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Cass City reinstates (some) transportation

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education approved reinstating some transportation services for student athletes and field trips in the coming school year.

Meeting during a regular monthly

session Monday night, school officials discussed transportation costs at length and considered a number of options, including charging student athletes a fee to participate in sports in an effort to recoup transportation expenses.

In the end, however, the board unanimously approved Trustee Dave

Osentoski's motion to provide athletes with transportation to, but not back from, away sporting events. The motion also reinstated an expenditure of \$500 per grade (about \$6,500) to be used for field trips. Both expenditures were previously eliminated when the board adopted the district's 2012-13 spending plan in early July.

School Supt. Jeff Hartel asked the board to consider approving one-way bus transportation for sporting events, with coaches being allowed to take a school van to bring home athletes unable to arrange for rides from their parents. Hartel noted that coaches often end up riding home on school buses with just a handful of athletes because many kids ride home with their parents.

One-way transportation for fall sports would cost roughly \$2,500, according to Hartel, who said the Cass City Schools, in the past, has spent \$21,000 annually in athletic transportation costs.

Board member Alice Zaleski asked if the board might consider cutting weekend transportation for athletes altogether, or charge a per-sport fee to each student athlete. Parents of younger kids already pay fees for their children to participate in various sports, she pointed out.

Athletic Director Don Markel said some other area schools already charge a fee of anywhere from \$25 to \$75 per student per sport to help cover transportation costs, although they refer to it as a "registration charge". Markel suggested that if Cass City establishes a similar practice, parents will probably expect their students to receive a ride to and from athletic events. He recommended simply providing bussing to events and having parents arrange for rides home.

Board Secretary Sloane Stimpfel indicated she would go along with charging a modest fee. However, she added, if the district is going to provide bussing for athletes, school officials should also provide transportation for field trips, which benefit all students, not just athletes.

Zaleski agreed. "Transportation for athletes is important, but I don't agree with saying transportation for athletics is more important than transportation for field trips," she said.

ANOTHER TEACHER?

Turning to enrollment, the board discussed options related to dealing with a healthy enrollment at the kindergarten level.

Hartel said the current numbers, which typically fluctuate on a daily basis, indicate the district will have more than 80 kindergartners, leaving each of 3 teachers with about 28 students in their classrooms.

One option is to hire a fourth
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CASS CITY Agriscience teacher Ashlee Gibson stands in front of the district's Ag Learning Lab, which was completed a year ago. The facility is part of a growing program that is preparing local students to take advantage of a strong demand for jobs in the ag industry.

Help wanted: Michigan ag is hiring, but finding workers is a challenge, experts say

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City High School students enrolled in one of Ashlee Gibson's agriscience classes this school year may just find themselves sizing up one of the many careers available in agriculture.

Chances are good that those who seriously pursue that goal by furthering their educations beyond high school won't have a difficult time finding employers interested in paying for their skills.

That was the message discussed during a recent forum in Lansing, where the state's ag leaders gathered to discuss a shared concern: Michigan agriculture is hiring, but finding workers with the right skills and training to fill the sector's needs is a challenge.

"Globally and nationally, demand for food is expanding at a staggering pace," said Dave Armstrong, president and CEO of Greenstone Farm Credit Services. "If Michigan agriculture is going to keep up with the demand, we need the people and skills that will allow the industry to grow. We need to get the message out that there are good-paying jobs in an industry that is on the rise, and we need to find ways to get young people interested in agriculture."

The forum, which drew roughly 100 people, focused on identifying the skills and job training needed in the agricultural sector, as well as ways to attract young people to the industry. Representatives from agriculture, business and education gathered to give their perspectives and brainstorm solutions.

Some of the areas in agriculture where Michigan businesses have the most trouble finding people include crop and soil sciences, agri-business management, agricultural logistics and transportation, and animal husbandry. Michigan agriculture today is satellite-driven, and high-tech jobs such as site-specific fertilizer application, soil sampling and process controls in grain elevators are also in high demand.

Cass City School officials are helping to meet that demand after deciding to revive and upgrade the district's agriculture education curriculum a couple years ago.

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Rubbish contract extension reduces cost for residents

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Cass City residents received good news Monday, learning their rubbish collection rates will not increase until at least the year 2017.

In fact, starting in September, vil-

lage taxpayers will actually see a reduction in their monthly bills from Richfield Equities, Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano explained after village council members approved an extension of Cass City's current contract with the Flint-based

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Couple's crime wave ends in arraignment

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Two Sanilac County residents have been formally arraigned on multiple felony charges in connection with a midnight burglary spree in the Kingston area over the past year or so.

Brian D. Bedell, 45, and Lorrie A. Bickel, 42, of Snover, were each arraigned last week in

Tuscola County on 68 counts, including larceny in a building, breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, home invasion, larceny of firearms, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. The charges stem from more than 20 break-ins that took place from June 2011 through last May.



Brian Bedell

Sanilac County Drug Task Force Director Bill Gray said Tuscola County law enforcement agencies had been investigating the burglaries for several months. The suspects, he noted, had been living in the 4500 block of Phillips Road in Kingston, but had moved into a home in Snover.

"The burglaries were primarily taking place near midnight in Tuscola County at unoccupied vacation

Bedell and Bickel were scheduled to appear in Tuscola County District Court Monday for their preliminary examinations. However, Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese said the couple's attorney has asked for an adjournment. The exam will likely be rescheduled for sometime in late September, he added.

Law enforcement officers from both Tuscola and Sanilac counties put an abrupt halt on the couple's alleged crimes in late May, when investigators from the Sanilac County Drug Task Force, Tuscola and Sanilac County sheriff's departments, and the Kingston Police Department conducted a search of the couple's home in the 1400 block of Center Street in Snover. There, police recovered 5 truckloads of stolen property worth thousands of dollars.

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JEREMY WYLIE OF Kingston takes his turn during the Kingston Days burnouts over the weekend. The tires on Wylie's 1980 Firebird gave off a red smoke when burning out. He said he purchased the tires in Tennessee.

Burnouts big crowd pleaser in Kingston

by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer

Normally, motorists squealing their tires in the village of Kingston can expect to see flashing lights when they look into their rearview mirror. However, one day a year the sound of screeching tires marks the central event of the annual celebration in the Thumb area village.

Traditionally recognized as Kingston Days, this year's festival was renamed the Kingston Days Burnout Bash to recognize the weekend's main attraction.

The concept of burnouts in Kingston began 23 years ago on M-46. Kingston Police Chief Dave Lich recalled crowds numbering in the thousands when the event originated. After taking place on M-46 for several years, the venue was moved to

Ross Street in front of the elementary school where it remained a popular Kingston Days' attraction until the burnouts were halted for 2 years. Last year the Kingston Days Committee brought back the burnouts and 43 entrants greeted the reinstated event that was moved to Fisher Street.

Kingston Days committee president Bill Miller believes it is the only burnout of its kind in the Thumb area. Commenting on last year's success, Miller said, "There were huge crowds last year, and they loved it," he said. "There were big smiles on everyone's faces."

The Kingston Days burnouts were historically held on Friday nights, but this year the event was moved to Saturday to avoid conflicting with

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MORE THAN 100 members of the Striffler and Zinnecker families recently gathered to celebrate family and their roots in Tuscola and Huron counties. It was the clan's first reunion in over 30 years.

Striffler, Zinnecker clan holds reunion

The first of many reunion activities recently brought 33 Striffler and Zinnecker family members together in Pigeon. They came from Massachusetts and California and all points in between to celebrate family and their Huron and Tuscola County roots.

By the second day, the number had swelled to nearly 80 as they met for lunch at Scenic Golf and Country Club in Pigeon, and they arrived for a BBQ at Cass City Municipal Park, the final count passed 100.

Organized by Fran (Orr) Burdsall of Massachusetts and Don Staton of Virginia, this was the first family reunion in over 30 years for the descendants of Elizabeth Zinnecker and William David Striffler of Cass City.

The focus of the reunion expanded when descendants of Elizabeth Zinnecker's brother William, descendants of William David Striffler's brothers and sister, and the descendants of William David Striffler's "Uncle John" Striffler joined the event. The expanded participation gave depth and added knowledge to the family history. New friendships and old acquaintance bonded the family once again.

To pay tribute to the family farming heritage, Kameron Southworth of Pigeon organized a tour of ETL

Farms with Charles Leipprandt describing the early days. The group moved on to Zwemmer's Dairy Farm in Elkton. The Zwemmers described the whole operation, but the star was a heifer that gave birth for her appreciative audience.

The Pigeon Historical Society opened their doors to give the group a look into the "old days" and the collections of households and business items from the past century.

The final stop was a trip to the Octagon Barn in Gagetown. On display were the restored John Striffler wagon and restored John Zinnecker cobbler bench. Kate Jackson arranged to have Striffler archives from the Cass City Rawson Library available for viewing. The Battel family, descendants of "Uncle John" Striffler, demonstrated the making of maple syrup in the "Sugar Shack."

In the tradition of the old family reunions, Don Staton presided over a luncheon at Scenic Golf and Country Club. The event began with the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Many old family mementos were brought to the event. Dresses, quilts, scrap books, Bibles, clocks and butter chips were displayed. Susan (Orr) Wagner was presented with a prize for coming the farthest distance.

Kristin and Paul Hartsaw received the prize for bringing the youngest family member to the reunion. Warren Kerry Hartsaw is 3 months old. At 95 years old, Ethel (Orr) Fetting was rewarded for being the oldest attending family member. Sherry and Phil Leipprandt won the prize for coming the shortest distance to the reunion. Ray and Dorothy (Southworth) Wakefield won the prize for being married the longest, 65 years together.

Alison (Staton) Watterson played a DVD slide show of old and new family photos. Copies of the DVD were distributed. Ken Burdsall recorded the event as the official photographer. Many family members contributed handouts to share history, recipes, photos and news clippings. Many family members left with jams and relish, photos and knitted covers, hockey pucks and maple syrup to remember the event.

The sun was shining for the last event of the weekend when family gathered at Cass City Municipal Park, formerly the Orr Farm, to enjoy a BBQ and visit the Elkland Township Cemetery. Fred Orr prepared a map of the cemetery, marking the graves of many ancestors. Family members spent the afternoon together one last time before leaving for home. The consensus was that

another family reunion should follow in 5 years to bring this large and enthusiastic group together again.

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Baker College of Cass City, a satellite campus of Baker College of Flint, continues to enroll students for fall 2012 quarter. Classes begin Monday, September 24.

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Jessie and Dustin Mallory

Tuckey, Mallory married

Jessie Joy Lynn Tuckey and Dustin Eric Mallory were married August 4, 2012 at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Pastor Jackie Roe officiated. The reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro.

Jessie is the daughter of Jeffrey and Janice Tuckey of Cass City. She is the granddaughter of James and Wanda Tuckey of Cass City and the late Paul and Donna Heckroth of Deford. Dustin is the son of Renee and the late Brian Mallory of Gagetown. He is the grandson of James and Beverly Mallory of Kingston and the late Walton and Dolores Kuhl of Sebawaing.

The bride was attended by her sister, Claire Tuckey, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ashley Barrigar, Jenna Hoffman and Emily Zollinger. The best man was Derrick Mallory, the groom's brother.

Groomsmen were Adam Haag, Chancy Balk, and Greg Tuckey.

The flower girl and ring bearer were Hailey Walker and Kaden Kuhl.

Ushers were Andrew Shagene and Norman Pierce.

After a weeklong honeymoon in sunny San Juan, Puerto Rico, the couple has returned to their home in Norristown, PA.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Give new football format fair chance

As Michigan high schools across the state swing into the second week of their 2012 football schedules, we can't help but notice the changes in conventional action, especially close to home.

The biggest difference, of course, is the transformation of the North Central Thumb League (NCTL) into an 8-player format. It comes as a surprise to us that tradition rich programs – namely neighboring Kingston and Deckerville – have elected to join North Huron, Peck, Caseville, Carsonville-Port Sanilac, and Marine City Cardinal Mooney to form the new NCTL.

And after just the opening week, we've heard rumblings from Thumb area fans as Deckerville easily defeated defending state champions Carsonville-Port Sanilac, 32-12, in the Eagles' maiden 8-player contest, while the Cardinals topped North Huron by a similar margin, 44-29, in their first go-around in the 8-man arena.

Are those criticisms justified? We don't believe so. Unfortunately, the declining numbers of student athletes interested in playing football at many schools are at all-time lows. Deckerville, for instance, has just 15 boys in its freshman class. That makes it pretty difficult to field an 11-player junior varsity squad, plus an 11-player varsity unit.

And the Eagles aren't alone in that regard. In the Owen-Gage School District there are roughly 30 boys total in the entire high school.

Elsewhere, Cass City's junior varsity team was supposed to go up against the Dryden junior varsity team during its pre-season scrimmage; however, the Cardinals won't field a JV team in 2012.

The same situation – no junior varsity team – holds true for Greater Thumb West opponent Bay City All Saints. That game has been replaced on the schedule by the junior varsity team from Yale, which has an open date due to the fact that the Imlay City football program also will lack a junior varsity team this season.

According to Cass City Athletic Director Don Markel, you can add Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, Sandusky and Caro to the list of districts struggling with numbers on the gridiron field.

All things considered, when you look at the 8-player game with its high scoring contests, it's a no brainer in our opinion that it beats the alternative – no football at all.

You won't get any arguments from the folks in Caseville, where football has returned after a 2-decade time-out.

Best of luck to all the Thumb area squads, including those teams choosing to play with fewer athletes than the traditional gridiron format.

My family watched “The Hunger Games” last weekend. While I was enthralled by the action and storyline, I found myself contemplating the characters’ names – in particular Katniss (girl) and Peeta (boy). They were unique and unusual. Close to names in my comfort zone, but distant enough to cause me to ponder.

What constitutes a name – an acceptable one? That depends. Much like best-selling books and blockbuster movies, celebrities often veer outside the standard deviation of the average baby name book when choosing a moniker for their little ones. Apple, Suri, Haven and Denim – all are names picked by celebrities for their children. I’m not sure what the celebrity parents were thinking when choosing these names, but I bet their intentions were intrinsically positive – from their perspective, at least.

Many celebrities experience an obligation to stand out from the crowd. Having a John or Susan probably wouldn’t make the grade – or the red carpet. Picking a name like Apple because apples are pure and natural is sort of understandable. Some celebs, however, take the issue of standing out one step further, into what I call the inane name game hall of fame.

Actor Rob Morrow named his daughter Tu, as in Tu Morrow. I’m trying to refrain from passing judgment here, but I’m not sure it’s fair to saddle a person with a name that can be perceived as a joke. Then again, perhaps someday little Tu will show her dad by marrying a guy with a last name of Shay or Thake just so she can become Tu Shay or Tu Thake. (The joke would hold extra punch if Mr. Thake happened to be a dentist.)

In an obvious attempt to avoid typecasting (not), actress Shannyn Sossamon named her son Audio Science. Sorry, no typo there. Maybe she’s hoping he grows up to be a sound engineer? A recording guru? What if the poor kid ends up being tone deaf? Who’s gonna feel like a failure then – mom, child or both?

Nicolas Cage – in all honesty – gave his son Superman’s birth name: Kal-el. I suppose there’s nothing wrong with thinking of your offspring as a super-child. I personally have four of them living at my house.

Celebrities aren’t the only ones who give careful thought to baby names. Many non-celebrity normal people exercise creativity with their choices. Some opt for a rhyming theme: Mary, Barry, Jerry, Harry, Shari, and Terry. Another common practice is to choose names starting with the same letter of the alphabet. Film director Robert Rodriguez – with an obvious penchant for his own initials – combined this with the celebrity unique technique when naming his four sons: Rocket, Racer, Rebel and Rogue. I, for one, am hoping they all live up to their names – the last two, for sure.

Other folks find names relating to a parent’s profession. A lawyer might name her child Justice; an artist may be parent to Palette; a dancer winds up changing the diapers of Tango, Cha-cha and Samba. A baker rises to the early morning cries of Éclair or Peeta (as in pita bread). A scientist gives birth to Atom. A barista could opt for the name Java. A sanitation engineer may tuck

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle into bed at night. I could get silly here, but this is a serious column. I will try to pull myself together.

Choosing a name for a child, may not be a parent’s greatest responsibility, but it is a significant one. There are innumerable ways to go about the process. Some names are chosen because of their religious connotations. Other times, family names are passed down through the generations. Perhaps you were named after a great uncle or grandparent. Or, you could be like one of my friends. Her parents named her after a character on their favorite soap opera.

My own children’s names can be found in any ordinary baby book. They aren’t unique or weird (the names, not the kids). We picked ‘em because we liked ‘em (the names, not the kids). My three boys all have middle names related to my husband’s first name. I’ve always thought that was a nice touch.

My mom and dad, however, get the award for the most practical naming strategy ever. My name is Jill. My mom was a first grade teacher. She (along with my dad) chose my name based on the ease with which it could be printed by a 6-year-old hand. No celebrity uniqueness. No cutesy rhyming or occupational-related associations. I don’t even know for sure if they liked the name. But, it was four-letters long and simple to print, so my parents chose it for the practical reason that it might make life just a little easier for me. If that isn’t as good a rationale as any, I’m not sure what is.

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Well done Laura Curtis, Cass City Schools’ first year music teacher.

More than a couple of people commented after Friday’s football contest that it was nice to have the Red Hawk Marching Band remain in the bleachers for the entire game, instead of leaving at halftime as in previous years.

Next Ms. Curtis, according to Matt Prieskorn, one of the Red Hawk fans to voice an opinion, is to get a pep band back at Cass City’s home basketball games.

Attention early season goose hunters. Don’t forget to share photos of your success with our Chronicle readers. It’s easy to do, just attach them to your email and send them my way at: clarke@ccchronicle.net.

Continuing with emails and photographs, the Chronicle recently added Australian subscriber Robert Fritz to our email subscription list. I, for one, would love to see some shots of what the country has to offer. Stay tuned, there may be a feature here.

On Friday, Nick’s Country Oven will host an economic luncheon for leaders in Tuscola County. The event begins at noon and will provide an informal gathering to discuss business in the county. Everyone is welcome.

There are pluses associated with being a Chronicle newsstand customer.

Here’s one. The Cass City Rotary Club has completed a 9-hole Disc Golf Course in the recreational park. They invite the public to attend a potluck dinner at the park’s north pavilion for a grand opening celebration.

The advantage for folks who pick up the paper a day earlier than our valued subscribers is the event is slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Please take note that the Chronicle office will be closed Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Therefore, subscribers will receive their papers a day later next week, while our classified advertising deadline will be extended until noon Tuesday, instead of our usual cut off time of noon Monday.

Letters to the Editor

Ford deserves our praise for efforts

Having missed the wolverine at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, I would like to make a few comments.

First of all I am going to refer to the wolverine as “Pretty Girl”.

Having lived in the Cass City area for the past 70 years, I know the countryside pretty good. I’ve been a fox and coyote hunter all my life, and getting out on a fresh snow to look for tracks of fox and coyote was part of hunting, you drove many country roads to look for fresh tracks sometimes you found them, sometimes you did not.

Did Pretty Girl leave her comfort zone on a hunt, not knowing there was a fresh snow and she was leaving tracks? We will never know.

She was run up a tree by a coyote hunter.

Leaving that area, she went back to her comfort zone, the Minden City

Bog. She was forgotten about by most till a new article would appear in a magazine.

There was one man that did not forget about Pretty Girl, his name was Jeff Ford. He spent 6 years to photograph and find out about his “girl”.

He spent countless hours, hardship expense and hard work to protect, feed and make sure Pretty Girl remained safe.

When he hauled back food to the bog and left, Pretty Girl would come and eat and play, she knew she was safe. Her friend Jeff Ford had been there.

Since then I have met Jeff Ford. We must all be thankful for all the time he spent with Pretty Girl. I have read his book “The Lonesome Wolverine,” it tells all.

Joe Schmidt
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Thursday, August 30

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Sandusky Farmers' Market, 2-7 p.m., Sanilac County Court House, Sandusky. Vendors are asked to contact Bruce Irland at (810) 404-1535.

Pancake & Sausage Supper, 4-7 p.m. - before the Lakers/Red Hawks football game. Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery. Adults -\$6, children under 10-\$3 & children under 3-FREE. Proceeds to be used for Christian Outreach and Mission Projects.

Friday, August 31

Al-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 912-0546.

Cass City Farmers' Market, 5-8 p.m., Rotary Park, Cass City (just east of the Fairway store).

Cass City Chamber of Commerce Hot Dog/Brat Fundraiser, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Erla Foods parking lot. All proceeds to fund Chamber Christmas in the Village and other community events.

Saturday, September 1

Closed AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Ubly Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church). For more information, contact Mandy at (989) 975-0544.

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. John Episcopal Church, Sand Point. Anyone with a drug problem is welcome to attend. For more information, call (989) 963-9077.

Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., Sandusky. "Lighthouse 3"- Everyone welcome. \$4 members & \$4.50 non-members. Questions call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

Sunday, September 2

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-0086 or (989) 912-5493.

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

Monday, September 3

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

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 4

Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

Huron woman turns herself in

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

A Bad Axe woman has turned herself in to authorities and now faces felony charges stemming from the seizure of the popular but unpredictable designer drug commonly known as "bath salts" at a Verona Township residence last month.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported the suspect, Heidi J-Marie Heintz, 34, surrendered herself at his department last week and was booked on charges of delivery/manufacture with intent to deliver a controlled substance (alpyrrolidinvalerophenone, also known as bath salts), a felony punishable by up to 7 years in prison and/or a maximum fine of \$10,000; and one count of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), also a felony, punishable by up to 4 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine.

Heintz was formally arraigned on the charges in Huron County District Court. Bond was set at \$25,000 (10

percent cash). She remains lodged in the Huron County Jail.

"Forfeiture paperwork was also served on her regarding the \$1,221 in cash and the 2 cellular phones that were seized during the July 25 search," Hanson noted.

Sheriff's deputies along with officers from the Bad Axe Police Department executed the search warrant during the afternoon hours of July 24. At the time, 3 individuals were inside the residence, and one of them was injecting a substance into their system. Officers found several used, new and loaded syringes throughout the residence.

"Through the course of approximately 4 1/2 hours, nearly 50 grams of bath salts were confiscated along with approximately 15 syringes that were loaded with an unknown substance," Hanson said. He estimated the current street value of bath salts at \$40 to \$80 per gram.

Officers also seized prescription drugs, K2 (synthetic cannabis, a psychoactive designer drug also known

as "spice"), a quantity of unknown pills and more than \$1,000 in cash.

Legal forms of bath salts — manufactured with altered ingredients to skirt federal laws banning the synthetic drugs — are now illegal in Michigan.

State lawmakers moved quickly to fight the new designer drugs in the wake of some horrific news stories across the country involving erratic and violent behavior on the part of individuals under the influence of the drugs.

Bath salt products may contain a number of synthetic chemicals, including methylethcathinone or methylenedioxypropyrolerone, strong stimulants that can cause increased heart rate, chest pains, dizziness, delusions, panic attacks, nose bleeds and nausea. Individuals ingesting the chemicals can become extremely paranoid and may not respond to usual methods of calming them down. Some users have been involved in homicides and suicides while under the influence.

Circuit court news

Several face felony charges

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

•Shawn L. Rowley, 43, Caro, stood mute to charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile Feb. 16 in Cass City, and to kidnapping, larceny in a building, larceny of property valued at less than \$200, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor Feb. 16 in Almer Township/village of Cass City. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered in the case and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Tiffany J. Smith, 38, Millington, pleaded no contest to charges of receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 16 in Millington Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Martin E. Borucki, 27, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to accosting a child for immoral purposes Feb. 19 in Caro, and to accosting a child for immoral purposes

Sept. 4 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$396.

•Holly L. Pilon, also known as Holly L. Strong, 27, Bay City, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of guilty to uttering and publishing involving a \$300 check drawn on Independent Bank in April-May in Wisner Township.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,378.

•Brian A. Maskell, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 310 days in the county jail for his plea of guilty to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 last January in Almer Township.

He was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,078. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•James F. Nichol, 33, Hale, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, July 31 in Kingston.

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

•Corey M. Dzielsky, 19, Imlay City, stood mute to a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile Jan. 6 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Eric A. Zimmerman, 28, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder Aug. 30-Sept. 2 in Gagetown. 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 costs and fines totaling \$998 plus restitution of \$7001.04.

•Rex L. Coloski, 40, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 2 in Fremont Township.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$3,598 plus restitution of \$120.

•Bert F. Emerson Jr., 50, Deford,

was sentenced to 180 days in jail (deferred) and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana, subsequent offense, Jan. 18 in Kingston Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698.

•David S. McKnight, 46, Ypsilanti, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to one count of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder Jan. 14 in Dayton Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,028 plus restitution of \$80.

•Lavonna D. Teddy-Gibeau, 50, Vassar, was sentenced to 24 months probation for her pleas of guilty to stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder, and illegal use of a financial transaction device April 16 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,706 plus restitution of \$325.42.

•Derrick R. Short, 23, Mount Morris, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to carrying a concealed weapon Oct. 4 in Millington Township.

•Chad C. Williams, also known as Chad C. Thayer, 39, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to aggravated stalking Feb. 9-21 in Tuscola Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

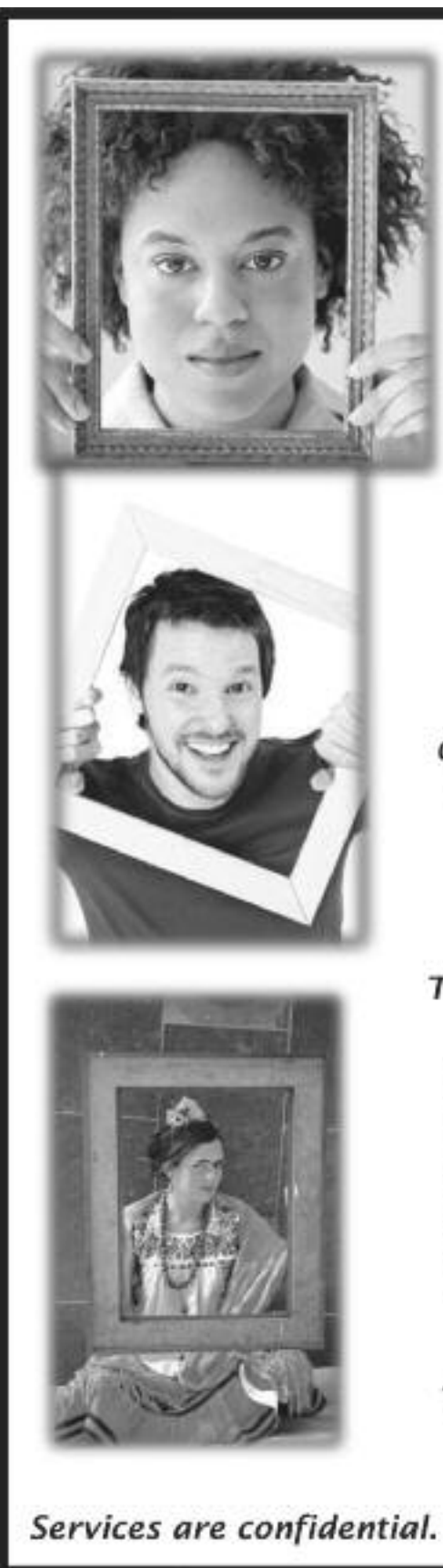
He was ordered to complete 200 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$3,158.

•Darci E. LaPratt, 43, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for her plea of guilty to attempted kidnapping, and her plea of no contest to larceny in a building Feb. 16 in the village of Cass City and/or Almer Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,266 plus restitution of \$400.

•Franklin H. Primeau, 58, Caro, entered a plea of no contest to a charge of domestic violence April 11 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

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



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Reporter's notebook

Grocery shopping? That's child's play

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Who says you can't teach an old(er) dog a new trick?

My wife, Deb, recently suggested that I do the grocery shopping for a week, since I've all but taken over meal planning and cooking in our household.

Actually, I suspect it was a challenge of sorts, judging by the slight smirk on her face. On the other hand, it also demonstrated a bit of faith — sending me to the grocery store with a budget of a couple hundred dollars to cover several days' worth of food.

I figured this would take a little planning, so I did something I never do before going to the store — I made a list.

No problem. Child's play.

One thing's for sure, I wasn't going to come home with a can of cherry filling when I meant to buy strawberry filling (something Deb has done on more than one occasion). Another thing that bugs me is her penchant for buying "Just Fine" brands — you know, the cheaper versions of various products. Some of them are okay, of course, but there are certain items you just don't go cheap on. Catsup and mustard come to mind.

Deb also has a habit of coming home with a package of cookies that someone else evidently already

opened in the store. Hm. Hm. Hm. Hm.

Anyway, the whole adventure was a learning experience. My usual method of shopping is to grab what I want, pay for it and go home, but this time I was keeping a tab as I maneuvered my cart through the aisles.

Why is it that out of 3 zillion carts available, I always pick the one with the screwy wheel?

But I digress. I never realized how expensive that big bag of mini Reese's is (a weakness of mine these days, and a treat that my wife lovingly picks out for me every now and then). And have you seen the price of cheese lately? Might be cheaper to buy a cow and figure out how to make it myself. Don't even get me started on what stores charge for spices.

It didn't take long to realize my list was bigger than my budget, so I compromised a bit here and there. In the end, I finished \$15 under budget and still came home with enough items to prepare several dinners ranging from taco salad and lasagna to grilled tilapia and a nice garlic herb pork sirloin.

But it wasn't easy.

Okay, so smart grocery shopping isn't quite as easy as it looks, but I won't be admitting that to Deb anytime soon.

Well, at least not until I come home with a can of Just Fine cherry filling, instead of strawberry, and a 12-pack of donuts with 3 of them missing.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2007)

Cass City football fans endured a 90-minute delay at the start of Friday's 2007 gridiron opener in Sandusky, but for die-hard Red Hawk backers the inclement weather delay was worth the wait. Coach Scott Cuthrell's Red Hawks rallied from a 6-0 first quarter deficit with 3 unanswered scores and then held on for an 18-14 victory in non-conference action.

The weather cooperated, but visiting Arenac Eastern didn't and the Owen-Gage Bulldogs fell in their opening game, 18-6. Nick Zaleski carried the ball 19 times and racked up 138 yards to pace the O-G attack. The Bulldogs converted just 2 of 12 passes. One completion was to Nathan Minkler, good for 15 yards.

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials showcased their \$12 million renovation/expansion project during an open house Saturday, with dozens of area residents touring the facility's new, state-of-the-art design and technology.

10 YEARS AGO (2002)

No one would have blamed Ruth Smith if she had followed the Shabbona United Methodist Church's move in the comfort of a car last Wednesday. After all, Smith, 88, has been a member of the church for nearly 70 years. But the weather was picture perfect and it was a very special day for Smith, who along with about 200 or so church members and others watched and walked behind the 120-year building as a skilled crew from Anthes Movers, Gagetown, navigated the church along its three-quarter mile journey north to a new location along Decker Road in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township. And Smith wasn't about to miss the opportunity to walk every step of the way.

Former area resident Nick Palazzola, a Cass City High School graduate, recently earned his "wings" and took his debut flight with a niece, nephew and friend in Simi Valley, Calif., where he now

resides.

The prospects are bright for the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team. Coach John Maharg's charges are the defending Greater Thumb West champions and this year's squad could be better than last year's. Cementing a place on the varsity as a freshman is Ashley Hendrick. She has been outstanding in middle school play and if she meets expectations could help the Hawks, already a good team, to become a very good team.

25 YEARS AGO (1987)

Area girl scouts who participated in a 4-day trip to Mackinaw City, Mackinac Island and Sault Ste. Marie are Shannon Dohning, Ann Urban, Loretta Rolston, Laura Jamison, Kristy Messing, Jennifer Knowlton, Wendy Hurlley and leader Janet Hurlley.

Two new teachers in Cass City Schools were introduced at the regular pre-school meeting of the staff and administrators Monday in the cafeterium. Teresa Trisch, Caro, who comes to the system from Akron-Fairgrove and will teach foreign languages and history. Judy Joslyn, Caro, who formerly taught part-time in Caro, will teach special education.

Three servicemen from the Cass City area held a mini reunion recently in Sicily. Spending some time together, a family friend reports, were Tom and Bill Sontag and Troy Sweeney. (From Rabbit Tracks)

50 YEARS AGO (1962)

A Chronicle advertisement run for Rabideau Motor Sales was cited at a regional New Holland Co. sales seminar held last week in Ohio. The ad was placed in a slide presentation depicting the best use of media and presented to the dealers by the company. And while we're boasting a bit, we'll add that his same advertisement sold four major pieces of equipment for Rabideau's.

Ed Baker, Cass City businessman, announced his retirement this week from the Elkland Township Fire

Department after 20 years of service. He cited age and business as the reason for the action. "I'm getting along in years...I've reached the point where I'm not much use to them," he commented in an interview Tuesday. "Many times I'm tied up with business and can't leave when a call comes in," he continued. Baker came to Cass City 36 years ago from Hastings. During his 20 years with the department, he has been fire chief for three years and president of the Tuscola County Fire Association for two terms.

Paul Alfano was named a member of the board of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce at the organization's regular meeting last week. Alfano will be filling the unexpired term of Ralph Gauer. Alfano's term has a year and a half yet to run.

100 YEARS AGO (1912)

Henry S. Wickware of Cass City was nominated county treasurer at the primaries Tuesday by the republicans of Tuscola county, winning over Wm. C. Sanson. Robert Brown of Novesta was nominated county clerk in a three-cornered contest in which Ellsworth Dimond and Winfield Cottrell were also candidates.

Friday's game between Kingston and Cass City was won by the local team without a hard struggle. Cartz had the visitors well in hand and allowed them but one hit. Two base hits, Burke. Three base hits, Ehlers. Sacrifice hits, Koepfgen, S. Duncanson. Stolen bases, Burke, 2, Post. Base on balls—off Severmore 6. Hit by Severmore 1 (Post). Struck out by Cartz 16, by Severmore 12. Passed ball Stout. Umpire, Ehlers.

Surveyors started work this week on the new branch line of the Grand Trunk from Cass City to Bad Axe. Profiles and maps of the new road were sent to John Ryan of Bad Axe last week for use of the contractors and engineers who will build the road. Machinery and workmen to grade and lay the rails are expected within a short time.

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Please stop in and visit them at 6455 Main Street in downtown Cass City and give Nancy and her staff the chance to help you take your home or business from ordinary to extraordinary. Their hours are Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM (Summer) or 9 AM - 5 PM (Winter), and Saturday, 9 AM - 12 PM. They can also be reached by telephone at (989) 872-4411 or by email at njbraun@yahoo.com.

"Home is where the heart is." - Pliny, the Elder

Be sure to check next week's paper for the next Cass City Spotlight Business of the Week.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Anchor Cove Outreach Church
1116 E. Caro Rd, Caro, MI 48723
989-672-2262
Directly across from Wal-Mart
Saturday Service: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Steven Bagnall
www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com

Novesta Church of Christ
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2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Minister: Brad Speirs
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**Calvary Bible Fellowship
an Independent Baptist Church**
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4088
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday -
Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould
www.casscityefc.org

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

First Baptist Church
(Independent, Fundamental)
Barrier Free
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday -
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pastor: David G. Hill
Website: www.fbccc.us

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 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Jerry Harrington
Associate Pastor: Judy A. Eskilsen

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Phil Burkett
www.casscitymc.org

First Presbyterian Church
Barrier Free
State & National Historical Registry
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

St. Pancratius Catholic Church
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Summer
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. DST
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Winter
Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m. EDT
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastoral Administrator:
Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC

Mizpah Missionary Church
4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m.
Wednesday Kids' Club 7-8 p.m.
Pastor Dale Bullock 989-325-0736

Living Word Worship Center Church of God
6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4637
Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
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(including youth and children's services)
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Website: www.lwccog.net

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Obituaries

Joan Hendrick

Joan Joyce Hendrick, 77, of Cass City, passed away Monday, August 20, 2012 at McLaren Oakland Hospital, Pontiac.

She was born May 25, 1935 in Columbia Township, the daughter of the late Leslie and Elva (Robarts) Dillon.

She married Thomas Hendrick on March 1, 1977. She enjoyed fishing, puzzles, playing cards, talking on the phone and time with her family.

Joan is survived by her husband, Thomas, children, Doris (Marty) LeValley of Cass City, Cathy Jo (Steve) Cherrington of AZ and Mark Atkin of Gagetown, 5 grandchildren, Greg, Mark, Stacy, Christopher and Michelle, 2 great grandchildren, Gabriel and Braylon, and a sister, Jane Kamrad of Frankenmuth.

She was predeceased by a son, Scott Atkin, 4 brothers, Bernard Dillon, Leonard Dillon, Gerald Dillon and Richard Dillon.

Services were held Thursday, August 23 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City. Fr. Paul Bala officiated. Burial was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius or Rawson Memorial Library.

Arrangements by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City. Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneral-home.com

his degree from the School of Osteopathic Medicine and became Board Certified as a General Surgeon. He continued his Internship at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His first position as a Physician began at Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green, Ohio where he worked until 2005. He then moved to Fort Bragg, California and worked at Mendocino County Hospital until 2008. In 2008 he continued his medical profession in Phoenix, where he was currently residing.



Wednesday, August 29, 2012 from 4:00 P.M. at Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home, Gladwin, Michigan. Funeral Services will be conducted on Thursday, August 30, 2012, 11:00 A.M. with visitation beginning at 10:00 A.M. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Gladwin, Michigan.

Thomas Sabo

Thomas Sabo, 49, longtime resident of the Deford area, died Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at Marlette Regional Hospital.

He was born June 6, 1963 in Marlette, son of the late Louis and Mildred (Schultz) Sabo.

He graduated from Cass City High School in 1981. He owned & operated Sabo Plumbing. He married Michelle LaFleur June 1, 2001 in Snover. Mr. Sabo was a lifelong member of Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Wilmot. He enjoyed hunting, old cars, riding motorcycles, mowing his lawn, farming, helping people and most of all, spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Michelle, Thomas Sabo (son) of Cass City, Darrin Sabo (son) of Deford, Steven Rychlewski (son) of Deford, Tara and Gregory Talaski (daughter) of Elkton, Sara and Joshua Morel (daughter) of Bay City, Samantha and Todd Hunter (daughter) of Brownsburg, IN, Brandy Rychlewski and fiancé Adam Nerkowski (daughter) of Caro, Michael Sabo (brother) of Fairgrove, Louis and Rochelle Sabo (brother) of Marlette, Delores Sabo (sister) of Deford, Mary Ann and Roger Pohlod (sister) of Deford, Vera and Roger Bouck (sister) of Cass City, Luella and John Krug (sister) of Deford, Madelene and Bill Parker (sister) of Caro.

He volunteered in nursing homes, assisted college professors with cancer research and also worked a great deal in the research of heart disease. He presented several lectures at medical conventions as well as taught other Physicians about Pharmaceuticals. He had a great love for history, visiting museums, enjoyed reading, exploring and traveling.

He is survived by his mother: Geraldine Jantz of Gladwin; sister: Tammy (Paul) Childs of Middlebury, IN; 3 godchildren and nephews: Cameron, Nathan and Ryan Childs of Middlebury, IN; several aunts, uncles and cousins; 2 great uncles. He is preceded in death by his father: Theophil A. Jantz II and his grandparents.

Visitation will be held on

Holiday to close offices

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds customers that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will close on Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. Secretary of State SUPER! Centers normally offer Saturday hours but will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 1.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when a state office is closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

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Theophil Jantz III

Dr. Theophil "Ted" Andrew Jantz III, 46, of Glendale, Arizona passed away suddenly Thursday, August 16, 2012.

He was born in Bad Axe, Michigan December 28, 1965, the son of Theophil II & Geraldine (Hoppe) Jantz.

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He was preceded in death by his parents and infant son Christopher.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 24 at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Wilmot, with Fr. Joe Schabel and Sr. Riccardina Silvestri officiating.

Burial was in the St. Michaels Cemetery. Memorials may be donated to the family.

Arrangements were provided by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

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School board reinstates transportation

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teacher at a cost of about \$60,000, which would reduce class sizes, according to Hartel. He pointed out school officials have done that in the past only to wind up with a smaller-than-expected enrollment, forcing them to lay off the additional teacher and shoulder the cost of unemployment.

A second option, Hartel continued, would be to hire 2 additional paraprofessionals, which would result in each classroom being supervised by a teacher and a second adult.

The board voted to hire the paraprofessionals. Hartel estimated the total cost at roughly \$28,000, and those individuals will be contract employees, meaning the school will not be responsible for unemployment costs should lay-offs take place.

School officials expect to cover the additional expense of hiring paraprofessionals and reinstating some transportation services through anticipated savings as a result of a proposed overhaul of Michigan's retirement system.

Both the state's House and Senate have approved legislation that would cap the retirement contribution schools are required by law to make

on behalf of employees. The legislation is expected to save Cass City School \$130,000 to \$150,000. Although Gov. Rick Snyder hasn't yet signed the law, he has made it clear that he intends to.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday night, the board:

*Learned Cass City High School did, in fact, achieved adequate yearly progress (AYP) in the latest round of state report cards, contrary to an earlier assessment of the building by department of education officials.

Hartel explained that the high school was initially penalized in the area of graduation rate due to Cass City's position as the lead district for a Tuscola Intermediate School District transition program geared towards special needs students. Students enrolled in the program often don't complete their high school education in 4 years, so all students who did not graduate in 4 years in the county counted against Cass City's graduation rate.

All 3 buildings in the Cass City School District not only achieved AYP, but they also rank in the top 80 percentile among Michigan schools,

meaning student achievement in the local district is higher than achievement levels posted in more than 80 percent of the state's schools over a 4-year period.

*Received an update from Hartel on a plan to provide bus transportation to school for kids who normally walk.

At this point, school officials will be experimenting with picking up those children in the parking lot behind the former NAPA building, Hartel said, adding he will be personally monitoring the first few days to determine whether an adequate number of students are taking advantage of the service, which is expected to help reduce traffic congestion at the elementary/middle and junior-senior high school buildings.

*Welcomed new board Trustee Chad Kreeger, who was recently appointed to fill a vacancy left by former board Treasurer Jim Veneziano. Kreeger will complete Veneziano's term, which will expire at the end of the year.

Hartel noted that 2 individuals — Jeff Loomis and Janie Meeker — have filed nominating petitions to run for school board seats in November.



THIS LONE SHAGGY mane mushroom was recently spotted growing under a large pine tree in a Cass City neighborhood. Although many types are deadly and require some expertise when it comes to knowing the difference between edible and non-edible mushrooms, fungal products are useful in a variety of ways. Aside from edible mushrooms, yeasts are used in making bread and solvents. Drugs made from fungi cure diseases and stop the rejection of transplanted hearts and other organs, and some fungi are grown in large vats to produce flavorings for cooking, vitamins and enzymes for removing stains. (Source: Fun Facts About Fungi)

Council approves agreement with Brady's Business Systems

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firm during a regular monthly meeting.

"The immediate benefit to Cass City residents is a reduction in current pricing. The collection price per unit will be reduced from \$11.96 to \$11.27 per month," he said.

In addition, Cristiano noted extra fuel charges will only be added when gas prices exceed \$4.25 per gallon rather than the \$2.75-a-gallon mark under the existing contract.

Also Monday, in another cost saving effort, the council voted to enter into a printing service agreement with Brady's Business Systems, Grand Blanc. The 5-year agreement is estimated to cost \$427.50 per month based on volume used.

"Our current copier was purchased 15 years ago and recently it has had numerous breakdowns, requiring service calls. Parts are no longer

available for a 15-year-old copier," Cristiano said, noting a new copier could cost as much as \$20,000.

Currently the industry practice is not to purchase a work-horse copier, nor lease the equipment, but to contract with a copier service to purchase copies by the piece rate.

Nan Walsh, clerk/treasurer, has spent the last several months researching possible printing solutions and feels the advantages of entering into a printing service contract versus buying new equipment is warranted. Among them are availability of color copies and the ability to scan documents into PDF format and saving them on a computer network at no charge, as no paper is printed.

Walsh reported the village's current maintenance contract cost \$5,172 annually. The new copy service agreement with Brady's Business Systems, which includes mainte-

nance, is estimated at \$5,130 annually.

"Another positive is that Brady's Business Systems will update our copier, at no cost, as new technology become available," she said.

Turning to personnel and public safety committee matters, the council approved Trustee Kevin Israelson's motion to appoint Cristiano as the voting delegate representing the village of Cass City at the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention, slated for Oct. 3-5 on Mackinac Island.

Cristiano says the gathering will bring village officials up to date on Michigan legislation and "our future as a community."

"The most important piece of legislation being discussed is related to personal property taxes. To Cass City, the loss of this tax amounts to an estimated \$150,000 or 18-percent of our general fund," he said.

Michigan agriculture hiring

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It's a decision that proved both wise and wildly popular.

After drawing 60 kids to the agriscience program in its first year, teacher Ashlee Gibson found herself inundated with eager students last fall, with some 155 students — roughly a third of the high school enrollment — signing up to attend one of her classes.

This fall, Gibson anticipates an enrollment of nearly 160 students in the classes she teaches — 3 sections of introduction to agriculture, 2 sections of animal science, and a section each of ag senior seminar and ag leadership.

"That's pretty close to max (enroll-

ment)," Gibson commented last week as she continued to prepare for her third year at the helm of Cass City's agriscience program.

"I think we are getting a good number of students who are pursuing this (agriculture). The ag program is really helping kids to know what their options are," said Gibson, whose experience in the field includes growing up on her parents' beef farm in Elwell, west of Alma, and also helping out at her grandparents' dairy operation.

"It's not about production agriculture anymore. It's about the technology of agriculture and the different careers out there," Gibson added. "There are tons of jobs — it's getting the kids interested."

That hasn't been a huge challenge given the community support behind the revived curriculum.

What started out as an idea to provide Gibson with a small structure to house some farm animals turned into a full-blown project resulting in construction of a large, fully-equipped livestock facility. Cass City High School Principal Chad Daniels spearheaded the effort. He along with other staff members, students and community members christened the Cass City Ag Learning Lab a year ago.

It was truly a community effort.

The Cass City Board of Education kicked in the first \$10,000, and the Pinney Foundation, local service clubs and individuals came through with more cash. At one point the tally was about \$80,000, with \$68,000 coming from area organizations and residents. Donations ranged from \$25 to a trio of \$10,000 gifts, including grants from the Tuscola County Community Foundation and Walther Farms.

Since then, students have benefited from a host of hands-on projects at the facility, including the birth of more than a dozen piglets last February.

Students, under Gibson's guidance, played a major role in the effort, visiting the Ag Learning Lab at different times to check on the expectant sow. A web cam was installed in the hutch so interested viewers could witness the birth. Interested individuals could also visit a website to follow the miracle of life.

"It's a really good hands-on experience most kids won't get to experience," Gibson said at the time. "Whether it was through the web cam or first hand, it gives them an idea if they want to pursue careers as vets or other careers in the ag industry."

One of the most valuable lessons students learn in the agriscience program at Cass City High School is the fact that a career in agriculture requires many skills along with the knowledge they're picking up from other teachers throughout their school day, according to Gibson.

"We're pulling (information) from chemistry, we're pulling from English, we're pulling from math. It relates to their other classes," she said, adding agriculture offers not only a variety of careers, but also job security.

"Everybody has to eat," she said. "We're always going to have agriculture."

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Cass City bows in opener

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

It's not uncommon for defenses to be ahead of offenses this time of the year. And that was the case Friday as visiting Brown City spoiled the Cass City Red Hawks' gridiron season opener.

The Green Devils used a pair of long touchdown jaunts to register a 16-0 non-conference victory. But it was a risky play by quarterback and punter Ryan Spokaeski that decided the game, according to Red Hawk skipper Scott Cuthrell.

Despite being blanked on the scoreboard, Cuthrell's gang was able to move the pigskin with success between the 20-yard lines, before miscues helped to keep the hosts out of the end zone on the night.

"We had too many mistakes. We looked pretty young," said Cuthrell. "Fortunately the things that went wrong we can fix."

It didn't take long for the visitors to gain an 8-0 edge. On the second snap of the contest, Ryan Jurgess busted loose up the gut and sprinted 56 yards for the game's opening points. Following Jacob Primeau's 2-point conversion run, the visitors enjoyed an early advantage.

It looked like the Red Hawks would answer that score when Andy Collins' fumble recovery gave the hosts a golden scoring opportunity to open the second quarter.

Jurgess thwarted the threat, howev-

er, when he pounced on a loose ball after the Red Hawk offense had marched deep into the Red Zone.

Cass City would get another scoring opportunity on their next possession, courtesy of the Red Hawk defense which stiffened and forced a Brown City punt from their own end zone.

The hosts took possession in their own territory, but a costly offensive penalty prevented them from closing the gap at the intermission. Cass City was flagged for illegal participation when junior lineman Jacob Perry hauled in a screen pass from quarterback Dakota Hartel. The miscue resulted in a 15-yard penalty, plus the loss of down. On the night, Cass City was accessed 80 yards in penalties.

Cass City will need to cut down on their blunders Thursday if they hope to be successful against guest Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in the Greater Thumb West opener for both schools. The Lakers, who have just 16 roster players including a handful of sophomores, will enter the contest after bowing 35-7 to Carrolton in week one.

Brown City used a little trickery to pad their margin in the final half. After forcing a Cass City punt on the opening series of the third quarter, it looked like the Green Devils would give the ball back to the hosts when they lined up in punt formation at the 20-yard line, facing 4th down and 10.

Instead, Spokaeski, a scorer style kicker, tucked the ball and ran, resulting in a first down inside Cass City territory. Once again, a personal foul penalty against the hosts moved the ball inside the 35-yard line to start the final 12 minutes.

"I don't think Brown City had called for a fake punt. But when Spokaeski approached the line and saw an opening, he just took off. We had 2 guys in position, but he just raced by us. That kid can run," said Cuthrell.

Brown City quickly advanced to the 5-yard line in the final period, but Watson Moore helped keep the gap at one score when he pounced on another Brown City fumble.

This time the Brown City defense forced a 3-and-out and provided the eventual winners with a short field. Primeau made Cass City pay moments later, sprinting 48 yards for the game's final marker and then hauling in a 2-point conversion pass from quarterback Spokaeski to end the scoring.

Cass City's offensive leaders had Drew Field with 74 rushing yards on 10 carries and Brenden Ricker with 57 yards on 15 totes. Hartel added 52 yards on 3-of-7 passing. He was intercepted once by Brown City's Jake McLaughlin.

Defensively, Perry and Zach Deitering paced Cass City with 8 tackles each.

Primeau racked up 121 yards on a dozen carries to lead all rushers.



DREW FIELD uses a block from **Brenden Ricker** to collect a first down in Friday's season opener against Brown City. Host Cass City suffered a 16-0 setback.



THE 2012 Cass City varsity volleyball team members are: (front, l-r) Kara Reif, Rachel Bartnik, Shania Chambers, Andrea Mikolon, Lauren Potter (middle) Karley Peters, Stephanie Heckroth, Susa Palviola (back) Asst. Coach Carly Howard, Taylor Rasmussen, Gracy Hollis, Maegan LeValley, Meri Dzielinski, Macy Dickinson and Coach Beth Howard.

Red Hawk volleyball team goes winless at Bad Axe

The Cass City varsity volleyball team looked like a bunch of rookies during the Red Hawks' first outing of the season Saturday in Bad Axe.

One reason why, according to Coach Beth Howard, is that they mostly are, considering 4 members of her 2012 varsity squad are entering the 9th grade.

That spelled trouble over the weekend at the Hatchet Tournament, where Cass City fell short in matches against USA, Flint Kelsey, Deckerville and St. Louis.

Howard knows better days are ahead.

"We didn't win a single game. But as the day went on we got better," she said.

Freshmen Meagan LeValley and Lauren Potter turned in solid showings in their varsity debuts. LeValley led Cass City in kills and Potter had a team-high in ace serves, reported Howard.

If Cass City is to overcome its lack of experience – just 4 returning players from last year's squad – junior Shania Chambers will play a key role.

"Shania is our Libero. She's just awesome. She works her butt off every day," said Howard.

Joining Chambers as returning letter winners are seniors Gracy Hollis, Stephanie Heckroth and Andrea Mikolon. They, too, will need to assume leadership roles for Cass City to enjoy a successful campaign.

Freshmen Macy Dickinson and Taylor Rasmussen along with first year players Kara Reif, Rachel Bartnik, Karley Peters and Susa Palviola should all see plenty of playing time in the early season, especially with Meri Dzielinski sidelined due to injury.

"Meri broke her foot and is probably out for the season," said Howard.

Owen-Gage spikers ready to open play Thursday

Coach Kelly Ross is hoping 13 proves to be a lucky number for the Owen-Gage volleyball team.

That's the number of players on the Bulldog roster as they prep for Thursday's season opener against host Saginaw Arts and Science Academy.

While the total number of players Please turn to page 10.



MEMBERS OF the 2012 Owen-Gage varsity volleyball team are: (front, l-r) Ashlee Woodruff, Adrianna Woodward, Kayla Montreuil, Crystal LaPratt, Andrea McCreedy (middle) Emily Cole, Richelle Scharf, Miranda Radabaugh, Rachel Mroz, Brittany Guilfoil, Courtney Wightman (back) Stacie Dorsch, Coach Kelly Ross and Samantha Radabaugh.



THE 2012 Cass City junior varsity football team members are: (front, l-r) Branden Horne, Mason Erla, Jacob Lawrence, Colby Peruski, Drew Loomis, Sawyer Cuthrell (middle) Deivin Vermeesch, Jack Stern, Larry Alberts, Nathan Shantz, Fred Leeson, Parker Haire, Sam Bootz (back) Asst. Coach Tavis Osentoski, Ethan Hulburt, Corne deVor, Ethan Montei, Josh Daniels and Coach Josh Stern.

Owen-Gage travels to meet Saginaw Arts & Science Academy Thursday

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available for Ross in her second year in charge is a good sign going forward for the Bulldog program, she'll have her hands full trying to fill holes created by the loss of 5 seniors from last year's squad. Gone and sure to be missed from a year ago are Carli Warack, Lacie Prich, Christin Harris, Mandy Muntz and Erika Mroz.

Ross will count on 3 returning letter winners in Kayla Montreuil, Miranda Radabaugh and Rachel Mroz to guide the Bulldogs, who

welcome 10 newcomers to the varsity ranks in 2012.

Montreuil returns for her final season as the team's marquee player. She was an all-conference setter as a junior.

Just how quickly rookies Ashlee Woodruff, Adrianna Woodward, Crystal LaPratt, Andrea McCreedy, Emily Cole, Richelle Scharf, Brittany Guilfoil and Courtney Wightman can adjust to the rigors of varsity action will go a long way in determining the success of this year's squad.

Owendale-Gagetown Volleyball Schedule

All games begin at 6 p.m. unless noted

Thurs. 08/30/12	SASA
Thurs. 09/06/12	Mayville
Tues. 09/11/12	Kingston
Tues. 09/18/12	Deckerville
Thurs. 09/27/12	North Huron
Tues. 10/02/12	Port Hope
Thurs. 10/04/12	Akron-Fairgrove
Tues. 10/09/12	Caseville
Sat. 10/13/12	Bulldog Invit. Mayville & SASA 9 a.m.
Tues. 10/16/12	North Huron
Thurs. 10/18/12	Port Hope
Tues. 10/23/12	Akron-Fairgrove
Thurs. 10/25/12	Caseville

Home games in bold.

Smith paces Bulldog gridiron win

Owen-Gage's Quinn Smith had a big day Thursday, leading the Bulldogs to a 63-22 victory over the Michigan School of the Deaf in Flint.

The junior speedster rushed for 142 yards on only 7 carries. It didn't take Smith long to set the tone on the

night, as he raced 80 yards on the opening kickoff to give the visitors a quick 6-0 margin.

Coach Steve Hollocker said Quinn tallied 4 touchdowns as senior linemen Mike Mandich and Eric Rievert had their way in the trenches.

Hollocker was also impressed with

the performance of sophomore quarterback Adam Retford, who threw for 47 yards and 2 scores on only 3 attempts. Senior split end Andrew Fahrner had one catch for 35 yards and junior tight end Ben Good had one grab for 12 yards. Both completions resulted in Bulldog touchdowns.

On defense, Mandich led the way with 6 tackles and 2 sacks, while sophomore linebacker Antonio Torrez also added 8 stops.

"Senior middle linebacker Jordan Kain and outside linebacker Fahrner both played well and had 4 tackles each in limited duty," said Hollocker, noting defensive ends Ben Good and Dan Good, and nose guard Rievert all had fumble recoveries.

Owen-Gage will travel to face Merritt Academy Thursday in New Haven.

Cass City loses Karwowski for entire soccer season

The Cass City boys' soccer team took the field last week for the first time in 2 years and although their numbers are adequate and their individual skill level good, the complete lack of game experience on the high school level was very evident from the opening whistle, according to Coach Chuck Reed.

"Brown City came in with a team that on paper matched up well with the Red Hawks, but played with a level of speed and aggression that we could not match," he said.

Although the Green Devils recorded a 7-0 win, the final margin was not a true indicator of the game. The Red Hawks got several good scoring chances throughout the night and the Brown City goals were mostly a result of inexperience on the part of the Red Hawk defense and keeper.

Still, the Red Hawks' inability to control the tempo cost them in the final outcome. Jose Torres and Priyam Patel led the offense as both got good scoring chances before wearing down late in the game.

Defensively, Keeper Justin Kerkau had a solid game in net although defensive mistakes led to a handful of easy scores by the winners. Reed said Bransen Stimpfel and Garret Ferguson showed promise on defense as did Brendan Karwowski before he went down with a broken leg in the second half which will end his season.

"The Hawks played with energy and enthusiasm, but lack of game experience was very evident. The only solution is to keep working and play more games. Hopefully the effort will pay off," said Reed.

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Friday, August 30, 2012

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USA at Hill-McCloy	USA	Hill-McCloy
Caro at Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run
Owen-Gage at Merritt Academy	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Ubly at Brown City	Ubly	Ubly
Marine City Cardinal Mooney at Kingston	Kingston	Marine City Cardinal Mooney
Last Week's Results	7-1	5-3
Season's Results	7-1 (88%)	5-3 (63%)



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Varsity Football

Friday, August 30, 2012

EPBP Lakers at Cass City	EPBP Lakers	Cass City
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Ubly at Brown City	Ubly	Brown City
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Season's Results	5-3 (63%)	4-4 (50%)



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All games begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT
8/24	Brown City 16, Cass City 0
8/30	EPB Lakers
9/7	Sandusky
9/14	Bad Axe
9/21	USA
9/28	Reese (Homecoming)
10/5	BCAS
10/12	Vassar
10/19	Caro

TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/21	Caro	4 p.m.
8/27	Cros-Lex	10 a.m.
8/29	Bay City Central	4:30 p.m.
9/6	Saginaw Nouvel	4 p.m.
9/10	Sandusky	4 p.m.
9/18	Caro	4 p.m.
9/20	Sandusky	4 p.m.
9/24	Saginaw High	4 p.m.
10/2	Yale	4:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Birch Run Invite	4:15 p.m.
8/29	USA Invite	3:45 p.m.
9/8	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/12	EPB Laker Invite	4:45 p.m.
9/19	Bad Axe JR Invite	4:30 p.m.
9/20	Frankenmuth Invite	4p.m.
9/22	Ubyl Invite	TBD
9/27	Tus. Meet @ Mayville	4 p.m.
10/6	Cass City Invite	9 a.m.
10/13	Reese Invite	8:30 a.m.
10/16	GTC League Meet @ Reese	4:30 p.m.
10/20	Thumb Meet	10 a.m.
10/27	Regionals	TBA

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/24	Bad Axe (JV)	TBA
8/25	Bad Axe (V)	TBA
9/8	Cros-Lex (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/8	Caro Invite (JV)	TBA
9/11	USA	6 p.m.
9/15	Caro Invite (V)	TBA
9/18	BCAS	6 p.m.
9/20	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
9/25	Vassar	6 p.m.
9/27	Bad Axe	6 p.m.
10/2	Reese	6 p.m.
10/4	USA	6 p.m.
10/8	Caro	6 p.m.
10/11	BCAS	6 p.m.
10/13	Essex-Garber (V)	9 a.m.
10/16	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
10/18	Vassar	6 p.m.
10/23	Bad Axe	6 p.m.
10/25	Reese	6 p.m.
10/27	EPB Laker Invite	9 a.m.

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TENNIS
Aug. 29 vs. BC Central, 4:30 p.m.

VARSITY FOOTBALL
Aug. 30 vs. EPB Lakers, 7 p.m.

BOYS' SOCCER
Sept. 11 vs. Bad Axe, 5 p.m.

H.S. VOLLEYBALL
Sept. 11 vs. USA, 6 p.m.

JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL
Sept. 12 vs. Vassar, 5:30 p.m.

JR. HIGH FOOTBALL
Sept. 18 vs. USA, 6 p.m.

JV FOOTBALL
Sept. 20 vs. USA, 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
Oct. 6, Cass City Invite, 9 a.m.

J.V. FOOTBALL

All games begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT
8/23	Cass City 52, Brown City 0
8/29	EPB Lakers
9/6	Sandusky
9/13	Bad Axe
9/20	USA
9/27	Reese
10/4	BCAS
10/11	Vassar
10/18	Caro

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

All games begin at 5:30 p.m. unless noted

DATE	OPPONENT
9/10	Memphis
9/12	Vassar
9/17	Reese
9/19	Ubyl
9/24	USA
9/26	EPB Lakers
9/29	Bad Axe Invite @ 9 a.m.
10/1	Harbor Beach
10/3	Brown City
10/8	Bad Axe
10/10	Memphis
10/15	Ubyl

BOYS' SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/22	Brown City 7, Cass City 0	
8/27	Sandusky	5 p.m.
9/5	Marlette	5 p.m.
9/11	Bad Axe	5 p.m.
9/13	Memphis	5 p.m.
9/18	Harbor Beach	5 p.m.
9/20	USA	5 p.m.
9/25	EPB Lakers	7 p.m.
9/27	Bad Axe	5 p.m.
10/2	Ubyl	4:30 p.m.
10/4	Harbor Beach	4:30 p.m.
10/9	USA	4:30 p.m.
10/11	EPB Lakers	4:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

All games begin at 6:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT
9/18	USA
9/25	Ubyl
10/2	Harbor Beach
10/9	EPB Lakers
10/16	Bad Axe
10/23	Memphis

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Burnouts thrill crowds during Kingston Days

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other scheduled community events. Miller explained that certain precautions were taken to ensure the safety of bystanders.

First, Fisher Street was shut down from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. while the burnouts were operating. Next, a snow fence was erected to keep spectators a safe distance from the action but still allow for maximum viewing pleasure. The majority of the crowd was kept on the north side of Fisher Street where the fence put 20 feet between them and the street. The fence on the south side of the street placed 10 feet between the street and onlookers.

An additional concrete slab on Fisher Street was poured for the sole purpose of the burnouts. The slab marks the area automobiles are allowed to spin their wheels. Concrete barriers surrounding the slab area known as the burnout pit provided another level of crowd protection.

According to Miller, another pre-

caution taken by the Kingston Days Committee was an insurance policy that cost \$450 for the 2-hour event. Each participant was also required to sign a release waiver when they registered with Scott Fetting, event coordinator, prior to the event. For a \$10 entry fee, cars and trucks of all makes and models could enjoy unlimited runs until the 8 p.m. stop time or they blew their tires, whichever came first.

Lich was in the middle of the action monitoring the event. He also provided a list of rules for drivers that included no alcohol in the vehicles, no reckless driving, and all burning out had to take place at the designated area during the designated time. He also manned a garden hose to ensure the street surface was properly watered down.

It's a role he has undertaken each year the burnouts have been in operation since he was initially employed by the village 20 years ago. Lich, who has spent the last 15 years as the village's chief of police, explained that not only is the burnout good

public relations, it is also an entertaining tradition for Kingston. "We are trying to bring the burnouts back to Kingston. Kingston was known for the burnouts," he explained. When asked about his involvement over the years, he replied, "I have fun." Lich added with a smile, "I grew up with muscle cars."

A large crowd had gathered by 6 p.m. in anticipation of the upcoming demonstration of horsepower. Fetting counted 35 entries in this year's burnout. Miller stated he had been fielding several phone calls a day for the past few weeks from individuals from all over the state inquiring about the burnouts.

One of the 35 participants surprised the crowd with a unique visual treat. Kingston resident Jeremy Wylie lined up his red 1980 Pontiac Firebird in the pit and proceeded to "light em up". The ensuing cloud of smoke was bright red and prompted an enthusiastic ovation from the large crowd.

Wylie used the internet to research and locate special tires that he said

have been discontinued over the years. The tires are specifically designed to produce a set color. He chose red because it matched the color of his car. The cost of each rear tire was \$400. "They're just for the show," he said. Once he located the

rare tires, Wylie had to travel to Chattanooga, Tenn., to pick them up. When commenting on the burnouts, Wylie said, "It's one of the things I love about Kingston."

Lich added, "It's amazing, it's a close-knit family around here."

Couple charged in county crime spree

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homes, hunting properties or recently foreclosed homes," he said. "Due to the suspects' move into Sanilac County in April of this year, the Tuscola County detectives...sought the assistance of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force for surveillance of the suspects."

During the 3-week surveillance, investigators confirmed the couple was going to multiple unoccupied homes that were later determined to have been burglarized, according to Gray.

Officers from both the Tuscola and Sanilac county agencies converged on the suspects' residence and found what Gray called "a huge amount of stolen property, including a .22 caliber rifle, 2 log splitters, a Suzuki 4-wheeler, stove, refrigerator, 2 microwave ovens, television, 2 stereos, wood stove, BBQ grill, bed, VCR recorder and tapes, a large industrial air compressor, large amounts of hunting clothing and equipment, pop-up hunting blinds, lawn furniture, air conditioning unit, LP gas furnace and numerous other items."

"Both suspects admitted to numerous burglaries of unoccupied homes...and told investigators the locations where most of the items had been stolen from. The suspects stated that they had restricted their burglary activity to Tuscola County, even after moving into Sanilac County, in hopes of avoiding the attention of the Sanilac County drug surveillance team," Gray said.

The suspects were initially booked at the Sanilac County Jail on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000, and conspiracy to commit receiving and concealing stolen property. In addition, Bedell faces a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

"They were certainly a 2-person crime wave. This went on for a long time," said Reene, who lauded all of the investigators involved in bringing the suspects to justice.

"It was really good work by all the investigating agencies, and a good example of intra-agency cooperation," he said. "They did a very good job bringing this to an end."



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