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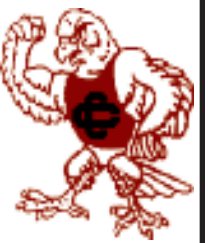
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**ROUGHLY 70 FIRE fighters from 10 departments in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties gathered in Cass City Thursday night for a training session led by the Michigan Propane Gas Association (MPGA) Emergency Training Team and hosted by the Elkland Township Fire Department. (Related photos, page 16)**

**Hanson: drivers not paying attention**

## Huron sheriff beefs up patrols

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson vowed Thursday to beef up patrols on the county's secondary roads following the latest in a string of traffic crashes caused by motorists failing to yield.

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Gagetown and McAlpin roads in Grant Township Thursday at about 8:30 a.m. to investigate a two-vehicle personal injury accident.

"(The) Investigation revealed that a 2013 Dodge Journey driven by Ronald Kopacki, age 78, of Roseville, was northbound on Gagetown Road when he failed to stop at a stop sign. He then impacted with a westbound 2008 Chrysler Town and Country driven by 61-year-old

Robert Joles and his passenger/wife 62-year-old Christine Joles, both of Gagetown," Hanson reported.

"Mr. Kopacki had to be freed from his vehicle by the Owendale Fire Department using their Jaws of Life and he was flown from the scene by helicopter to a Saginaw area hospital," he said. "The Joles were transported to Cass City's Hills and Dales Hospital by the Elkton Ambulance Service, along with the Scheurer Ambulance Service. Also assisting at the scene was the Sebewaing Ambulance Service and the Central Huron Ambulance Service."

"Unfortunately so far this year, accidents due to drivers basically failing in some form to yield the right of way of other drivers has increased in comparison to last year," Hanson said. "Examples of these types of acci-

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## NO SALE

### Gangas closing the doors at Erla's later this month

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Erlas Foods owner Venu Ganga confirmed Thursday what the local rumor mill has been cranking out unsubstantiated for weeks: Erla's will close its doors later this month, leaving Cass City without a grocery store and nearly four dozen area residents without jobs.

The decision was based on a number of factors, including a shrinking population and competition for shoppers' hard-earned dollars during some difficult economic times, according to Ganga, who blames neither the community nor loyal Erla customers for the closure.

"We tried everything (to make a go of the business), but at the end of the day, we're also human beings," Ganga commented during a recent interview in his office at Erla Foods. "The truth is, I lost everything in this deal. (But) it is not the fault of the community. It's not anybody's fault; it's economics, many factors. We cannot, a small store like us, compete with a Dollar General, we cannot compete with a Walmart. We can't."

"There are so many good people in the community. They need to know the truth, because there are 45 people losing their jobs," added Ganga, who took over ownership of the store in early 2011.

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--Venu Ganga, Erla's owner

### Mayville man, Silverwood teenager victims in accident

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

all assisted deputies, who are continuing their investigation.

The second of two motorists involved in a traffic crash in Tuscola County's Dayton Township early last week has died from his injuries, Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent reported.

Skrent identified the second victim as 17-year-old Tyler Devine of Silverwood, who was airlifted to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw following the crash.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene of the accident, Hurds Corner Road at Shay Lake Road, at about 9:44 p.m. Monday night.

"On-scene officers found that a vehicle traveling eastbound on Shay Lake Road failed to yield to traffic at Hurds Corner Road. Another vehicle was going northbound on Hurds Corner Road and was struck by the eastbound vehicle," Skrent said, adding the driver of the northbound vehicle was Martin Meskulon, 29, of Mayville, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, Mayville Ambulance, Kingston Fire/Rescue, the medical examiners office and the Tuscola County Road Commission

### Thumb teen shoots officer, takes own life

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A veteran Huron County Sheriff's deputy is recovering from a gunshot wound he suffered while transporting a juvenile to a youth facility in Bay County Thursday.

The incident, which ended with a 16-year-old boy dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, unfolded Thursday afternoon as Officer Ward Carter, a 23-year-veteran of the Huron County Sheriff's Department who also works part-time for the Sebewaing Police Department, was transporting the teen to the Bay County Juvenile Facility in Hampton Township.

The teen was identified as Vincent Leo Derocco-Goulet, Sebewaing.

According to the Bay County Please turn to page 7.

## Organizers gearing up to host 15,000 visitors during Fall Family Days fest

By Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Folks planning to attend this year's Thumb Octagon Barn Fall Family Days near Gagetown could find themselves face-to-face with Johnny Appleseed

while exploring just about everything there is to know about Michigan Apples, from bees pollinating the blossoms to a variety apple products.

Just be prepared for some company. Martin Kubacki, Ubyly, chairperson of the 19th annual Fall Family Days, says he's expecting more than 15,000 people to attend the weekend festival.

Fall Family Days is slated for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6 and 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, with all events, demonstrations and displays in action. Admission is \$5 (kids ages 5 and younger free).

The celebration kicks off at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, with a fish fry served until 7 p.m. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages six to 12. Greg Talaski, Kinde, will

prepare the delicious fish, and the menu will include baked beans, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, roll, plus dessert - apple pie. Snover area residents George and Lavonne Pettinger are coordinating the event, which will be held inside the Munro Building. Afterwards, visitors are invited to a music jam in the barn with the Eastern Michigan Music Makers.

The theme for the 2014 Fall Family Days is Michigan Apples, and in the tent next to the Purdy home, members of the Michigan Apple Association and Michigan Bee Keepers will be on hand to share the story of apples from the blossoms to all the products made from apples.

Carsonville's Greg Alexander will be giving multiple presentations entitled, "Michigan Apples - Pollination to Processing". There will be a display and demonstration of old apple utensils and equipment, plus there will be honey separation presentations at 10:15 a.m.

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**SOME 15,000 visitors are expected to attend this year's Fall Family Days Sept. 6-7 at the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown. Above, Ava, 4, and Fischer LeGault, 6, the children of Brandon and Kristen LeGault, Harbor Beach, take a turn pumping water the old-fashioned way during last year's festival.**





**Social News**  
The Cass City Chronicle will gladly publish social news free of charge. Social news includes: engagements, weddings, anniversaries, college graduations, birth announcements and similar items. There is a \$4 fee to include a photo.

**MEMBERS OF THE** Cass City High School Class of 1964 recently gathered at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City for their 50th class reunion. Pictured above are (front row, from left) Marilyn (Brown) Miller, Florence (Moore) Welch, Sharon (Profit) Campbell, Barbara (Bridges) Irrer, Pam (Dillon) Reid, Dee (Albee) Damico, Patty (Miller) Fischer, Charlene (Leeson) Sutherland, Sally (Edzik) Hedley, Jeri (Field) Mozdzen, Lore (James) Oswald, Gordie Bigham, Mike Karr, Larry Moore, Tom Ellis, Ann (Starmann) Craig, Alice (Phillips) Ellis, Tom Craig, (back row) Marti Arndt, Val (Furness) Knowlton, Charlotte (Wright) Dennis, Carol (Root) Summers, Sharon (Hoppe) Rockwell, Ets (Wilcox) TerBush, Fred Reid, Dave Stine, Marvin Irrer, Bill McCarty, Bob Profit, Ron Mozdzen, Alan Milligan, Elwin Richardson, Richard Bukowski and Milton Sherrard.



**THOSE ATTENDING THE** 101st Novesta Old Settlers Reunion were (back row, from left) Alex Paladi, Bob Watkins, Dale Churchill, Keith Little, Bob Grieve, (middle row) Patsy (Francis) Longuski, Janet (Walmsley) Watkins, Geri (Warner) Perry, Arlene (Peasley) Paladi, (front row) Marion (Palmateer) Frederick, Helen (Warner) Rayl, Zella (Hicks) Grieve and Mary (Paladi) Gyomory. Missing are Marilyn (Horner) Lester and Duane Lester.

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*The Novesta Old Settlers Reunion draws 15 people*

Fifteen people recently gathered for the 101st Novesta Old Settlers Reunion at the Novesta Church of Christ. Those in attendance came from Cass City, Deford, Kingston, Flushing and Ovid, as well as from Texas. A potluck was enjoyed and Dale Churchill led the group on a detective hunt of photo identity. He also presented information on when the Novesta Township Cemetery was established. The next reunion is slated for Aug. 15, 2015.

*43 guests attend Milligan reunion*

The 35th annual Milligan Family Reunion was held August 17. The event was hosted by Jim and Judy Brown at their farm. 43 people were in attendance. A potluck meal was enjoyed by all and the annual softball game ended with a tie once again. This year our guests who made the longest journey were Jim and Ellen Wallace, coming all the way from Seattle, Wash.

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# Gangas set to close Erlas

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"We've been struggling since (January). In 2012 and 2013, at least we were able to break even," he said, noting the bottom line began to drop sharply across the board – wholesale and retail, with retail sales dipping some 35 percent. We didn't know what to do because we were losing \$40,000 to \$50,000 a month."

Ganga said a significant number of his shoppers have been coming from the Marlette area, but those numbers started falling after a new grocery store was built in that village early this year.

Ganga tried to increase traffic – and sales – by investing in an in-store buffet restaurant this summer, but the venture failed to produce the results he had hoped for, and the restaurant was shut down after less than 2 months in operation.

Ganga plans to close the doors Sept. 25-26. He says the only hope he can see for retaining a grocery store in town is if a group of investors in the community wanted to take over the business and run it as a cooperative of sorts.

"No individual can run this. Even if somebody will buy it, they won't make it because the community does not have the population," he said. "If you come up with a community-owned project, I will do anything in my power to help. That's all I can do."

Regardless, Ganga vowed to ensure all of his employees receive their full pay and benefits while the business is still open, and he intends to pay balances owed to local vendors. "There are so many good people in the community, I don't want to disappoint (them)," he said.

Ganga acknowledged the decision to close was a difficult one, but he also indicated he did everything he could think of to keep the business open.

"We cut back everywhere – whatever we could. We tried everything," he added. "It's a painful experience."

Ganga and his wife, Madhavi Yeluri, purchased Erla's Foods Inc. in February 2001, marking the end of a 57-year business tradition established by the Erla family. The couple moved to the Thumb from Vancouver, Wash., where Ganga was employed as a senior computer programmer, and quickly worked to reinvent Erla's by creating three separate enterprises within one company – Erla Foods, Redhawk Steaks and Erla's Distributing LLC.

# Sheriff beefs up patrols after crash


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dents are not stopping at stop signs, not stopping on private drives or roads before entering a roadway, and not stopping at traffic signals, etc.

"In 2013, our office handled nine related injury accidents, with four people losing their lives because of it," the sheriff added. "For that same period, our office issued 46 related tickets due to the accidents or violations of the same. So far this year, our office has handled 14 related accidents with three people losing their lives, and has issued 39 overall tickets related to not stopping."

"Even after pleas from our office for motorists to be more aware and alert to the roadway, these types of accidents continue to take a needless toll," Hanson said. "Beginning tomorrow (Friday) and for however long it takes, we will be adding extra patrols, as well as the Michigan State Police, primarily on our secondary roads, in an effort to combat this issue."

"Furthermore, after speaking with Prosecutor (Timothy) Rutkowski today, I'm encouraging citizens that witness these types of violations and who can identify the vehicle and driver, to call Huron Central Dispatch at 989-269-6421, to make a report so prosecution can be sought. Any cooperation and assistance will be appreciated as we try to turn this dangerous tide."



## MENTAL HEALTH QUIZ #1

1. True or False  
**There is no hope for people with a mental illness.**  
**FALSE:** There are more treatments, services and community support systems than ever before. People living with mental illnesses lead active, productive lives.
2. True or False  
**I can't do anything for a person with a mental illness.**  
**FALSE:** You can do a lot, starting with how you act and speak. You can create an environmental that builds on people's strengths and promotes understanding. For example: Do not label people with words or their diagnosis.
3. True or False  
**People with mental illness are violent and unpredictable.**  
**FALSE:** The vast majority of people with mental health conditions are not more violent than any one else. People with mental illnesses are much more likely to be victims of crime. News media typically only talks about mental health when a violent crime is committed.
4. True or False  
**People who talk about suicide usually do not kill themselves.**  
**FALSE:** People who are thinking about suicide usually find some way of communicating their pain to others-often by speaking indirectly about their intentions. Most suicidal people will admit to their feeling if questioned directly. It is okay to ask directly. Source: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

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**THE 2014 SANILAC County 4-H king and queen were recently crowned in conjunction with this year's Sanilac County 4-H Fair. Pictured above are (from left) King Jared Sanderson, son of Mike and Pattie Sanderson of Sandusky; Queen Courtney Szczepanski, daughter of Ed and Tisa Szczepanski of Decker; and king candidate Paul Abend of Brown City.**

### Teen takes own life, deputy shot in struggle

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Sheriff's Department, the boy slipped out of his handcuffs during the transport, and when they arrived at the facility and were exiting the

vehicle, he struggled with Carter, grabbed the officer's gun and shot him in the hand.  
Investigators said Carter then retreated for cover, and the teen ran a short distance into the facility's park-

ing lot and turned the gun on himself. The boy was transported to McLaren Bay Region hospital, where he was reportedly placed on life support and died later Thursday evening.

### Baker transforms administrative professional program

Baker College, Flint, has given its administrative professional program a transformation to better align with the duties of modern-day employment opportunities.  
The updated program will be offered at both the main Flint campus and the satellite campus in Cass City.  
Although commonly associated with routine clerical support and a belief that the positions are altogether disappearing, today's administrative professionals handle complex business functions and a great deal of responsibility in a field that the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics proj-

ects will grow 12 percent between 2012 and 2022.  
"This business-driven program has been tailored to better meet the needs of employers in the current competitive work environment," said Wen Hemingway, Baker College of Flint president.  
The Baker College administrative professional associate degree program prepares students with necessary skills in project management, accounting, organization and scheduling, internet/intranet communications and research, document preparation, customer service and public relations.

Courses that have been added to the curriculum include workplace technology, workplace management, business communication and intermediate spreadsheets.  
The program is designed for those who wish to enter the administrative support field, as well as for those already employed who want additional training. Enrollment is open for fall quarter with classes beginning Monday, Sept. 29.  
Hemingway said that Baker College routinely evaluates its programs to ensure graduates are provided the necessary training and education to meet employers' demands.

## Sheriff's association: Time to think school safety in the Thumb

With area children back in school, the Huron County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association is encouraging drivers to cut down distractions and concentrate on the road.  
"Children are often eager to get on and off the bus because they are excited to get to school and they are also excited to get home and tell their parents about their day," Hanson said. "We would like to offer some safety measures for both students – and motorists – to help ensure safety for everyone."

#### Tips for Students

- \* Always arrive at the bus stop early.
- \* Prior to boarding, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the door is opened and the bus driver says that it's OK to board.
- \* Once on board proceed quickly to your seat and stay sitting until the bus arrives at your school or other drop off location.
- \* Do not move around on the bus.
- \* Always walk on the sidewalk when preparing to cross the street near a bus. Make eye contact with the driver so that you are sure he or she sees you.
- \* Never walk behind the bus.
- \* If you are walking beside the bus, make sure you are at least 10 feet (10 "giant" steps) away.
- \* Take extra precaution to make sure that clothing with drawstrings and book bags do not get caught in the hand rail or door.
- \* Never stop to pick something up you have dropped while the bus is stopped. Wait until the bus has driven off to avoid not being seen by the driver.

#### Tips for Motorists

- \* Remember that children are unpredictable in their actions. Take extreme caution when traveling in a school zone.
- \* If you live in an area where there are no sidewalks, drive cautiously. Be more alert to the possibility of children walking in the road.
- \* Be more aware of children playing near school bus stops.
- \* Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- \* Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- \* Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- \* Put down your phone – don't talk or text while driving!
- \* Slow down and prepare to stop whenever you see yellow school bus lights flashing.
- \* Never pass a school bus when there are flashing red lights. This is a sign that children are getting on or off the bus – and it's the law!




#### Traveling to and from School

- \* Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.
- \* Walk the route with your child beforehand. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there aren't many people around.
- \* Teach your child never to talk to strangers, accept rides from strangers or accept gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.
- \* Be sure your child walks to and from school or the bus stop with a sibling, friend or neighbor.
- \* Teach your kids – whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school – to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.
- \* When driving kids, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are in the schoolyard or building.
- \* If your child bikes to school make sure he wears a helmet that meets safety standards. Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85%.
- \* If your child rides a scooter to school, make sure she wears sturdy shoes, a helmet, kneepads and elbow pads. Children under 12 should not ride motorized scooters.
- \* Be sure your child knows his or her home (or parents' cellular) phone number(s) and address. They should also know where you work, your work phone number, the phone number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.

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# Obituaries

## Emma Ackerman

Emma Josephine Ackerman, 98, of Cass City, died Tuesday, April 29, 2014 in Satchell's Christian Retirement Home, Caro, following a brief illness. She was born February 26, 1916 in Colfax, IL to Henry Jacob and Rosalie Josephine E. (Muehlenport) Hadewig (later name changed to Hadeway). She married Dave Durban Ackerman August 11, 1935 in Flint. He died April 17, 2004.

Emma graduated from Fairgrove High School. She attended County Normal and completed her Bachelor of Education at Central Michigan University. She was a school teacher for 15 years, 13 of which she taught 4th grade for Cass City Public Schools at Deford Community School. Emma was a very active member of Cass City First Presbyterian Church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir for more than 40 years. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, playing bridge, reading and traveling.

Emma is survived by her children: Sharon (Raymond) Laursen of Fairgrove, David (Charlotte) Ackerman of Midland, Edward Ackerman of East Lansing, Scott

(Beth) Ackerman of Cass City; 6 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson. She is preceded in death by sisters: Hilda Greenleaf and Lillian Campbell; brothers: Herman Hadeway and John Hadeway.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 6 in Cass City First Presbyterian Church, Cass City.

Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery, Fairgrove.

Memorials may be made to Cass City First Presbyterian Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Mary Peters

Mary Lee Peters, 75, of Lake Orion, died Monday, August 25, 2014 in Crittenton Hospital, Rochester following a short illness. She was born June 29, 1939 in Decatur, AL to LeeRoy and Riddy (Brisco) Goodwin. She married Murell E. Peters September 24, 1976 in Georgia.

Mary worked for Parke-Davis

doing lab work, retiring after more than 15 years of service. She was a member of Missionary Baptist Church, Pontiac. Mary enjoyed working in her flower beds. She also enjoyed baking, cooking, camping and traveling. Most important to Mary was spending time with her grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her husband, Murell; children: Julie (Steve Overton) Gard of Niles, Suzette Williams of Lake Orion, Dee Peters of Marlette, Bryan Peters of Waterford, Cheralee (Terry) Achtabowski of Lapeer, William Peters of Brown City, Shannon (Jeff) Hoseclaw of Marlette; 14 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; sisters: Linda (Dewayne) Morris of Acworth, Georgia, Becky (Clayton) Clemens of Cleveland, AL; brother, William Goodwin of Arab, AL; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, David Williams; sister, Bernice Johnson; sister-in-law, Mattie Goodwin.

A funeral service was held Friday, August 29 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Charles Hunley of Missionary Baptist Church, Pontiac officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland

Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Peters are: Roger Kritzman, Chuck Kritzman, Fred Kritzman, Roger Stewart, Anthony Jarrett, and Michael Achtabowski.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude

Children's Hospital. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were provided by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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# CHRONICLE SPORTS To Report Your Sports News & Scores contact Publisher Clarke Haire at (989) 872-2010; fax: (989) 872-3810 clarke@ccchronicle.net



**RED HAWKS** Ethan Monte (75) and TJ Moore teamed to sack Brown City quarterback Eric Burgess in Thursday's non-conference opener for both teams. Cass City won 30-13.

## Cass City opens season with win over Brown City

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

The Cass City Red Hawk football team showed they could take a punch in Thursday's season opener with Greater Thumb East foe Brown City.

They had no other choice if they wanted to emerge victorious, after the visiting Green Devils marched 78 yards on the game's first possession to take a 7-0 lead on Ryan Woods' 3-yard dive. Brown City found pay dirt without the aid of a pass as the visitors' offensive line controlled play early.

It wouldn't take Brown City long to get the ball back as Cass City fumbled on their first play from scrimmage.

Tyler Shearer pounced on the loose ball near the 35-yardline and 2 plays later, Brown City's Derrick Daws got behind the Cass City secondary and all-of-a-sudden the visitors were in front by 2 touchdowns. However, the marker was waved off as Brown City was called for an ineligible receiver down field and forced to punt.

After surviving the Brown City threat, Cass City proved they could throw punches as well, scoring the game's next 30 points en route to the 30-13 non-conference win.

Cass City recorded nearly 300 yards of offense that resulted in 14 first downs. The Red Hawks gained 221 yards on the ground.

"Great win. The kids stumbled out of the blocks, but fought back for a great start (to the season)," said Coach Cuthrell.

Cass City used a 9-yard run by Sawyer Cuthrell, who ended the night netting 157 yards on 25 carries to lead all rushers, to register their first points that came with 1:45 remaining in the first quarter, Quarterback Mason Erla then hit end Jack Stern for the 2-point conversion and the hosts wouldn't look back.

Leading 8-7, Cass City would strike again in the opening frame after a Parker Haire fumble recovery gave the ball back to the winners on their own 38-yardline. An Erla to Stern pass accounted for the score that had the Red Hawks enjoying a 16-7 margin entering the second quarter that both team settled for at the break.

Erla completed 5-of-9 passes for 70 yards. His favorite targets were Stern and Haire, who split 4 catches. Also for the Red Hawks, Branden Horne and TJ Moore combined for 60 yards on 16 totes.

After the intermission, Cass City used touchdown runs of 5 and 27 yards by Cuthrell to take a commanding 30-7 advantage with just under 4 minutes remaining in the third quarter. Now it was Cass City's offensive line in charge after wearing down their bigger Brown City foes.

To Brown City's credit, they never stopped battling and were able to drive the length of the field before a Cass City goal line stance stalled Brown City inside the 10-yardline.

Defensively, Cass City was paced by Jake Lawrence, Drew Loomis and Haire all with 9 tackles each. The Red Hawks also used interceptions by Cuthrell and Keith Lounsbury and a Josh Daniels fumble recovery to keep the visitors from mounting a serious challenge in the final half.



**THE 2014 Owen-Gage Bulldog football team members are:** (front row, l-r) Michael Ray, Austin Bieri, Aaron Fahrner, Devon Lorenz, Ryan Warack, Dustin Woodward, Luke Retford, Joseph Littlepage, Ryan TerBush (back) Coach James Wencel, Jacob Warack, Dylan Fritz, Adam Retford, Jacob Wright, Derek Vincent, Daniel Good, David Binder, Derik Harp and Coach Steve Hollocker.



**THE 2014 CASS CITY cross country team members are:** (front row, l-r) Erin Zdrojewski, Lauren Fernald, Kate Stimpfel, Noora Ellonen, Hope Wilson (middle) Savannah Walker, Ilana Blattner, Josephine Loomis, Jose Torres (back) Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Joseph Morrish, Zane Wright, Jamison Kruse and Tyler Laster. Missing are Bransen Stimpfel and CarLee Stimpfel. (See story, page 10.)

## Owen-Gage has lots of experience in 2014 backfield

Coaches Steve Hollocker and Jim Wencel have some big shoes to fill from last year's Owen-Gage football roster that saw the Bulldogs reach the state playoffs for a third straight year.

Gone are all-state performers Quinn Smith and Ben Good.

"I don't know if you can replace those guys," said Hollocker.

Fortunately, Hollocker can turn to some key returnees to help relieve

some of the pain created by the absence of last year's leading rusher Smith and leading receiver Good.

Back at the helm is junior Jacob Wright. His favorite target will be returning letter winner Dan Good, while in the back field Adam Retford and David Binder return as dependable ball carriers.

Owen-Gage, who recorded a forfeit victory over Flint Michigan School of the Deaf in week one, travels to meet New Haven Merritt this week.

## Hunter safety classes planned

Hunter safety classes will again be offered at the Cass City Gun Club in September.

Registration is scheduled for 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, with classes planned for Sept. 11 and 12 from 6 to 9:30 p.m., and Sept. 13 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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# Thumb firemen gather in Cass City to prepare for propane emergencies

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thumb area firemen, including several Cass City fire fighters, took part in specialized propane emergency response training Thursday night.

The session, led by the Michigan Propane Gas Association (MPGA) Emergency Response Team, was held in the parking lot just north of Parkway in Cass City.

Fire fighters worked in teams as they honed their skills in putting down various propane fueled fires involving tanks ranging from 20 pounds to a bulk 250-gallon tank.

According to Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds, the training is designed to educate firemen in the skills required to safely extinguish a variety of blazes involving a highly flammable fuel -- in this case propane.

Guilds explained Thursdays exercises enabled firemen to practice in realistic conditions, with teams of

fire fighters safely shutting down propane fires by utilizing a suppression spray that allows a team member to reach and close the shut-off

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