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Welcome back!

CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY School first grade teacher Lori Kemp greets some of her students Tuesday morning in Cass City. The day marked the first classes of the 2009-10 school year for students across Michigan.

Village elections set Tuesday, Sept. 15

Races set in 2 communities

Barring a write-in candidate, there will be no races for council seats in the village of Cass City when voters head to the polls this month.

But there will be one new face. Kevin L. Israelson filed for one of 3 available 4-year trustee terms on the village council. Also meeting the filing deadline were incumbents Marilyn Biefer and Donald B. Richards,

and village President Carl Palmateer, who is seeking his second term. Biefer was appointed to the council in October 2007 following the resignation of former Trustee Jeff Gillig. Also serving on the council are Jim Heiser, Mick Kim and Jenny Zawilinski, whose terms won't expire until Sept. 30, 2011.

Village elections are scheduled for

Tuesday, Sept. 15.

KINGSTON

In the village of Kingston, only the incumbents filed by last week's deadline.

They are village President Robin LaFond, who is seeking another 2-year term, and trustees Cory Skinner and Roger Warrington. Both are seeking 4-year terms.

OWENDALE

Four candidates are vying for a trio of 4-year terms on the Owendale Village Council.

They are incumbents Bryan Baker, Jerry Radabaugh and Steve Story, and newcomer Richard Glidden.

Running unopposed for 4-year terms are village President Walter Howard and Treasurer Tina M. Smith.

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Fritz waives arraignment

The former Owen-Gage High School softball coach accused of having a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old girl waived his arraignment on several counts of criminal sexual conduct last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court. Cory Douglas Fritz' next appearance in court will be for a pre-trial hearing. A date for that hearing has not yet been set.

The charges against Fritz, 26, of Sebawaing, stem from allegations that he had multiple sexual encounters with an Owen-Gage High School sophomore back in 2005/06.

Michigan State Police detectives are investigating the alleged sex crimes along with a possible missing infant allegedly fathered by the suspect with the victim. Prosecutor's allege the victim buried the remains of the baby, but Please turn to back page.

Judge rules in favor of O-G in lawsuit

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock last week ruled in favor of the Owen-Gage School District in an Open Meetings Act lawsuit filed nearly a year ago by a former Owen-Gage School Board trustee.

Knoblock granted the school district's motion for summary disposition, saying the plaintiff in the case - Mike Mandich of Owendale - lacked proof that school officials had violated the Open Meetings Act.

Knoblock indicated he will enter his ruling some time after today (Wednesday), when the parties' period of discovery ends. If Mandich and his lawyer, Bay City attorney Kim Higgs, are unable to present evidence by that date proving a violation of the act, the case will be dismissed.

Mandich filed the suit in late 2008 against Owen-Gage Board of Education members Terry Muntz, Deb Quick, Jeff Leinweber and Kathy Champagne.

In the suit, he alleged the 4 board members violated provisions of the Open Meetings Act Oct. 27 when they along with school Supt. Dana Compton met with the district's auditor prior to a regular meeting. Mandich, a lifelong resident of the school district who served on the school board for 8 years, also stated the gathering was not properly noticed, was not conducted in a meeting open to the public, and no minutes were taken during the meeting.

"...if members of (the) Owendale-Gagetown Area School Board of Trustees gather, a quorum being present, for the purpose of deliberating, the meeting is subject to the provision of the Open Meetings act, even if there is no intention that the deliberations will lead to the rendering of a decision on that occasion," the suit stated.

School officials acknowledge a pre-regular meeting gathering of the district's budget committee took place with Compton and the auditor, but they say there was no quorum of the board present.

Committee members Terry Muntz, Deb Quick and Kathy Champagne were in attendance, but board President Jeff Leinweber was not, according to Compton, who said the purpose of the gathering was to update committee members on the audit report that was again presented during the regular meeting. There was no discussion or action prior to the regular

meeting, he noted.

Contacted by phone last week, Mandich indicated he now believes the gathering did, in fact, involve 3 - not 4 - board members. However, he also contends school officials have consistently failed to follow Open Meetings Act provisions related to the posting of meeting dates and times.

"I'm kind of disappointed" with last week's ruling, Mandich said, adding it was stated during the October regular meeting that the committee session was not posted because it was scheduled on short notice, and yet committee members were notified in advance.

Another example cited by Mandich was what he described as school officials' failure to properly post a rescheduled meeting in May - the posting was not placed on the main doors of the school, he said. And the posting for another meeting this past summer stated the meeting was going to start 30 minutes later than it actually did, he added.

"If this all happened by mistake, I could understand," Mandich said. "But the July and August regular meetings also were not posted on the main doors of the school.

"What's going on is wrong,"

Mandich said, adding he's especially concerned about financial issues in the district. "Times are hard, and the public really needs to be concerned about what's going on at that school."

Mandich said his allegations "will be moving forward in the legal system", but he declined to be specific.

School officials, meanwhile, "are encouraged by the (circuit court) hearing," Compton said last week. "We hope that the decision will move forward and that the case will be dismissed."

Compton, who said school officials routinely post committee meeting dates, times and locations as well as regular and special meetings, estimated the cost of the lawsuit to the district at about \$5,000.

"This (suit) is a non-issue, and to go through the process and spend this money...we could buy 5 new laptops for kids, we could buy a new reading series for a couple of grades," he added.

"It's time and money," he said. "It's frustrating, and you would hope that someone who really believes in and supports a (school) system would not do something like this where the expense isn't necessary."

The legal definitions

Public body - Michigan's Open Meetings Act defines a public body as any state or local legislative or governing body, including a board, commission, committee, subcommittee, authority or council that is empowered by state constitution, statute, charter ordinance or rule to exercise governmental or proprietary authority.

Meeting - The Open Meetings Act defines a meeting as the convening of a public body at which a quorum is present for the purpose of deliberating toward or rendering a decision on a public policy.

Notification of meetings - The law states that within 10 days of the first meeting of a public body in each calendar or fiscal year, the body must publicly post a list stating the dates, times and places of all its regular meetings at its principal office. If there is a change in schedule within 3 days of the meeting in which the change is made, the public body must post a notice stating the new dates, times and places of regular meetings.

For special meetings, public bodies must post a notice indicating the date, time and place at least 18 hours before the meetings.

Summary disposition - A court order ruling that no factual issues remain to be tried and, therefore, a cause of action or all causes of action in a complaint can be decided upon certain facts without a trial.

Discovery - The entire efforts of a party to a lawsuit and his/her attorneys to obtain information before trial through demands for production of documents, depositions of parties and potential witnesses, written interrogatories, written requests for admissions of fact, etc. The purpose is to enable all parties to go to trial with as much knowledge as possible and that neither party should be able to keep secrets from the other.

Fall Family Days on tap this weekend

The 21st century will spin back in time to the 20th century when Gagetown's 8-sided barn and the surrounding farm site once again serve as the staging area for one of

the Thumb's most popular festivals of the year.

The Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn are gearing up to re-create early 1900s rural life during the 14th annual



THOUSANDS OF visitors are expected to once again converge on the grounds of the historical Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown this weekend as the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn host their 14th annual Fall Family Days celebration.

Fall Family Days, which is set to get underway Friday and continue all day Saturday and Sunday at the barn, located just east of Gagetown at 6948 Ritchie Rd.

The grounds are certain to swell with visitors as they have in recent years. Last year's attendance broke all the records with some 15,000 converging on the unique, restored barn, farmhouse and agricultural museum. Attendance on Saturday last year totaled 10,000 people.

This year's event will kick off Friday at 4 p.m. with a fish fry (\$8 per person), served from 4 to 7 p.m. and prepared by George and Lavonne Pettinger, with Greg Talaski, Filion, frying the fish.

"After dinner, everyone is invited to sing along inside the barn," said Bob Hirn, Cass City, Fall Family Days co-chairman. "We encourage all the young-at-heart folks coming to this old-fashioned jamboree to bring a musical instrument."

The dual themes for this year's event will highlight vintage fashion and early lumbering.

"We're in process with a number of additions to the sawmill building, including a showcase area for donated woodworking machinery," Hirn noted, adding bygone-era equipment will be prominently featured all around the 70-foot tall Thumb Octagon Barn. "For the first time," he

said, "we'll have a restored and operational stationary steam engine on-site. We're also on schedule with adding a grain elevator building."

In-field corn and grain binders are among the repeat attractions this year, as are a stationary threshing machine and a stationary baler. Antique 2-cylinder John Deere tractors and farming equipment join this year's mechanical guest list. "Thumb 2-Cylinder Club members will have an on-site display tent, which is new to Fall Family Days, said Martin Kubacki, Ubyly, Fall Family Days co-chairman.

As in past years, a sorghum press and evaporator will be used to produce sorghum syrup; fresh cider will be made from a cider press; and honey extraction will be done as a part of the live bee exhibit. Syrup, cider and honey, along with cotton candy, hog-kettle popcorn, hand-made ice cream, fresh donuts and other foods will be available for purchase.

"No one will go away hungry, and no one will want to miss out on the tasty \$6 farmer's breakfast. Cooks will be preparing made-to-order eggs as well as bacon, sausage, pancakes and potatoes," Kubacki pointed out. Breakfast will be served Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m., and Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. Also planned is a Gospel Please turn to back page.



FALL FAMILY Days is slated for Friday through Sunday, with a host of agriculture-related activities from the past. Above, Bay City youths Cade Thompson and Thomas Kayner watch their rope take shape during last year's festival at the Thumb Octagon Barn.

Several appear on charges

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

- William L. Beardsley, 25, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon Sept. 23 in Juniata Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Kenneth J. McCown, 48, Owendale, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (90 days deferred) for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 10 in Elmwood Township.
- He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$3,668.
- Kenneth W. Maynard, 57, Caro, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to 3 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion Jan. 3 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$4,764 in cost and fines.

- Toby C. Slater Jr., 29, Fostoria, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 6 in Arbela Township.
- He was also ordered to complete 60 days of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$2,628.
- Charles E. Johnson Jr., 37, Fowlerville, was sentenced to 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to obtaining property/cash by false pretenses March 9 in Ellington Township.
- He was also ordered to complete 500 hours of community service and pay \$3,628 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$95.
- Jeffery L. Cloutier Jr., 24, Mayville, pleaded no contest to assaulting/obstructing a public officer April 30 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- John K. Ashbreck, 30, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 26 in Caro.
- He was also ordered to complete 250 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$2,628 plus restitution of \$95.
- Michael J. McKenney, 49, Deford, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and trespassing Feb. 26 in Novesta Township.
- He was also ordered to complete 50 hours of community service and pay \$681 in costs and fines.
- Gennifer L. O'Leary, 30, Davison, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 12 months probation for her plea of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Sept. 29 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$828.
- John D. Mansueto, 26, Vassar, received a 6-month delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle April 3 in Juniata Township.
- He was ordered to pay \$1,228 in costs and fines.
- Crystal D. Knapp, also known as Crystal D. Will, 34, Clio, was sentenced to 265 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for her pleas of no contest to forgery involving a \$62.69 check drawn on Montrose State Bank/Community State Bank, to writing a no-account check for \$80.38, and to uttering and publishing using a financial transaction device Sept. 3-21 in Millington.
- She was also placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$324 plus restitution of \$4,202.95.



FAMILIAR FACES - Jerry and Lawrence Stine, Pi-geon, have been a mainstay at Fall Family Days, turning out shingles the old-fashioned way. They will return this year. (See story page one)

Village of Ubly clerk F. Schrader eyes votes

Editor's note: The Chronicle's editorial staff recently asked area village candidates seeking contested seats in next week's elections to respond to a series of 3 questions:

- 1) Why are you running for a seat on the village council?
- 2) What experience or background do you possess that would help to make you an effective member of the council?
- 3) What do you feel are the greatest challenges facing local government right now, and how would you like to approach possible solutions to those challenges?

Questionnaires were mailed to the 4 candidates vying for 3 trustee seats in the village of Owendale, and to each of the 2 candidates battling for the offices of clerk and treasurer in the village of Ubly.

The only candidate to respond was longtime incumbent Ubly Village Clerk Florence E. Schrader. The following are her answers:



Florence Schrader

1. Please note I am running for reelection as village treasurer. I want to continue to give back to the community all it has given me; good place to raise my children, the friendly hellos, good schools, leadership, organizations who give so much back to the village in so many ways, the cooperation between the council, township and school.

Most of all, I would like to help get the transition to a new clerk and 3 new council members off to a good start. I would like to be there for them. Since there are no office hours per se, it is a 24/7 job.

2. The knowledge and experience I have gained as treasurer the past 34 years; living in the village for 61 years I feel I am more familiar with the wants and needs of the residents; have held positions of leadership in several organizations in Ubly.

I am currently serving on the board of directors for the Michigan Municipal League and former member of the board of trustees, giving me the chance to see how other municipalities of all sizes work and deal with issues along with keeping me current on the laws and regulations required by the state and federal laws.

3. As treasurer, I do not have a vote, but as a citizen I would like to see the council bring new businesses to town to fill the vacant buildings with jobs for anybody who needs one, but especially to keep our young people local; make Ubly appealing to every age for many reasons and to keep the safe and secure community we now live in; invest the taxpayer's money prudently and still have enough to run the village smoothly.

In 2008, the investments earned approximately \$40,000 dollars in interest as additional income; keep up-to-date on changes and requirements concerning money matters as it pertains to village business and be responsible for all accounts according to the laws and regulations for each. In these economic times, you must be able to know how to invest wisely and safely to get good returns.

Be sure to exercise your privilege to vote.

Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

At the Regular Meeting of the Cass City Village Council On Monday September 28, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan,

The Village of Cass City Council will consider the sale of a parcel of land in the Cass City Industrial Park to Liang's Farm and Poultry Processing, LLC, described as:

Commencing at the Center of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, of the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County Michigan, thence S.01°53'22"W. 66.00', thence N.88°23'51"W. 330.00' to the point of beginning of this description. Thence S.01°53'22"W. 1253.62', thence N88°37'11"W. 268.82', thence N. 43°19'42"W. 284.28', thence N.01°57'47"E. 987.41', thence S.88°23'51"E. 469.32' to the point of beginning. Containing 12.36 acres more or less and subject to all recorded easements and rights of way.

The Public is invited to attend.

Nanette S. Walsh Clerk/Treasurer

63 residents donate blood

Sixty-three people recently donated blood at a drive sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and VFW Post #3644, Cass City.

Receiving a 5-gallon pin: Marilyn Mastie; 10-gallon pin: Melvin Shrock.

First time donors were Jane Phillips, Tammy Laurie and Merideth Nizzola. The next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20.

Flu shots now available

The Tuscola County Health Department will begin offering seasonal flu shots for adults on a walk-in basis on the following designated days, (the H1N1 vaccine is not available at this time):

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 16, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 18, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 21, 8:30 to 11 a.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 23, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 25, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 28, 8:30 to 11 a.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 30, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 2, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Health department officials will also be administering flu vaccinations at the Tuscola County Human Services Community Expo, Tuesday Oct. 13, at the Colwood United Brethren Church, located at the corner of Colwood Road and M-81. Flu shots will be offered at that location from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children's flu shots will be offered

at the health department by appointment only - call (989) 673-8114 (ext. 110 or 102).

Medicare Part B and Medicaid will be billed for those who have coverage. If you are enrolled in a Medicare Health Plan, you should receive your flu shot at your doctor's office, as it may not be covered if you receive it at the health department. You will be responsible for the entire balance that your insurance does not cover.

Bring any Medicaid or Medicare cards you have, including your Prescription Drug Plan card or Medicare Health Plan card. Senior Millage Funds will pay for the flu vaccine for Tuscola County residents age 60-64.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that the following at-risk populations receive vaccine:

- All children 6 months through 18 years of age
- Persons 50 years of age and older
- Pregnant women (in any trimester)
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities
- Persons 19-49 years of age with a chronic medical condition, including: pulmonary disease including asthma, cardiovascular disease (except hypertension), immunosuppression including HIV, metabolic disorders including diabetes, renal dysfunction, hematological disorders including sickle cell disease, hepatic disorders, and those that compromise respiratory function, handling of secretions or increase risk of aspiration.
- Children 6 months through 18 years of age receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- Persons who live with, care for, or are close contacts of: children birth through 18 years of age and persons 50 years of age and older, persons with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe flu complications, and any person wishing to reduce the likelihood of flu.

In order to avoid getting the flu, you should take the following precautions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too.

The price of the vaccine this year is \$25. Call the health department's flu hotline at (989) 673-8114 (ext. 187) for information updates as they become available.

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Red Hawk tennis team searching for maiden victory

Say this about the Cass City tennis team, they are consistent.

The Red Hawk racket program, in only its second year of competition, both under Coach Bill Potter have started the season winless in 4 attempts. Moreover, the final scores of each outing have ended with a 5-3 tally.

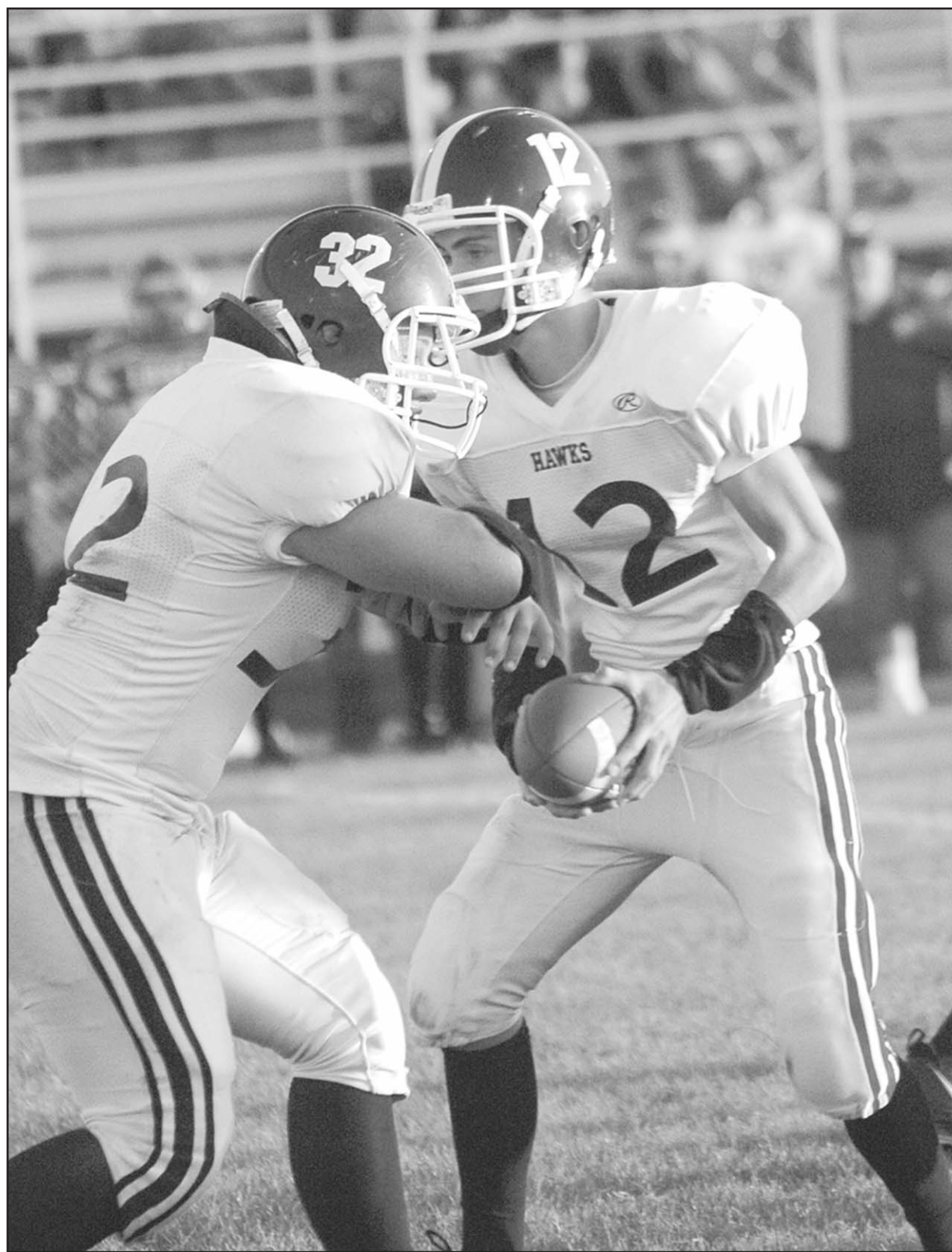
Cass City opened its campaign on the road against Crosswell-Lexington, Imlay City and Sandusky, before bowing at home last Wednesday to visiting Bay City John Glenn during the team's most recent action.

"CrosLex, Imlay City, John Glenn, all have student enrollment of 750-950 making them Class B schools," Potter said of his opening foes.

Despite the sluggish start, the Red Hawks stand at 0-1 in conference play entering tonight's (Wednesday) Greater Thumb Conference meeting with Bay City All Saints in the Recreational Park.

Highlighting the team's success in the early going has been #2 doubles partners Lindsay Jamieson and Nicole Kelley, whose only defeat came against Imlay City's Joe Rettell and Kyle Strohm by identical scores of 6-2. The twosome defeated CrosLex's Taylor McAllister and Jason Wright 6-2, 6-3; Sandusky's Emily Hale and Marissa DeMott 4-6, 6-3 and 7-5; and John Glenn's Chad Meyer and Dan Gould 7-6, 6-1.

Potter also praised the efforts of newcomers Rob VanAuken and TJ Marker who went undefeated in the #3 doubles slot and lost once playing the #1 doubles match to begin the season.



QUARTERBACK JUSTIN Ketterer hands the ball to Cass City running back Austin Osentoski during Thursday's GTW opener in Pigeon. The Lakers steam rolled to a 26-7 victory, improving to 1-1 on the season, while the Red Hawks slip to 0-2.

Harbor Beach Friday Lakers cruise past Red Hawks in GTW opener

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's all conference senior quarterback Luke Voelker took control of Thursday's Greater Thumb West opener against visiting Cass City and led the defending conference champions to a convincing 26-7 decision.

Offensively, the Lakers' 'Mr. Do-It-All' rushed for 129 yards and a pair of scores, while adding 101 yards through the air that included his first scoring strike on the early season.

And if that wasn't enough to help knock off the Red Hawks, Voelker, who also handles the punting and kicking duties for the hosts, halted 2 Cass City drives that had advanced deep into the red zone with an interception and fumble recovery from his defensive safety position to secure the outcome.

With the victory, the Lakers improve to 1-1 on the year, while the Red Hawks will be in search of their maiden win this Friday when they travel to face Harbor Beach in non-conference action.

To be successful against the Pirates, Cass City will have to reduce the number of big plays allowed that have haunted Coach Scott Cuthrell's squad during the first 2 weeks of the season.

The Lakers took the game's opening possession and marched 65 yards to pay dirt. Mike Wolschlagler accounted for the marker on a 4-yard run and after Voelker's point after kick the Green and White were in front 7-0 with 7:35 remaining in the quarter.

Voelker then extended the hosts' margin to 13-0 later in the period when he took off on a 32-yard scamper eluding several Cass City defenders on his path to the end zone, which capped the scoring in the opening 12 minutes.

Cass City looked to cut into the Laker margin early in the next quarter when they drove deep into Laker territory. The Red Hawks started their best drive of the initial half on their own 34-yard line and after collecting 4 first downs; a pair on clutch 4th down plays, the visitors were poised to register their first points on the

night. But Voelker prevented the Red Hawks from narrowing the gap when he made a brilliant one-handed interception of a Justin Ketterer pass intended for Morgan Erla at the goal line.

After exchanging punts, the Lakers needed just 20 seconds to increase their advantage and Voelker played a big role in helping the Lakers cover 79 yards in just 3 snaps. On the first play of the series, Voelker hit Tim Warack with a pass near his own sideline that went for 43 yards. Voelker then added runs of 13 and 24 yards with the latter leading to a 20-0 score with 3:02 left in the half.

That was plenty of time for the Laker defense to force a Cass City punt and register the final points before the intermission.

Brody Lawrence set up the hosts' last score on the night with a 50-yard punt return and accounted for the touchdown moments later when he was on the receiving end of Voelker's 15-yard strike with just 47 seconds showing on the clock.

Leading 26-0, the Lakers let up on the throttle in the final half and went to a ball control offense to prevent any comeback hopes for the Red Hawks.

Still, the Red Hawk offense looked improved from week one. They opened the final half with a 14 play drive that ended when Voelker pounced on a fumble inside the Laker 10-yard line.

Despite being out muscled on the line, Cass City's Alex Varney rushed for 83 yards and fullback Austin Osentoski added 51 yards rushing. The Red Hawks also prevented a shutout when Cameron Dunnuck scored with just 18 seconds remaining on a pretty toss from Ketterer. The late score could give the Red Hawks some much needed confidence heading into this week's game in Harbor Beach, where points could be at a premium as the Red Hawks and Pirates have tallied just 14 and 12 points, respectively, entering the affair.



THE 2009 CASS City tennis team members are: (front, l-r) Andi Boyd, Morgan Potter, Cassandra Tomlinson, Erica Boyd, Kyle Hanby, Tommy Brinkman, Derek Mozden, Rob VanAuken, Brandon Green. (back) Kelsey Russell, Chelsea Green, Shannon Bardwell, Nicole Kelley, Lauren Perry, Amanda Kaake, TJ Marker, JJ Mulrath, Lindsay Jamieson and Matt Goniwicha.

Chip Shots

Monday Night Golf League as of Aug. 31

Division 1	
Scott Richards	177
Richard Tate	170
Daryl Iwankovitsch	165
Dieter Roth	155
Craig Helwig	149
Jon Zdrojewski	143
Mike Lowe	141
Don Ouvry	132

Low gross score for the week: Craig Helwig 36
Low net score for week: Richard Tate 35

Division 2

Ray Fox	177
Tom Kelly	168
Dan Mosher	157
Dave Allen	156
Jim Peyer	153
Jim Smithson	144
Jack Hool	139
Jim Hobbs	138

Low gross score for the week: Ray Fox 39
Low net score for week: Jim Peyer 34

Division 3

Dan Caister	190
Terry Hendrick	190
Thad Phelps	158
Bruce LaValley	151
Dan Curtis	144
Larry Robinson	143
Harold MacAlpine	128
Dick Wallace	115

Low gross score for the week: Dan Caister 40
Low net score for week: Dan Caister 33

Division 4

Steve Osentoski	177
Steve Palmer	162
Paul Regnerus	161
Josh Stern	156*
Bob Stickle	143
Tom Lis	142
David House	136
Keith Pobanz	126*

Low gross score for the week: Steve Osentoski 46
Low net score for week: Keith Pobanz 33

*Denotes games to be made up

Fall 2-Man Golf League as of Sept. 1

EARLY DIVISION - A	
Zdrojewski/Robinson	19
Caister/Hendrick	17
Veggian/Young	16
Davis/Tate	6
Craig/Knight	5
Hempton/Patnaude	3

Individual Medallist: J. Zdrojewski
Team Medallists: Zdrojewski/Robinson 78.

EARLY DIVISION - B

Berwick/Greenlee	22
Wallace/Peters	13
St. Louis/Krause	12
Henn/Iwankovitsch	10
Pobanz/Smithson	9

Individual Medallist: B. Berwick 40.
Team Medallists: Wallace/Kritzman 87.

LATE DIVISION

Krol/LeValley	19
Lowe/Ware	18
Warner/LaMarr	14
Bitzer/Curtis	8
Hobbs/Phelps	6
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USA at BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	USA
Vassar at Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Brown City at Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Brown City	Deckerville	Deckerville
Ubyly at Marlette	Ubyly	Marlette	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Mayville at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Peck at Dryden	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden
North Huron at Kingston	Kingston	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	Kingston
Cass City at Harbor Beach	Cass City	Harbor Beach	Cass City	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Essex.-Garber at Memphis	Essex.-Garber	Essex.-Garber	Essex.-Garber	Essex.-Garber	Essex.-Garber
Caro at Frankenmuth	Caro	Caro	Caro	Caro	Frankenmuth
CPS at Akron-Fairgrove	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	Akron-Fairgrove
O-G at AA East. Washtenaw	East. Washtenaw	East. Washtenaw	East. Washtenaw	East. Washtenaw	Owen-Gage
LAST WEEK'S RESULTS	11-1	10-2	10-2	9-3	9-3
SEASON'S RESULTS	18-5 (78%)	17-6 (74%)	16-7 (70%)	11-12 (49%)	14-9 (61%)

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MEMBERS OF THE 2009 Cass City Red Hawk soccer squad are: (front, l-r) Jalen Ferris, Kyle Weidman, Andy Knight, Justin Kerkau, Michael Vogelpohl, Nick Brown, Chris Hool, Zach McCreedy, Cole Israelson (back) Head Coach Kevin Mulligan, Gerremy Fearson, Jarad Weidman, Ronnie Wolschleger, Chris Vogelpohl, Channing Langenburg, Dustin Wilson, Robbie Wolschleger and Coach Ray Ferris. Missing is Robby Simpson and Jeff Mulrath.

Red Hawks earn first soccer victory; bow to Pirates

The Harbor Beach soccer team improved to 7-0-1 Thursday with an easy victory over host Cass City.

The Pirates jumped out to a 3-0 margin at the halfway point on goals from Christian Bender, Dustin Mazure and Andrew Siemen.

The visitors then put the game on ice early in the final half as a balanced attack stretched the margin to 6-0 on goals from Tyler Mausolf, Tyler Buchholz and Scott Grekowicz.

Cass City prevented the Pirate shutout on a late goal from Jalen Ferris, while Kyle Weidman was credited with an assist in the 6-1 defeat.

Defensively, Dillon Volmering led the Pirates with 7 blocks and keeper Christopher Hagedon made 7 stops.

Cass City keeper Michael Vogelpohl recorded 10 saves.

Earlier last week, on Tuesday, the Red Hawks entertained Caseville and posted their first win on the season.

Ferris scored 2 unassisted goals for the Red Hawks in the opening half, matching the point production of Caseville's Charlie Karafa as the teams entered the final half deadlocked at 2-2.

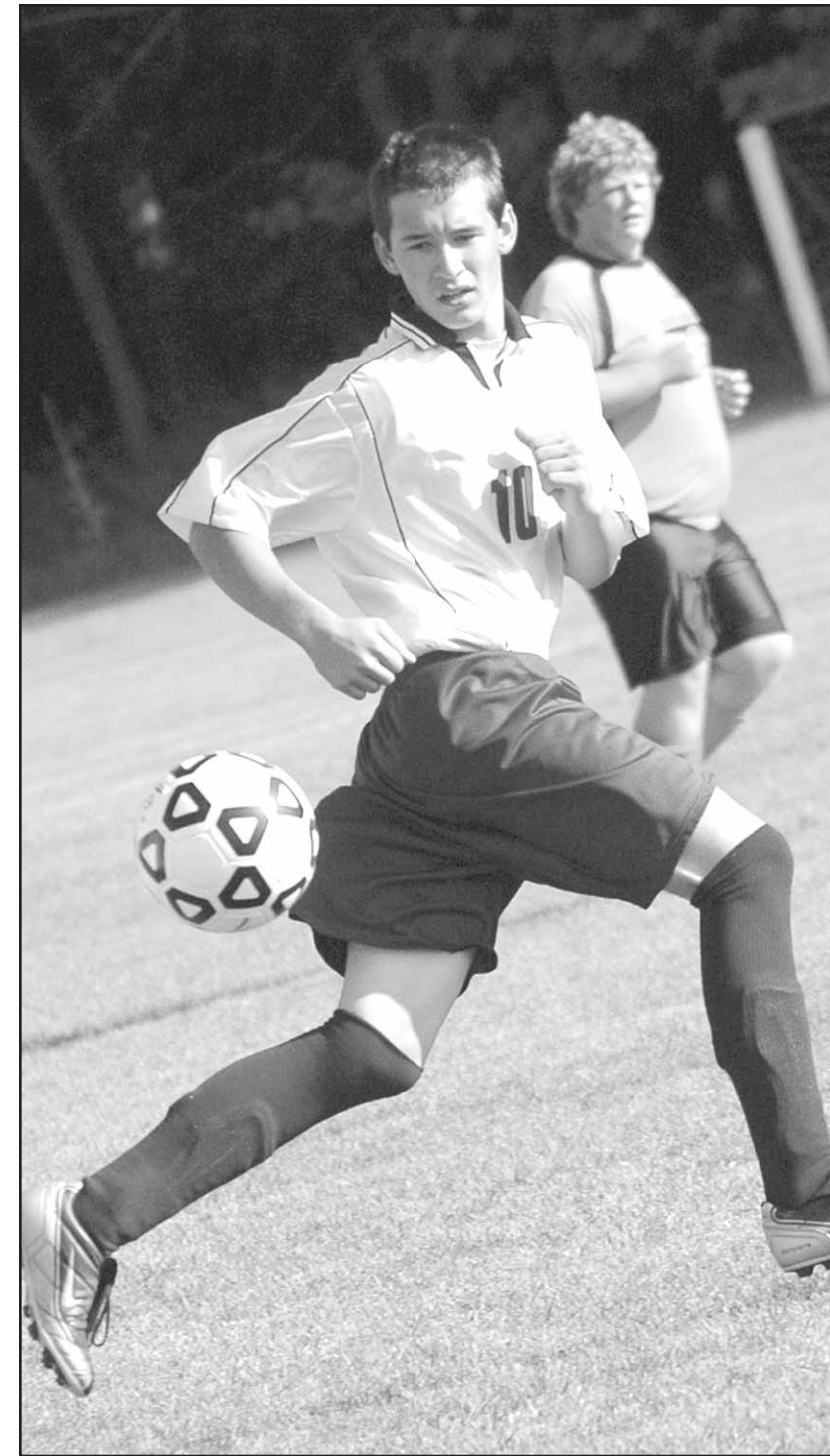
Robby Simpson put the hosts on top for good with his first of 2 second half tallies, while Ferris' hat trick goal provided the hosts with a 4-2 gap.

Caseville closed to within 4-3 on a goal from Serhiy Skrypka, but Simp-

son scored again to provide the final margin.

Assistant Coach Ray Ferris praised the work of Vogelpohl in the net, noting he recorded 15 saves.

The Red Hawks, 1-1-2 on the season, travel Thursday to face Sandusky and will compete Saturday at the Bad Axe Invitational.

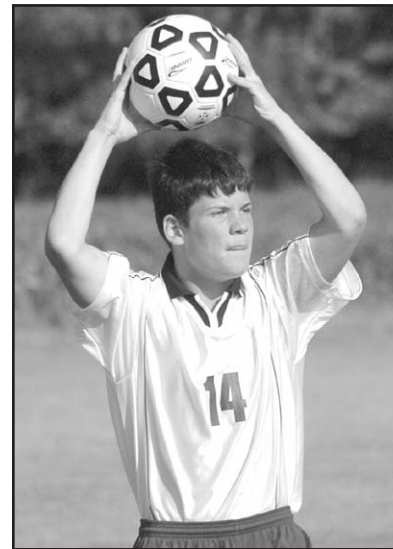


CASS CITY'S CHANNING Langenburg intercepts a pass in non-conference action Thursday with guests Harbor Beach. The Red Hawks suffered a 6-1 defeat and now stand at 1-1-2 in early season action.



(Picture taken by Niccole Somerville)

THE CASS CITY Fire Department softball team recently captured the inaugural Kingston Fire Department's Muscular Dystrophy Association benefit tourney with a perfect 4-0 record. The team members are: (front row, l-r) Dale Tabar, Glen Guilds, Jeremy Somerville, Tony Middaugh, R.J. McKee, Paul Learman (back row) Steve Osentoski, Kevin Vaughan, Mark Tomlinson, Nic Moyer, Jim Kosinski and Scott Wright. The event, held during the annual Kingston Days celebration, raised over \$500 for MDA.



GERREMY FEARSON looks to start the attack for Cass City against the Pirates.

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Obituaries

Diane Bock

Diane K. Bock, 59, of Cass City, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009 in Tendercare, Cass City, following a long battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 17, 1949 in Pi-geon, the daughter of Gerald William August and Irva M. (Schulz) Bock.

Diane was an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She helped with several church activities including vacation Bible school. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening and especially loved her cats. But the most important thing to Diane, was her family. She helped care for her nieces and nephews and never said "No" to their requests for help or attention.

Diane is survived by her mother, Irva; brothers: Randy (Karen) Bock of Ubyly, Thomas (Shari) Bock of Snover, Steven Bock of Cass City, and David (Shari) Bock of Cass City; nieces and nephews: Tammy (Paul) Gugle, Jennifer Bock, Jamie (Lee) Cox, Nathan (Ashley) Bock, Jonathan Bock, Matthew Bock, Andrew Bock, Stephanie Bock, Kaitlyn Bock, and Payton Bock; great nieces and nephews: Jenna, Preston, Kylie and Hannah.

She was preceded in death by her father; and grandparents: William and Johannah Bock, Dewilda and Walter Schulz.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 5, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Michael Boyer officiating.

Interment was in the Grant Township Cemetery, Gageton.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Lyn Caig

Lyn D. Caig, 61, of Worthington, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2009 at his residence.



He was born Nov. 6, 1947 in Deckerville, the son of James E. and Geraldine (Wright) Caig.

He married Terry Wells June 7, 1985.

Lyn worked as a lineman for Detroit Edison in Michigan until his retirement in 2006. After his retirement, he enjoyed farming. Lyn served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a life member of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association and a member of the Association of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry. He was a member of IBEW Union Local 17 in Detroit. Lyn was a life member of VFW in Worthington and the American Legion in Spencer, the Masonic

Lodge, Indianapolis Scottish Rite, the Shriner's Organization in Terre Haute, and the Methodist Church.

Lyn is survived by his wife, Terry; 2 sons: James (Nicole) Caig of Los Angeles, Calif., and Tony Caig of San Francisco, Calif.; 2 daughters: Jennifer (Sam) Jones of Los Angeles, Calif., and Julie (Carlo) Thomas of New Orleans, La.; 2 stepchildren: Candi (Scott) Zufall and Andy (Jacqui) Wood, all of Coal City, Ill.; 2 sisters: Sondra Graff and Sheila (Bob) Barham of Deckerville; and 8 grandchildren: Jordan Thomas, Julia Thomas, Dillon Zufall, Keaton Zufall, Kelci Wood, Katie Wood, James Jones, and Avery Jones.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 5, at West and Parrish and Pedigo Funeral Home in Spencer, Ind., with Pastor Bret Eaton officiating.

Burial was in the Pleasant Bethel Cemetery with military rites.

Arrangements were made by West and Parrish and Pedigo Funeral Home in Spencer, Ind.

John McCormick

John A. McCormick, 76, of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, after a year long battle with cancer.

He was born in Bad Axe.

John graduated from Cass City High School in 1951. He was an Army veteran, a former owner of John's Drive-In Liquor in Glendale, Ariz., a realtor, and a retired city of Phoenix employee. One of John's many joys in life was being an avid pool player.

John is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Jean (McLachlan); a sister, Judy (Jim) DeLapa; a brother-in-law, David Burnette; 4 daughters: Rosemary Vandecar, Mary (Brad) Lawson, Genell McCormick, and Christina (David) Nevill; 9 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and a very special aunt, Marge Zawilinski.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John V. and Ellen McCormick; a brother, Marvin McCormick; and a sister, Threse Burnette.

A memorial service has taken place in Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 15.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the VFW of Cass City Post 3644.

Blood drives set

Ubyly and Unionville are among the Thumb area communities scheduled to host upcoming American Red Cross blood drives.

A blood drive is slated for today (Wednesday) from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the Moravian Church, 2711 Cass St., Unionville. Another is planned for Monday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Ubyly Heights, 2409 E. Atwater, Ubyly.

As the new school year gets underway, so does the American Red Cross fall "You Can Change a Life" campaign, which encourages all eligible high school and college students to make donating blood part of their school-year routine.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. All donors must also present positive identification.

"Tea Party" group set to host fest

The Western Thumb Tea Party Group will host a "Wake up America Freedom Festival" to be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Tuscola County Courthouse lawn in Caro, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Speakers have been invited to share information on topics such as health care, energy laws, national security and federal debt.

While Congress is on recess, many elected officials are holding town hall meetings. However, Representative Dale Kildee and Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin have chosen not to answer questions and share information in person. Kildee has agreed to a telephone question and answer session with pre-registered callers.

Congress reconvenes in September, and healthcare bill HR3200, environmental quality Cap and Trade, Homeland Security and the trillion dollar deficit will be discussed. Each politician's office has been contacted and invited to send a representative to speak at the September 12th rally in Caro.

The Western Thumb Tea Party Group is a bipartisan collection of individuals that love America. They want elected officials to read the bills they vote on. They also believe in freedom of religion, speech and the press; and the right to assembly and petition.

Collection set for HHW in Tuscola County

Tuscola County Recycling is sponsoring a fall household hazardous waste (HHW) collection Saturday, Sept. 12. An appointment is required to attend this event. There is no fee for county residents.

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Key words to watch for when purchasing these types of items are DANGER, POISON, WARNING and CAUTION. HHW can be anything from oil-based paint and stains to finger nail polish remover. It also includes items like compact fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides, paint stripper, household cleansers, drain openers, used motor oil, antifreeze and kerosene. Although HHW makes up only a small percentage of the municipal solid waste stream, it represents a large percentage of the toxicity in the waste stream.

To schedule an appointment or to get more information on any Tuscola County recycling program, call Tuscola County Recycling at (989) 672-1673, email recycle@tuscolacounty.org or check out the agency's website at www.tuscolacounty.org/recycling/events.php for a list of acceptable items.

Rehearsals starting up

Tom Thumb Singers will start rehearsals Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Cass City High School band room.

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Dr. Paul Chappel of Cass City would like to publicly announce he is leaving his practice in Cass City after 36 years. On behalf of his wife, Suzanne, and himself, Dr. Chappel would like to thank the people of Cass City and the surrounding communities, especially Marlette, Caro, Bad Axe and Pigeon for their loyalty and patronage to his practice throughout those years. It has been very fulfilling to provide treatment to such wonderful people, and we will not soon forget them.

Dr. Chappel would also like to publicly thank his staff for their loyalty throughout those years. Especially Christine Diegel, Susie Hillaker and Denise Ewald, who have worked with Dr. Chappel for over 30 years, and other long-term employees to include Carol Sunbald, Kim Gray, Amanda Bolzman, Kate Fernald, Tori Pine and Heather Shagena.

To my staff, I appreciate all you've done and the friendships we've developed. It was a fun ride. Dr. Chappel's future plans are uncertain at this time. Again, thanks to everyone.

Respectfully,
Dr. and Mrs. Paul Chappel

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Sealed bids will be received, at the office of the **VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, 6506 MAIN STREET, CASS CITY, MI 48726** until 2:00 pm. Eastern Standard Time, on *Wednesday, September 16, 2009* for the following project with approximate quantities with appurtenances as follows:

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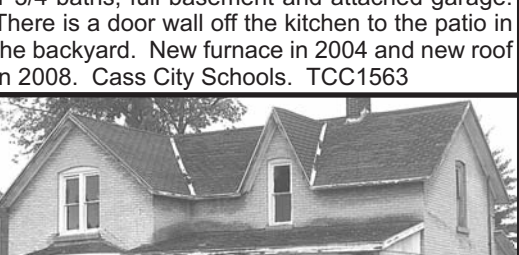


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The ACT has 4 sections - English, mathematics, reading and science - and takes about three hours to complete. Students who take the ACT Plus Writing complete an optional

writing test that requires an additional 30 minutes. Unlike other exams, students are not penalized for guessing or answering all the questions on each test section. In fact, it is beneficial for test takers to answer all questions within the time allowed.

During registration, students may select up to 4 universities to receive their score reports. ACT scores are accepted by all 4-year colleges and universities across the United States. ACT reports scores only when requested to do so by the student. Additional score reports are available for a small fee.

All students complete a detailed inventory of questions during ACT registration. Each test taker receives an ACT score report that includes a wide

variety of information to assist with high school course selection, college readiness, career planning, and college admissions.

The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$32. When combined with the optional ACT Writing Test, the total cost is \$47. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

The ACT website, www.actstudent.org, has helpful information, free sample items, and options to order inexpensive test prep materials to assist test takers get ready for the exam. However, the best preparation is to take rigorous core courses in school, study hard, and learn the academic skills needed in college.

Most students register online at www.actstudent.org. Students may also pick up registration forms from their high school counseling offices; these forms must be postmarked by Sept. 18. Late registration is available from Sept. 19 through Oct. 2 for an extra \$21 fee.

Fritz waives his arraignment

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they and Fritz' attorney disagrees on Fritz' knowledge and/or involvement regarding the infant.

Fritz, a 2001 Owen-Gage High School graduate, was arrested and arraigned on 20 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

According to testimony entered into the record during a pre-preliminary examination, Fritz has admitted to having sex with the teen on multiple occasions. At the time, he was 22 years old.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene has said that Fritz made statements that he was present during the birth and death of the baby he allegedly fathered with the teen, and that a witness stated that Fritz said he needed to locate the remains and dispose of them. Both are claims that Fritz' lawyer, Bay City attorney Kevin Rieman, denies.

Fritz is currently free on bond, which is set at \$50,000 (10 percent cash).

Church to host Day in concert

The Farver Road Baptist Church and Christian Radio 88.5 WCTP will present Doug Day in concert Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Farver Road Church, 4330 Farver Rd. (between Sebewaing and McAlpin roads).

Prior to the concert at 6 p.m., the Lion and Lamb Singers will entertain and finger food will follow the Doug Day concert in the fellowship hall.

Day is from Luna Pier, Mich., and has entertained at the Farver Road Baptist Church every summer for many years.

For more information, call Pastor Duane Plonta at (989) 315-8043.

Battery and tire collection set Saturday

The Sanilac County MSU Extension and Sanilac Soil Conservation District will be sponsoring a tire and vehicle battery collection Saturday, Sept. 12, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tri-City Landfill, 426 N. Ruth Rd.

There will be a fee for this event: car tires-\$2.75/tire; light truck tires-\$2.75/tire; small implement tires-\$2.75/tire; bologna tires-\$2.75; semi truck tires-\$6.75; oversized truck tires-\$9.25; and tractor tires-\$1.50/inch of tire width.



JOE AND ANGELA Lounsbury pose in front of Kaieteur Falls, located in Kaieteur National Park. The falls measure 741 feet from its plunge over a sandstone cliff to the first break. It then flows over a series of steep cascades that, when included in the measurements, bring the total height to 822 feet — about 5 times higher than the more well known Niagara Falls, located on the border between Canada and the United States. While many falls have greater height, few have the combination of height and water volume. (See story, page 5).

Fall Family Days set this weekend

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hymn sing-a-long Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Calorie-burning activities will include opportunities to participate in hands-on workshops such as rope splicing, cornhusk doll making and paper crafting; strolling through an informational 12-room farmhouse tour with Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn volunteers, shopping opportunities courtesy of more than 200 vendors, as well as walking through the

barn to see "Ruby" (the pot-bellied pig) and other farm animals from Kinde's Maplewood Farms Petting Zoo.

There will be a vintage clothing fashion show at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, followed by an antique tractor and farm machinery parade.

Various displays will feature rows and rows of antique tractors, old cars, trucks and gas engines, plus there will be free "barrel train" rides for the kids, goat milking and butter making, broom making, shingle making and

rope making demonstrations. The daily admission is \$3 for ages 6 and older. No pets are allowed on the show grounds. Handicap parking will be available, as will a shuttle service (via tractor-pulled wagons) to and from the parking area.

All proceeds will be used to support continued restoration efforts and maintenance of the Thumb Octagon Barn/Agricultural Museum.

More information is available by visiting the website, www.thumboctagonbarn.org.

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