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Cass City student enrollment continues to decline in 2015

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Student enrollment and mold issues at the former Campbell Elementary School building dominated the Cass City Board of Education's September monthly meeting Monday night.

Just days before school districts across the state are scheduled to conduct one of two annual enrollment

counts to determine their state funding, Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel offered the board an update on local student numbers.

And the preliminary numbers aren't great. In fact, if the figures hold steady, this will be the first time in memory that Cass City High School's enrollment (grades 9 through 12) will dip below 300.

According to Hartel, the latest tally revealed a total of about 545 students

at the elementary school, with another 472 in grades seven through 12 for a total district enrollment of 1,017 as of Monday. The total high school enrollment includes 299 in grades nine through 12, which is the figure used for athletic classification.

Overall, the district lost 38 students compared to last fall - 15 students since last winter, said Hartel, who noted the latter figure is closer to

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KIM GLASPIE (above) shares a passion for scouting, as did the man he portrayed - Harold "Doc" Oatley - during Sunday's third annual Elkland Township Cemetery Walk. Dale Churchill (right), meanwhile, portrayed Dr. Harry Crandell, a popular veterinarian and staunch supporter of 4-H and the Tuscola County Fair.



Going back in time

Weather picture-perfect for third annual cemetery walk

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Organizers of the Elkland Township Cemetery Walk were again blessed with mild, fall weather Sunday as they welcomed some 200 people from the Cass City area and beyond to take a trip back in time to "meet" several of Cass City's notable citizens during this year's third annual event.

Judging by the comments heard by Kate Van Auken throughout the afternoon, the cemetery walk was well received and then some - not surprising, considering it took less than four days to sell out.

"It was great. People were thrilled," commented Van Auken, who again spearheaded organization of the walk along with Katie Jackson, Doris Jones and Jim

Ware. Also playing a key role each year have been Elkland Township Cemetery Sexton Steve Wright and his crew, including Joe Krol and Alan Witkovsky.

"It just keeps getting better, because I think the actors - they get so into it. Every year they just surprise me. I mean, Dale Churchill brought sheep, and Bob (Battel) spoke with a German accent," Van Auken added, noting the experience has been made even more interesting by the fact that a number of relatives of past citizens being portrayed have attended the walk and shared their stories and experiences.

Van Auken and her fellow volunteers upped the number of available tickets this year by 50, enabling them to raise \$2,000, all of which will be donated to the American Cancer Society in conjunction with the com-

munity's annual Pinktober celebration observing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

However, Van Auken doesn't anticipate expanding attendance significantly in the future. "I don't think it can get any bigger, because as it was, we sold 200 tickets," she said.

Organizers began planning this year's event in January. The work includes selecting past citizens to feature during the walk, as well as research, writing scripts, and approaching area residents willing to serve as actors.

For those unfamiliar with a cemetery walk, Van Auken describes the activity as a walk-through history lesson featuring actors who tell the stories of a handful of past local citizens - each having left

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Huron Co. pair face home invasion charges

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A pair of Elkton residents have been arraigned in Huron County District Court on home invasion charges stemming from a Sept. 19 burglary in Sebawaing Township.

The suspects, Dennis Bricker, 32, and Kimberly Wilkinson, 33, were both formally charged last week. Wilkinson also faces an unrelated contempt of court charge. Both pleaded not guilty, and bond was set at \$10,000 for each defendant. Both were scheduled to

return to court later this week for preliminary examinations.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson indicated the pair could also face additional charges in Huron and Tuscola counties stemming from at least four other break-ins police believe are related. "More (crimes) may have occurred and the victims may not yet be aware that they've been victimized," he said.

The Sept. 19 arrests came after the Huron County Sheriff's Department received a tip regarding two Elkton residents leaving the area, allegedly with stolen

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Super moon!

SUNDAY NIGHT'S cloud cover gave way to clear skies just in time to give local residents a great view of a "super moon" (the closest full moon of the year) in combination with a lunar eclipse, as the earth's shadow swallowed up the moon for more than hour. The last such eclipse occurred in 1982 and won't happen again until 2033. (Photo courtesy of Cheryl Viney Osentoski)

Auditors give village thumbs up on budget

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The 2014 financial audit highlighted Monday's regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council, where Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran Certified Public Accountants Val Hartel and Angela Burnette informed trustees that they were glad to present a good report, which was quickly approved.

"Very healthy, very strong," Hartel said of the audit, noting all fund balances ended the year with positive balances.

Although the village's financial statements received an unmodified opinion - the highest possible assurance that acceptable accounting practices are followed - the audit also uncovered significant deficiencies in the village's internal controls.

Among the areas that need improving, according to Hartel, are segregation of duties, submitting bank reconciliations in a timely matter and late audit submissions due to year-end accounting, and closing processes that are not completed in a timely matter.

Still, local governmental fund balances at the end of 2014, according to Burnette, show \$304,466 in the general fund, \$94,966 in the major street fund, and \$28,671 in the local street fund, while proprietary funds show a net position of \$1,856,405 in the combined sewer and water funds.

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Zip line accident fatal Thursday at Bay Shore

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Belmont man lost his life in a freak zip line accident Thursday afternoon at Bay Shore Camp.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson identified the victim as 85-year-old James J. McNeil.

Hanson reported the accident occurred at about 1:30 p.m. at the Sebawaing area campground. "Preliminary investigation, as well as witness statements and video, are indicating that the zip line harness attached to (the victim) came unfastened, causing Mr. McNeil to fall and suffer fatal injuries," he said.

"Resuscitation efforts were attempted, but the victim was later pronounced dead at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon," Hanson added. "An autopsy has been ordered by the Huron County medical examiner and this investigation will continue."

The Sebawaing Ambulance Service and Sebawaing Village police assisted deputies at the scene.

Armed bicyclist faces charges

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Tuscola County man who was recently arrested after police found him armed and carrying a backpack containing a shotgun, ammunition and ballistic armor while riding a bicycle at the north end of the county has been formally arraigned.



David Pontello

area of his house on a bicycle," Skrent said.

"(After) arriving in the area, Sgt. Mattlin saw a person matching the description given by the victim. Upon contact with (Pontello), a loaded handgun was found on his person. Also in his possession, in a backpack, were a broken down shotgun, ammo and ballistic armor," Skrent said.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
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Editor

Diabetes patients can live with this

Health officials haven't yet found a cure for diabetes, but while researchers search tirelessly for the key to eliminate the disease, experts are continuing to improve ways patients can better manage their diabetes.

In Michigan, an estimated one in 10 residents is diagnosed with diabetes mellitus, a long-term condition in which the body either no longer makes a hormone called insulin or the insulin that is made no longer works as well as it should. Either way, high levels of glucose (a form of sugar) build in the blood, and high glucose levels cause damage to eyes, kidneys, nerves and blood vessels. Diabetes also increases the risk for heart attacks and strokes.

For every person living with the disease, new recommendations now encourage them to receive Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) at four critical times during their lives in order to lessen the risk of complications.

According to the American Diabetes Association, American Association of Diabetes Educators and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the four critical times to assess, provide and adjust DSMES are: at diagnosis, on a yearly basis, when changes in health affect self-management, and when changes in care happen, such as insurance changes that affect treatment or having a new medical team.

"Ongoing support is vital to controlling diabetes through self-management and healthy lifestyle choices," says Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). "Because individual needs may change over time, it's important to reassess diabetes self-management according to the newly recommended schedule."

DSMES refers to the information and skills people with diabetes need for proper self-care and the support they need to perform those skills and behaviors, such as healthy eating and taking medications.

Health care officials have long recognized that persons with diabetes perform most of the care needed themselves and therefore require DSMES.

That's where the American Diabetes Association guidance comes in, outlining the type of information and support patients might need at these important times. The statement also outlines the content to be taught, roles and action steps recommended for both the referring health care provider and for the diabetes educator.

Research has shown that DSMES helps to reduce glucose levels; reduces diabetes complications such as kidney disease and amputations; improves lifestyle behaviors, such as eating a more healthful diet and exercising more frequently; and decreases diabetes-related depression. DSMES has also been shown to reduce hospital admissions and readmissions.

Persons with diabetes and their caregivers are encouraged to talk to their physicians about referrals to one of Michigan's 93 DSMES programs. At these programs, a certified diabetes educator will work with each patient to develop an individual education plan and goals.



The Healthy Michigan Plan, Medicare, Medicaid and state-regulated health insurance plans all cover DSMES.

Area residents can find much more information about DSMES and Michigan DSMES programs by visiting the website, www.michigan.gov/diabetes.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

A large "pursenality"

A recent morning news show featured a segment on purses and what a handbag reveals about your personality. I watched with interest since less than 24 hours earlier my purse had saved me from grave bodily injury.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. If purses reveal our personalities, I am a study in contrasts. I jockey between two bags. The first is minimalist: tiny, with enough room for a cell phone, small wallet and maybe a chapstick or pen – but not both.

My other purse is maximalist. It contains everything needed for survival, and then some. In it I carry pepper spray and a mini stun gun because a girl can never be too careful. There's a crank flashlight in case of power outages, a small notebook for when a fabulous idea hits me, gum for garlic situations, a charging cord and outlet thingy for my phone, a blanket and umbrella in the event of inclement weather, bottled water for thirsty times, a brush, mirror and makeup for primping, Pepto Bismal tablets – just in case and chapstick and pen (plenty of room for both).

Some people have a bag packed with items needed for survival in case of natural disaster or emergency. These are called bug out bags. I don't need a bug out bag; I have my purse.

As I alluded earlier, last night my purse nearly saved my life. And it had nothing to do with the pepper spray or stun gun.

My husband, oldest son and I were at a youth football game watching our youngest son. Rain threatened, so I packed not one but three umbrellas into my big bug out purse. I jammed them in next to the blanket and pepper spray and we were ready for the game – rain or shine or whatever else we might encounter. Prepared is my middle initial.

The rain did come. And the lightning that accompanied it put a halt to the game. As we ran across the road to our parked car, my foot caught on an uneven bump in the pavement and I went down. Fast. And hard. I didn't even have time to see my life flash before my eyes. I didn't even know I was falling until I was lying face down on the road with a car zooming toward me.

My husband was quickly by my side, clearly concerned.

I did what most people do after they've fallen in an embarrassing manner. I hopped up and tried to pretend it never happened. As I made my way to the car I assessed my injuries. Surprisingly, there were next to none. I had two minor scratches on my hands where they'd hit the pavement. Otherwise, I was intact and injury-free. I honestly

couldn't believe it.

During the ride home, my husband described the accident. He'd observed the ugly tumble in its entirety and knew why I hadn't done a complete face plant. My purse – jam-packed with three umbrellas and a blanket – hit the ground before me and cushioned my fall. Thank goodness for the threatening rain.


Some say a purse, and its contents, reveals a lot about your personality. Sometimes it shows you to be a survivor, whether that entails pepper spray, gum or a good old blanket. Moral of the story? Never make fun of a girl with a big purse. She (and it) may save someone's life some day. Either that, or offer you an umbrella.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Yep, that's Dagmar "Walker" Brown. The Cass City senior citizen who recently completed her 56th trek across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day. In a letter to the Chronicle, Dagmar wrote: Labor Day is the only day pedestrians are allowed on the bridge. The crowd of walkers was estimated at 50,000. Governor Rick Snyder and his entourage from Lansing led the walk.

Everything went well in spite of the weather -- there was a heavy rain with high winds that did eventually let up. As always, she stopped at about the halfway point to drop three new pennies into the lake for good health, happiness and peace for herself and friends.

Seems to be working.

It's time for round two, says Dave Milligan. The Pinney Foundation President encourages any non-profit organizations to submit requests for grant money from the Cass City philanthropic group by Friday, Oct. 30th, to be considered for the local foundation's annual endowments which are presented twice annually.

To be considered, send your written requests to Milligan at 6226 Bay City-Forestville Rd, Cass City, MI 48726 or email your wishes to: dave@milliganfarms.com.

If more information is needed you can call Milligan at (989) 872-2937. The Pinney Foundation will distribute around \$60,000 this year.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' managed waterfowl hunting areas will host open houses in September and October to celebrate the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy and provide driving tours of each of the areas.

"The open houses will provide an opportunity for hunters and outdoor enthusiasts to learn about the areas and interact directly with DNR personnel," said Joe Robison, wildlife biologist supervisor for the DNR. "These areas offer world-class waterfowl hunting opportunities and various recreational activities that many outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy."

The DNR invites the public and hunters to join the staff at several managed waterfowl hunting areas to tour them and learn about all the possibilities for hunting and other recreation.

The open houses will include events at the following locations: the Shiawassee River State Game Area (Saginaw County) – Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m.; Fish Point State Wildlife Area (Tuscola County) – Monday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m.; and the Nyanquing Point State Wildlife Area (Bay County) – Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m.

Guided tours will include observation of habitat improvements conducted to provide optimal habitat for waterfowl, plus other wildlife management techniques that make these areas attractive to a host of wildlife.

Additionally, visitors can learn about the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy, a 10-year, cooperative partnership to restore, conserve and celebrate Michigan's waterfowl, wetland and waterfowl hunting community.

Waterfowl hunters will learn about how each area is run and what to expect when they come in for a hunt drawing. In addition, they will learn about other areas nearby that are open to hunting, and visitors will have a chance to have questions answered during a Q & A period.

Each open house also will feature information on this year's Wetland Wonders Challenge, a hunting contest that the DNR has developed to highlight the exceptional waterfowl hunting opportunities available to the public at these managed waterfowl hunting areas. The challenge takes place at the seven areas throughout southern Michigan and will run from Oct. 10 through Jan. 31. Seven winners will be chosen Feb. 15.

To be entered for the grand-prize drawing, hunters must hunt at three of the seven managed waterfowl hunting areas. Hunters who hunt all seven areas will win a prize.

More information about the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy can be found at www.michigan.gov/mwl, and information on the managed waterfowl hunting areas and the Wetland Wonders Challenge can be found at www.michigan.gov/wetlandwonders.

Letters to the Editor

Still time to be part of local time capsule

The village of Cass City is concluding a very special time in its history — our 150th sesquicentennial year is quickly coming to a close, and an integral part of that celebration is our time capsule.

We will be ending our time capsule collection activities soon. If you live in or around Cass City and would like to have your items included in the time capsule, you still have time. We are encouraging everyone to bring your non-returnable photos, business annual report, history, or other special items to the village municipal office by Sept. 30 to ensure it is included.

"Guest pages" will be available for your signature at select locations in Cass City through Sept. 30. If you are traveling through, please stop by and add your signature. Guest pages can be found at Rawson Memorial District Library, the Cass City Municipal Building, Frankenthum Credit Union, Chemical Bank, Thumb National Bank, and Independent Bank.

On Friday, Oct. 2, Cass City High School will host its 2015 homecoming parade and football game, where the time capsule will make one of its final appearances. It will then be on display at the municipal building until its sealing ceremony at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26. Then it will be locked away until the village of Cass City celebrates its 200th anniversary in 2065.

On behalf of everyone at the village of Cass City and the supporting agencies that have been the foundation on which this great community was laid, we recognize your support, dedication and commitment.

"Be Part of the Celebration, Be Part of History, Be Part of the Cass City Sesquicentennial Time Capsule."

Nancy Barrios, chair
Cass City Parks and Recreation Committee

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Wednesday, September 30

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- After School Adventure, First Presbyterian Church, until 4:15 p.m. For more information call 989-872-5400.
- Bible Study, 7 p.m., Fraser Presbyterian Church. For more information call 989-872-5400.

Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.

Sunday, October 4

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

Monday, October 5

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. 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.
- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

Tuesday, October 6

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- First Presbyterian Church Bible Study at 11 a.m. For more information call 989-872-5400.

Sheriff: drug suspect's criminal past includes murder conviction

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into an on-going drug-related probe that resulted in the arrest a suspect whose criminal past includes a second degree murder conviction.

The arrest came after officers served a search warrant Friday afternoon at 7011 Main St. in Caseville.

"Packets of heroin, crack cocaine, loaded syringes, cash and other drug paraphernalia were seized, as well as a 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche pickup," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said. "Four occupants were present and detained, with one being

arrested on a felony delivery of a dangerous drug warrant, which had been authorized earlier (Friday) by our prosecutor's office.

"That arrestee, a 45-year-old male who hasn't lived in Caseville very long, was taken to our jail where he remains lodged on a \$150,000 cash bond. He is expected to be formally arraigned in the 73B District Court on Monday, and further federal charges are likely to come about," the sheriff added. "The suspect is currently on parole for a federal firearm conviction and had just paroled out with in the last 45 days. He's also served many years in our state's prison system for a serious assault and a second degree murder

conviction out of Genesee County, which occurred back in 1987."

Hanson said authorities are considering charging the other three occupants of the residence with drug-related offenses.

Hanson, who noted deputies have and continue to receive assistance from the Caseville and Elkton police departments, encourages citizens to report any drug tips by calling their local police or the sheriff's department at (989)-269-6500 during regular business hours, or Huron Central Dispatch at (989) 269-6421 anytime. "Confidential callers can call our TIPS Line at (989) 269-2861 or utilize our drug task force Facebook page," he added.



TWO HARRISON Township residents survived the crash of their single-engine airplane last Wednesday in Sanilac County's Bridgehampton Township. Investigators reported mechanical problems forced the pilot to attempt a landing in a farm field shortly after taking off in Sandusky.

Couple survives plane crash in Sanilac

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials are continuing their investigation into an airplane crash last Wednesday in Sanilac County's Bridgehampton Township.

The names of the pilot and his passenger, who both survived the crash, are still being withheld pending the FAA's official findings.

Sgt. Nathan Smith of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department reported the plane, a red and white two-seat, single-engine aircraft, came down in a field near the intersection of Ruth and Custer roads shortly after 2:15 p.m.

Emergency personnel from the Carsonville Fire Department along with Sanilac EMS and deputies

responded to the scene and found that a 69-year-old man and a 64-year-old woman, both of Harrison Township, made it out of the plane and were walking around.

According to Deputy Chad Adams, the initial investigation revealed the male pilot and his passenger had just left the Sandusky Airport when they started experiencing mechanical problems.

"The pilot stated that he attempted to make it back to the Sandusky Airport. However, (he) then decided

on attempting an emergency landing on Ruth Road," Adams said. "Due to traffic conditions on Ruth Road, he had to cancel and veer off into a field. He then lost control due to the mechanical problem, thus crashing upside down in the farm field southeast of the intersection of Ruth and Custer roads."

The pilot and passenger were transported to Deckerville Community Hospital for treatment of their injuries.

Auditors give village thumbs up on budget

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"The 2014 financial audit has been completed. It was a chaotic year because of the infrastructure being built for the milk plant. The village received grants for portions of Doerr Road, the extension of North Division Street, and the Schwaderer drain," said Village Manager Peter Cristiano.

"The DPW and WWTP crew worked, in addition to their regular duties, to build a lift station and install water and sanitary sewer lines. They need to be commended for the work they did," added Cristiano, who praised Gary Barnes, Rick Mohr and Nanette Walsh for helping to produce a balance budget despite having to match funds for work centering around the Dairy Farmers of American (DFA) milk plant.

Turning to Public Services Committee matters, Trustee Jenny Zawilinski's motion to purchase a new leaf vacuum for \$41,500 from Bell Equipment Company, Lake Orion, was approved. She said bids were received from three companies for a new leaf vacuum ranging from \$39,750 to \$42,173.

"The bid that best fits the needs of the village is the bid from Bell Equipment. It meets all of our specifications," said Zawilinski.

In other business, the council:

*Accepted the financial statements ending Aug. 31 with a cash balance of \$1.8 million, and learned that 90.65 percent of village taxes have been collected and will be turn into the Tuscola County treasurer later this week.

*Heard from local resident Don Ball, who said he feels an ordinance should be drafted requiring horses "do-do" be cleaned in the village by the responsible party. Ball said we have such an ordinance for dogs — why not horses?

*Heard from Cass City resident Derek Romain, who asked to re-negotiate the rental policy he received in the mail, which was completed without the approval of a subcommittee formed to help implement changes to ensure the safety of renters in the village. Romain and a group of committee members, including Deb McClorey and Tracy Moore, will meet with Cristiano to hammer out the details. Cristiano responded by stating the policy is all about public safety and that village officials will be on the attack when it comes to homes in the village that have gotten messy.

*Approved Thumb National Bank's request allowing for Class C fireworks at Friday's homecoming game against Vassar.

*Set Cass City's trick-or-treat hours for Saturday, Oct 31, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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Reporter's notebook

Of weekly papers and liquid crap...

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I'm frequently asked about the future of weekly newspapers, usually by folks who do so with a pained look in their eyes.

Will they disappear altogether, resigned to the same graveyard assigned to other old relics that have outlived their usefulness? I suppose they will at some point. Honestly, I'm a little surprised the relatively few weeklies that are still around are, well, still around.

A retired journalist I became acquainted with a few years ago may have said it best: too many people have dropped the habit of reading a paper on a regular basis, and the Internet has provided competition for advertising dollars to a degree television and radio never did.

I'm guessing some of our faithful readers could provide the best insight into what still draws them to their local paper week after week. I hope it's more than a habit. I hope it's because they still find something inside worth paying for, something they won't find among the pages of one of the dailies.

Personally, I hate the thought of small town newspapers disappearing, largely because of the important role they've played in their communities over so many decades. I used to worry about watching my career go down the tubes along with the print media, but I haven't lost sleep over that thought in years. I'm confident there will always be some sort of work for communicators, even broken down, small town weekly newspaper editors.

Until that day comes, I take comfort in the words of a former Chronicle intern - Larry Werner - whose career spanned nearly 45 years - much of that time writing and editing for daily newspapers in Louisville, Detroit, Dallas, Minneapolis and elsewhere - but ending with a stint as an executive with a group of weeklies.

"Weekly editors go to the city council and school board meetings, to the civic festivals and the sports events. And when those tough stories have to be written, the mayors and superintendents don't hesitate to call the editors or stop them on the street," Werner said.

"When you work for a weekly, you meet readers," he added. "And you hear from the people about whom you write. Why? Because that newspaper is telling the story of the places where people live and play, where they send their kids to school and where, after they retire, they hang out at local coffee shops.

"The daily newspaper is a powerful institution. The community weekly is a friend."

I hope that rings true with Chronicle readers.

I'm not shy when it comes to telling people I'm in love with our place in Novesta Township, where we've lived for close to a year now.

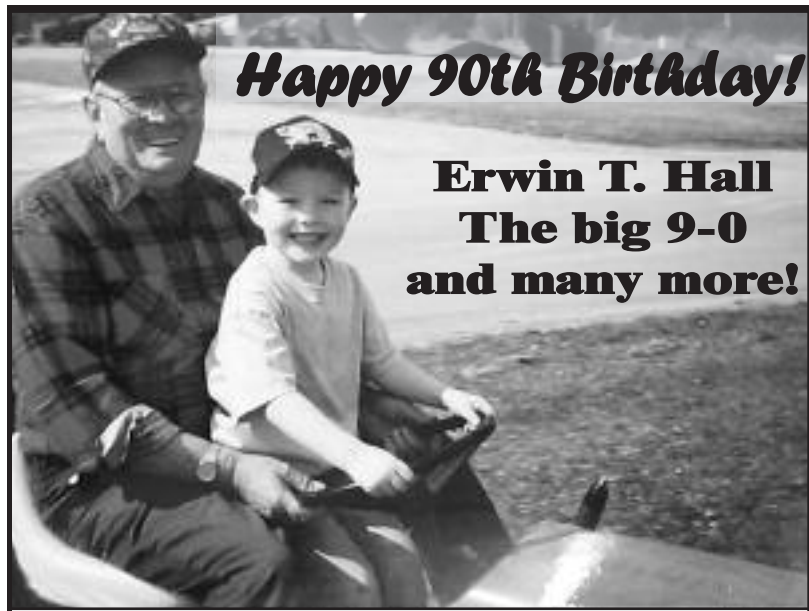
That's not to say I love everything about living out in the burbs of Deford, however. I'm no poet - and I'm not seriously complaining here - but a recent event prompted me to share my thoughts about certain farming practices.

Here goes:

*Dear Farmer Brown, you broke my heart.
I'm at a loss for where to start.
All summer long, the smell of hay,
That sweet, sweet scene you brought our way.*

*Your field next door, a welcome sight,
So green, so fragrant, always right.
But now you've gone and wrecked it so,
With giant tanker trucks in tow.*

*The air, once fresh and nice and light,
Hangs heavy now. It's just not right.
Instead of hay, so sweet, like sap,
Our place now smells like liquid crap.*



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Erwin photographed with his grandson Jake Hall was born September 30, 1925 in Caro. He has 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2010)

The Cass City 2010 Homecoming royal couple is King Joe Doerr and Queen Krista Guinther. The seniors were crowned during halftime festivities of the Red Hawks' gridiron contest with Reese.

Holly Lynn Errer has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for September. Errer has been very active in school activities during high school. She has been a member of the volleyball team each year and a member of the basketball team the past 3 years. She was a band member her freshman and sophomore years, as well as a cheerleader her freshman year. She served as class secretary her junior year and is currently senior class secretary. Academically, Errer has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club all through high school. She was a member of the E.P.I.C.S. program at Owen-Gage the past 3 years. As a freshman she was a representative on the homecoming court and has been chosen by the student body as a queen candidate for homecoming 2010. She is the daughter of Ken Jr. and Faye Errer of Owendale and plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall to pursue a career in physical therapy and photography.

10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Joshua and Heather Galloway of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Matthew Conner Galloway. Matthew was born Aug. 29, 2005. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 23 inches long. His grandparents are Birney and Lorraine Summers and Joel and Lynda Galloway.

Bruce and Patricia (Stockwell) Sherman of Cass City will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 6. They were married at the Novesta Baptist Church in 1945. children: Karen Lodise Matthewson, Bruce Robert Sherman, Carol Lynn Ball, Michael Bruce (Lynn) Sherman, Patricia Ann, and Daniel Richard (Dedra) Sherman; 26 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; add a great great-grandchild.

Tosha and Dave Mellendorf announce the birth of their son, Ryan Scott. Ryan was born Aug. 23, 2005 at Covenant Harrison of Saginaw. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. His grandparents are Todd and Wendy Vatter and Scott and Mary Mellendorf. His aunt is Taryn Vatter and his uncle is Trent Vatter.

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Born to Carol and Mark McDonald of Grand Rapids, a daughter, Katelyn Marie, Sunday, Sept. 23. Their first child arrived weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and is 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Bud and Jeannette McDonald of Owendale and maternal grandparents are Glenn and Ethelyn Mills of Flushing

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nemeth and family celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with dinner at Frankenmuth Sunday. Louis Nemeth and Grace Brewton were married Oct. 2, 1965, by Rev. Robert Betts of Salem United Methodist Church. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crow.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mrs. Paul Craig and Mrs. Lucile Miller entertained relatives at dinner Saturday evening when the birthday of Mrs. Harold Craig was celebrated. Guests, besides Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig, were Mr. and Mrs. Ron Decker of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Craig and Barbara and Mrs. Hazel Barnes.

Mrs. Harold Perry and Mrs. Don Lorentzen attended the monthly meeting of the Tuscola county Unit of the American Cancer Society,

Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Dave Wendling in Caro. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month and are open to the public.

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Friends of disabled State Police Trooper Norris "Doc" Walters helped raise \$10,000 at a benefit dinner and dance held Saturday night at the Colony House. A total of 950 persons attended. Marvin Winter donated the use of the hall and Trooper Tom Majeske helped organize the benefit. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walters of Cass City.

Which one of these lovelies will be crowned Cass City Homecoming Queen Friday night? Whoever it is, it's a sure bet the judges will have a hard time deciding. Court members are Pat Otulakowski, freshman; Brenda Hahn, junior, and Susie Asher, sophomore. Senior queen candidates are Kim Downing, Jane Rabideau, Ann Hobart and Sandy Eisinger.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Jill Ann Parker of Citrus Heights, Calif., to Wayne E. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brown of Cass City. Miss Parker, daughter of Jack B. Parker of Citrus Heights, graduated from high school in Cairo, Ill., Wayne is a Cass City High School graduate and is an air-

man second class at Mather Air Force Base, Calif. The couple plan to be married Oct. 9 in Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in California.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

Dr. George Bates, who has practiced as a physician in Tuscola County for 50 years, will be honored in his home town of Kingston.

Ernest Alvin Kelly, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Kelly, of Gagetown, has enlisted in the Marine Corps and has been transferred to the recruit depot at the Marine Barracks at Parris Island, S.C. where he will receive basic training in rifle and pistol marksmanship. Mr. Kelly is a high school graduate and was formerly employed by Alfred Fort at Cass City.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

While Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Foster of Brown City were motoring to Cass City to attend a family reunion at the home of James Basto on Sunday, they met with a serious mishap. About two miles south of Cass City the steering gear of the machine went wrong, the auto turned completely around and then turned turtle, spilling the occupants into a deep ditch, almost level full of water, with the car on top of them. Nell McLarty and William Paul assisted in righting the car and helped the occupants to dry land.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 20th day of October, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township located at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726. The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application of Elkland Township Planning Commission for the purpose of updating the township's zoning ordinance of 2012 in general as follows:

1. Section 322, ponds will be deleted as is and replaced with section 322.1 which updates pond requirements, and requires a special land use permit in the future in zoning districts A-1 Agriculture, FC-1 Forestry, and Conservation.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and make comments on the proposed changes. Written comments may be submitted to the Elkland Township Office at 6691 Church St., Cass City, Michigan 48726 any time prior to the public hearing.

A copy of the proposed changes in their entirety are available for review at the Rawson Memorial District Library 6495 Pine St., Cass City, MI 48726.

Elkland Township Planning Commission

Sheriff: drivers not yielding

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Some Thumb motorists could use a driver's education refresher course when it comes to dealing with approaching or stopped emergency vehicles on area roadways, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

Drivers are either not aware of the law or they're simply ignoring it, and their risk of getting a ticket for failing to yield to emergency vehicles will be increasing as law enforcement agencies crack down on violators.

"A serious safety concern continues to grow as our office has been contacted by fire, ambulance and towing services, about motorist falling to yield to moving emergency vehicles when they have their emergency lights activated and siren sounding or while they're stationary alongside of roadways, with visible emergency lights activated," Hanson said.

Under Michigan law, when a motorist is approached by an authorized emergency vehicle, which is responding to an emergency situation and is displaying flashing, rotating or oscillating red or blue lights, as well as sounding an audible siren, drivers are required to yield the right of way — that is, immediately drive to a position parallel to and as close as

possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway, clear of an intersection, then stop and remain in that position until the emergency vehicle has passed (unless otherwise directed by a police officer). Violators can be ticketed for committing a civil infraction.

As for stationary emergency vehicle that have their lights activated, drivers are required to adhere to what is known as Michigan's "move over law".

"Motorists are required to move over for stationary emergency vehicles when their lights are activated or slow down and pass with caution if it is not possible to safely change lanes," Hanson explained.

"The law applies to the police, fire, rescue, ambulance and road service, which includes tow trucks or courtesy vehicles operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation," he noted. "Drivers charged with this violation could be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable

by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment of no more than 90 days, or both."

However, if a driver causes injury to a police officer, fire fighter or other emergency response personnel, the penalty raises to a felony violation punishable by a maximum prison term of two years and a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

"Lastly, if a driver causes death to a police officer, fire fighter or other emergency response personnel, they now face a felony charge with a fine not more than \$7,500 or by imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both," Hanson said.

"Motorists are cautioned that our office and local law enforcement will be making extra efforts to enforce these laws, as well as cracking down on motorists who pass through funeral processions, which is a civil infraction," the sheriff added.

"Fortunately, no serious mishaps have happened locally, but many close accidents have occurred."

Attempted scam reports again pouring into sheriff's office

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson knows he probably sounds like a broken record when it comes to warning Thumb citizens about scam artists, but he figured it was time to repeat himself after more than three dozen residents reportedly received suspicious phone calls recently.

"Our office has recently been inundated with scam attempts, mainly being made by individuals calling and representing themselves as the IRS agents and employees of Publisher's Clearing House," Hanson said last Wednesday. "Our office alone received information that scams have been attempted on over 40 Huron County citizens this week."

"These scams are nothing new to the area and we've warned of them before," Hanson noted. "In March, I personally called a contact number supplied by a victim of a suspicious agent and spoke to an individual with a foreign accent claiming to be an IRS agent. After extending an invitation to that person to come to our office so we could meet and work more closely with him or any other member of his agency, he used obscenities and hung up. I attempted a follow up call with no answer — clearly a scam, and many other local police officers have placed similar calls with the same results."

"We cannot express enough to always be suspicious when receiving a call from a supposed governmental agency that is demanding money. These practices would normally be done in official mailings or in person," he said. "As far as being notified of being the recipient of a cash or other substantial prize, always remember — if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

"Unfortunately, victims who send money before making sure the call is legitimate seldom ever recover what they've sent. Residents are encouraged not to become a victim of a preventable fraud."

Canfield appointed to state vets affairs subcommittee

State Rep. Edward "Ned" Canfield has been appointed to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs, which reviews the budget for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and determines expenditures of state dollars related to veterans programs.

"As a veteran, I am especially excited about this opportunity," Canfield said. "Men and women in the military, veterans and their families deserve the best treatment possible, and as a member of this committee, I will do everything I can to ensure their voices are heard."

The Sebawaing lawmaker already serves on the full House Appropriations Committee, where he takes part in larger discussions on the state budget and chairs the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Transportation. Canfield also serves on the appropriations subcommittees for the Department of Agriculture, Department of Community Health, Department of Corrections and Department of Education.

Local vet missed in open house article

A story in last week's edition of the Chronicle, announcing plans for a special open house to honor local World War II veterans, inadvertently left out the name of one of the veterans slated to participate in the event.

He is Earl Schember, who served in the U.S. Army with the 77th Infantry Division and was involved in the invasion of Okinawa.

The open house is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the VFW Post 3644 Hall on Veterans Drive in Cass City.

Pair arraigned on burglary charges

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property they planned to pawn or sell in Bay City or Saginaw.

Deputies issued a "be on the lookout" notice to police agencies throughout the region, including Bay City and Saginaw. Later the same day, deputies were dispatched to a Caro Road residence in Sebawaing Township, where the homeowner had just returned home to find his house open with an unknown vehicle in the driveway, according to Hanson.

"An unknown suspect had also been seen coming from behind his house and getting into the unknown vehicle and quickly left," Hanson said. "The vehicle turned out (to be) the suspect vehicle from earlier. The homeowner also found that he foiled a robbery because his medicine cabinet had been gone through and his TV was on the floor."

"A little while later, the Sebawaing Village police located the vehicle at a Sebawaing residence, but no one was around," Hanson continued. "It was then learned when the resident

returned home, that he was an acquaintance of the suspect (Bricker).

"Apparently, the suspect had asked the acquaintance for help in locating his girlfriend because he claimed they had gotten into a fight on Caro Road and she had gotten out and started walking. When they never found her, they returned to Sebawaing to get some gas," Hanson said, adding Bricker went in to pay for the gas, but never returned to the car. Officers located and arrested Bricker after bringing in a Michigan State Police tracking dog.

Investigators then went to the Caro residence in search of Wilkinson.

"While they were doing so, a motorist pulled up with the suspect," Hanson said. He added the motorist, unaware of the break-in that had occurred about a half-mile from her residence, agreed to give Wilkinson a ride to Elkton. "However, once she saw the patrol vehicles on Caro Road, she became suspicious of her passenger (and) decided to go directly to the officers."

Armed bicyclist faces felony charges

Continued from page one.

The undersheriff, who added investigators concluded Pontello may not have been involved in the break-in, reported the suspect threatened to kill a deputy and a Michigan State Police trooper while being transported to the Tuscola County Jail. He also threatened to attack the jail once he is released, Skrent said.

2015 KINGSTON HOMECOMING

Friday, Oct. 2 vs. CPS at 7 p.m.



2015 CARDINAL King & Queen candidates are: (front, l-r) Sarah Savage, Kali Powell, Alissa Oland, (back) Riley Magiera, Kylan Pennington and Anthony Wilcox.



PRINCE & PRINCESS candidates are: (front, l-r) Shelby May, Wren Murdoch, Danielle Crisman, (back) Jacob Savage, Gunnar Thompson and Jake DeLong.



2015 CLASS Representatives are: (front, l-r) Hannah James, Isabelle Cofer, Jillyan Dinsmore, Shyanne LaFond, Julianna Krych, Allison DeLong, Samantha Pritchard, (back) Jason Dibble, Ronnie Lemke, Dakota Distelrath, Logan Stewart, Riley Kinnel, Zach Rayl and Stephen Krych.

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 1:00 p.m. DECORATING & SET UP COURTHOUSE LAWN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. DECORATED PUMPKIN DROP OFF (Courthouse)
 9:00 a.m. PUMPKIN PIE SALES BEGIN
 11:00 a.m. FOOD COURT OPENS (Sherman St.)
 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. FREE GRAND PUMPKIN REGISTRATION
 6:30 p.m. PRINCE & PRINCESS CROWNING (Courthouse)
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. MEET THE PEANUTS CHARACTER (Courthouse)
 7:00 p.m. COUNTY WIDE SCHOOL PIE EATING CONTEST (Food Court)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

9:00 a.m. DECORATED PUMPKIN JUDGING
 9:00 a.m. PUMPKIN PIE SALES BEGIN
 10:00 a.m. ARTS & CRAFTS (Approx 5:00 p.m.)
 10:00 a.m. FOOD COURT OPENS (Sherman St.)
 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. CHILDRENS INFLATABLES (Schall School, 325 E. Frank St.)
 4:30 p.m. FREE HOMETOWN IDOL REGISTRATION (Entertainment Tent)
 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. FREE PUMPKIN DERBY REGISTRATION (Entertainment Tent)
 6:00 p.m. FREE PUMPKIN DERBY (Main Street - Across from Entertainment Tent)
 7:00 p.m. \$ EUCHRE TOURNAMENT (Brentwood, 178 Park Dr.)
 7:30 p.m. FREE HOMETOWN IDOL COMPETITION (Entertainment Tent)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

7:00 a.m. CLOSURE OF STATE STREET (M-81)
 9:00 a.m. PUMPKIN PIE SALES BEGIN
 9:00 a.m. FOOD COURT OPENS (Sherman St.)
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. FREE BABY CONTEST REGISTRATION (American Legion Hall, 110 W. Frank St.)
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CAR SEAT CHECK (across from American Legion Hall)
 10:00 a.m. ARTS & CRAFTS (Downtown until 5 p.m.)
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. FREE CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW REGISTRATION (Entertainment Tent)
 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. BABY CONTEST JUDGING (American Legion Hall, 110 W. Frank St.)

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. FREE CHILDRENS BIATHLON REGISTRATION (At VG's)
 11:00 a.m. CHILDRENS BIATHLON RACE (At VG's, 1520 W. Caro Rd.)
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. FREE KIDS BIKE DECORATING CONTEST REGISTRATION (Entertainment Tent)
 NOON - 4:00 p.m. CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW
 NOON NATIONAL ANTHEM - Courthouse Area
 NOON - 4:00 p.m. INFLATABLES/ KIWANIAS TRAIN (Blessing Center)
 NOON - 4:00 p.m. CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES (Blessing Center, 209 N. State St.)
 1:00 p.m. FREE FLYIN' FRISBEE DOG SHOW (Schall Elementary School, 325 E. Frank St.)
 1:00 p.m. CACKLEFEST (Downtown with Car Show)
 2:30 p.m. KIDS BIKE DECORATING CONTEST JUDGING (Entertainment Tent)
 3:00 p.m. FREE FLYIN' FRISBEE DOG SHOW (Schall Elementary School, 325 E. Frank St.)
 3:30 p.m. CAR SHOW TOP 20 ANNOUNCED
 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. MIDNIGHT BLUE BAND (Entertainment Tent - Sherman St.)
 4:00 p.m. FREE CHILDRENS MATINEE - (Strand Theatre)
 8:30 p.m. PUMPKIN BASH (Staged/held at Brentwood - 178 Park Dr.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

9:00 a.m. PUMPKIN PIE SALES BEGIN
 10:00 a.m. FOOD COURT OPENS (Sherman St.)
 11:00 a.m. BEAN SOUP GIVEAWAY (Courthouse)
 NOON - 12:30 p.m. FREE STRUT-A-MUTT REGISTRATION (Pizza Hut, 815 S. State St.)
 12:30 p.m. STRUT-A-MUTT (To Courthouse Lawn)
 12:30 p.m. CLOSURE OF STATE STREET (M-81)
 12:45 p.m. PARADE OF WINNERS FROM KIDS BIKE
 1:00 p.m. PARADE OF TOP 20 CARS & MOTORCYCLES
 1:30 p.m. GRAND PARADE (Starting at Quinn St. to Park Dr.)
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CHILDREN MAY PICK UP THEIR PUMPKINS (Courthouse Lawn)



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Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival October 1-4, 2015

Caro is the home of the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival, an October tradition which was started in 1981 by a small group of local residents. Annually, the four-day festival attracts approximately 50,000 visitors. The Pumpkin Festival gets their pumpkins from the Jim Matuszak farm, which are then delivered to primary school youth in the area who decorate the pumpkins and submit them for display where they are judged in one of five competitive categories. In addition, the Pumpkin Festival Royal Court is selected based on the largest pumpkins grown.

In 1981 the Caro Chamber of Commerce board members set out to come up with new ideas to stimulate retail sales in Caro. Members started asking around town and the idea of a Pumpkin Festival came from John Sauber and Gary Fulgham who were familiar with other pumpkin festivals. Carol Ellsworth, Ruby Reid, Alva Hayes, John Sauber and Gary Fulgham formed a committee and are now affectionately referred to as the "Original Five". Events were planned and \$1,100 was raised. Pumpkins were grown by local farmers and given to school age children to decorate and return for display on the Tuscola County Courthouse lawn. This tradition continues today along with a carved pumpkin display which has added a new dimension. In the early days, giant pumpkin seeds were handed out at the local schools and large pumpkins were grown. A selection was then made from the largest grown pumpkin for the "Prince and Princess" of the festival. In early 1991 a contest was held to name the newly created mascot and the name Harvey was chosen. Harvey makes appearances at most events throughout the weekend.

The Caro Knights of Columbus along with local volunteers annually bake over 4,000 pumpkin pies as a fundraiser to support the festival. These wonderful, homemade pies draw crowds from throughout the state. The food court concept was started to serve the electrical power needs of the food vendors, which now draws visitors to gather and visit and enjoy many food favorites.

The Caro Rotary Club has hosted an all you can eat pancake and sausage dinner for many years. To accommodate the festival, the Rotary Club changed their event in 1983 to coincide with the pumpkin festival. With the help of local organizations, the streets of Caro abounded with marigolds in 1984 and an Art Show was featured.

The 150 Train Special arrived in Caro in 1987 and helicopter rides were offered. In 1988 local youth were invited to share their talents in the Lip Sync show, which was the best show in town for nearly 20 years.

The Caro Fire Department offered fun activities for children. Basketball, Softball, Soccer, Tennis and Golf tournaments have come and gone. A dessert contest sparked the publication of a cookbook. Jake and Joe were seen on the side streets of Caro giving wagon rides. The Cutest Punkin' Contest drew huge crowds of proud parents and grandparents. The cry of "BINGO" has echoed many times. Teens have had an opportunity to dance and for many years Miss Michigan performed at the annual Pumpkin Ball. Mutts have strutted their stuff and kids have excelled in the Biathlon. Scarecrows have been seen in the town square on the Courthouse lawn and in the yards of many local residents.

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Student numbers fall again

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reality based on how the state determines state funding.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which "blends" student counts conducted twice a year by districts; once in the fall and again the following February. The state's blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools' foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. Cass City, for example, is slated to receive roughly \$7,391 per student for the 2015-16 school year.

In the final preliminary analysis, if Monday's numbers hold true, Cass City Schools will be looking at a net loss of roughly 33 kids.

"We budgeted for a loss of 25 students," Hartel said, adding another eight students (for the total of 33) would translate into nearly \$57,000 less in state revenue than anticipated.

The actual 2015-16 enrollment numbers will be determined by the next two counts, starting with the next tally set for Wednesday, Oct. 7.

CAMPBELL MOLD

Turning to other matters Monday, board members learned that this past summer's hot and humid weather, combined with little air circulation in the largely empty former Campbell Elementary School building, apparently set the stage for a "perfect storm" of sorts for mold growth in the structure.

Hartel told the board that mold has been found in the Campbell building, portions of which are currently being leased to businesses. A formal inspection conducted in mid-September confirmed the widespread presence of a type of mold that could cause health problems for people with lowered immune systems and those with respiratory infections. High counts of mold were detected in the structure's crawl spaces.

Hartel noted the rooms currently being leased have been cleaned. "(But) we have to determine what to do with the rest of the building."

After discussing options, the board opted to pursue a surface clean-up of the building interior with bleach – at an estimated cost of \$1,200 to \$1,500 – along with increasing air circulation and setting up air dehumidifiers.

Board President Alice Zaleski pressed her fellow board members for action on what she indicated is the bigger question: what can the board do to get rid of the old school, which school officials closed about four years ago, largely due to enrollment losses.

"We need a plan. It needs to be sold," Zaleski said.

Hartel asked if the board is willing to drop its asking price – currently at \$120,000. "You want my honest opinion? If someone would buy it for ten bucks, I'd (take it)," he said.

Trustee Dan Manwell took issue with that comment, saying previous discussions surrounding disposal of the building have prompted citizens to voice opinions stating they want the district to keep the building. Some board members have also voiced reluctance to sell based on a belief that the district might need the classroom space again sometime in the future.

If the school is sold, Manwell said, the board has an obligation to do right by taxpayers. "We still have that responsibility to them; to get every dollar we can for it," he added.

Meanwhile, Zaleski commented, school officials have spent \$80,000 over the past four years on basic utility costs for an empty building that has virtually no chance of being needed again for classrooms, considering Cass City has continued to see enrollment losses year after year.

Hartel said he wasn't serious about selling the building for \$10, but Zaleski indicated she might be at this point.

"We really need to work on ways to get rid of that building. It's costing us money and we haven't raised our student count in the four years since we closed it," said.

"I don't have a perfect answer. I don't think any of us does," said Hartel, who agreed to seek another informal appraisal to determine an appropriate price to seek for the building.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board:

*Heard building updates from the district's administrators, as well as updates on food service and transportation.

Shari Bock, food service director, told board members that 54 percent of elementary students and 52 percent of students at the junior-senior high school qualify for free and reduce meals this year, and 43 percent of the kids at the elementary are eating breakfast. "That's huge. That's up quite a bit," said Bock, who also reported the district is the proud owner of two new salad bars – one donated by an individual and the other won in a national contest in which citizens in the community were asked to cast votes via Facebook.

Hartel, who also serves as the district's transportation director, reported Cass City has a combined 12 buses in use; eight on the roads each school day with four substitute buses. Last year, he said, those buses traveled a total of 151,110 miles and using 20,240 gallons of fuel for an average of 7.47 miles per gallon.

Of the buses in use on a regular basis, Hartel noted, mileage totals range 92,504 (on the newest bus, purchased in 2011) to 175,000 miles on a 2001 model.

*Agreed to meet 30 minutes prior to its regular October board meeting, Monday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m., to discuss and approve board goals for the 2015-16 school year.

*Was encouraged to attend a fall board workshop slated Thursday, Oct. 29, starting at 6 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

*Approved a motion to allow the high school band to participate in the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Parade Sunday, Oct. 4, in Caro.

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ALL SMILES. The faces of the Cass City volleyball team help tell the story from this weekend's action as the Lady Red Hawks pose with their championship trophy from the USA Invitational.

Hawk spikers collect crown at USA invite

It was a week to remember for the Cass City volleyball team. After handing previously undefeated league leader Bad Axe their first Greater Thumb West (GTW) defeat on Thursday, the Lady Red Hawks traveled to USA High School over the weekend and returned home with championship hardware.

Maegan LeValley was a force at the net for the tourney champs, but it was the back row play of Baylee Murphy that caught the eye of Coach Bill Potter. "Tournaments are long days of playing and then sitting. We started at 8:30 and finished at 5:00. Maegan LeValley had a good day hitting, but I also credit Baylee Murphy for her great performance. Baylee led the team in digs with her quick feet and her ability to read the hitters. She makes her passes look effortless. Baylee's serving is very consistent and accurate and she had the third highest number of aces. She has really improved lately and I like what I see," he said.

In pool play Saturday, Cass City had an easy time with host USA, Ubyly, North Huron and Caseville, while splitting tilts with Caro. The Patriots fell with identical scores of 25-17, Ubyly by scores of 25-18 and 25-14, North Huron by scores of 25-1 and 25-15 and Caseville fell by 25-7 and 25-13 margins. The Red Hawks traded victories with Caro 25-20 and 13-25 to finish as the number one seed entering the elimination rounds. There, Cass City knocked out Ubyly with decisions of 25-10 and 25-15 in the semis, while Caro suffered losses of 25-17 and 25-19 to finish as the tourney runner-up. "We played well in the finals, beating Caro in 2 sets," Potter said. Adding, "Tara Nicholas is very consistent and always works hard. Tara had the second highest number of digs. Our team is playing well and becoming able to sustain the high level of play needed to forge on from match to match."

Individually for Cass City, Lauren Potter recorded 141 assists and 10 aces; Taylor Rasmussen, 29 kills and 13 aces; LeValley, 68 kills; Macy Dickinson, 30 kills; Kelsey Bouverette, 10 kills; Sayge Cuthrell, 18 kills; Murphy, 37 digs and 9 aces; Riley Klein, 22 digs and 10 aces; Nicholas, 33 digs; and Lauren Dickinson, 18 digs.

GTW PLAY

Not so fast, Bad Axe. After completing the first half of their GTW campaign undefeated, Bad Axe bowed to visiting Cass City Thursday in 4 sets.

With scores of 25-23 (20-25) 25-23 25-21, Cass City improved to 4-2 in the GTW, while the Hatchets slip to 5-1.

Game one saw the visitors grab a 4-1 edge early, only to see the Hatchets draw even at 11-all and take their first lead 17-16 on a Maddy Jimoski kill. But the Red Hawks fought back to even the score at 23-23, before a Rasmussen cross-court spike handed Cass City the opening set.

In game two, Bad Axe enjoyed an early 7-2 advantage and hung on for the win, as Hatchet Natalie Breault recorded the final 2 points on nicely placed tips.

In the third game, LeValley took over for the Red Hawks and 4 kills by the GTW all-conference hitter had the Red Hawks up 11-5. Although Bad Axe battled back to even the score at 23-23, a Murphy serve and LeValley kill had Cass City in front 2-sets to one with the Hatchets looking for answers.

They didn't find them in the deciding game, where a Dickinson winner ended the match.

Individually, Potter had 33 assists, 5 aces and 18 digs for Cass City while LeValley recorded 24 kills; Macy Dickinson, 6 kills; Rasmussen, 5 kills; Cuthrell, 4 kills; Bouverette, one kill; Nicholas, 14 digs; Riley Klein, 9 digs; and Lauren Dickinson, 8 digs.

Earlier in the week, Cass City hosted Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port on Tuesday and won by the scores of 25-20 25-16 (21-25) 25-17, behind a fine showing by Macy Dickinson, who was on fire and registered a .455 attack percentage.

Other statistical leader for the winners had Potter with 33 assists; Rasmussen with 11 kills; Macy Dickinson, 12 kills; LeValley, 12 kills; Murphy, 10 digs and 4 aces; and Nicholas, 13 digs.

Owen-Gage runs wild in Mid-Michigan win

Owen-Gage ran its record up to 5-0 Friday with a lopsided decision over host Akron-Fairgrove in Mid-Michigan 8-Man play.

Up next for the undefeated Bulldogs is their homecoming match-up this Friday against guest New Haven Merritt Academy. The Mustangs improved to 4-1 - winning 52-42 over Burton Madison Academy in Week 5 - to set-up Owen-Gage's biggest challenge to this point of the season.

Owen-Gage's 2-headed rushing attack proved too much for Akron-Fairgrove. Dylan Fritz and David Binder each ran for over 250 yards as the visitors jetted to a 40-6 first quarter lead and never looked back en route to an 80-28 whipping. Fritz found the end zone 4 times for the winners, while Binder struck for 6 TDs, including a pass reception of 40 yards from quarterback Jacob Wright. Wright, who was 3-of-5 passing, also threw a touchdown strike to Dan Good from 13-yards out.

Leading 62-20 at the half, Owen-Gage outscored their rivals 18-8 over the final 2 quarters to complete the romp.

Defensively, Binder recorded 10 tackles to lead Owen-Gage, while Kevin Brinkman and Good each chipped in 8 stops, and Wright and Fritz split 10 tackles. Also for the Bulldog defense, Aaron Fahrner collected 2 interceptions and Good, one, while Dustin Woodward had 2 sack.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Greater Thumb West				
Team	W	L	W	L
USA	2	0	4	1
Vassar	2	0	4	1
Cass City	1	1	4	1
EPBP	1	1	3	2
Bad Axe	0	2	1	4
Reese	0	2	0	5

Greater Thumb East				
Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	2	0	5	0
Brown City	2	0	2	3
Ubyly	1	1	3	2
Harbor Beach	1	1	1	4
Marlette	0	2	3	2
Memphis	0	2	1	4

Mid-Michigan 8-Man				
Team	W	L	W	L
Owen-Gage	2	0	5	0
NH Merritt	2	0	4	1
B. Madison	2	1	2	2
Caseville	1	1	2	3
Akron-Fair.	1	2	3	2
Hale	1	2	1	4
Flint MSD	0	4	0	4

NCTL - 8-MAN				
Team	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	3	0	5	0
Peck	3	0	4	1
Kingston	2	1	2	3
Dryden	0	2	0	5
CPS	0	2	0	5
North Huron	0	3	2	3

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increase the gap to 26-0 before Bad Axe finally threatened to get on the scoreboard late in the initial half. Hatchet quarterback Tommy Morneau and running back Ryan Heleski had the hosts poised to slice into the Red Hawk advantage, but the Cass City defense thwarted the scoring chance to keep all the momentum at the break. "I am proud of the players fighting back after a tough one-point loss. Our defense was awesome, especially that goal line stand right before the half. Great team effort," said Cass City Coach Scott Cuthrell.

Morneau ran for 88 yards on 20 carries, including a 63-yard touchdown, while Heleski had 41 rushing yards on eight attempts. Morneau also added 138 passing yards on 7-of-18 passing. His favorite receiver was Heleski with three catches for 74 yards. Defensively, Haire led the winners with 10 tackles, while Branden Horne recorded eight stops and Keith Lounsbury, seven. For Bad Axe, Morneau and Heleski each had 14 tackles.

Team effort results in dominating wins

With the Greater Thumb Conference League Meet fast approaching, it's hard to fathom anyone challenging the Cass City Red Hawk cross country team for the conference crown.

Coach Jon Zdrojewski received another dominating performance Saturday at the Laker Invitational, where all 5 Red Hawk scorers placed among the top-10 finishers.

The winners tallied just 21 points, while Ubyly with 50 points and Capac with 82 points round out the 3 best team scores on the day.

Brothers Bransen and CarLee Stimpfel paced Cass City over the weekend with a one-two finish and times of 16:42 and 17:02, respectively, while Jose Torres was fourth to cross the end line, completing the 5K run in 18:12. Torres was followed immediately by teammate Zane Wright in fifth place with a time of 18:23 and the final Red Hawk scorer was Michael Rader who finished ninth with a time of 19:01.

"We are progressing well as we approach the most important meets Please turn to page 10.



OWEN-GAGE'S Aaron Fahrner runs away from Viking lineman Ryan Ames during Friday's Mid-Michigan 8-Man contest. The speedy sophomore intercepted a pair of passes to help keep the Bulldogs perfect on the season.

After stumbling in its Greater Thumb West (GTW) opener against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port last week, Cass City rebounded nicely in Week 5 with a convincing victory over host Bad Axe Friday night.

With the 54-6 whipping, the Red Hawks (4-1 overall, 1-1 GTW) will now enter this week's homecoming match-up in the recreational park against league co-leader Vassar (4-1 overall, 2-0 GTW), where GTW title implications will be on the line.

The Red Hawks scored a pair of first quarter touchdowns and never took their foot off the gas pedal to notch their first conference win and set-up the all-important homecoming meeting against the Vulcans.

Nick Perry recorded the game's first points, capping a 65-yard drive with a three-yard plunge on Cass City's opening possession. Then, after a blotched Bad Axe punt fake, Cass City scored again on a Sawyer Cuthrell 40-yard run to extend the gap to 14-0 entering the second quarter.

Cuthrell collected 157 rushing yards on 17 carries and three TDs, while Perry rushed for 71 yards on 10 totes and two markers to pace the Cass City offense. Quarterback Mason Erla added 41 yards rushing and one marker.

Cass City would strike twice more before the halftime break. Erla, who was 2-of-3 passing for 90 yards, teamed-up with Parker Haire for the team's next points. With 9:10 left on the clock, Erla tossed a strike to Haire on a short crossing pattern, that the senior end hauled in near midfield, shook off a tackle and outran the secondary down his own sideline on a pretty play that covered 60 yards.

Another Cuthrell touchdown would

Morley pens new book

When Bob Morley released Cass City Red Hawks Boys Basketball 1950 - 2001 in 2009, it was embraced by Red Hawks of all ages, and newer generations wanted more. In response, Morley is releasing Cass City Red Hawks Boys Basketball 1950 - 2014.

Much more than an update, this second edition is a virtually new book. Exhaustively researched, the new book revisits the old material with many more individual and team records as well as extra season highlights of games and scoring performances. As a special bonus, 13 more years of comprehensive team coverage has been added. All teams that won conference, district and regional titles are highlighted with pictures. And there are special features honoring the two outstanding teams from 1935 and 1944.

Written with the perspective that only someone who has lived and loved Red Hawks basketball for over Please turn to page 10.

Zdrojewski: I expect good things for the remainder of the season for this group

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of the season, the league meet in Brown City and regionals in Harbor Beach. I expect good things for the remainder of the season for this group of very talented and dedicated athletes," Zdrojewski said, while noting the efforts of his entire roster.

"The remainder of the team ran impressively, with Gabe Farver in 17th in 20:01, Jamison Biskner-Kruse in 21st in 20:20, followed by Race Woloshen in 30th in 21:02 followed immediately by Tyler Laster in 31st in 21:03 and finally the team was rounded out with Hayden Larkin in 34th place in 21:41 in the field of 58 finishers."

For Ubyly, Alex Grifka was the third runner to finish with a time of 17:57. Nicholas Swanson added a 6th place finish with a time of 18:26, 2 spots better than Nathan Gilbert who was clocked in 18:35. Jonathan Wright turned in the 19th fastest time and Blake Schumacher was the 22nd fastest on the afternoon with times of 20:10 and 20:21.

Turning to the women's competition, Ubyly held off Bad Axe 30-52 for first place honors, while Deckerville with 63 and Cass City with 75 completed the team listings.

The Bearcats had freshman Haili Gusa with a winning time of 21:13, while sophomore Janelle White was the runner-up, posting a time of 21:14. Emma Hembrough, with a time of 23:43, was eighth overall and Shannon Particka and Sabrina Schumacher complete the Ubyly scorers with top-15 showings and times of 24:43 and 24:44, respectively.

For Cass City, Lauren Fernald came

in 10th place in the field of 39 with a time of 24:09, followed closely by Layna Mathewson in 12th place in 24:32. DeeDee Haley was next for the Lady Red Hawks with a time of 26:43, while Kate Stimpfel recorded a time of 27:24. Ilana Blattner completed the team scoring for Cass City with a time of 32:41.

"For the first race of the year we had a full team of 5 athletes as dual sport athletes DeeDee Haley and Kate Stimpfel were both finally available," commented Zdrojewski.

FRANKENMUTH INVITE

On Thursday, the Cass City men's team dominated both the varsity and junior varsity races at the Frankenmuth Invite. The varsity race was won by Cass City standout Bransen Stimpfel in 16:52, followed closely by CarLee Stimpfel who was the runner-up in 17:21. Next for the Red Hawks was Jose Torres in eighth place in 18:43 then in tenth place was Zane Wright in 18:59. Rounding out the Red Hawk scorers was Michael Rader in 14th place with a time of 19:22.

Cass City defeated Ubyly 34-80 for team bragging rights, while New Lothrop was a distant third with 107.

In the junior varsity race, Cass City defeated New Lothrop 29-45 for top billing.

"I split the team of 10 into a junior varsity team of 5 hoping that these athletes would have a chance to win a meet without the very strong runners always ahead of them. This worked better than expected, the junior varsity race had Gabe Farver finishing in first place in 20:13 followed closely by Jamison Biskner-

Kruse in fourth place in 21:17. In 5th place was Race Woloshen in 21:26, next over the line for Cass City was Hayden Larkin in 9th place with a time of 21:52 and the final scorer for the JV team was Tyler Laster in 15th place in 22:33 among the field of 51. The team had a score of 29 to second place New Lothrop with 45 points," said Zdrojewski.

In the women's field, host

Frankenmuth edged New Lothrop 60-61 to capture their own event, while Ubyly was third with 96 points.

The Lady Bearcats had White place second with a time of 21:13, while Gusa was fourth with a time of 21:44.

New Lothrop's Courtney Krupp was the female medalist with a time of 21:01.

For the Lady Red Hawks, Fernald

came in 31st place among the field of 85 with a time of 24:32. She was followed by Layna Mathewson in 38th place in a time of 24:59.

"Both of these ladies earned medals in one of the toughest courses we run all year and both were very excited for their performances."

The final finisher for Cass City was Ilana Blattner in 82nd place with a time of 34:15.

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EPBP at USA	EPBP	EPBP	USA	USA
Sandusky at Marlette	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Ubyly at Memphis	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Caro at Bridgeport	Caro	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Bridgeport
CPS at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Caseville at Akron	Caseville	A-F	A-F	Caseville
NH Merritt at O-G	O-G	O-G	O-G	O-G
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Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honors goes to Cass City volleyball player Baylee Murphy.

The Lady Red Hawk sophomore turned in a spectacular week for Coach Bill Potter as his team improved to 23-9-2 on the season. Murphy had 37 digs and 9 aces to aide her team in capturing the USA tournament over the weekend, which followed solid showings in GTW action against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Bad Axe.

Against the Lakers, Murphy's stats included 10 digs and 4 aces, while against the Hatchets she came off the bench to shine at the service line.

"Baylee's serving is very consistent and accurate and she had the third highest number of aces

(against Bad Axe). She has really improved lately and I like what I see," said Potter.

Baylee is the daughter of Scott and Michelle Murphy.



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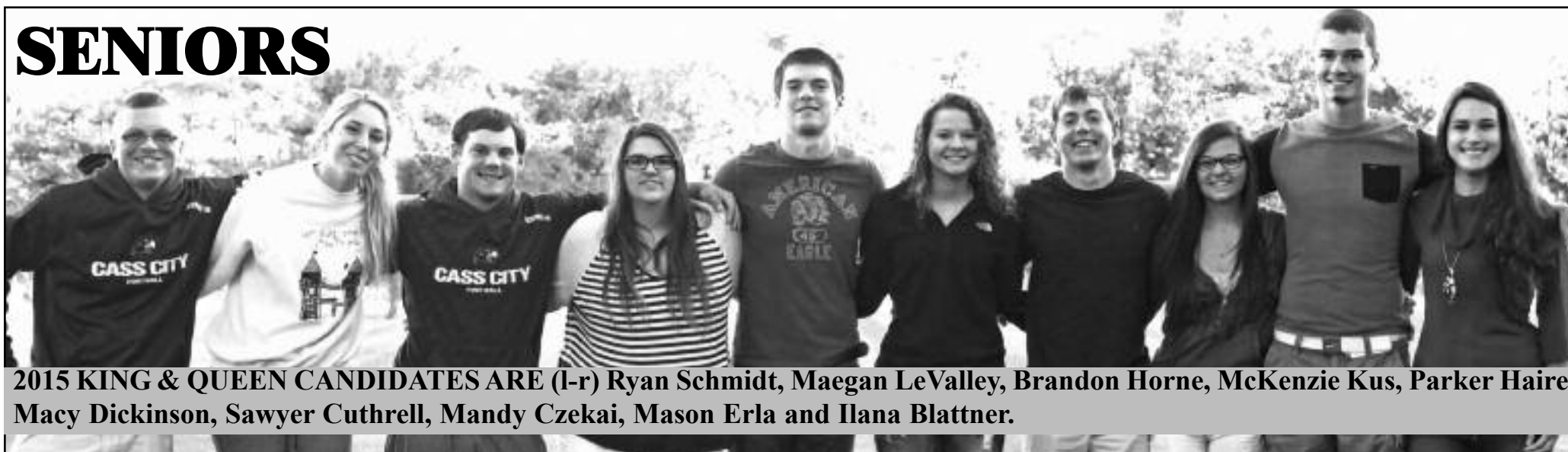
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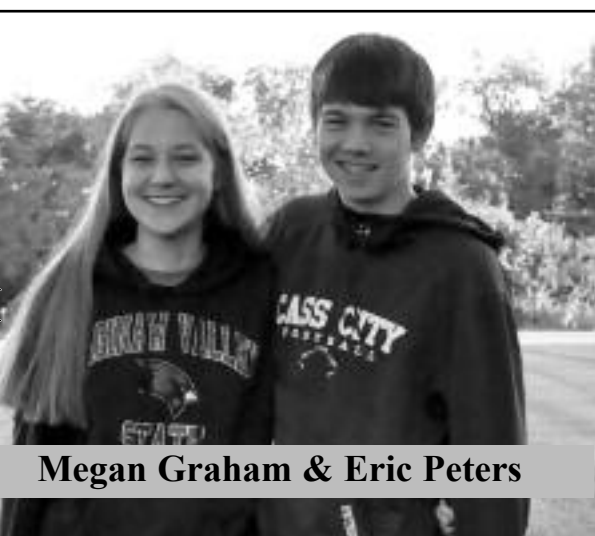
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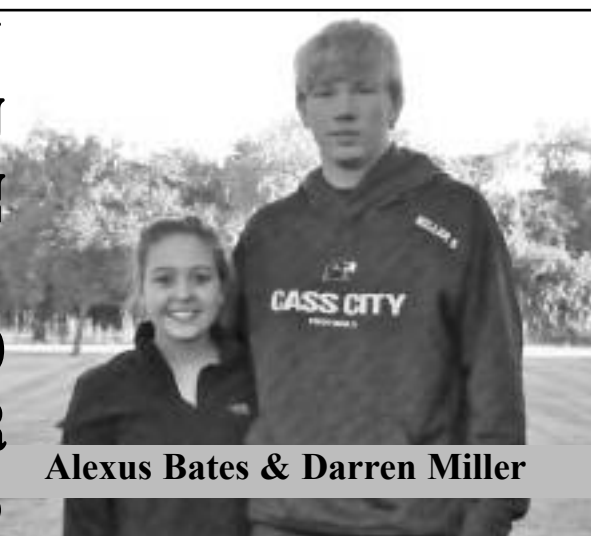
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MEMBERS OF the Owen-Gage Bulldog 2015 football team are: (front row, l-r) Brandon Binder, Cord Clarkson, Luke Retford, Devon Lorenz, Matthew Fritz, Dustin Woodward, & Aaron Fahrner (back row, l-r) Coach Jim Wencel, Dakota Richmond, Dylan Fritz, Jacob Wright, Kevin Brinkman, Jacob Warack, David Binder, Dan Good, Derik Harp, and Asst. Coach Josh Dickerson.

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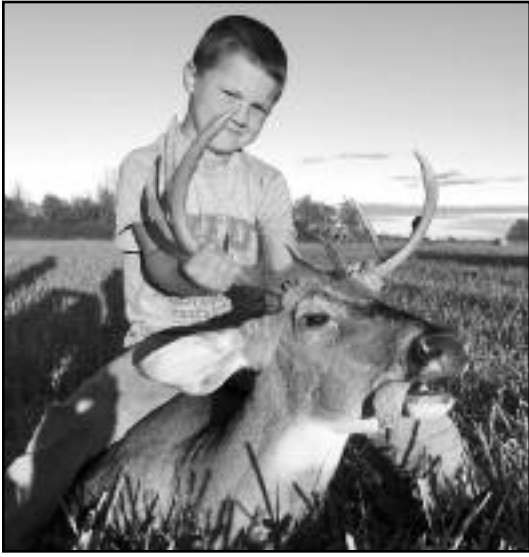
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BIG BUCK. Jack Anthony, 7, bagged this 8-point buck while hunting with his grandpa Kim Anthony during the Liberty Hunt. He used a 20 gauge shotgun to down his first buck. Jack's parents are Matt and Christine Anthony.

YOU GO GIRL. Riley Copeland, age 12, shot this 7-point deer on Saturday night during the Liberty Hunt. She is the daughter of Mark and Susan Copeland.



ANYTHING MY sister can do, I can do... Mason Copeland, age 14, harvested this 7-pointer in Tuscola County Sunday morning. He is the son of Mark and Susan Copeland.

UBLY SCHOOLS sophomore Justin Slater took down this 8-point buck, with a 15 1/4" spread, near Argyle during the 2015 Liberty Hunt. He is the son of Carey and Esther Slater.



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200 take a trip back in time during cemetery walk

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their own positive legacy in the community.

"It's just a different activity in a unique venue you wouldn't expect," she added.

The popularity of the event doesn't surprise Van Auken.

"I think it's interesting — not only do people here give back financially and volunteer-wise, but there's also a rich history, and people want to know more about it," she said.

The 2015 cemetery walk featured the following past citizens:

*E.B. "Chick" Schwaderer, portrayed by Dick Wallace.

Schwaderer, born in 1893, was perhaps best known for expertise in construction. His own company built roads (including paving portions of M-81, M-53, M-46 and M-24 in the Thumb), air strips and concrete bunkers at military installations throughout the state. He also constructed the first public swimming pool in Cass City and was instrumental in the construction of athletic fields, Hills and Dales General Hospital and the local library.

*Isabelle "Belle" Schwaderer, por-

trayed by Norma Wallace. "Mac" McCullough and his brother, Glenn "Scotty" McCullough. McCullough was also involved in many community organizations.

*Harold "Doc" Oatley, portrayed by Kim Glaspie.

Oatley, a long-time educator and active citizen, was well known for his leadership and influence in Boy Scouting. Born in 1908, he's credited with helping 15 young men earn scouting's highest rank — the Eagle.

*James Hitchcock, portrayed by Tommy Fulcher.

Born in 1830, Hitchcock was among the early settlers of Cass City, a tinsmith who turned his craft into a very successful business. He built the "Finest Opera House in the Thumb" on the north side of Main Street between Leach and West streets.

*William Audley Rawson, portrayed by Joe Van Auken.

A farmer born in 1893, Rawson was elected Elkland Township supervisor and went on to serve as a state representative and state senator. His bill requiring traffic to stop for students entering and exiting school buses is credited with saving countless young

lives across the state and country.

Chick Schwaderer's wife, Belle was born in 1900 on the family farm near Greenleaf. She worked at Cass City State Bank, and her contributions to the community were many and included civic, church and "air-plane spotter" activities.

*Adam Benkelman, portrayed by Bob Battel.

Born in 1824, Benkelman was an apprentice cooper (barrel maker) as a teen and went on to become a skilled craftsman. A native of Belgium, he along with John Striffler built the first store in Cass City for Nathaniel Clark. It was Clark who suggested the name Cass City in honor of Lewis Cass, the second territorial governor of Michigan.

Interestingly, Battel is the great-great-grandson of Benkelman and Striffler.

*Esther McCullough, portrayed by Barbara Hutchinson.

McCullough, born in 1904, was a teacher in Illinois and Alpena before coming to Cass City to teach at the then-new high school. She later worked at a local drug store purchased by her husband, Raymond

lives across the state and country. The Rawson name is well known, in part due to the family's generous donation of \$60,000 to build the library at its current location at the corner of Pine and Seeger streets.

*Dr. Harry Crandell, portrayed by Dale Churchill.

Dr. Crandell is remembered as a beloved veterinarian who treated farm animals of every size and description. Born in 1914, he was a staunch supporter of 4-H and the Tuscola County Fair for more than 25 years.

*Irene Freeman, portrayed by Kate Fernald.

Freeman, born in 1911, was a nurse who worked at the former Pleasant Home Hospital in Cass City before buying the hospital and operating it for 26 years. Also active in civic organizations, she later worked at the then-new Hills and Dales General Hospital and eventually went to work for well-known Cass City physician the late Dr. H.T. Donahue.

The Elkland Township Cemetery Walk generated \$800 for the American Cancer Society in its inaugural year, and \$1,050 in 2014.



FORMER LONGTIME Rawson Memorial District Library Director Barbara Hutchinson portrayed Esther McCullough, a veteran educator who was very active in the community. Her husband, Raymond "Mac" McCullough, and his brother, Glenn "Scotty" McCullough, owned and operated a local drugstore for many years.



Adam Benkelman Dr. Harry Crandell Esther McCullough Harold Oatley Isabelle Schwaderer E.B. Schwaderer Irene Freeman James Hitchcock Audley Rawson



THE LATE William Audley Rawson, portrayed above by Joe Van Auken, was a farmer who served as Elkland Township supervisor before becoming a state legislator. He and his wife, Lena, established a foundation that provided \$60,000 for construction of Rawson Memorial District Library.



TOMMY FULCHER offered cemetery walk visitors a glimpse into the life of James Hitchcock, one of the early settlers of Cass City and a tinsmith who turned his craft into a very successful business.



KATE FERNALD shared the story of notable Cass City citizen of the past, Irene Freeman, who owned and operated Pleasant Home Hospital in town for 26 years. She later worked for longtime Cass City physician Dr. H.T. Donahue.



BOB BATTEL portrayed his real life great-great-grandfather, Adam Benkelman, a master craftsman in the art of barrel-making. Benkelman immigrated to the United States from Belgium in the mid-1800s.



CASS CITY NATIVE John Scollon again made the rounds of the cemetery walk with his camera. Scollon has recorded, edited and produced DVDs of the event in each of the past three years.



NORMA AND Dick Wallace took on the roles of Isabelle "Belle" and E.B. "Chick" Schwaderer, whose contributions to the community ranged from civic service to playing a key role in the building of roads in the region along with overseeing construction of the local hospital and library.

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