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\$9.5 million to “connect” Thumb schools

Federal stimulus money has arrived in the Thumb in a big way, with millions of dollars approved to spread and connect high speed Internet service throughout the region.

Regional Educational Media Center 10 (REMC 10) officials last week announced the award of federal stim-

ulus dollars to build a fiber optic network connecting all public schools in the Thumb area as well as inter-connections to Bay, Lapeer and Saginaw counties.

The funding — \$9.5 million — will provide a high-speed (10 Gigabit per second) network that will tie all 26

school districts in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties together, as well as other entities, including county governments, health care facilities and public libraries, among others, according to Robert Frost, REMC 10 director.

Frost said REMC 10, Genesee

Intermediate School District (ISD), Lapeer ISD, St. Clair RESA (Regional Educational Service Agency) and Saginaw Valley State University partnered with Air Advantage, LLC, of Frankenmuth in applying for combined grant/loan funding through the USDA Rural Utility Services (RUS) Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP), which is funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, better known as the federal stimulus package.

“This network will allow for collaborative purchasing of network devices and services such as servers, backup devices, firewalls, content filters, telephone systems, Internet bandwidth and shared student and financial management packages,” Frost explained.

“Other capabilities, such as distance learning through high definition video conferencing units, will also be possible.

“The Thumb area has a high percentage of un-served and under-served areas as defined by the BIP program,” Frost added. “Many residents are limited to dial-up Internet access or have no choice in high speed providers. The stimulus funds are intended to increase the amount of high speed access available in areas such as the Thumb.”

Frost said residents, business and public institutions will benefit from the ability to access high speed Internet at reasonable rates through the expansion of Air Advantage’s

wireless network.

“Many of the Air Advantage towers will be connected to the fiber network, providing greater capacity at each tower,” he explained. “Air Advantage will also be expanding their network into locations that are currently not served by any high speed provider.”

The Thumb area project will connect to existing networks in Bay, Lapeer, St. Clair and Saginaw counties, and will also connect to the Merit Networks REACH-3MC statewide fiber network funded through a round one stimulus grant.

“This means that schools in the Thumb will have a direct, high speed connection to other K-12 schools, community colleges and universities throughout the state,” Frost continued.

“The schools in the REMC 10 region have been hoping to build a network of this type for nearly 20 years,” he said. “Over 10 years ago, a small amount of grant funds were approved to build the first leg of the network connecting Yale High School in St. Clair RESA to Sanilac ISD. A couple of years later additional grant funds expanded the connection from Sanilac ISD to Tuscola ISD in Caro.

“Since that time, grant opportunities have dried up and school budgets have gotten much tighter,” Frost added. “Without the stimulus funds, it is unlikely that the schools in the Thumb would ever have been able to build a network like this.”



UNITED WAY OF Tuscola County Board members presented checks totaling \$27,650 to representatives of 23 agencies (pictured above along with board members) during the county organization’s annual breakfast Thursday at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro, where officials kicked off their 2010-11 campaign.

U-W kicks off campaign

United Way of Tuscola County officials hosted their sixth annual kick-off breakfast, launching the organization’s 2010-11 campaign.

The early morning meeting, attended by some 60 people and held at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro, appropriately included distribution of the final checks from the past year’s campaign. In all, board members presented checks to 23 agencies totaling \$27,650.

The 2009-10 campaign yielded total

donations of \$60,304, including \$9,567 from the agency’s annual mail-in effort.

Area groups benefiting from that campaign include the American Association of University Women, Cass City Literacy Council, Cass City Schools’ Backpack Program, Girl Scouts of Michigan, Good Samaritan Fund, HDC Foster Grandparent Program, HDC Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Lake Huron Council Boy Scouts of America, Rawson Memorial District Library, Thumb Area Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Thumb Compassionate Friends, Tuscola Homeless Coalition, and the Tuscola Imagination Library.

The United Way Board of Directors was recognized Thursday for its work throughout the year.

“In addition to attending and participating in regularly scheduled meetings and training, they spend 2 nights

in March listening to agency presentations for funding. They then meet to make the difficult decision required to allocate funds,” said Jim Heiser, director of operations for the United Way of Tuscola County, who also introduced Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel as the new board member.

Among the guest speakers was Scott Dzurka, president and CEO of the Michigan Association of United Ways, which provides a number of services to local United Way agencies.

Heiser also introduced Pat Curtis, who owns the Curtis dealerships in Caro and Cass City, as this year’s honorary campaign chairman.

“Last year we entered into a partnership with Pat Curtis that allows United Way to take donations of vehicles,” Heiser noted. “The vehicles are appraised and sold by the Curtis dealerships...with all funds received forwarded to the United Way of Tuscola County.

Curtis spoke of a former Notre Dame football coach’s comments regarding the early 1940s, and then compared those comments to today’s economy. This country has overcome some serious issues in the past and will again overcome economic adversity today, he said.

Curtis also praised the United Way of Tuscola County.

“There are a lot of great people and resources in Tuscola County that we sometimes overlook,” he said. “There are many great service clubs and organizations, (but) none are greater than the United Way of Tuscola County. They should be commended for improving the quality of life in Tuscola County.”

In other business last week, officials recognized several in-kind, mail-in campaign and corporate donates, and Heiser addressed an issue that has caused some confusion among individuals who have contacted the agency in hopes of getting

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KEVIN HOPPE, the Elkland Township Fire Department’s fire prevention officer, took some of the mystery out of seeing a fireman in full turnout gear during the department’s 125th anniversary open house last fall by letting youngsters try on some of his equipment. Pictured above are Sam Mack, 6, (left), and his brother, Abraham, 3, of Ubyly. Hoppe annually shares fire safety tips with Cass City students during their visits to the fire hall in the fall.

Veteran fire fighter succumbs to cancer

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Veteran Elkland Township Fireman William D. “Bill” Younglove of Cass City died last week at the age of 62 after battling cancer for several months. Younglove served the local fire department for 31 years.

His fellow fire fighters said Younglove was a devoted family man and a strong supporter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) for many years.

“Bill was very big into the MDA events and the MDA camps. He really enjoyed that, and it takes a real unique individual to do that,” commented Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds, who is in his 21st year with the department.

Guilds’ predecessor, Ron Pawloski, who served the department for 37 years, including 13 years as fire chief, agreed.

“When it came to MDA, Bill was always there. He was there, every year,” said Pawloski, who recalled Younglove’s faithfulness to the local department’s “Fill the Boot” drive during Labor Day weekend, when fire fighters collect donations at the corner of Main and Seeger streets in Cass City.

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Safety first

Hoppe offers lifesaving lessons to local students

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Kevin Hoppe doesn’t spend his days in a classroom, but he teaches Cass City youngsters lessons that could save their lives.

And he loves his job.

For the past 4 years, in the fall, Hoppe has worked with the youngest of the Cass City Public Schools’ students — some 200 kids each year, from 4-year-olds through the third and fourth grades — sharing fire prevention tips with them at the Elkland Township Fire Hall. A veteran fire fighter of 10 years,

Hoppe has served as the Cass City department’s official fire prevention officer for 2 years.

“The biggest thing with the kids is to see the fire trucks,” Hoppe recently said of the 30-minute presentations he hosts for each group of students this time of year.

Most of the kids, he says, remember a question he repeats with each group; Hoppe asks the kids about the biggest pair of scissors they’ve ever seen, which prompts a volley of youngsters spreading their arms to show him.

“Then I always come back and Please turn to page 8.



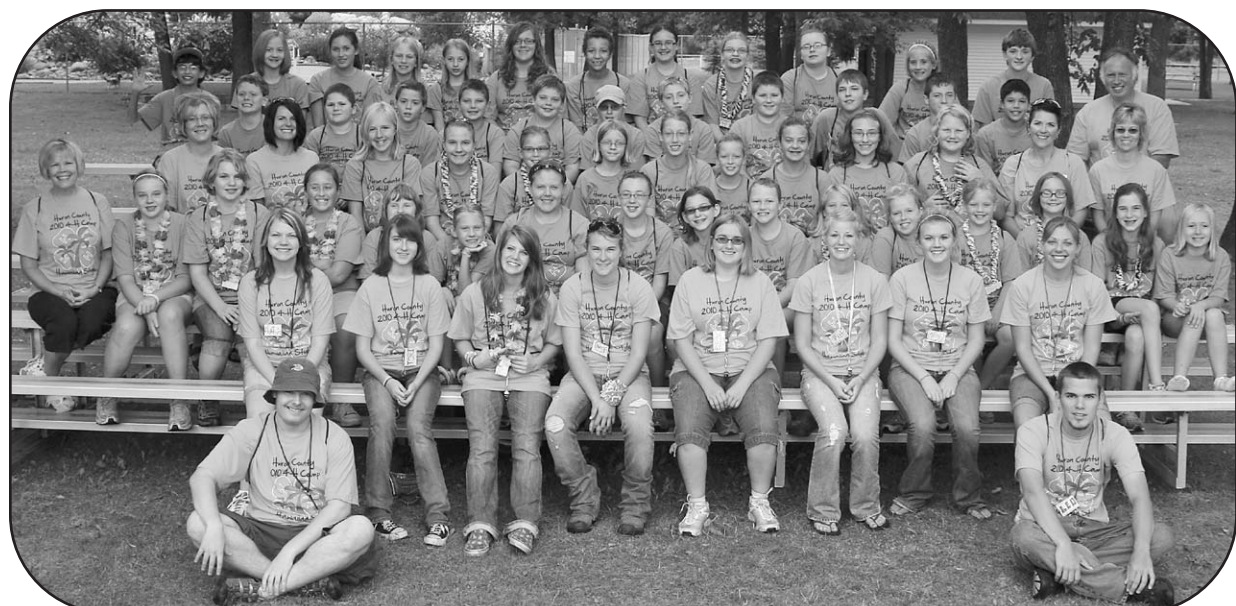
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FORTY-SEVEN YOUTH from Huron County recently attended the 4-H Camp held at Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing.

47 youth attend Huron Co. 4-H Camp at Bay Shore

Forty-seven youth from Huron County recently attended the 4-H Camp held at Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing.

One session was held and the main purpose was to get young 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers, ages 9 to 14 years of age, involved in an outdoor living experience.

A team of 11 4-H teen camp counselors and 8 adults are responsible for the planning, implementation and evaluation of the 4-H Camp program. Throughout the year, committee members are involved in numerous workshops in preparation for 4-H camp.

4-H Camp offered an opportunity to 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers to make new friends and share experiences in camping. Camp featured arts and crafts, singing, outdoor games, campfires, s'mores, skits and a social gathering.

"Hawaiian Style" was the theme for this year's camp. The activity sessions included an alcohol awareness program with Deputy Thomas L. Morneau, a zipline, miniature golf,

kickball, shooting sports with instructors Al and Liz Schreur and Pat Pettit, team building with low ropes, traversing wall, water world and a Department of Natural Resources marsh walk with DNR Officer Scott Brown.

MSU Extension-Huron County along with the Harbor Beach Community Hospital, Greater Huron County United Way and the Interfaith Council (Kelly Rae Flannery Scholarship Fund) sponsored this 3-day event for the youth.

American doll tea slated at Rawson

Have you ever thought about what life was like in America in 1914?

To find out more about that time period in American history, girls ages 5 and up, accompanied by an adult, are invited to "An American Doll Tea", Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City.

The tea focuses on Rebecca Ruben, a young girl growing up in New York City in 1914. She celebrates treasured traditions passed down through her Russian-Jewish family. With cre-

ativity, Ruben learns how to stay true to her heart as she follows her dreams in the big city. The Rebecca books are now available for circulation at Rawson Library.

Activities planned for the program include games, a craft, prizes and surprises. Refreshments will be served. Girls may bring their American Girl doll if they have one and dress in the style of their favorite American Girl doll if they choose.

Tickets are \$2, and an adult needs to accompany all children. Space is limited.

Tickets are available for a drawing for Rebecca, an American Girl doll, that is on display behind the circulation desk. Stop by to enter the drawing and get your ticket for the American Doll Program. Contact the library at 872-2856 for more information.

HDC honors Senior Corps in the Thumb

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is joining the nationwide celebration of the first Senior Corps Week, Sept. 20-24, spotlighting the extraordinary work done by Senior Corps members in communities in Michigan.

"We are proud to be part of the Senior Corps and grateful for the members who are getting things done across the Thumb," said Lori Offenbecher, executive director of HDC. "Senior Corps members have made a tremendous impact in our community, allowing us to extend our outreach and services."

Senior Corps works through existing organizations, such as HDC's Foster Grandparent Program and RSVP senior volunteer program, helping them reach more people to better achieve their mission.

For more than 4 decades, RSVP and Foster Grandparents have nationally engaged age 55 plus volunteers in service to meet critical needs. Last year, nearly 500,000 Senior Corps volunteers provided 98 million hours of services estimated to be worth more than \$2 billion.

Senior Corps members in the Human Development Commission better the community in many ways.

Foster grandparents work in area elementary schools to provide extra one-on-one attention to students who need extra help with reading, math or other academic areas. Their time and loving concern often make the difference between a child going on to be successful in school versus falling behind at a young age and never catching up. Many teachers who utilize Foster Grandparents in their classrooms praise the work they do and recognize the positive impact these seniors are making on our children.

Through HDC's RSVP program, older adults help distribute commodity foods, deliver nutritious meals to homebound seniors, work on community events and festivals, and help non-profits with office administration. Volunteers also tutor children, help adults learn to read, and make daily calls to check on their shut-in neighbors to ensure they are safe and well. There are opportunities for senior volunteers in almost any area of interest.

Story times scheduled in October at library

Story Times will be offered at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City during the month of October.

Toddlers, ages 18 to 36 months, are invited to join the fun as participants embark on a Parachute Adventure. During each session the children and their caregivers will enjoy stories, parachute play, and crafts that will teach them about parachute movement, positions and grips. The sessions will be held every Tuesday

from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5 years old, are also invited on an adventure of their own as they explore and discover different movements and games that can be played with a parachute. The children will enjoy stories, parachute play and crafts every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Both programs are free of charge, but children must be pre-registered. To participate, register in person at the library or call 872-2856.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
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Tom Montgomery
Editor

Targeting student hunger wise move

A Center for American Progress report issued last week caught our interest because it referenced the need to deliver more in today's classrooms than the 3 Rs — reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic.

The fourth R? Reducing the negative consequences of poverty by taking a proactive approach when it comes to pairing schools with federal, state and local antipoverty strategies.

The report released by the Washington, D.C.-based group, is entitled "Reducing Student Poverty in the Classroom: School-Based Antipoverty Strategies the Federal Government Can Learn From and Act On".

We believe the feds could learn plenty from the strategies embraced by the Cass City Public Schools in recent years.

"Schools that are educating high numbers of disadvantaged students must employ innovative strategies to promote academic achievement," the report states. "Many of these strategies are what we believe have a direct impact on student learning, such as offering incentives to recruit and retain highly effective teachers, implementing challenging yet accessible curriculum, and providing additional learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day.

"Yet, it is just as important to address outside-school influences, specifically poverty that can also significantly impact student achievement and success."

The report cites factors such as inadequate housing, food instability and financial insecurity that place stresses on young people that distract them from their studies and can cause them to disengage from school entirely.

In the Cass City Schools, officials have reaped the rewards of tackling some of the effects of poverty by ensuring local families are informed about free and reduced meal program guidelines, and by offering a free meal program during the summer.

The district's latest initiative was launched last January and, with community support, has utilized a partnership with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Under the leadership of Shari Bock, food service director for the district, the Cass City Backpack Program has thrived, doubling the number of students it serves.

The project provides students with backpacks filled with nutritious foods to supplement weekend meals at home. The meals, each containing a breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack for both Saturday and Sunday, are discreetly distributed to students in backpacks that the children return on Mondays to be filled again for the next weekend.

School staff members all volunteer their time for the program - no one is paid, and local high school students are also volunteering to help.

The need for the effort is clear; the number of kids who qualify for free or reduced-price meals is estimated at 53 percent district-wide, or about 600 kids.

School officials know that hunger and learning don't go hand in hand, and the various meal programs they've implemented are yielding results, with Cass City students posting some of the highest standardized testing scores in the county.

It's a formula for academic success that federal officials would do well to take a close look at.

Letter to the Editor

I'll be voting for Judge Bob Young

Dear Editor,

If Michigan is going to get our economy moving again, one of the key factors is a stable legal climate.

Gov. Granholm has continued to appoint more and more liberal judges that drive businesses from our state. We need to keep conservative justices like Bob Young on the Court who will follow the law instead of liberal agendas.

Justice Young's work on the Michigan Supreme Court has decreased the amount of frivolous lawsuits and created a stable

and predictable legal climate in Michigan. He has made powerful enemies among trial lawyers, particularly the ambulance chasers, who benefit from uncertainty in the law.

The working men and women of Michigan have and will continue to benefit from Justice Young's work on the court.

This November, I will cast my vote for Justice Bob Young on the non-partisan ballot.

Sincerely,
Norma Wallace
Cass City

Reporter's notebook

Simmons' reality show offers interesting twist

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

As "reality" television shows go, I can't say I have much use for them, because most seem to exist to bring out the worst in folks and shine a spotlight on their misery.

But I've run into one that surprisingly (well, to me) actually breaks that mold.

I caught a bit of "Gene Simmons Family Jewels" on the A & E Network while channel surfing, and it peaked my interest. Not because Simmons is a well-known rock star — he co-founded the group KISS back in the mid-1970s — but because he and his family portray anything but what I would have expected.

Now, granted, they live in a different sort of "reality" than most of us. The family resides in a large mansion in Beverly Hills, Calif., and Simmons, still a successful musician and songwriter as well as producer and entrepreneur, is certainly worth millions.

He didn't start out that way. Born Chaim Witz in 1949 in Haifa, Israel, Simmons immigrated to Queens, N.Y. at the age of 8 with his Jewish Hungarian mother. They came to this country with virtually nothing.

Today, Simmons is an interesting study in contrasts.

On stage, the face-painted, armor wearing bassist is over the edge — breathing fire, spitting "blood" and flicking his 7-inch tongue at the audience. And, typical of big names in the world of rock-n-roll, his liaisons with hundreds of women off stage many years ago is legendary.

As off-the-wall as he is while performing, though, Simmons has a reputation for having always completely avoided drugs and alcohol. He doesn't smoke, either.

His bizarre stage presence is hardly unique in the entertainment world. After all, have you seen this Lady Gaga character? The last time I saw the singer in a news clip she was wearing an outfit that appeared to be made of raw meat. What is that all about?

Anyway, while the Simmons family life isn't typical, they also don't seem to be dysfunctional. The family includes

Simmons' live-in girlfriend, Canadian actress/model Shannon Tweed (he refers to their relationship as 26 years of un-wedded bliss), the couple's son, Nick, 21, and their teenage daughter, Sophie.

The show chronicles their life at home as well as Simmons' multiple business adventures on the road. He appears to be a tireless worker, driven to succeed in everything he does.

It portrays a Gene Simmons his fans probably didn't expect; a soft-spoken, intelligent, devoted boyfriend and father who goes out of his way to take care of his family, including supporting his kids' interests by being there for them, not just by mentioning his famous name and opening his checkbook.

The episodes are laced with some wonderful humor as Nick and Sophie poke fun at their dad about his celebrity and age, and the fact that, like many fathers and boyfriends, he doesn't seem to have a clue at times.

It's a very human picture of a rock star that seems larger than life on stage.

Of course, this is television. Who knows if the show truly reflects life in the Simmons household?

On the other hand, many "normal" families featured on other reality shows are dealing with broken relationships, domestic violence, drug abuse and worse.

I'll pass. I mean, that's entertainment?

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

This is the age of technology. So many things we learned to do as youngsters are now obsolete, or performed by machines.

Even more disheartening is the thought that ethics and responsibilities drummed into us by our elders have somehow lost their value. That's what struck me a few days ago when I was preparing to clean a paintbrush.

Nobody cleans paintbrushes anymore. We just buy a little sponge on a stick and throw it away when we're done painting.

It hurts to admit it, but one of the few skills I was able to master as a youth has been rendered obsolete.

I grew up in the days when failing to clean a paintbrush was a sign of moral decline. We were supposed to put the brush in some paint thinner or gasoline and work on it until it was nearly as good as new. Failure to do so was sure to get one in trouble with the authorities (your parents).

My wife, on the other hand is younger than I am. She grew up in a time when they put the paintbrush in a can of gasoline and let it sit for a few days.

By this time the brush is ruined, so you can throw it away without feeling guilty.

I read about a futurist speaking at a conference on education. He said almost nothing kids are learning today will be of any use 20 years down the road.

This caught my attention because it's exactly what my kids were saying when they were in high school. There's really no point in

learning history or math when you know you'll never see this stuff again. (They know better now, but youth can fool with one's mind.)

I suspect the majority of high school students would agree with the futurist. On the other hand, I think test scores would show that most of these kids aren't learning enough to hurt them in the long run.

I remember, 20 years ago, when every convention had a futurist on the program. These fellows said we needed to change our educational system and get rid of the outmoded values taught in the family. The world is changing so fast that what we learn today will be obsolete tomorrow.

They said the future would be controlled by computers. Robots would cook the meals and clean the house.

Driving cars would be a useless skill. Cars would drive themselves. All we'd have to do is hop on when one goes by.

Nobody would even consider cleaning a paintbrush, according to the futurists. Robots would paint with a spray gun. Then we would clean the robot.

Change is inevitable, I guess. We didn't even have futurists when I was a kid.

We had some folks predicting the weather or how long it would be before the world exploded, but no bona fide futurists.

We did have teenagers, though. And as far as I can tell, they're about the same thing.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

If you know a local area hero, the Sanilac County Police and Fireman's Field Day Committee will be honoring their law enforcement officer, firefighter, EMT and citizen of the year at a special banquet on Saturday, October 16th at Benchwarmers in Sandusky. Nominations from the public are welcomed. The deadline is Thursday, September 30. Please send your nominations to: Chief Todd Hillman, 161 South Elk Street, Sandusky, Michigan 48471, or email the information to thillman@sanduskycommunityfire.com

I share something in common with Dick Patnaude, Don Warner and Bill Glaza. Besides our boyish good looks - hey, this is my story - we all witnessed a hole-in-one this summer at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

All 3 aces came on hole number 5, which plays about a buck-ten.

Achieving the fete were Cass City resident Wally Hempton and Greg Ruthig.

In case you missed it, Cass City Coach Brenda Sherman's Red Hawk spikers held "Pink Night" on Tuesday, September 21, at the high school for the volleyball matches against neighboring foe Caro in the 2nd Annual "M-81 Clash - Volley for a Cure". JV and freshman games were slated to begin at 6 p.m., with the varsity match following.

Events planned included a silent auction and bake sale. If you were unable to attend, but still would like to donate, call Sherman at 872-4397. All proceeds will go to the Relay for Life, American Cancer Society.

According to Tim VanGessel, a fishing guide in Newaygo, salmon are entering the Big Manistee River near the harbor and in the lower Muskegon River. He says this is a great time to polish up your skills casting body baits, such as Thunder Sticks. This is absolutely the most productive method for early season Kings, VanGessel claims.

According to Tom Montgomery, who fished the Pere Marquette River near Baldwin Sunday with former Cass City Supt. Ron Wilson, the salmon there are hit and miss. They landed 3 fish in the 12-pound range, using flies.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 23

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

Thumb Moms, 9-11 a.m., Bad Axe Free Methodist Church (M-142 near M-53). Free childcare offered. Open to moms at all stages with children of all ages. Please call Sheri Lynn at (989) 598-3648 for more details.

Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, September 24

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 25

Pieces in a Basket - A Woman's Center Pancake Brunch, 1 p.m., Mayville Junction, 2254 Ohmer Rd. (M-24 - 1/2 mile east of Mayville). For more information, call Lois at (989) 843-0133.

Scrapbook Fellowship, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Restoration Outreach Center, 202 W. Burnside St., Caro. Pre-register at (989) 672-2202. Cost: \$5 if pre-registered or \$10 at the door. Everyone is invited (no children please). Bring your own supplies.

American Doll Program, 1-3 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Sunday, September 26

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 325-2592.

Monday, September 27

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

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans.

Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building. Mini Movers, 10:30-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Young Adult Book Club, Rawson Memorial District Library. 5th-6th grade (3:30-4:30 p.m.), 7th-8th grade (6-7 p.m.).

3 hurt in Huron County

Driver arrested in crash

A motorist was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license following a traffic crash last week that left 3 people injured in Huron County's Sebewaing Township.

The accident, involving 2 semi trucks and a car, was reported Wednesday at about 3:15 p.m. at the intersection of Sebewaing and Bay Port roads.

"A southbound car, occupied only by the driver, failed to yield and impacted with a westbound, loaded sugar beet semi truck (and) trailer. The truck driver, Anthony L.

Roggenbuck, 37, of Uby, lost control, and it is believed that one of his trailers impacted with an eastbound, loaded semi truck and trailer driven by Lowell J. Messing, 69, of Bad Axe," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported. "At that time, Messing's truck then lost control and his passenger, Delores M. Messing, 73, of Bad Axe, ended up being ejected from the cab."

"Roggenbuck and both Messings were transported to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. The Messings were later transferred to Covenant Cooper in Saginaw," said Hanson,

who said it's believed the injuries were not life-threatening.

"The driver of the car was arrested (and) his vehicle was impounded," Hanson said, adding the driver was awaiting formal arraignment on charges in Huron County District Court. His name was not immediately released.

Hanson said the Sebewaing and Owendale fire departments assisted deputies at the scene along with the Sebewaing and Scheurer ambulance services, Chuck's Towing, Rooney Contracting and the Huron County Road Commission.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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

•Justin Michael-Jay VanValkenburgh, 27, Port Austin, pleaded guilty to larceny of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 May 29, 2006, in Gagetown.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Mark A. Main, 45, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to assaulting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 6 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,628 plus restitution of \$1,255.50.

•Roy J. Klein, 46, Vassar, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, fleeing a police officer and driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

•Ronald A. Clyne, 51, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance July 20 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 \$2,000. Sentencing was scheduled for Oct. 4.

•Ricky J. Harper, 20, Otter Lake, stood mute to a charge of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change in address within 10 days between December 2009 and March 30 in Vassar Township.

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

•Robin S. Powser, 49, Fostoria, was sentenced to 14 days in the county jail for pleas of guilty to interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery June 16 in Watertown Township.

The defendant was also ordered to pay \$1,001 in costs and fines.

•Linden J. DeMott, 47, Mayville was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred) and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, June 11 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,281 plus restitution of \$95.

•Heidi J. Heussner, 40, Fairview, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (60 days deferred) and 60 months probation for her conviction on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 21 in Vassar. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay \$2,428 in costs and fines.

•Sarah J. Younk, 27, Saginaw, was sentenced to 60 days in jail and 24 months probation for her pleas of guilty to possession of a controlled substance and furnishing a police officer with false, forged or altered identification information April 11 in Reese, and to absconding or forfeiting bond April 14 in Caro.

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,209.

•Steven D. Davis, 43, Oscoda, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from Aug. 1, 2004, through May 31, 2010, in Caro.

He was also ordered to complete 15 hours of community service and pay \$2,128 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$39,049.05.

•Jason D. Proper, 29, Akron, was sentenced to 120 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, June 20 in Akron. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$3628.

•William J. Kaatz, 50, Owendale, receiving a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay \$1,378 in costs and fines.

•Gary J. Shaver Jr., 22, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change in address March 17-20 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing was scheduled for Oct. 25.

•David A. Mack, 49, Silverwood, was sentenced to 4 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years in the fall of 2008 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$128 in costs and fines.

•John P. Husarick, 33, Flint pleaded guilty to 2 counts of assaulting or obstructing a police officer June 16 in Millington Township/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 \$6,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Derek S. McHalpine, 17, Unionville, pleaded guilty to charges of second degree home invasion and larceny in a building June 5 in Akron Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing was scheduled for Oct. 25.



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Area MSP posts part of drug "Take-Back"

The Michigan State Police (MSP) will partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and other local law enforcement agencies in the nationwide prescription drug "Take-Back" initiative aimed at collecting potentially dangerous prescription drugs from citizens across the state.

All MSP posts will participate in the one-day "Take-Back" effort Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by serving as drop-off points for citizens to discard expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction. The service is free and anonymous with no questions asked.

"This is an opportunity for citizens to clean out their medicine cabinets and dispose of their no-longer-needed prescription drugs properly," said Col. Eddie L. Washington, Jr., director of the MSP. "We encourage citizens to participate in the "Take-Back" program to help lessen potential dangers that the misuse or abuse

of unwanted medications can cause.

The "Take-Back" initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away - both potential safety and health hazards.


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36 years in the classroom

Fulcher: teaching in Cass City was a wonderful career

Editor's note: This is a series of feature stories the Chronicle will be publishing over the next several weeks, featuring a host of veteran Cass City Public Schools educators who retired following the 2009-10 school year.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Ask her why she decided to spend years teaching youngsters, and Brenda Fulcher will tell you there wasn't a specific individual or life-changing experience that steered her into the classroom.

She'll also tell you that it was the right decision.



Brenda Fulcher

Fulcher, who has been enjoying spending more time with her family since retiring from the Cass City Public Schools last spring, indicated she never lost her passion for teaching, even after 36 years in education — all of it spent at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City.

"I spent 12 years teaching second grade — regular second grade — and then I taught a regular third grade for 12 years, and then I taught 3 and 4 multi-age," the Cass City native said of her tenure, which began after she earned her bachelor's degree at Central Michigan University. "(Former school Supt.) Don Crouse hired me and (former Campbell Elementary Principal) Jackie Freiburger was my principal," she noted.

"When I went to college, I didn't know what I wanted to do. I was a social science major and I had a concentration in geography, of all things," recalled Fulcher, who spent her first 2 years taking the basic courses required for most majors. "It was after that second year that I decided to go into elementary education."

Fulcher indicated a desire to explore other cultures, to learn and teach prompted that decision.

"I always wanted to travel. I was raised on a farm 9 miles out of Cass City, and we never went on a vacation. I was the oldest (of 3 children) and we had a farm," she said. "I have always loved history, and that was part of a social science major. I taught piano lessons when I was a young child, to a neighbor."

Teaching, Fulcher continued, "was just something that I felt, that's what I should do. It's something I thought I would enjoy."

"The community of Cass City was so good to me when I was growing up. The community was just so supportive. I wanted to come back and give back to the community."

"I think my goal the whole time (as a teacher) was to instill a love of learning — that hunger and curiosity," Fulcher said, adding the greatest satisfaction is when a student, after a lesson, wants to know more and has questions about what he or she has just learned. "Every day is different, and there are those 'teachable' moments. And it's so rewarding when you see that."

Teaching in a multi-age classroom was particularly enjoyable for Fulcher. "I got to see the growth, and I'll tell you, it is tremendous between third and fourth grades," she said.

Fulcher enjoyed integrating curriculum, helping her students understand that lessons in writing, social studies, reading and science are all related in one way or another. "And they would make those connections," she said. "It was so exciting."

When a student would say the school year was going by so fast, the comment would always bring a smile to Fulcher's face, because she knew they were engaged in learning, in part because educational activities and games were encouraging them to embrace learning. "In all my classes — not just multi-age — you find something they were enjoying, and they didn't know they were learning," she added.

Building positive relationships among the students in her classrooms, and demonstrating the importance of respect — from teacher to student and student to teacher — were also key ingredients to Fulcher's success.

So was continuing education. Fulcher not only earned her master's degree, but also completed 30 hours beyond that degree.

"I always felt I could do better," she explained. "I wanted to keep up with what was going on."

Today, Fulcher is enjoying a different schedule, with more time for her family, which includes her husband, Tom, the couple's grown children, Tom Jr. and Mindy LeValley, and her grandson. She's also looking into other interests, such as spending more time volunteering.

Regardless of her pursuits in the future, Fulcher will always be able to look back on a long career that provided not only employment, but also a lasting sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. And enough good memories to last her a lifetime.

"It was hard to leave, of course. But in our building, we had such a wonderful staff. It was like family. They were my friends. We were absolutely supportive of one another, and I really appreciated that," she said.

"I just loved my job. I have had a wonderful career."

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

A familiar pattern emerged Friday for the Cass City football team, as they remained perfect on the season, winning 42-6 over Bay City All Saints. For the third time in 4 weeks, the Red Hawks forced into effect the Michigan High School Athletic Association's continuous clock rule, where the game clock runs nonstop in the final half if one opponent trails by 35 or more points. Cody Halasz, who led the visitors with 119 yards on 11 carries, capped a 4-play, 6-yard march for Cass City. Halasz recorded a team high 8 stops for Cass City, while Jeff Stoutenburg and Brad Langenburg added 7 and 6 tackles, respectively.

The Cass City Red Hawks opened Greater Thumb West hoop competition Thursday with a narrow win over Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 51-48. The fourth quarter belonged to Sara Meeker, who poured in 3 hoops and 3 of 4 free throws, just enough to push the Hawks to a win. Emily Schinnerer, with 21 points, notched her best scoring night of the year. She was 9 of 19 from the field and was the top rebounder with 6 offensive and 3 defensive boards. Meeker was in double figures with 13 points. Ashley Hendrick was credited with 7 steals. Cass City hit 20 of 52 field goal attempts for 39 percent. Chelsea Gnatkowski, 12 points, and Christine Witchger, 11 points, were in double figures for Valley Lutheran.

10 YEARS AGO

They're not Bill and Ted, but Kingston resident Jerry Lubbers and Paul Roznowski of Bay City know plenty about excellent adventures. That's especially true for Lubbers, a retired electrical contractor whose love of travel has taken him and his wife, Marie, across the country and beyond several times over the years. But few trips match the journey he shared recently with Roznowski. The pair traveled to the Arctic Circle in Alaska and back during a 26-day odyssey on motorcycles.

The Elkland Township Board accepted the resignation of the township's zoning administrator during a recent monthly meeting. "We accepted Don Erla's resignation as zoning administrator at the end of September, and Wayne Lint will become zoning administrator effective Oct. 1," Township Clerk Norma Wallace reported.

The 14th annual Hammer & Crane 3-man golf invitational was captured Saturday by the team of Curt Strickland, Garen Hallwood and Rick Doerr. The trio posted a hand-capped winning tally of 61.7 on the par 70 Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City.

25 YEARS AGO

For the past 32 years, Florence Carpenter has donated a large amount of her time and energy to the Michigan Farm Bureau working on committees at the county, district and state level. Saturday night at the annual Tuscola County Farm Bureau meeting in Mayville, members took time to recognize and thank her for the efforts she puts forth by inducting her into the Tuscola County Women's Hall of Fame. Her name and list of accomplishments over the last 32 years will be submitted to the Michigan Farm Bureau for acceptance into a state-wide Women's Hall of Fame.

Carl Weippert's garden produced a 22 1/4-inch long cucumber this summer, with the help of special seeds. Also grown from the seeds were 14-inch long string beans, and several three-pound tomatoes were harvested from six-foot tall plants.

Louis and Irma Ouvry were selected as the King and Queen of the Cass City Harvest Festival held this weekend. When searching for a king and queen candidate, Harvest Festival sponsors wanted someone who was married for at least 50 years. The Ouvrys celebrated their 59th anniversary Sept. 4.

Twelve Girl Scouts from Cass City Girl Scout troops recently spent four days touring points of interest and working with the Honor Guard at Mackinac Island's Fort Mackinac. They were Barb Kelley, Mary Polega, Heather Wright, Stephanie Szarapski, Linda Rands, Lori Ypma, Jennifer Erla, Lou Ann Sellers, Jennifer Knowlton, Jill Wright, Julie Erla and Laura Jamieson. Adults in charge were Pat Erla, Sandi Wright and Pat Jamieson.

50 YEARS AGO

This week's excursion took me to the kitchen of Mrs. Mack (Helen) Little. She was more than prepared for me. With a talent trained by the appetites of five children and countless bake sales, she had whipped together a lemon bisque and while I interviewed her, she prepared a simple, but very tasty casserole and baked three dozen date-filled oatmeal cookies. As Mrs. Little made the cookies I kept busy, too, with a pencil in one hand and a fork in the other. Mrs. Little is the former Helen Turner. After graduating from Central Michigan, she taught first grade for three years in Reed City and Alma. She and Mack Little were married at her parents' home here June 20, 1929. Mr. Little and she have five children, sons, Keith and Harold, who live on the two-farm Little homestead with their families, and three daughters, Mrs. Lee (Lota) Hartel of Omro, Wisconsin, Mrs. James (Joyce) Young of Saginaw and

17-year-old Hazel, who is a senior at Cass City High School. Mr. Little has been retired since the family moved into town four years ago. The Littles have 12 grandchildren. The latest is Jeffrey Lee Hartel who was born Sept. 6.

Cass City reversed the script on Clio Friday night as the Hawks won their third game in five meetings with their annual opening game foe by coming behind from a 20-12 decision at Cass City Recreational Park. Coach Mike Yedinak singled out four players for special mention for their work on defense. Outstanding were Gary Bartle, Dick Albee, Bob Wright and Tim Anthes.

100 YEARS AGO

A novel party was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. T. L. Tibbals Tuesday afternoon when about twelve ladies and their babies were entertained. Miss Carola Fritz very ably furnished music in the form of piano solos. As souvenirs of the occasion photographs of the group were made taken by L. I. Wood. A dainty luncheon was served.

Thomas Murphy reports that he found a stalk of beans on his farm with 110 pods containing 660 beans. He also states that he picked ripe full-grown strawberries on Sept. 6 and ripe black caps on Sept. 15 with still more on the bushes.

A. B. Parmalee has sold his farm, three miles east of town, to Edward Pinney and in the deal secures a residence property in the Ale addition. Mr. Parmalee and family expect to make their home in Cass City soon.

President and Secretary of Cass City Fair -President John C. Corkins is a Cass City lawyer, but takes much interest in agricultural pursuits, having been born and raised on a Michigan farm. Secretary Wm. J. Campbell was born on a farm in Wayne County, and came to Tuscola County when he was 13 years of age. He cleared a place in Ellington township and is still engaged in farming near Cass City.

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Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
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Cass City Methodist Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
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Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
www.casscitymc.org

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. Jackie Roe

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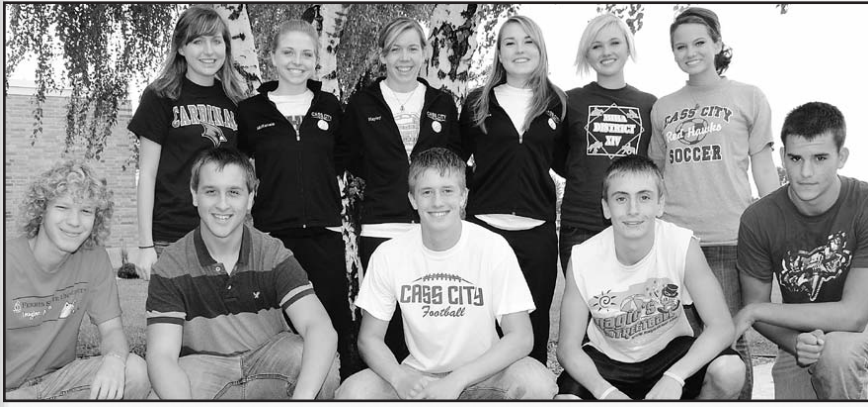
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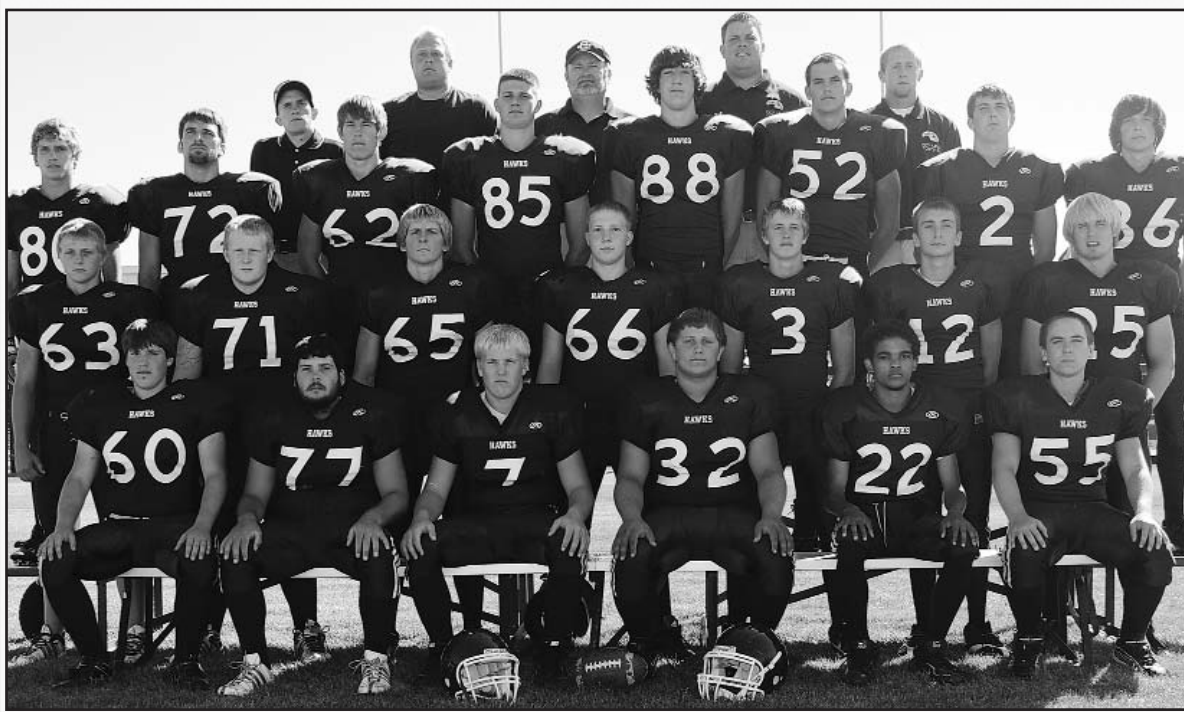
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Obituaries

Kenneth Harris

Kenneth Robert Harris, 54, of Cass City, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010 at his home.

He was born March 5, 1956 in Sandusky, the son of the late Donald and Delores (Irving) Harris.

He married Ruth Zmierski Feb. 16, 1992 in Sault Sainte Marie.

Ken worked over 30 years on Great Lakes Freighters and 10 years at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a son, Cason (Kristy) Harris of Florida; his mother, Delores Harris of Palms; step-children: Denise (Bert) Sutherland of Argyle, John (Tamara) Zmierski of Caledonia, and Marla (Dennis) Steely of Cass City; a brother, Brad (Geraldine) Harris of Sandusky; and 10 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 17, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brother Sam Combs officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Calvary Bible Fellowship or Home and Hospice Advantage.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

John Koepf, Jr.

John Robert Koepf, Jr., 84, of Cass City, passed away in his home Tuesday, Sept., 14, 2010.

He was born Aug. 23, 1926 in Caro, the son of the late John and Anna (Rekel) Koepf.

He married Barbara Kelly Sept. 30, 1972 in Linkville.

John worked in quality control for General Cable for 28 years, retiring in 1988. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. John was a member of the Cass City/Gagetown Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed the outdoors and time with his grandchildren.

John is survived by his wife, Barbara; children: Kathy (Jim) Daley of Kingston, Karen (Ron) Turner of Cass City, John (Linda) Koepf of Sandusky, Ann (Steve) Geiger of Harbor Beach and Joshua (Ameneh) Koepf of Caro; grandchildren: Aaron and Wade Daley, Shannon Stafford and Courtney Sturtevant, Derrick Scott and John Koepf, Timothy, Emily, Allen, and Elizabeth Geiger, and Cordelia and Adrian Koepf; great-grandchildren: Caydence, Aidan, Gavon, Owen and Victoria.

He was preceded in death by his brothers: Joseph and Bernard Koepf.

Funeral mass was celebrated Friday, Sept. 17, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with Father Paul Bala officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Honor service was provided by members of the U.S. Army and Cass City VFW Post 3644.

Memorials may be made to the

American Cancer Society or Heartland Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Ada Murdock

Ada M. Murdock, 79, lifelong resident of Minden City, passed away Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010 at the Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.



She was born March 8, 1931 at home in Minden City, the daughter of the late John and Verna (Ginther) Uhl.

She married Everett Murdock Sept. 9, 1963 in Ohio. He preceded her in death Oct. 7, 2002.

Ada attended the Hunt School, Minden City High School and Harbor Beach High School. She worked as a telephone operator in Minden City during the 50s and 60s. Ada was also employed at Clement Manufacturing and Voltz IGA, both of Minden City. She also worked on the family farm. Ada truly enjoyed spending time with her new friends at Courtney Manor. She was an avid bird watcher and enjoyed her word searches.

Ada is survived by a daughter, Karen Murdock of Minden City; a son, Larry Murdock, of Minden City; 4 brothers: Raymond Uhl of Filion, Merle Uhl of Dearborn, Eugene (Gail) Uhl of Lincoln Park, and Lee (Pat) Uhl of Lake Orion; 2 sisters: Rose (Lawrence) Robinson of Harbor Beach and Lucille (Steven) Pelot of Minden City; and 3 sisters-in-law: Mildred Uhl of Florida, Dorothy Uhl of Minden City, and Jean Uhl of Sterling Heights.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Uhl; 5 brothers: Walter, Harold, Norman, Earl and Floyd Uhl; a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Uhl; and a brother-in-law, Wallace Murdock.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 13 at St. John Lutheran Church in Palms with Pastor Henry Hales of St. John Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial was in the Downing Cemetery, Deckerville.

Arrangements were made by Smigielski Funeral Home, Minden City.

Betty Rollman

Betty, affectionately called "Jean", Rollman, 90, of Green Bay, Wis., passed away Monday, Sept. 13, 2010.



She was born Nov. 8, 1919 in Marquette, the daughter of the late Clarke and Margaret (Dumond) Haire.

She married Charles W. Rollman Dec. 8, 1942 at Camp Phillips in Kansas.

Jean was a teacher in Painesdale and Walloon Lake from 1938 to 1942. She enjoyed reading, sewing, knitting and baking. Jean taught nutrition to private individuals through the University Extension office. She was active with St. Paul's United Methodist Church and served as past president of the United Methodist Women. Jean was a caring wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be dearly missed.

Jean is survived by her husband, Charles; 2 sons: Charles (Patricia) Rollman, Jr. of Appleton, and Clarke (Reyne) Rollman of Kenosha; 3 daughters: Margaret Rollman and special friend, Dennis Fritz, of Green Bay, Jennifer (Bob) Forrest of Suring, and Mary (John) Gruber of Crandon; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Betty Ann (Carl) Manthy and Esther Haire.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret (David) St. John; a brother, John (Dorothy) Haire; and a sister-in-law, Helen (Otto) Schroeder.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 17, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Diane Rew officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Lyndahl Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Green Bay, Wis.

Sandra Russell

Sandra L. Russell, 57, of Cass City, passed away Friday, Sept. 17, 2010 at her home.

She was born Oct. 19, 1952 in Saginaw, the daughter of the late Donald and Violet (Laws) Best.

She married James E. Russell Aug. 22, 1971 in Cass City.

Sandra enjoyed fishing, dirt track racing and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, James; sons: James E. (Kristina)

Russell and Steven Lee Russell, both of Cass City; grandchildren: Derek Abke, Andrea Collins, Lauran Russell, Jossalyn Russell and Samuel Russell; sisters: Gloria Jean Bucholz and Gaydon Edwards, both of Deford, and Valerie (Matthew) Wasserman of Cass City.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Best.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 20, at Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church, Cass City, with Pastor F. Robert Tucker officiating.

Following Sandra's wishes, cremation will follow. Burial will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

William Younglove

William D. "Bill" Younglove, 62, of Cass City, formerly of Bad Axe, was called home Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010 under hospice care and surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Jan. 27, 1948 in Bad Axe, the son of the late William and Alice (Rifenbark) Younglove.

He married Betty Prill Aug. 1, 1970 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Bill was a member of the Bad Axe High School Class of 1968. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked for many years at Hamill Manufacturing in Bad Axe and Inlay City. Bill worked

for 31 years at Huron Memorial Hospital until the time of his illness. He served on the Cass City Fire Department for over 30 years. He also served other organizations: as a coach and umpire for the Little League; Big Brothers & Big Sisters; as a Boy Scout leader; Relay for Life; and the MDA boot drive.

Bill is survived by his wife of 40 years, Betty; 2 daughters: Jackie Younglove and special friend, Greg Wolschlagler, of Cass City, and Tina Younglove of Cass City; 2 granddaughters: Nikki Younglove and Breanna Wolschlagler; a sister, Marilyn (Mike) Stec of Cass City; mother- and father-in-law, Tom and Flora Prill of Bad Axe; 4 brothers-in-law: Paul (Gail) Prill of Mayville, Ray (fiancé Diane) of New York, Alex (Theresa) Prill of Bad Axe, and Ed (Cheryl) Prill of Bad Axe; a sister-in-law, Laura Prill of Elkton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 sisters: Donna Michlash, Joann Michalski, and infant sister Winifred Younglove; a brother-in-law, Bill Prill; and a sister-in-law, Mary Neil.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 16, at Kaufman Funeral Home, Bad Axe, with Steven Bouverette officiating.

Burial was in the Colfax Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Younglove were the Cass City Firemen.

Arrangements were made by Kaufman Funeral Home, Bad Axe.

Our library through the years...100 years and going strong

by Kate VanAuken, director
Rawson Memorial District Library

In the past few articles in this column, full-time staff members and their specific jobs and talents were mentioned. There are also 4 part-time staff members who contribute immensely to the overall operation of this library and they include

Marge Feebish, Cameron Simpson, Barb Hutchinson and Doris Jones.

Besides working the circulation desk, Marge provides home delivery services to folks who can't make it to the library and she is also the hostess for Senior Citizen Movies, which also are a monthly event at the library.

Cameron is our newest staff member and is the Library Page. He can be seen in the stacks shelving materials and at the circulation desk helping patrons. His job also entails covering the new books and

helping with programming. Barb and Doris are quite well known at this library and in the community. Both women retired from Rawson about 8 years ago and they continue to work part-time.

We are fortunate to have these ladies in our midst because of the knowledge they possess. Not only can they be found at the circulation desk at the library, but also Barb is actively involved in the historical society and Doris heads up the genealogy society.

These women know so much about Cass City and the history of our area as well as knowing just about everyone who enters the library doors.

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VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

United Way kicks off campaign

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some money for rent or other expenses.

"Since donations made to the United Way of Tuscola County are tax deductible, we are not allowed to make payments to individuals or companies that are not recognized as non-profit by the Internal Revenue Service," Heiser explained. "Therefore, we provide funding to agencies that are recognized as non-profit only. We do not believe that

we should or could enter into competition with the existing agencies that provide services in the county and become a funding source for individuals. We do provide callers with referrals to agencies, including those we fund, that may be able to help them."

In keeping with tradition in recent years, the board did not set a specific campaign goal for the coming year. However, Heiser pointed out that, while a number of United Way

agencies have seen dramatic decreases in annual contributions, the Tuscola County agency has seen stability and even increases, within the past 3 years yielding \$49,948 (2007-08), \$59,956 (2008-09) and \$60,304 this past year.

Given the generosity of the county residents and businesses, Heiser said, there is reason to be optimistic.

"I think there is," he added. "People see the need and they help out. I think (they) have come through over the years."

Hoppe shares lifesaving lessons

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say, 'this is a fire fighter's scissors', and I show them the Jaws of Life. Their eyes get almost half-dollar sized," he said, adding he explains how the "jaws" enable firemen to rip open a car in minutes as they work to extricate an accident victim.

Probably the most important lesson,

Library to host area candidates

Friday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon, Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host a "meet the candidates" program.

Scheduled to attend are incumbent Democrat Terry Brown and Republican Kurt Damrow, both seeking the state House of Representative slot for District 84. One of the main topics of discussion will include how the state views libraries and how they plan to protect this important service to Michigan citizens. Light refreshments will be served.

Hoppe explained, is teaching the children about E.D.I.T.H., which stands for Exit Drills In The Home.

"I tell them to know 2 ways out of your home in case of a fire, and go to a meeting spot — go to a tree, a sandbox, a mailbox, a neighbor's house — and never change your meeting place," he explained. Hoppe also tells the kids to crawl to their exit on their hands and knees in order to avoid smoke inhalation.

He also emphasizes the importance of installing and maintaining smoke alarms, hoping the youngsters will share the lesson with their parents.

"Test the smoke alarms every month. When you flip that calendar over, take 5 minutes, real quick, push the buttons on those smoke alarms and make sure they beep," he said. "I always tell them, change the batteries every calendar year."

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9, is "Beep! Beep! Beep! Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half. Most homes (96 percent) have at least one work-

ing smoke alarm, based on a 2008 telephone survey. Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in home fires — between 2003 and 2006, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in houses with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

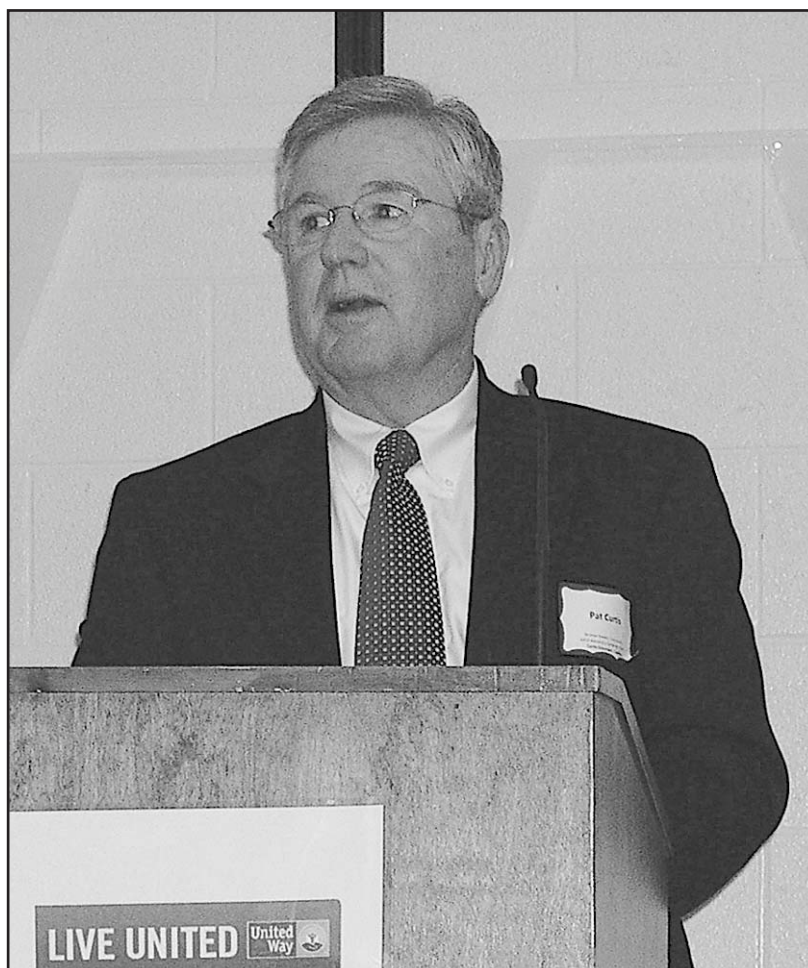
Hoppe is quick to say he's confident the children he's come into contact with over the years remember the lessons they learned at the fire hall.

He said it isn't unusual for a child to approach him in town, smile, and tell him that they know their smoke alarms at home are still working. "They absorb it," he said.

Hoppe knows the importance of fire safety from experience. As a youngster, he experienced 2 structure fires that cost him property, and the memories of those blazes still haunt him. "I know what it is to lose personal belongings," he said.

Which is a big part of why he hopes to help others avoid facing the loss of property, or worse.

"I enjoy doing it just because of the students. I love kids," he said of his duties as fire prevention officer. "I love it. If I could do it full-time, I would."



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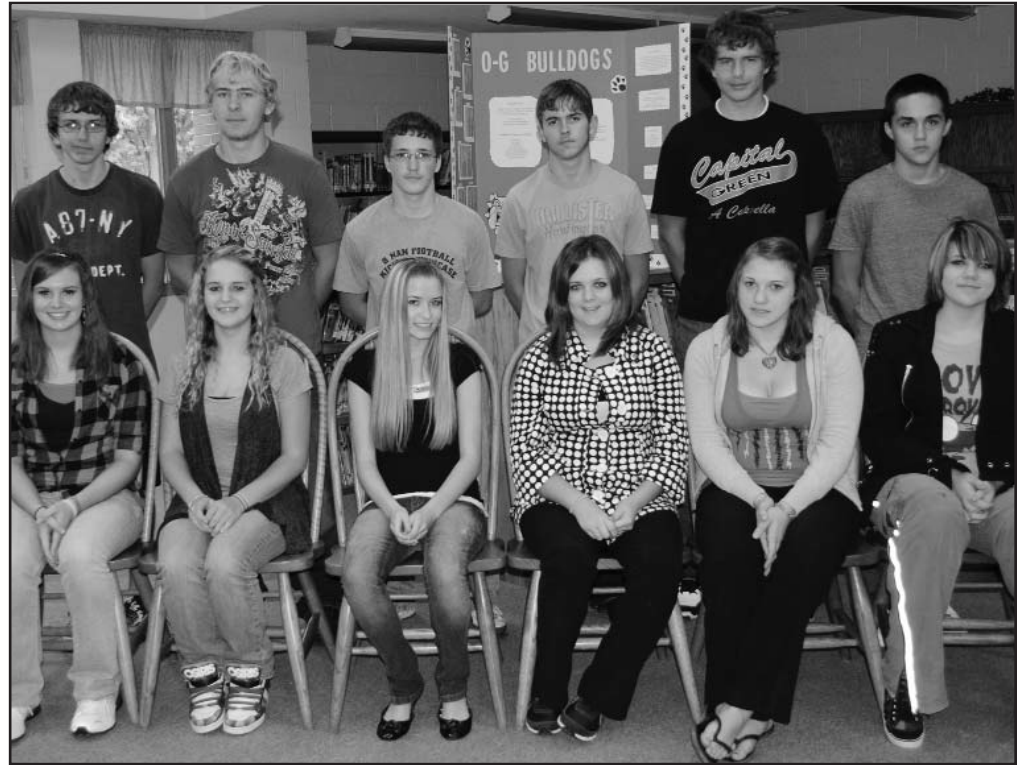


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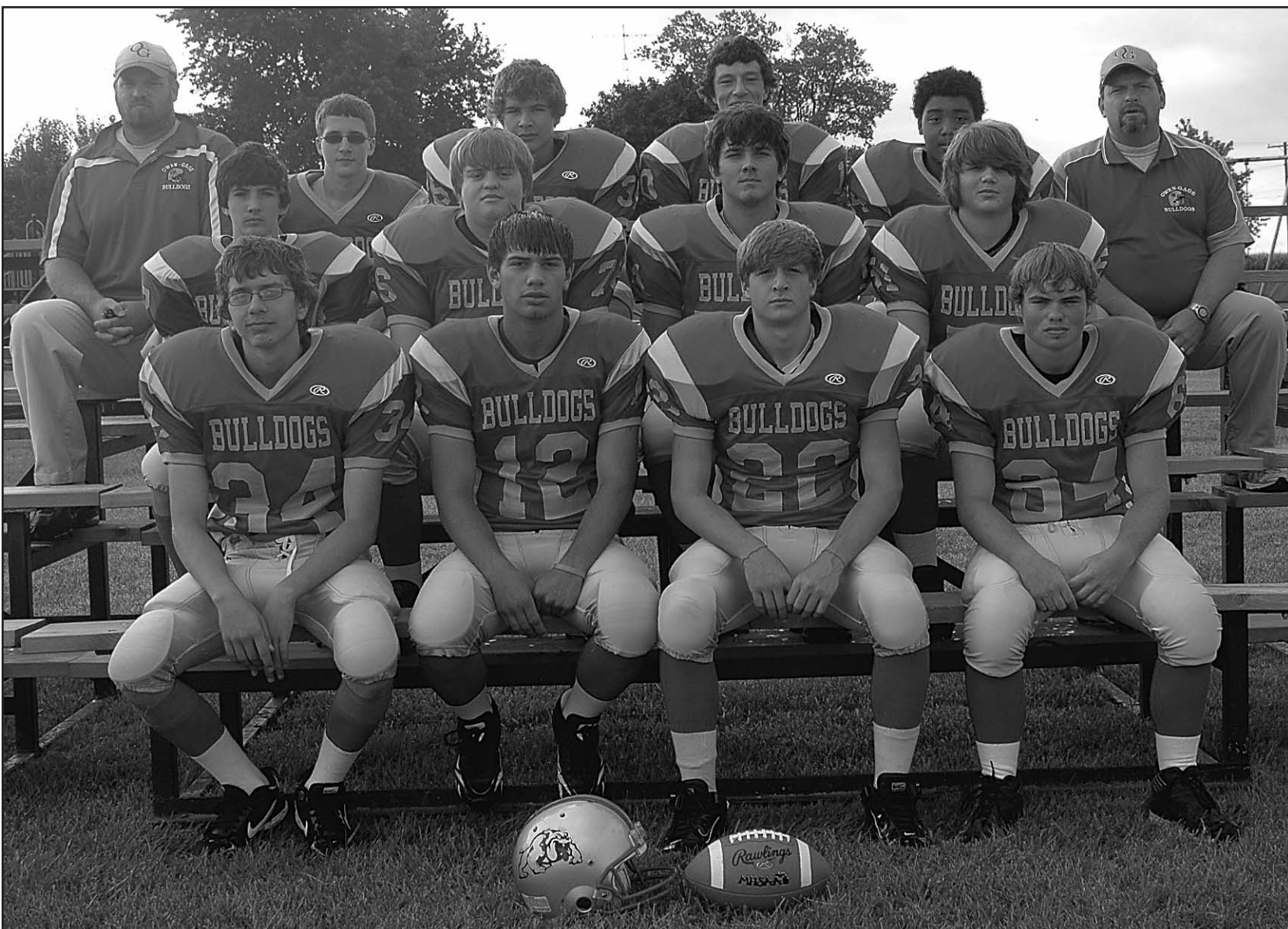
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THE 2010 Owendale-Gagetown homecoming court representatives are: (front, l-r) Mandy Muntz, Marissa Woodruff, Tiffany Jamieson, Miranda Radabaugh, Richelle Scharf, Amaris Janos (back) Allen Miller, Austin Vincent, Danny Jeffery, Aaron Sting, Ben Good and Brett Morrish.



THE 2010 Owen-Gage Bulldog football team members are: (front, l-r) Allen Miller, Hunter Champagne, Clyde Rhodes, Bryan Buschlen (middle) Mike Harp, Eric Rievert, Jordan Kain, Mike Mandich (back) Coach Jason Pierce, Danny Jeffery, Ben Good, Tom Kennedy, Quinn Smith and Coach Dru Leppek. Missing is Zach Harp and Assistant Coach James Harris.



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Firefighter succumbs

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"Even if nobody else did, he would."
"He was a good fire fighter and a good friend. He could take a joke pretty well and be stubborn at the same time," said Guilds, who along with 3 other members of the fire department visited with Younglove and his family the night he passed away.

"The department is very, very close," Guilds responded when asked why members kept in touch and visited with Younglove during his battle. "Sometimes you spit and spat at each other, but when it comes down to it, the guys respect each other. The guys really care about each other."

"It's a love and a camaraderie that is just unsurpassed. That and friendship," Pawloski said. "Fire personnel are one in a million."

Younglove, whose fellow firemen raised a couple thousand dollars during a benefit spaghetti dinner they organized on his behalf earlier this year, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer after having his gall bladder removed. In an interview last March, Younglove said doctors discovered spots on his liver during the procedure, and they traced those signs of cancer to his pancreas.

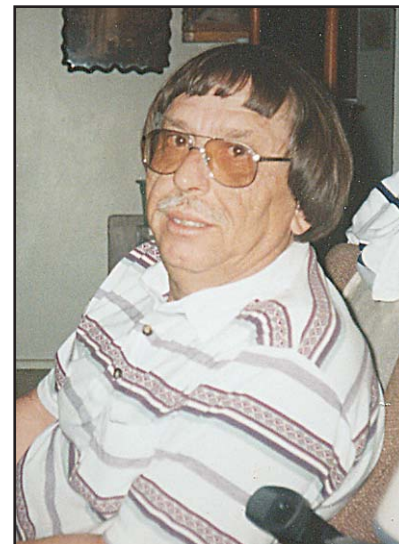
At the time of the interview, Younglove said his only desire was to have more time with his wife, daughters and grandchildren.

He also emphasized how much he appreciated the support of his brothers and sisters on the fire department. The feeling was mutual.

"He was a good fire fighter. He'll be really, really missed," Guilds said.

"When the chips were down and Bill had to do it, he did it. You could always count on him. He had a commitment (to the fire department)," Pawloski said. "I'm going to miss him."

Elkland Township officials honored Younglove's years of service to the



Bill Younglove

fire department by donating his fire fighting helmet to his family.

Younglove, a 1968 Bad Axe High School graduate, served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked for many years at Hamill Manufacturing in Bad Axe and Imlay City. Most recently, he worked at Huron Medical Center for 31 years. He served several organizations over the years, including Little League, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Boy Scouts and Relay for Life.

A complete obituary is published in this issue of the Chronicle.

Edison crews trimming trees in Cass City area

Detroit Edison line-clearance crews will be working in 52 Southeastern Michigan communities in September and October, continuing its year-round effort to maintain service reliability by keeping trees and branches away from power lines.

The affected areas include Cass City along with Elkland, Evergreen, Greenleaf and Novesta townships.

"We trim trees for 2 very important reasons - to ensure our customers have dependable electric service and to prevent safety hazards," said Vince Dow, DTE Energy vice president of Distribution Operations. "By maintaining a 10-foot clearance between tree branches and our power lines, we can significantly reduce tree-related power outages."

Tree interference is responsible for about two-thirds of the power outages that occur during storms. That's why Detroit Edison employs more than 500 professional tree trimmers to maintain the estimated 3.5 million trees in its service territory.

The company's tree-trimming crews follow International Society of Arboriculture standards to maintain the health of trees. The company has received the National Tree Line USA Award for quality tree care for 15 consecutive years.

"Our goals are to keep customers' trees alive, healthy and out of harm's way," explained Dow. "The directional pruning method we use removes only the branches that pose a threat to power lines, and helps ensure that future growth is directed away from power lines. After we

trim, trees are less susceptible to disease and insect problems, and because they're stronger, they're more resistant to high winds and heavy ice."

Detroit Edison removes from customer property the small branches and debris that result from its tree trimming work. Larger trimmed branches are cut into firewood length and left behind for customer use or disposal. Detroit Edison will not, however, remove diseased tree debris.

Debris caused by a severe storm also is not removed. In the aftermath of a storm, Detroit Edison crews must work quickly to remove downed wire hazards and restore power to thousands of customers. They will cut broken and uprooted trees in order to reach locations that need repair. In such emergency situations, customers are advised to contact their local Department of Public Works, trash collector or a professional tree-removal company for advice on disposing of debris.

Customers are responsible for keeping tree branches away from their service drops, the lines that run from utility poles to their homes. Although the voltage running through the service drop is significantly lower than that of pole-to-pole wires, Detroit Edison recommends that customers hire a professional tree service to do this trimming. Visit dteenergy.com/treetrim to find more information about line clearance and proper tree planting.

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