officers," said Roff. "This individualized training for the deputies is more appropriate in today's environment due to fewer officers being available for assistance. The training each deputy receives is designed to build confidence and assist them

in working more efficiently and safer." Biniecki said deputies are utilizing a \$40,000 computer-driven program known as CAPS, or Computer Active Patrol Scenarios in which officers "shoot in real situation with (their) duty ammunition, which is as real as it gets."

The grant money is also covering new equipment purchases for the department as well as range equipment and several thousand rounds of ammunition, according to Biniecki.

He and Roff agreed the officers are benefiting from the program. "It

rained (one evening) during the training, but they all were out there, soaking wet, learning from the instructors," Biniecki said. "They put in some long hours, and I had the opportunity to witness the improvement in their shooting abilities over the week."

Biniecki noted the program will conclude in the coming weeks with hands-on skill training in several areas, including defensive tactics, personal defense against edged weapons, felony stops and handcuffing techniques.



Brown: ban on baiting goes too far

In a move to protect Michigan jobs and prevent the devastating loss of income to many Thumb-area farms and businesses, State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) is urging the DNR to partially lift this season's ban on deer baiting it has ordered across the Lower Peninsula in response to a case of Chronic Wasting Disease found on the west side of the state.

"As a hunter, I am as concerned as anyone about protecting Michigan's deer herd as well as the economic impact that hunting has on our communities and our state," said Brown, who heard testimony from Department of Natural Resources officials about the CWD situation as a member of the House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee. "However, I have heard from many farmers and businesses that simply may not survive the unexpected loss of annual income from bait sales. We have to look at the immediate economic harm that this broad response to one case of CWD at a private facility will cause."

The baiting ban was triggered by the discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease in a 3-year-old white tailed deer at a breeding facility in Kent County. All the deer at the ranch have tested negative for CWD, and no other cases of CWD have been found in captive or free-ranging Michigan deer. DNR officials ordered an immediate ban on baiting across the entire Lower Peninsula, which it said will keep deer from congregating and spreading the disease, even though it is not known how the deer at the Kent County facility became infected.

Brown co-sponsored a resolution in the Michigan House urging the DNR to lift that ban for this season and apply a baiting ban only to the Kent County CWD surveillance zone, near the one case of infection.

"I believe it is reasonable to bait deer in the area around the Kent County facility," Brown said. "The science does not justify a ban on baiting across the entire Lower Peninsula, that will inflict millions of dollars in damage to farmers and businesses and force them to absorb huge costs and lay off workers. Michigan's economy cannot afford a blow like that right now."

Brown, who is also a member of the House Agriculture Committee, has been in close contact with Michigan Farm Bureau officials about the situation. He said the organization is working on compiling lists of livestock feeders and other possible buyers of beets, carrots and other items grown as deer bait to help farmers in case they end up with products they cannot sell. Growers can contact Brown's office at (888) 254-5284 or tbrown@house.mi.gov to learn more.

SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff's Deputy Russ Nowiski is among 22 officers undergoing specialized tactical, firearms and other training thanks to a \$97,000 Police Officer Safety Enhancement (POSE) Grant secured by the Sanilac County department.

Several appear on felony charges

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

• Jeffery T. Harris, 49, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to charges of unlawful use of a motor vehicle and assault with a dangerous weapon Aug. 20 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Sarah M. Phelps, 24, Vassar, pleaded guilty to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Aug. 9 in Vassar.

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

• Jason J. Peters, 37, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 18 months probation for his conviction on a charge of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Oct. 9 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,240.

• Dominique A. Washington, 19, Saginaw, stood mute to a charge of absconding or forfeiting bond June 20 in Caro, and to charges of delivery/manufacture of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 50 grams), possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams), and driving while his license was suspended or revoked June 10 in Denmark Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$3,500.

• Adam E. King, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of no contest to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence, second offense, April 3 in Reese. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction). In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,680.

• Adam C. Thompson, 32, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance May 5 in Caro,

and to absconding or forfeiting bond May 27 and July 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$24,000. Sentencing is to be set.

• Kenneth L. Wood, 47, Kingston, pleaded guilty to arson of woods and prairies April 29 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Nathaniel C. Theaker, 29, Caro, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and being a disorderly person - drunk Aug. 20 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be set.

• Robert W. Ford, 40, Columbiaville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 26 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Right to Life endorses Brown in campaign

Right to Life of Michigan has endorsed State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) in his campaign to continue serving as the voice of the 84th House District, saying his commitment and leadership are essential to the protection of human life both born and unborn.

"I am honored to have the support of Right to Life as we work together to ensure that Michigan values all human beings across the entire lifespan," said Brown, an ordained minister, longtime educator and family man who is a lifelong resident of Pigeon. "Whether it is protecting the unborn, advocating for folks with disabilities or providing services to the elderly, we have to increase awareness of the need to embrace life. I will continue to work for policies and programs that move Michigan forward in that regard."

The Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee, which also endorsed Brown as its preferred candidate in the August primary election, has called Brown "a steadfast ally in the struggle to defend against the increasing attacks on the sanctity of human life" and "an effective and committed advocate."

Brown worked for more than 2 decades in Huron County schools, most recently as principal of the Huron Learning Center, a school for students with severe disabilities. He and his wife, Carol, have been married for 25 years and have 3 children: Teresa, Christopher and Bryan.

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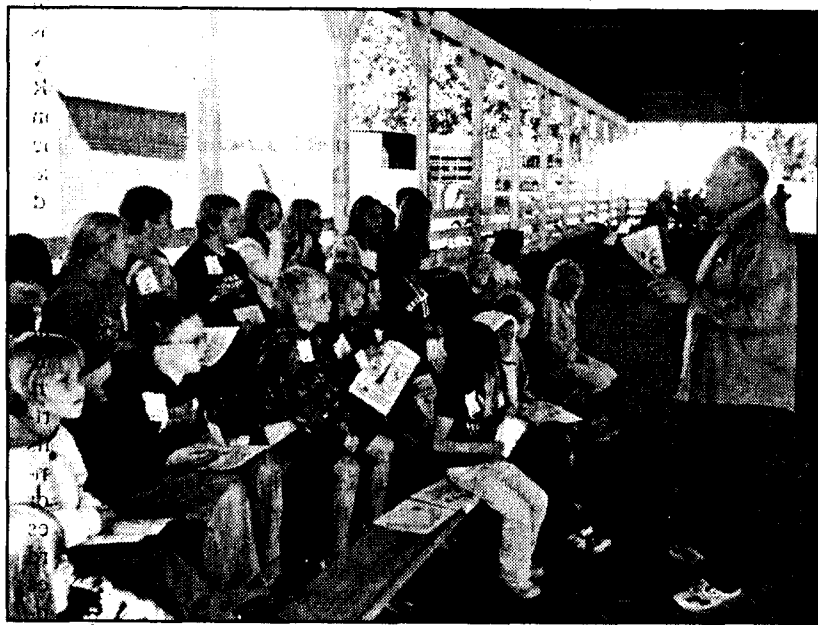
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Down on the farm

CAMPBELL students (top, from left) Jose Nazario, Rylie Weiler and Joey Uhl pet an alpaca, while a group of students (left) learn about how beans grow and germinate during last week's Project RED at the fairgrounds in Caro.

Project RED introduces kids to the farm in the Thumb

Hundreds of Tuscola County youngsters escaped from their classrooms last week for an adventure designed to help them get better acquainted with a vital industry in the Thumb: agriculture.

Those lessons are well received by the students, according to Lori Kemp, a third grade teacher at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City.

elementary third grade teacher, agreed with Kemp's assessment. "These people do a marvelous job of telling kids things that they can relate to their own world and how it relates back to the farm. Kids need to know where their food sources are and that farmers are stewards of the land, and this gives them a foundation," said Milligan, who was honored in 2003 as both the Tuscola County Farm Bureau and Michigan Farm Bureau K-12 Educator of the Year awards.

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Stephanie Dorsch and Shawn McClorey highlighted Owen-Gage's Homecoming ceremony Friday as they were announced the Bulldog's king and queen for 2003.

Cass City 16-year-old Jeff Tenbusch downed a 9-point buck Sunday night while hunting on private property near Gagetown. The deer had a drop time on its right side.

Cass City stayed undefeated in the Greater Thumb West last week with a win Tuesday, 55-36, over visiting Bad Axe Hatchets. The game was decided in the last 2 minutes of the first quarter and the first 2 minutes of the second. The Hawks outscored the Hatchets in those 4 minutes 15-3 to lead 25-10.

The Cass City Chronicle has won an award in the 2003 Michigan Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. Editor Tom Montgomery won second place in the feature story category for a story entitled "Greatest Show on Turf", which focused on the experiences of 2 brothers from the Elkton area who marched with the Madison Scouts, a world champion caliber drum and bugle corps based in Madison, Wis.

10 YEARS AGO

Highlighting the Owen-Gage Homecoming ceremony Friday night were the Bulldog 1998 King and Queen winners. They are Chad Mellendorf and Karen Kretzschmer.

Cass City moved into a share of the Greater Thumb Conference cage lead Thursday when the Hawks handed visiting Bay City All Saints their first defeat with a decisive 57-39 victory. As customary, the Hawk's twin towers carried most of the offensive burden. Shelly Ulfig and Kara Mellendorf combined for 21 first half points which helped the hosts gain a 27-22 edge by the intermission.

Three district residents not on the official agenda appeared before the Cass City School Board at its regular session Monday night. Two of them were seeking changes in school procedures and the third presented a check to the school for \$69,281.55. The check was presented to the district to establish a scholarship for deserving Cass City students.

the estate of the late Fred A. McEachern and the scholarship will be in his name and his son, Robert.

25 YEARS AGO

Pat McIntosh of Cass City is the Thumb Area Women's Bowling Association bowler of the week, rolling a 600 series in the Thursday night Merchante League at the Charmont. She bowls for the Cass City Sports team and rolled games of 223-199-178. Her average last season was 159. Other high bowlers and the locations where they bowl were: Rande Speirs, Cass City, 579; Bea Harwood, 574, Helen Guster, 569, and Marilyn Smith, 568, all Kinde; Grace Hearsch, 593, Judy Muntz, 559, and Judy Ostrander, 552, all Bad Axe; and Virginia Maurer, 563, Ublly.

Dennille MacAlpine, a member of the Argyle Sox 4-H Club, received a third place in crafts at the recent Saginaw County Fair. Her entry was a ceramic chipmunk with a log cabin. Dennille is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacAlpine of W. Argyle Road, Ublly.

Members of the Junior Wranglers 4-H Club, their parents and past members said thank-you Sunday to long-time leaders Al and Donna Seeley, who have retired from the club. The Seeleys were guests of honor at a potluck picnic, moved into the Cultural Center because of rain. The Junior Wranglers were officially organized in 1959, but existed on an informal basis before that.

35 YEARS AGO

Most aspiring artists dream of having their works exhibited in such prestigious locations as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, or some similar institution, hoping to make a significant contribution in the field of painting. Scott Schafer's exhibition will be just a little different. His works will be on display Saturday at Evans Products Co., Gagetown, because they are part of Evans Products. Schafer's creations are executed on presses, hammer mills, cutters and welding machines instead of canvas.

Mrs. Henrietta Gotts received a note recently signed by President Richard Nixon in honor of her 96th birthday. Mrs. Gotts was born Sept. 19, 1877, in Caseville and has lived most of her life in Cass City.

The Cass City High School Girls Varsity Basketball team made its season debut Tuesday, Sept. 18, and easily disposed of Caro's entry, 38-27. Elaine Stoutenburg, a freshman on the team was leading scorer with 14 points. Cathy Kerbyson, a junior, dunked eight points, second high on the team. Karen Martin chipped in with seven points, icing the contest for the Hawk gals. Also chipping in with five points was Melody Bacon. The rest of the team is composed of Kelly Gee, junior; Nancy Koepfgen, junior; Kris Murphy, senior; Sean Ouvry, senior; Karen O'Dell, senior and Kathy Clarke, a sophomore. Coaches this year include Ms. Kally (Pine) Maharg, head coach, with Ms. Betty Ballagh, assistant coach.

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 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
 6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
 872-2604 or 872-5201
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
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Cass City Missionary Church
 4449 Koepfgen Rd., P.O. Box 57, Cass City, MI 48726
 989-872-2729
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
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Cass City United Methodist Church
 5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
 P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
 872-3422
 Worship: 11:00 a.m.
 (Summer 9:30 a.m.)
 Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
 Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
 Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
 6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
 Phone: 872-5060
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 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Night Impact 7:00 p.m.
 Midweek Bible Studies
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 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
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First Presbyterian Church
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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Storm drain repairs underway

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Seeger Street, and 60' contingently east of Seeger Street in the amount not to exceed \$21,000.

The projects also bear engineering costs in excess of \$10,000 and contingency funds of over \$8,000.

Because of the dangerous situation created by the road's failure and the need for immediate repairs the council waved its bid requirements, normally followed for these types of services.

"If we go through the bidding pro-

cess it will take over a month and we don't have that luxury," Cristiano said.

"We've been happy with the work (CSS Contracting) are currently doing in the village and with the work they did at the Wastewater Treatment

U-W campaign off, running

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Dadacki, Sandy Gaudreau, Michelle

plant," he said. Adding, "Both of their bids are also under the engineering estimates."

Also factoring into the council's decision for a quick response along Church Street is a favorable 15-day forecast, void of much rain.

Hill and Janet Raleigh.

Also recognized were "special donors", including individuals that contributed \$100 or more through the annual mail-in campaign, as well as companies that donate through payroll deductions and through foundation grants.

In all, there were 25 individuals that gave \$100 to \$199 (bronze award), 7 that gave \$200 to \$499 (silver award) and 4 that gave \$500 or more (gold award). Corporately, 22 companies were awarded the bronze award (\$100 to \$199), 8 were awarded the silver award (\$1,000 to \$2,000) and 4 the gold award (\$2,000 or more).



DEPUTY JIM Leen (right) shoots on the range while instructor John Farnsworth looks on.

(See story, page one)

What are hot dogs made of?

All hot dogs are cured and cooked sausages that consist of mainly pork, beef, chicken and turkey or a combination of meat and poultry. Other in-

gredients include water, curing agents and spices, such as garlic, salt, sugar, ground mustard, nutmeg, coriander and white pepper.

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smaller classes, she noted that other area districts have faced similar challenges and dealt with them by adding an additional teacher.

Parent Brenda McArthur has voiced similar concerns in the past, and said her son, now in first grade, is having a much better experience in school with the decision to reduce class size at that level to 22 or 23 students.

Wilson acknowledged the kindergarten numbers are high - 30, 30 and 29 students in the district's existing classrooms. He and Campbell Elementary School Principal Aaron Fernald both recommended hiring another teacher in order to add a fourth section of kindergarten, which would cut class size down to 22 or 23 students.

Wilson agreed, but also told board members that, with a kindergarten teacher currently on administrative leave, the school will now be paying for 5 teachers.

"I think it would be good for the kids and the teachers. I think they could be more effective," commented Fernald, who acknowledged there will be issues to resolve, including deciding which students will be moved to the new classroom. "It's not going to be easy, but I think it's in the best interest of the kids."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board: "Accepted with regret the retirement of cafeteria secretary Marcel Vatter, who has served the district since 1969.

Approved hiring JoEllen Bukoski and Katelyn Pine to fill 2 positions as day care caregivers.

Approved a request from high school Spanish teacher Chris Collins to take a group of students on a 9-day tour of Costa Rica during spring break in 2010. Collins assured the trip will be self-funded, with students having to raise roughly \$2,200 each to participate. Collins previously organized a trip to Spain for his students.

Farmers urged to use extra care

During the fall harvest season, DTE Energy reminds farmers to be aware of overhead power lines and underground utilities, whether working near the house or out in the field.

"It is essential to use extra care when operating large farm equipment near electrical lines and poles, and underground utility cables and pipelines," said Vince Dow, DTE Energy vice president of Distribution Operations. "If you are using equipment like elevated truck beds, raised conveyors or other large folding farm implements, it is critical to remember to take the time to survey the area, even if you are familiar with it, to be sure that it is free of potential hazards."

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- Report any activity that might have damaged or undermined the stability of a utility pole, including damaged guy wires or severe erosion.
- If your farm equipment has snagged an overhead power line, remain inside the equipment. If possible, try to drive the equipment away from the hazard. If you cannot drive it away, stay where you are and wait for rescue. Call or signal for someone to call 911 and your local electric company. Warn others to stay away.
- If you must get off the equipment because of fire or other danger, remember that your body should NEVER contact the ground and the metal equipment at the same time. Jump clear, then hop with feet together or shuffle away. Voltage is highest near the equipment and decreases with distance. Hopping with feet together or shuffling prevents your body from becoming a conductor of electricity from a high to low voltage area.
- Tires are not insulators. Although rubber is not a good conductor of electricity, metal, which also is found in tires, is. If a power line is in contact with your vehicle, electricity will travel through the metal skin and tires into the ground. If you touch both the vehicle and the ground at the same time, electricity will take the path of least resistance and travel through your body to the ground.

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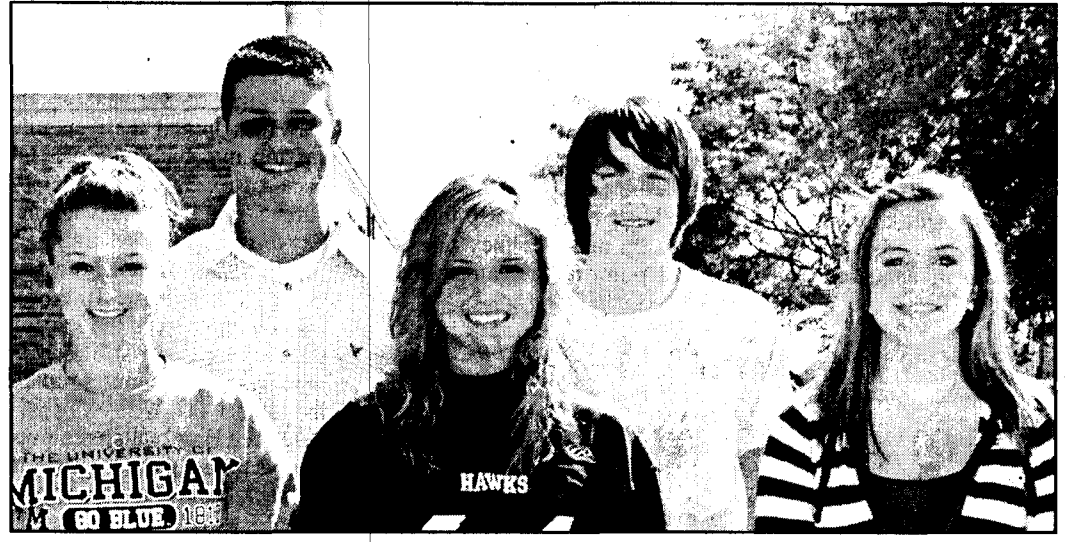
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CASS CITY'S 2008 Homecoming King and Queen candidates are seniors: (front, l-r) Carly Rabideau, Brittany Loomis, Sarah Howard, Krysta Timko, Jennica Richards (back) Bradley Haag, Austin Babich, Christopher Summersett, Blake Messing and Lukas Varney.



THE RED HAWK 2008 Homecoming court members are: (front, l-r) Stephanie Leeson, Kelsey Cooper, Jenna Sattelberg (back) Morgan Erla and Jeff Leslie. Missing is Keegan Hagen.



THE 2008 Cass City varsity football team members include: (front, l-r) Coach Scott Cuthrell, Steven Schotter, JC Knight, Dean Rabideau, Gage Hardesty, Lyle Hutchinson, Kevin Merchant, Josh Inbody, Adam Osentoski, Steven Hicks, Jordon Papp, Guy Sommerville, Coach Josh Stern; (back) Coach Andy Gray, Cody Nye, Lukas Varney, Tyler Tomlinson, Austin Babich, Blake Messing, Tony Middaugh, Luke Newton, Nick Shantz, Clark Walsh, Mitch Adkins, Joseph Schotter, Eric Reif and Coach Nick Moyer.

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GTW SHOWDOWN SET

Cass City Coach Scott Cuthrell won't have any problem in the years to come remembering his 43rd birthday.

That day will always be highlighted by his Red Hawks' gridiron victory over host Unionville-Sebewaing, who fell Friday 36-13 in a pivotal Greater Thumb West contest.

With the win, Cass City ups its season record to 4-0 entering this week's homecoming outing against visiting defending GTW champion Reese (3-1), when the outright conference leader will be determined in a battle of unbeaten teams in league play.

While the Rockets were heavy pre-season favorites to repeat as the GTW champions, they have struggled slightly the past 2 weeks, losing a Greater Thumb Conference cross-over battle to Marlette in week 3, before edging Vassar, 21-13, in their final tune-up before the GTW showdown.

Meanwhile, Cass City will enter the Thumb's marquee match-up on the heels of the team's first win over the Patriots since 1972.

If the hosts hope to keep their perfect season intact as they reach the halfway point of the campaign, the

formula for success is simple: use a strong rushing attack, combined with a hard hitting defense and avoid costly mistakes.

Cass City stuck with those tendencies in Sebewaing, where they rolled to a 21-0 first quarter margin and never looked back.

As has been the case each week to this point of the season, the Red Hawks marched their opening possession into the end zone. Quarterback Austin Babich accounted for the game's initial points when he found pay dirt on a 22-yard scamper.

The visitors extended the gap to 13-0 when defensive lineman Josh Inbody intercepted the Patriots' first pass attempt and strolled 69 yards with just over 7 minutes remaining in the first.

The Red Hawks then removed most doubts on the game's outcome when fullback Blake Messing scored from the 23 yard line and end Tyler Tomlinson hauled in the 2-point conversion to end the scoring after 12 minutes.

The Patriots avoided being blanked in the opening half when quarterback Ryan Zimmer scored on a one-yard plunge with 10:36 left until the intermission. The hosts' first points were set up by Scott Fletcher's 85-yard pass reception, which spotted the ball inside Cass City's 5 yard line.

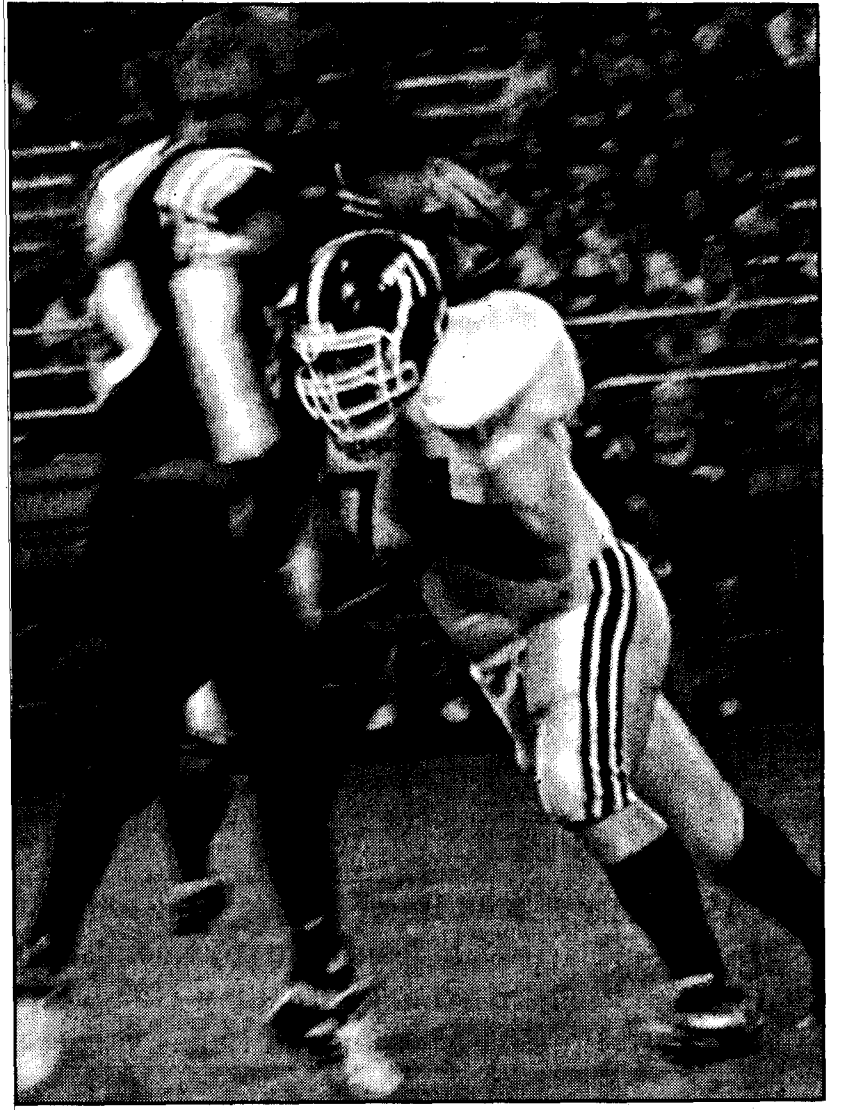
After exchanging punts, Cass City padded its margin entering the break to 24-6 as Lukas Varney drilled a 23-yard field goal in the closing seconds.

In the final half, Messing, who rushed for 178 yards on 26 carries, capped a 6-play, 61-yard drive on a one-yard burst through the middle of

the Patriot defense to open the scoring. Messing's second marker on the night was the result of a failed fake punt by the Patriots.

Another Patriot punt team miscue on their next series led to the winners' final score. After Inbody, who also recorded 7 tackles, blocked the hosts' punt, teammate Luke Newton sprinted 15 yards to put the visitors in front, 36-6, entering the final quarter.

There the Patriots added a meaningless score when Tyler Masse scored on a 2-yard run.



CASS CITY defensive lineman Josh Inbody gets to Unionville-Sebewaing quarterback Ryan Zimmer during Friday's Greater Thumb West action. The senior big man also picked off a Patriot pass and returned it 69 yards to pay dirt, helping the visitors to a 36-13 victory.

Bulldogs handed 28-7 NCTL defeat by guest North Huron

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs made a valiant effort to break a season-long losing streak to celebrate Parents' Night with a victory over visiting North Huron Warriors Friday, only to bow 28-7 in a game that was up for grabs until the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs' last chance for an upset ended when a drive deep into the red zone failed as the Warriors stopped the Bulldogs short of the goal.

After that, the winners marched down the field for a game-clinching touchdown.

In the opening quarter and the opening minutes of the second it appeared as if the Warriors were going to chalk up an easy win.

The Warriors staged a 58-yard drive with just 2 minutes left in the first period. Most of the yardage was picked up by Anthony Irvine. After a pass produced a first down on the Bulldog 25, Irvine capped the drive with a 20-yard scamper around the end with 1.1 minute left in the quarter. Irvine kicked the extra point.

There was just 5:12 left in the half when the Warriors struck again. They refused to be denied after intercepting an Owen-Gage pass. North Huron rambled with a pair of touchdown runs, only to have them called back due to penalties.

The third time was the charm. Irvine started the drive with a 40-yard run to the O-G 31. It was Irvine all the

way to the end zone. He picked up 15 yards for a first down on the 14 and completed the drive with a 9-yard touchdown run around end. Irvine kicked the extra point.

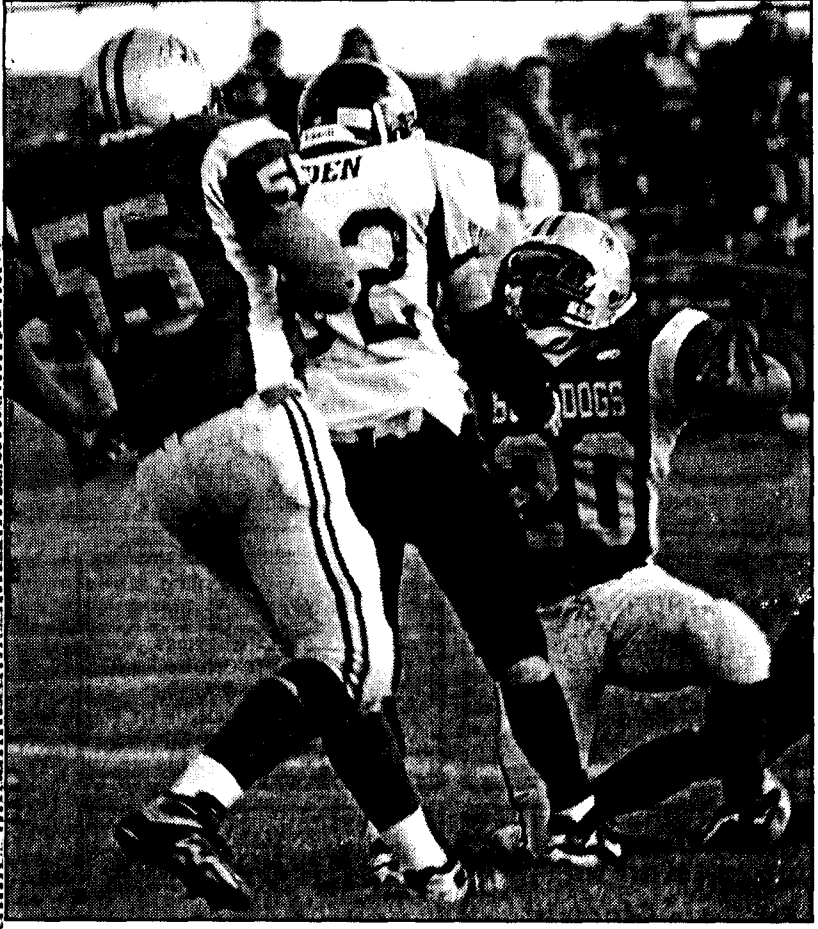
Trailing 14-0 with 5:10 left in the half, the Bulldogs staged their best offensive surge of the night. Nick Zaleski took the kick off, broke a tackle and went to the O-G 46. Zaleski broke a pair of tackles and picked up 15 yards. With the ball on the 29-yard line, Brent Reil found Zaleski all alone in the center and the Bulldogs were on the scoreboard. Ryan Cavey kicked the extra point and Owen-Gage was back in contention, 14-7.

There was just 1:56 left in the half, but that was enough for the Warriors to score another touchdown. This one came on a pair of ground-gaining runs for a first down deep in Bulldog territory. A pass to John Iseler netted the TD with 33 seconds left in the half.

Mike Boli and Zaleski shared the offensive load. Boli picked up 108 yards on 19 carries and Zaleski produced 80 yards on 18 carries and added 37 yards through the air.

On defense, Boli had 8 tackles, Reil, 7 tackles and Zaleski, 5 tackles.

The road ahead for the Bulldogs won't be easy as the team goes on the road to play Memphis, one of the league leaders in the North Central Thumb League.



MIKE BOLI picked up short yards on this play. He gained valuable yardage all night, mostly through the center of the line. His 108 yards on offense and his 8 tackles on defense led the Bulldogs against North Huron.

GREATER THUMB WEST

Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	2	0	4	0
Reese	2	0	3	1
BCAS	2	1	3	1
Lakers	1	1	1	3
Vassar	1	2	2	2
USA	1	2	1	3
Bad Axe	0	3	0	4

GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
Ubyly	3	0	4	0
Deckerville	2	0	4	0
Marlette	1	1	3	1
Brown City	1	2	1	3
Mayville	1	2	1	3
Sandusky	1	2	1	3
Harbor Beach	0	2	1	3

NCTL NORTH

Team	W	L	W	L
Dryden	3	0	4	0
Memphis	3	0	4	0
Peck	2	1	3	1
North Huron	2	1	2	2
Akron-Fairgrove	1	2	1	3
Kingston	1	2	1	3
CPS	0	3	0	4
Owen-Gage	0	3	0	4

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	John Halre	Clarke Halre	Tom Montgomery	Tina Pallas	Doug Hyatt
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	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Deckerville	Deckerville	Mayville	Deckerville	Deckerville	
Sandusky	Sandusky	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	
Dryden	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden	
Kingston	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	
Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	
Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	
Last Week's Results	9-2	9-2 (76%)	8-3	9-2	9-2
Season's Results	30-15 (67%)	34-11 (76%)	32-13 (71%)	31-14 (69%)	31-14 (69%)

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Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Blake Messing is the week's recipient of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honor.

The senior fullback led Cass City to its first gridiron win against Unionville-Sebewaing in over 30 years with a game-high 175 rushing yards.

Messing also scored 2 touchdowns in Cass City's 36-13 GTW win, helping to keep the Red Hawks' record perfect at 4-0.

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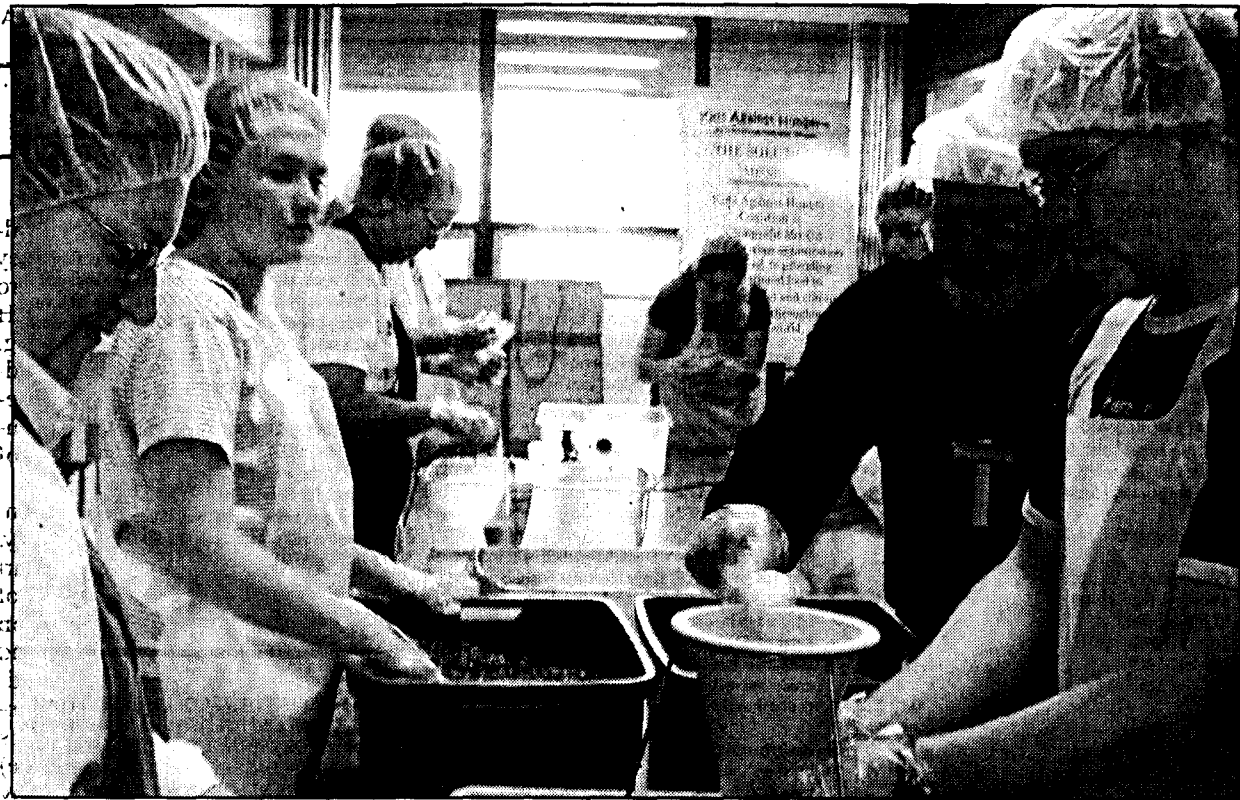
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MORE THAN 60 Thumb residents recently gathered at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City to pack some 16,000 meals for residents both in the Thumb and around the world. The church along with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans hosted the "Kids Against Hunger" event.

MFB launches website to help growers find markets

To help crop farmers negatively impacted by a ban on baiting and feeding deer in the Lower Peninsula, the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) has launched the Web-based Michigan Feed Exchange to help these niche growers find alternative markets for their carrots, sugar beets and other commodities. The site can be accessed at www.michfb.com/feed.

Up until now, no service has been dedicated to finding new markets for perishable commodities displaced by the feeding and baiting ban, according to Ken Nye, MFB horticultural and forestry specialist.

The Michigan Feed Exchange operates as an online clearinghouse where potential sellers and buyers can list and exchange information for free with the intention of finding mutually beneficial partnerships, such as a cattle producer willing to buy carrots from a vegetable grower to feed cattle rather than deer.

The Michigan Feed Exchange is not involved in setting prices, negotiating transactions or making arrangements for shipping. The online service simply provides a framework to connect sellers and buyers, similar to the Hay Exchange, which many Michigan farmers are familiar with. The electronic database is searchable by location and commodity. Crops intended to be sold as deer

bait and feed were being harvested or were near harvest when the Michigan Department of Natural Resources implemented the feeding and baiting ban on Aug. 26 to help prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease in the state's privately owned and wild deer herds.

Finding alternative markets for these crops can be challenging. In the case of sugar beets, for instance, Michigan Sugar Co. has already contracted with growers and is at capacity for its yearly production. Apples, carrots and other vegetables sold for deer bait and feed can have bruises or other flaws that make them unsuitable for the fresh and processed fruit and vegetable markets. Transportation costs associated with shipping the perishable commodities limit options as well.

"The Michigan Farm Bureau clearly recognizes the immediate marketing challenges that face farmers who produced crops for the 2008 deer hunting season. The Michigan Feed Exchange won't resolve the challenges entirely, but it's one viable solution," said Nye. "We've been consulting with commodity organizations and agricultural partners like Michigan State University (MSU), and we're optimistic the Michigan Feed Exchange can help growers uncover

some alternative markets."

The most promising alternative is cattle feed. According to a nutritional analysis performed by MSU Extension specialists, root crops such as carrots and sugar beets can be successfully fed to cattle to complement traditional feed such as corn silage, hay and corn grain.

"These available commodities may be an excellent opportunity for cow/calf producers to supplement rations, especially during a year when hay shortages exist in some areas of the state and feed costs are high," said Ernie Birchmeier, MFB livestock and dairy specialist.

Feedlot operators are also being encouraged to explore how alternative feedstuffs may be worked into a ration. "With normal feed costs at record levels, there are opportunities for feedlots as well," said Birchmeier. MFB will continue to pursue additional means to help growers. "For the short-term, though, we encourage growers and potential buyers to give the Michigan Feed Exchange a try," said Nye.

Individuals who are interested in using the Michigan Feed Exchange but lack Internet access should call Andrena Reid at (800) 292-2680 (ext. 2022) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, September 24

Ravenous Readers Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, September 25

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816. Seniors' Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, September 26

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

Saturday, September 27

Kingston United Methodist Church Harvest Supper & Auction. Supper from 5-6:30 p.m.; Auction starts at 7 p.m. Orchard Bazaar, 8:30-4 p.m., Sutton-Sunshine United Methodist Church, 2988 Colwood Rd., Caro (corner of Colwood & Dutcher roads). Bake sale, crafts, apples. Cafe opens at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 28

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-2361.

Monday, September 29

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319. Tom Thumb Singers Practice, 7-9 p.m., Cass City High School band room. Young Adult Book Club, 6-7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Thumb area residents help to send meals to thousands

More than 60 Thumb area residents recently joined forces to help feed starving children around the world as well as in their own communities.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, hosted a "Kids Against Hunger" event in which members from various churches in the Thumb came together to prepare thousands of meals.

"Thrivent helped raise the funds that were needed to purchase the meals and helpers packaged them up," explained volunteer Linda Volz.

Kids Against Hunger is a non-profit organization and a division of Feeding the Children International, Volz explained. "They are committed to providing nutritional meals to children that are starving in the United States and foreign countries. They also provide meals to families at times of disasters," she said. "During Hurricane Rita, they supplied individuals along the Gulf Coast with warm meals."

Volz said the organization has developed a fortified rice-soy mixture that includes dehydrated vegetables, chicken, salt and 21 essential vitamins.

"The group at Good Shepherd packed over 16,000 meals and about one-third of those meals will go back to the communities that helped package them. The others will go overseas and will help Americans that just survived Hurricane Ike," she added. "Everyone involved thought the project was very worthwhile and (we) hope to see others in the area become active in the Kids Against Hunger project."

More information about the project is available by contacting Linda or Chuck Volz at (989) 872-2340.

Conservation tillage increases

Over the past decade and a half, American farmers have dramatically increased their use of conservation tillage techniques that keep crop residue such as leaves and stalks in the field. According to the Conservation Technology Information Center, conservation tillage is used on about 109 million acres, equal to more than 60 percent of the acres planted to crops in the United States.



SENATOR JIM Barcia (from left) and Gov. Jennifer Granholm were recently joined by Jerry Keck and Bruce Levey of the Michigan Bow Hunters Association for a ceremonial bill signing of Senate Bill 572, now Public Act 169-08. The new law, sponsored by Barcia, will allow disabled hunters to hunt game with a modified bow during the open season if the person holds a license to hunt and abides by all other hunting laws and rules.

Crackdown leads to 770 arrests

Most Michigan motorists heeded warnings not to drink and drive during a statewide impaired driving crackdown, as law enforcement agencies reported a decline in arrests and citations compared to last year's enforcement effort.

According to statistics reported for the "Over the Limit. Under Arrest," crackdown, Michigan law enforcement officers arrested 770 motorists for drunk driving and cited another 538 for other alcohol-related offenses during the enforcement effort that concluded on Labor Day. During a crackdown held at the same time last year, 1,002 individuals were arrested for drunk driving and another 513 were cited for other alcohol-related offenses.

Local police agencies, county sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts across the state focused on drunk driving from Aug. 15 - Sept. 1 as part of the effort that was coordinated by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). More than 230 law enforcement agencies in 55 counties utilized federal traffic safety funds for additional patrols during the crackdown.

"It appears that most motorists got the message that drinking and driving are a bad mix," said OHSP Director Michael L. Prince. "Compared to last year, statistics reported by law enforcement indicate fewer drunk driving arrests as well as overall citations."

According to the agencies report-

ing statistics to OHSP, 24,462 vehicles were stopped. In addition to the alcohol arrests, there were 256 felony and 2,402 misdemeanor arrests. Officers also wrote 13,834 other traffic citations and issued 621 safety belt citations and 159 child restraint citations.

Area church to host the Gospelmen

The southern Gospel singing group, "The Gospelmen", will be in concert Sunday at the Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City.

The group will perform at the church's 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services, with different selections at each service.

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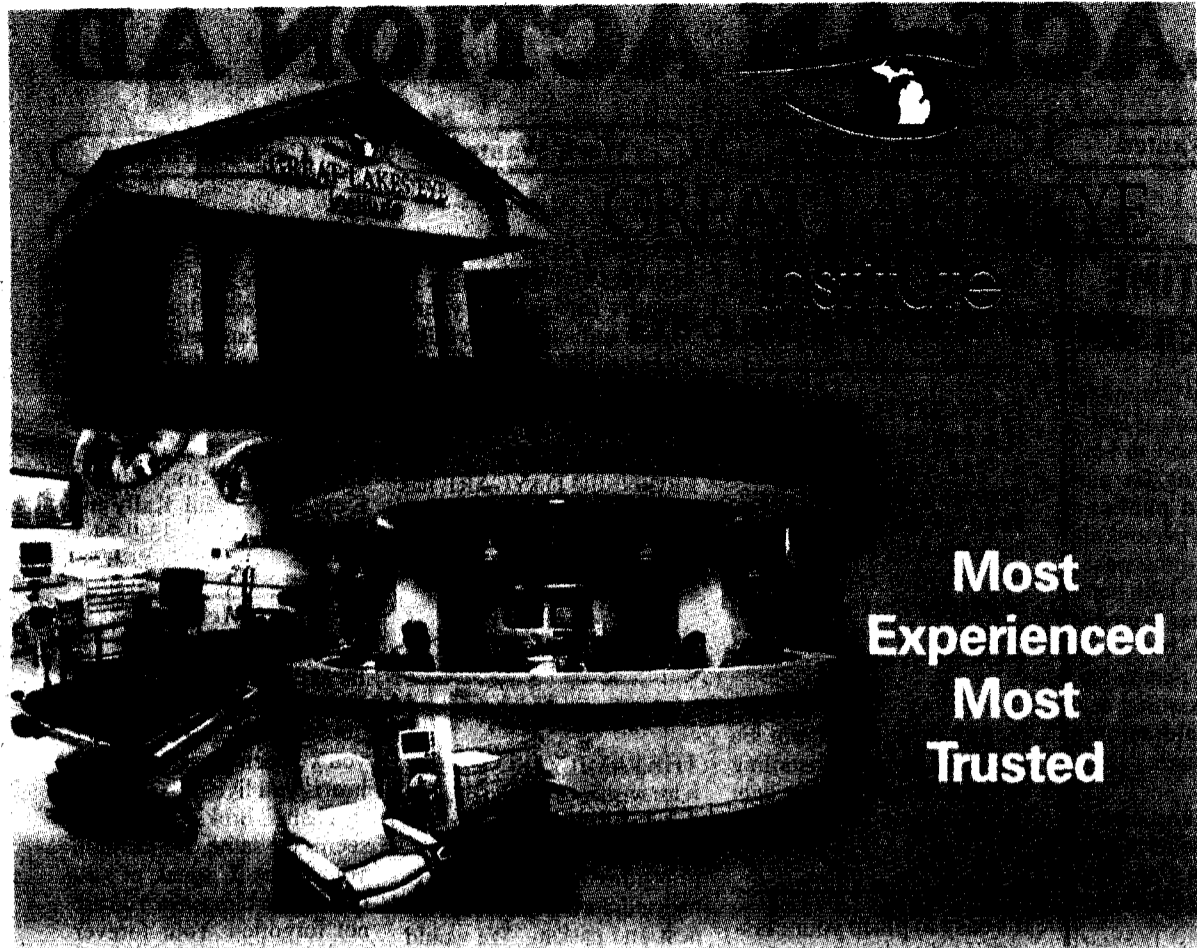
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MADISON ROEMER, 3 1/2, was the youngest among 31 riders who participated in the annual bike-a-thon Saturday in Cass City to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Roemer is the daughter of Julie and Dan Roemer of Cass City.

Some weatherization funding available

The Human Development Commission (HDC) has limited funding available to weatherize mobile homes that are owned and occupied by income-eligible households in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. "In a typical year, we receive approximately 70 applications for weatherization assistance on mobile homes," said Trinity Perlberg, HDC Community Development specialist. "Annually, we are able to help about 24 mobile home owners that meet the weatherization guidelines." Weatherization includes a variety of techniques to make homes more energy efficient. For single- and double-wide mobile homes, the focus is on preventing hot/cold air infiltration and the loss of heat through roofs, walls, floors, and ductwork. Research suggests a 15 to 30 percent savings in fuel consumption can be expected once a customer weatherizes their

mobile home. For 2004, the U.S. Department of Energy estimated this savings to be an average of \$300 per household. Weatherization usually involves putting insulation in the attic, walls, and floors. Other types of measures include sealing holes and cracks with caulk; weather-stripping doors and

windows; sealing ductwork, plumbing, and other household systems. For more information on the Weatherization Assistance Program, please contact the nearest HDC office today. In Huron County, call (989) 269-9502; in Sanilac County, call (810) 648-4497; and in Tuscola County, dial (989) 673-4121.

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- United Way of Tuscola County Fund

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- Cass City AAUW Scholarship Fund

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- Clare McDurmon Scholarship Fund
- Cory Merz Endowment Fund
- Dr. Bruce Dunn Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Donald Carr Scholarship Fund
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- Harry J. Bastone memorial Scholarship Fund
- Kally Maharg Endowment Fund
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- Mary Lou & Jeff Raymond Scholarship Fund
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- Louis & Marilyn Redwanz Scholarship Fund
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- Stamats Scholarship Fund
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