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Cass City Schools enrollment down to 1,017

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The good news is the Cass City Public Schools will be receiving

\$140 more per student from the state this year compared to a year ago.

The bad news is the district has fewer students.

As expected, last Wednesday’s

statewide student count revealed another dip in enrollment for Cass City – and the numbers are down significantly.

“It’s not what we hoped for,” com-

mented Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel. “Our actual count (Wednesday) came in at 1,017 (students), which is down about four percent.

“Our fall count last year was 1,055,” Hartel said, noting the net enrollment decrease is 38 kids, which translates into the loss of roughly \$277,000 in state revenue. “We budgeted for (the loss of) 25, so we’re going to be real tight.

Hartel added the district’s “blended count” – a combination of the district’s total student numbers counted on two separate dates and used by the state to determine funding levels – should result in a slightly higher enrollment total for Cass City for the purpose of determining how much money the state will be sending to the local district.

Hartel prepared the Cass City Board of Education for last week’s student count results during a recent meeting, saying the preliminary

enrollment numbers didn’t look promising. In fact, he told board members that this is the first time in memory that Cass City High School’s enrollment (grades 9 through 12) was expected to 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 298 in grades nine through 12, which is the figure used for athletic classification.

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.

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BARB ROCKWELL (from left), Janet Severance and Kay Severance put the finishing touches on apple pies produced on the Shabbona United Methodist Women’s apple pie assembly line Thursday morning inside the Sanilac County church. This is the popular fundraiser’s 25th year, with a group of about 20 volunteers expected to make around 2,000 pies.U-M Women pies Thursday.

Pie time in Shabbona!

U-M women (and men) mark 25th year of popular fundraiser

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Henry Ford would have been proud of the assembly line efficiency underway Thursday morning at the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Roughly twenty volunteers were on hand — just as they have been this time of year for more than two decades — washing and slicing apples, filling pie crusts with the fruit along with a combination of cinnamon and sugar and a few pats of real butter, and then topping them off with a thin layer of pressed dough. Finally, each pie is bagged,

ready for delivery to any of hundreds of loyal and hungry customers.

It’s a fundraising tradition marking its 25th year at the church in Sanilac County’s Evergreen Township, where the Shabbona United Methodist Women have earned a reputation for churning out the perfect apple pie for just about any holiday or family gathering.

While the project bears the name Shabbona U-M Women, Janet Severance — who is among the founders of the effort — says the church’s men step up each year and do their share of work.

“Without the help of the men, we

couldn’t do it,” Severance commented, noting Thursday was a typical work day for the group.

“We started at 9 and we’ll be finished by 1:30- 2, and we’ll do 300 pies,” she said. “Our days aren’t as long as they used to be, when we were younger and did 500 pies in a day.”

Severance recalled the group made 342 pies the first year. “We couldn’t imagine that we could make any more than that,” she said.

This year, the volunteers expect to turn out some 2,000 pies over the course of three weeks. “We (work) Please turn to page 8.



AMANDA DEERING (pictured above) teaches a group of Afghans how to measure specific volumes of a sample using a pipet. The 1997 Cass City High School grad started working on projects in Afghanistan in 2012 through the International Programs in Agriculture at Purdue University.

Cass City grad Deering working to make food storage safer overseas

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City High School graduate’s passion for science led her to a career

focused on making fresh produce safer for consumption not only in the United States, but also abroad.

In fact, Amanda Deering’s expertise has taken her to Afghanistan several times over the past three years in conjunction with her work at Purdue University, where she has been a member of the Department of Food Science since 2013.

“I work in the area of fresh produce food safety. I also have an Extension appointment where I work with growers throughout the state of Indiana to help them ensure they are producing safe fruits and vegetables for consumers,” explained Deering, a 1997 Cass City High School graduate and the daughter of Gary and Becky Deering.

Deering’s work at Purdue includes teaching food safety workshops for packing houses and conducting Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) trainings for growers.

“My lab also does research that addresses problems that growers face such as testing post-harvest sanitizers to determine how effective they are for the reduction of human pathogenic bacteria, like E. coli O157:H7 and Salmonella spp., if present on the produce, and how this helps with shelf life of the product,” she said.

“I started working on projects in Afghanistan in 2012 through the International Programs in Agriculture (IPIA) at Purdue University and have been there five times,” Deering said, adding her responsibilities have included teaching public health officials in that country how to sample foods for bacterial pathogens and assess food quality.

“I have also worked in Kabul, (presenting) ‘train-the-trainer’ workshops to teach food safety, health and

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Community honors its WWII veterans during open house

Dozens of area residents offered warm greetings, handshakes and sincere “thank-yous” to five of the area’s remaining World War II veterans during an open house last Wednesday at the Cass City VFW Hall.

“We only have four” remaining World War II veterans, commented Joe Merchant, commander of VFW Post 3644, which organized the event. “We did one of these a few years ago, but we’ve lost some since then, and we thought it would be a good thing to do it again.”

Among those on hand during last week’s open house were World War II veterans Leonard Hawkins, 88, Emerson Kennedy, 89, Earl Schember, 89, Bruce Sherman, 88, and Bob Stickle, 90. Also invited was Al Horne, 90.

Hawkins served in the Guadalcanal-Philippines. He enlisted at age 17 and fought in the island campaigns with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Kennedy served with the 1st Infantry Regiment, 6th Division, which provided replacement for marines in the Philippines, then in Korea as part of the occupation force there.

Schember served in the U.S. Army with the 77th Division and was involved in the invasion of Okinawa.

Stickle served with the 306th Engineer

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LOCAL WORLD WAR II veterans on hand for last week’s open house honoring them at the Cass City VFW Hall are (front row, from left) Bob Stickle, Leonard Hawkins, Earl Schember, (back row, left) Bruce Sherman and Emerson Kennedy.



FOUR GENERATIONS (left to right) grandfather Brian Guinther, great-grandmother Joann Guinther holding newborn Leightyn Marie Strange and mother Megan Guinther.

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College night program set for next week in Huron Co.

Bad Axe High School will be hosting this year's Huron County College Night Program, slated for Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The evening will begin with a general session in the gymnasium at 6 p.m. for announcements, directions and other information.

College night organizers emphasized that it's important that students and parents attend the opening session to receive directions and updated information for the evening.

Roughly 45 representatives of Michigan colleges, universities and other institutions will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about their respective schools.

All area high school students considering college are welcome to attend. Parents are encouraged to accompany their students. There will be no better opportunity to gather information from so many college and university resource people.

More information is available by calling the Bad Axe High School counseling office at (989) 269-9593.

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Preventing senior falls no accident

Many older adults may believe that falls are just a normal part of getting older, but health experts say that isn't the case at all. In fact, falls are not a normal part of aging and often lead to injuries that can rob seniors of their independence – or worse.

Officials with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) are encouraging Michigan residents to take measures to prevent falls today, tomorrow and every day, especially during the coming cold-weather months.

"Falls are the leading cause of fatal injury for older adults in the state, but by taking a few simple measures, they are preventable," said MDHHS Director Nick Lyon. "That is why taking time today to learn about how to protect ourselves, our friends and our family members from falls is critically important."

Fall-related deaths are on the rise in Michigan and are the leading cause of traumatic brain injuries and injury-related hospitalizations for the senior population.

Falls resulted in 836 deaths for people aged 65 and older in Michigan, and 14,233 people of this same age group were hospitalized from fall-related injuries, according to 2013 data. Falls among older adults cost the U.S. health care system upwards of \$30 billion dollars annually.

Hip fractures are the most common injury from a fall, but taking a spill may result in other, more serious injuries. Even if a fall doesn't result in an older family member getting hurt, they may begin to significantly limit their physical activities out of fear they may fall again.

Studies show that a combination of interventions can significantly reduce falls.

Experts recommend a physical activity regimen with balance, strength training, and flexibility components (after checking with your doctor); consulting with a health professional about getting a fall risk assessment; having medications, including over-the-counter meds, reviewed periodically; and getting eyes and hearing checked annually.

It's also important to make sure the home environment is safe and supportive by making simple changes such as removing or securing rugs, improving lighting and installing grab bars in key locations.

MDHHS reminds residents that contrary to common belief, falls are not an inevitable part of growing older. There are steps seniors can take to prevent falls, and it's extremely important to educate older Michiganders and their families about simple steps to stay safe as they age.

Senior centers across the United States have programs like Matter of Balance and Tai Chi which help older adults gain strength, improve balance, and increase confidence. Your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will have information on these programs in your community. Visit www.michigan.gov/aging to find your local AAA.



For resources and tips on how to work with your clinician to prevent falls, visit the MDHHS Injury and Violence Prevention Section website at www.michigan.gov/injuryprevention. To locate falls-prevention classes through the Great at Any Age program, visit <http://greatatanyagemi.com/> to find what is being offered near you.

Preventing falls is no accident, and we encourage all area residents to take a few minutes to discuss the risks and ways to prevent falls with the older members of their families.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Thank you for the goldfish, I think

This is an open letter to the Carnival Guy who "awarded" my kid with a goldfish at the local fair this past summer. What can I say? Thank you doesn't even begin to cover it.

Everyone knows that nurturing, feeding and otherwise sustaining any and all household pets (including goldfish, salamanders and tree frogs) is at the top of every mom's job description. We live to de-poop the fish tank.

But back to that fateful day. I innocently sent my kid to the carnival thinking maybe he'd come home with a bellyful of corn dogs or mini donuts. Instead he marched into the house with a clear plastic bag filled with water and a goldfish (not necessarily in that order). He was beaming – my son, not the fish. To say he likes critters is an understatement. Coming home with a goldfish? It was his lucky day!

I wasn't feeling the love. I'd sworn off fish as pets years ago, after three large tanks and many births, deaths and countless instances of parents eating their young. Fish can be complicated, barbaric beings.

That said, our current situation seemed simple enough for fish aficionados like us. We could deal with just one tiny fish. How much could he eat and poop?

Problem was, our situation was about to multiply. My kid is a critter magnet, and the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. I'm a bit of a sucker for them myself. It seems other moms don't share my weakness. A few of my son's friends also won fish at the carnival but they knew better than to take them home. Before long, a second carnival "prize" showed up at our doorstep. And then another. And another. Apparently other moms have mastered the word, "No," better than I have.

That is how we went from zero goldfish to four in less than an hour. I've seen fish multiply before, but never like this. We looked for a larger bowl. We put in some rocks and de-chlorinated water. We tried to make the tank homey for our new pets. It took some effort, but we got the four musketeers settled in their new habitat and I remained optimistic that our fish situation was a temporary one. I figured they'd be belly up and ready for the flusher in short order. How healthy could four carnival goldfishes be?

In a word: Very. Apparently carnival life is a great start for goldfish. One might think they would be squished together in large numbers in small tanks all swishing and swashing as the carnival travels from one town to another. Our goldfish flourish with swishing and swashing. They've completed the two-plus hour car trip with us to the lake three times now and we haven't drowned a single one.

It's been a couple of months, and our fish are thriving. I feed them twice a day. When I do, they congregate at the top of the water in anticipation of their goldfish flakes. I don't want to brag, but as goldfish go, I think they are at the top of the intelligence meter. They have voracious appetites and are grow-

ing bigger. In short, they show no sign of going belly up anytime soon. We've even committed the universal gesture of permanent pethood. We've named them: Big Goldy, Little Goldy, Brownie and Spot. I guess our quadruplets are here to stay.


So that is why I'm writing today. It is because of you, Carnival Guy, that we are in our current situation. We owe our good fortune to you (as do Goldy et al.) and for that I send a weary, albeit wet, "Thanks." The fish have sort of grown on us and I guess we'll keep them. As for next year and your carnival, we may have to take a pass. I think my kid will be busy that day – changing the water in the fish tank.

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)



By golly they did it. Earlier this summer, officials from the Tuscola County Road Commission promised replacement of the Cemetery Road Bridge, just south of Cass City, would be completed by late October.

On Monday, the \$1.2 million construction project, that began in early June, had the structure overlooking the Cass River open for business.

So, you consider yourself a supporter of Cass City Schools, but not necessarily a sports fan. Then you may want to attend the annual Induction Ceremony of this year's National Honor Society members.

Faculty selection committee member Christin Hempton reports this year's ceremony will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21st, at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria.

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The former Erla's Food Center building went to auction Tuesday. While I'm convinced Cass City will have a new grocery store in the near future, I am not so sure it will be located adjacent to the VFW Hall.

We'll report the results of the auction – which will also include the building that is home to Blondie's Hair Care – in next week's paper.

I'm only guessing, but the Haire's may be in the top 5-percent bracket.

Of the approximately 2,000 pies being made by the Shabbona United Methodist Church group, we took delivery of 15 apple delights late last week. At just \$10 a shot, the pies are big hits come holiday dinners' not to mention the Doerr and MacIntyre deer camps.

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Wednesday, October 14

- 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.
- Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City. (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

Thursday, October 15

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 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.
- Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Friday, October 16

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

Monday, October 19

- 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.

Tuesday, October 20

- 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.
- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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"Drive for Kids" fundraiser on tap

Curtis Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Cass City will partner with parents and teachers at Cass City School for a "Drive for the Kids" fundraiser to help raise money during a band concert slated for Monday, Oct. 19, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the school.

During the concert, parents and guests will have the opportunity to earn a \$10 contribution for the school from the Chrysler brand, by taking a test drive in a new 2015 Town & Country, Chrysler 200 or Chrysler 300.

Any licensed driver, ages 18 and older, may drive and earn \$10 on the school's behalf. Curtis Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep will provide 2015 model Chrysler brand vehicles, along with volunteers from the dealership, to help the school with the fundraising test drives.

All test-drive participants will also be entered into the 2015 National Giveaway for a chance to win \$45,000 toward any eligible FCA US LLC Dodge, Jeep, Chrysler, Ram, FIAT, or Alfa Romeo vehicle.

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Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Glenn W. Jobson, 55, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following his plea of no contest to one count of criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree, involving force or coercion March 18 in Mayville.

Jobson's jail time was deferred, according to court records, which state he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Tina M. Chrzan, 42, Cass City, was sentenced to 30 days in jail (deferred) and 12 months probation following her plea of guilty to attempted delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance Jan. 27 in Cass City.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$358.

*Joshua J. Lyle, 30, Flint, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, for-

gering, and lying to a peace officer between June 11 and June 30, 2014, in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

Court records noted Lyle's jail term was deferred. He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,144 plus restitution of \$1,104.31 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Daryl L. Damm, 24, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (deferred) and 36 months probation following his pleas of guilty to possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor June 5 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,308 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Cory J. Kirk, 32, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to

operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 28 in Vassar Township.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Amber A. Huges, 28, Cass City, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance Jan. 27 in Cass City.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$948.

*Devon T. Lemmon, 23, Mayville, pleaded no contest to a charge of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving a victim under the age of 13 years March 28 in Wells Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Fredrick L. Wisenbaugh III, 26, Cass City, pleaded guilty to two counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana and one count of maintaining a drug house between Dec. 15, 2014, and Jan. 9, 2015, in Cass City.

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

*Kelly J. Dinsmoore, 39, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to charges of possession of a controlled substance, second offense, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and furnishing a police officer with false, forged, fictitious or misleading verbal or written information July 10 in Akron Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Joshua M. Savage, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and larceny in a building between Jan. 6 and Jan. 9 in Fairgrove Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Andrew D. Lalko, 25, Kingston, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), and operating a motor vehicle while impaired July 5 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$75,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jason R. Malicoat, 30, Caro, pleaded no contest to two counts of accosting a child for immoral purposes July 22 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentenced investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Nicole M. Parker, 23, Vassar, pleaded no contest to escape from a juvenile facility Aug. 31, 2014, in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jonathan W. Schlicht, 26, Vassar, was sentenced to 93 days in jail following his pleas of contest to two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), assault or assault and battery, and careless driving.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,976.

*William A. Harris, 68, Unionville, was sentenced to 330 days in jail and 60 months probation following his plea of no contest to one count of criminal sexual conduct third degree, between Sept. 11 and Oct. 3, 2014, in Akron Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758.

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Reporter's notebook



Test: can you hear me now?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I'm mourning the imminent loss of an old friend, a true, loyal, cellular marvel in its time that, while never fancy schmancy, has always been there for me.

Yeah, looks like my cell phone has just about had it. It's survived thousands of miles of travel, a few spills onto concrete, all sorts of weather and, of course, time. Until now, I've pretty much overlooked the little idiosyncrasies these gadgets develop. But now I've taken to pushing really hard on the top half of my flip phone in order to maintain a signal (more or less).

Yes, I said top half, because it's a flip phone. Don't judge. Okay, go ahead, snicker and chortle, but this particular phone is special, and not just because it's the only one I've ever owned; it's also well over a dozen years old. I can't imagine you're likely to see too many of these babies anymore. Well, unless you visit the Smithsonian Institute or you enjoy old black-and-white Star Trek reruns.

My wife, a nurse whose job requires her to be efficient on all types of state-of-the-art phones and computers, is thrilled with the prospects of going with me to pick out a new phone, probably because I've reluctantly agreed to get a smart phone. I think she gets some sort of wifely thrill out of seeing her reasonably confident husband struggle with new technology — you know, watch her husband go where he's never gone before?



Goodbye, old friend...

Or, maybe it's the prospect of me having to request an audience with her royal highness every two or three minutes to ask yet again why I can't make the stupid screen do what I want it to do (and then slowly walk away, muttering something about how I never had this issue with my old phone).

Did I mention it took my wife two years to convince me to get a cell phone in the first place? Anyway, I've done a little research on the various types of phones out there, including — yes — the new standard: smartphones.

"Smartphones have become the standard option for most consumers," one article read. "With a robust operating system (OS), GPS, a robust third-party application marketplace and 4G Internet speeds, a smartphone is closer to a computer than a cell phone. They've advanced far beyond simply making calls — modern smartphones feature a highly-responsive touch-screen, Wi-Fi connectivity, HD cameras and data streaming... blah, blah, blah."

Okay, I didn't understand half of that. How am I going to operate one? So I continued reading until the word "classic" caught my eye.

"Often referred to as conventional phones or basic phones, cell phones have stuck to their roots of making calls, texts and little else. Conventional phones are intentionally devoid of advanced features and instead focus on ease of use."

That's it! I'm not afraid to admit I'm all about ease of use. Hey, if I want to make a call, I use a phone. If I want fast Internet speed, I use my computer. If I want to take a picture, I grab my camera. Get the picture?

As for texts, if I have a half-hour to kill, I might send an eight-word text. Actually, I've improved my texting skills since my wife's work schedule has prompted her to send me more texts, which requires me to send her more texts.

Oh well, I guess that's another reason to at least give this smartphone thing a try. After all, you can only select the response "okay" so many times when your wife texts that she loves you.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Barbie Tilt has 16 years of experience as an educator in her own classrooms has been named "Teacher of the Year". Tilt was a 1986 graduate of Cass City High School, Tilt, the daughter of Allen and Joanie Merchant, earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1989 at Central Michigan University.

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary treasurer Betty Hurst presented the final \$7,500 installment for the hospital's mammography machine to hospital Administrator Ken Jensen last week. The auxiliary paid the entire \$30,000 price for the equipment, which has benefitted some 1,700 women over the past 3 years.

It's been a few years since Clair Auslander drove a sturdy team of Belgians or Percherons in a horse pull, but his love of the sport is as strong as ever. So are his memories of 1 more than 50 years of working with horses. The Shabbona native will take both with him this week when he travels to the state fairgrounds in Detroit to be honored by the Michigan Dynamometer Association as "Horse Puller of the Year".

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

Annette Rockefeller was crowned 1980 homecoming queen at Owen-Gage Friday night, receiving her crown from last year's queen, Mary Kay Burrows. Annette is the daughter of John D. and Sharon Rockefeller of Gageton.

The 1980 Cass City High School homecoming queen was crowned by last year's queen, Julie Helwig, right, and presented the traditional bouquet by Principal Russell Richards. The queen is Lori Gohsman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr. had as Sunday dinner guests, her son, Tim Finkbeiner, and Greg Clark of Cincinnati, Ohio, who were in Cass City for the week end, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Finkbeiner and daughter Jeannie of Oxford and his daughters, Alice and Kathy Finkbeiner of Deford, and Theo Hendrick. The birthday of Larry Finkbeiner was celebrated.

Mrs. Leota Anthes and Mrs. Martha Putnam attended the meeting Sunday, at Sherwood on the Hill, Gageton, of District 11 of the Business and Professional Women's Club. Appearing on the program were the state's second vice-president, Frances Barnes of Ann Arbor, and Linda Herdegen of Cadillac, the state's "Young Careerist" of the year.

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Owen-Gage Homecoming Queen candidates are Denise Rocheleau, Jennifer Ziehm, Carri Pettinger and Lu Ann Hendershot.

Randy Howard, Hills and Dales Hospital Administrator, accepts a \$50 donation from the Jr. Wranglers 4-H Club toward the hospital's new burn program. Club member Ann Whittaker presented the check, the money was raised from last summer's club-sponsored horse show.

Honored for 30 years as a Chrysler dealer recently was Rabideau Motors. Lee Rabideau, co-owner, displays the plaque he

received from Chrysler Corporation. Its 30 years and going strong. Latest sales figures from the corporation show the Cass City dealership exceeding sales quotas and in the top 10 in sales ranking for the district.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

A happy Barbara Bliss beams as she is crowned Miss Cass City High School Homecoming Queen during a dance held after the Cass City-Caro football game. Senior class president Wayne Copeland placed the crown on Queen Barb's head.

Ubly High School Band has its mascot back and no one is happier about it than a certain pretty seven-year-old miss with an ever ready, if semi-toothless, grin. The young lady in question is Becky Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson of rural Ubly. She's happy about the band getting its mascot back because, one, she is the mascot, and two, she has returned to her first love, twirling the baton. Early last spring she was hospitalized at Hubbard Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe after a bout with measles which left her with an ear infection and pneumonia. A thorough examination revealed a much more serious ailment and with the discovery came a sudden end to Becky's majorette ambitions. The examination showed that a valve in Becky's heart that should have closed off after she was born had remained open and unless it was taken care of she would have to live a relatively restricted life. She has recovered completely and returns as the mascot.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

Jack Esau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Esau, of Cass City spent several days last week in Detroit and while there enlisted in the United States Marine Corps for a period of four years. He received

word to report in Detroit Wednesday and left that city Wednesday night for Paros Island, South Carolina. Jack is a graduate of Cass City High School having been graduated in 1935 and has been employed at the Young & Mater meat market for the last three and one-half years.

A quiet wedding took place on Sunday, October 13, at 9:30 a. m. in the home of Elder Silas Parker, L. D. S. pastor, at Owendale, when Miss Annie Gertrude Jarvis, daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Jarvis, of Owendale became the bride of Dorus Robert Klinkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Klinkman, of Cass City. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jarvis, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, of Pigeon.

Officers were elected to Succeed themselves at the annual meeting of the local Red Cross society held in the Youth Center here Tuesday afternoon. They are: Chairman, Mrs. J. Ivan Niergarth; vice chairman, Guy W. Landon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Kercher. In a report of the society's activities since April, 1939, Mrs. I Kercher said \$117.06 were spent for needy families in the community, \$260.00 were contributed for war relief, 17 sweaters were knitted and two layettes made. In the absence of the chairman, Guy W. Landon presided at the business meeting.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

Mrs. William Weldon, Mrs. Warner Kellez and Mrs. Schmidt were the guests of Mrs. Margaret Livingston at Deford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cross and Mrs. Geo. Zimmerman of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gebhardt, sr., of Forestville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Benkelman Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sees and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hofmeister, all of Unionville, Mrs. Geo. Cobine of Saginaw and Mrs. Eickermeyer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Higgins Sunday.

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Get Involved: Cass City Gavel Club

Editor's note: This is the second in a four-part series the Chronicle is publishing on local service clubs. Stories focusing on the Cass City Lions and the Knights of Columbus will be featured in future editions of the paper.

The Cass City Gavel Club is marking its 72nd year in the community. The club was initially formed in 1943 by a group of Cass City men who wanted to belong to a civic group, but found none available locally. The only active group was the Rotary Club, however, the group strictly adhered to its bylaws – including membership being limited to one member from a line of business.

Gavel Club member Dick Wallace explained, "In my father's case, Buz Wallace, he could never be a Rotarian because the allocation for a banker was already filled by his boss."

About 30 Cass City men formed the Cass City Gavel Club using the

guidelines of the Saginaw Toastmaster's Club. Each member was expected to preside over a program and then receive a critique after his talk. The central theme of the Cass City Gavel Club was to give service to the community of Cass City. Because the club is governed by local guidelines — not subject to the state or national sanctions — the group donated all proceeds from various activities to help support projects designed to make the community a better place to live.

In the 1940s, during World War II, when there were numerous restrictions and toys were not available for children, the Gavel Club made this their first project. They made and distributed toys to youngsters throughout the area.

The membership's first large civic project was to provide an athletic complex for the school. The park area, owned by the village, was completely renovated. Established was a new lighted football field that included drainage; a cinder track

encircling the football field; a lighted softball diamond at the north end of the football field; an updated baseball diamond; and two tennis courts, with backstops and shuffleboard courts.

To fund this project, the club sold bonds and then collected gate fees for all softball and football games for several years to work off the debt. Most of the Gavel Club's projects have benefited the Cass City park area. Members say those improvements would not have been possible if not for a close working relationship and partnership with both the Cass City Schools and the village of Cass City.

Numerous updates continue to this day at the recreational park, including dugouts for baseball and softball diamonds; original curb for the 440 yard cinder track prior to the current 400-meter asphalt makeover; electric baseball and softball scoreboards; construction of picnic tables and updated grilling areas in the park; a new storage shed for the track equip-

ment; construction of the original concession stands for the football field (which have since been relocated to the high school baseball/softball complex); funding for asphalt runways for pole vault, long jump and the approach for the high jump; spearheading a project to pave the football parking lot; improvements to the announcer's booth, team rooms at the stadium, and new concession stands with new bathroom facilities — all completed in concert with Cass City High School.

For many years the club funded and organized the annual village-wide visit from Santa Claus, and members enjoyed putting together the Santa house and packaging candy boxes for Santa to hand out to area children.

The club has also funded many trips and projects for school functions through the years that fell outside the school budget, as well as a scholarship fund for Cass City graduates.

The area club established the Gavel Club Relays, an event that was sec-

ond only to Central Michigan's "Chip Relays" in terms of being the largest invitational track meet in the state of Michigan. This meet faded out in the late 1960s when cinder tracks gave way to asphalt, all-weather tracks. Cass City's track is now up-to-date due to the efforts of the Cass City Booster Club along with assistance from the Gavel Club and other civic organizations. The Gavel Club Relays returned at the varsity level in 1991, but the format changed to a Jack and Jill style — two boys and two girls on each relay team. Then, in 2004, it was changed to the junior high level and has continued since.

The club still holds the annual Gavel Club Invitational Golf Tourney, which has become a very successful fundraiser as well as a reunion of sorts for golfers from throughout the state, hosting at Cass City's Rolling Hills Golf Course.

The Gavel Club also chartered the local Cub Scout troop and still supports the organization in many ways.

The 2015 Cass City Gavel Club

The 2015 GAVEL CLUB members are (front, l-r) Anton Peters, President; Jon Zdrojewski, Dave Hoard, Ron Guinther, Larry Robinson, Keith Czekai and Larry Hoelzle; (back) Dan Curtis, Treasurer; Jim Mastie, Dick Wallace, Brad Langenburg, Tom LeValley, Dick LeValley, Joe Leeson, Tom Guinther, Russ Weyer, Dan Erla, Jim Hempton, Tavis Osentoski, Jeff Benkelman, Terri Czekai, Steve Muska, Vice President; Rusty Hudson, Secretary; and Ryan Lowman. Missing: Bob Stickle, Dale McIntosh, Scott Cuthrell, Duanne Henn, Al Patrick, Ben Schott, John Sommerville, Virgil Peters and Ed Robinson.

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Community honors vets

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Battalion. He made the D-Day landing with the second wave as a demolition technician, and was sent to the Pacific after Germany capitulated.

Horne served with the U.S. Army in the European theatre and, after the war, served with the U.S. Air Force for eight years.

During the gathering, the Ed and Sandra Nizzola family presented VFW Post 3644 officials with an American flag flown Aug. 20, 2015, over the Northeast Gate, which separates communist Cuba from the U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. "Here each day, United States Marines stand ready to protect the freedom for which so many have fought and died," a photo accompanying the flag states.



School enrollment down again

Continued from page one.

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, a \$140-per-student increase compared to 2014-15.

Although school officials know they're in line for a state funding increase this year, there's no way to predict fluctuations in the student population week to week due to kids coming and going via Schools of Choice – and when they come and go, they take/bring their state funding with them.

"It's very difficult to make projections when you really don't know," Hartel said. "Last year we lost less than one percent (in student enrollment) – that's why we had all that extra revenue. Last year we came in better. This year we came in worse."



SENATOR PHIL PAVLOV (R-St. Clair Township) recently joined an expert panel at a Toronto town hall meeting on the planned construction of a nuclear dump that could jeopardize the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem. Pictured above are (from left) Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump spokesperson Beverly Fernandez, David Suzuki Foundation Director General Dr. Faisal Moola; Sarnia, Ontario, Mayor Mike Bradley, Pavlov, and event moderator Dr. Stephanie Rutherford, assistant professor, Trent University.

Pavlov on panel debating Canadian nuclear dump

Senator Phil Pavlov last week spoke as part of an expert panel at a Toronto town hall meeting on the planned construction of a nuclear dump that could jeopardize the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The "Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump" panel invited Pavlov to join an international array of speakers to discuss Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) plan to build a nuclear waste disposal facility in Kincardine, Ontario, less than a mile from the shores of Lake Huron.

"There has been a groundswell of opposition to this proposal, and for good reason," said Pavlov (R-St. Clair Township). "OPG failed to consider any other sites for their dump other than this location near Lake Huron. Several environmental organizations, thousands of citizens, more than 100 Michigan communities, our U.S. senators, and other legislators have all called for an end to this proposal."

"Now, most recently, a noted expert in environmental impact assessment, Dr. Peter Duinker, says OPG's environmental impact statement (EIS) has 'significant flaws of approach and method,'" Pavlov added. "He also calls their work 'not credible,' the methods used 'not defensible' and the conclusions of the EIS 'not reliable.'"

"It is readily apparent that the construction of this site must not go forward."

Pavlov led the Michigan Senate in passing legislation last year calling on the U.S. to invoke International Joint Commission provisions to stop the construction of the facility. In August, Michigan's U.S. senators echoed Pavlov's effort by introducing similar resolutions at the federal level.

Pavlov also started a petition, www.ProtectLakeHuron.com, signed by thousands, calling for an end to the dump.

The decision on whether or not to go forward with the plan is in the hands of the Canadian minister of the environment, who is expected to announce a decision by Dec. 2.

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Shabbona U-M fundraiser marks 25 years

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three days a week. We do shells one day and then come back and fill the shells," she explained.

All of the ingredients are purchased from the neighboring Country View Bulk Food Store.

And it's a hefty shopping list, starting with roughly 60 bushels of Cortland apples. The group also goes through 18 50-pound blocks of shortening, a half-ton each of flour and sugar, more than 70 pounds of butter and about 10 pounds of cinnamon.

The pies are and have always been made following the same recipe, according to Severance.

"It's no secret and it's super simple; it's a recipe that's actually in the old Better Homes and Garden Cookbook," she said. "And every pie gets three pats of real butter. It's got to be real butter – no substitutes for this farm community."

It's served as a recipe for success that at one time had this group of volunteers trying to keep up with

orders up in the 5,000-pie range. "But we don't have that many orders anymore," Severance said. "There are a lot of other groups doing pies – we've helped a lot of other churches" launch similar fundraisers.

Even so, the Shabbona United-Methodist Women have their hands full with orders for hundreds of pie shells in addition to those used for their own apple pies. "At one time we were making thousands a month," said Severance, who pointed out the group at one time provided all of the pie shells for the Country View Bulk Food Store. In recent years, she added, the church has produced probably 5,000 to 7,000 shells annually, selling them to individuals as well as to other churches in Mayville, Saginaw and Midland.

Keeping up with big orders used to involve a lot more work — workers spent the first 10 years rolling out crusts by hand. "Then we bought the pie press, and that has been a lifesaver because we sell more pie shells in a year than we do pies," Severance

said.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go towards the church's mission contributions and local projects. For example, parishioners pack and donate 20 or so boxes of food and other items for needy families during the Christmas season. "Basically, this project anymore pays for heat and insurance for the church," Severance noted.

While other church fundraisers have come and gone, the Shabbona U-M Women's apple pie sale is still going strong, even if the group isn't selling quite as many pies as it used to. The project's longevity doesn't surprise Severance, who figures you can't underestimate the value of consistency, both in the product and the hands that continue to prepare it year after year.

"You've got the same core of people who have worked here for 25 years, and it's been successful," she said. "We hit upon something that the Lord blessed and we took off with it."



THE PIE FUNDRAISER bears the name of the Shabbona United Methodist Women, but the church's men do their share of the work, making up roughly half of the volunteer workforce it takes to pull off the hugely successful project each year.



ARTHUR SEVERANCE (left) prepares to slice another batch of apples, while Dan Caister (right) was among the workers in charge of peeling the Cortland apples used in preparing the Shabbona U-W pies Thursday. The apples are later rinsed in a vinegar water solution to prevent the fruit from becoming discolored



Puppy love...

CASS CITY MAIL carrier Rachel Stark shared a hug with Mitchel LaPratt's five-year-old pit bull, Suzie, while delivering mail along Woodland Avenue recently. (Photo courtesy of Mitchel LaPratt)

Stark loves her job as a mail carrier in town - and it shows

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

If you're lucky enough to have Rachel Stark delivering your mail in Cass City, chances are good you can count on at least one friendly wave and a big smile on most days.

Stark's upbeat delivery style brightens the work week not only for her two-legged customers, but also some four-legged friends along her route.

Take Suzie the pit bull for example. While many folks envision mail carriers on the run with a dog in hot pursuit, Suzie's owner, Mitchel LaPratt, says his canine companion always seems enthusiastic to welcome Stark when she passes by his Woodland Avenue home.

LaPratt, who moved with his family to Cass City from Owendale a dozen years ago, recently took a photo of Suzie giving Stark a big hug, and he posted the picture on his Facebook page.

"Suzie is my five-year-old pit bull that has been my best friend and companion for two years now. I rescued her by adopting her from S & R Rescue located out of Port Huron," LaPratt noted.

"Suzie is one of the nicest dogs you'd ever meet, hence the big pit bull hug she is giving (Stark in the photo)," the 2011 Owen-Gage High School graduate said. "Suzie always greets Rachel the way she did in the picture, because she knows that Rachel gives her treats. She really gives everyone that comes to our house a greeting like that.

"My daughter, Kylie, is 2 ½ years old – Suzie and Kylie are like two peas in a pod. They get along well. Suzie allows her to play with her any chance that she gets," added LaPratt, who works as a delivery driver for Pro Build in Bad Axe. He's quick to point out that most pit bulls are not the monsters they've been made out to be in the media. "It's all in how they are raised," he explained.

"She just likes hugs – super sweet dog," Stark said of her encounters with Suzie.

Stark's city route in town includes a combination of walking and driving, totaling more than 500 stops with roughly 10 miles of walking each day.

"Although I love my job and it's good exercise, I love the customer aspect of the job – getting to chat with people and getting to know them," Stark said. "I'm on my 24th year at this job...and wouldn't change.

"I love all my customers and the kindness they have shown me since I started over here in November 2011," she added. "Hard to believe I've been here four years, but honestly, I wouldn't change it for anything. I've made a lot of good friends here; some I consider family and others I'm just happy to really know."

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Bearcats double winners at Cass City Invitational

Ubly made the most of Saturday's ideal running conditions to surprise the Cass City cross country team at their own invitational.

Despite a medalist showing from Red Hawk CarLee Stimpfel, the Bearcats defeated their Tuscola County neighbor 37-47, while Sandusky finished third with 60. Rounding out the team scoring over the weekend were Deckerville (109) and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (111).

"Ubly took first, besting the host Red Hawks for the first time this season by only 10 points with the absence of our number one runner Bransen Stimpfel," reported Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

"CarLee Stimpfel won the race over Ubly's Alex Grifka in a close race despite CarLee taking a stumble near the start of the race. He fell and several competitors ran over or around him and he recovered and ended up winning the race, an indication of the strength of his running as we approach the end of the season," said Zdrojewski.

Stimpfel posted a winning time of 17:09 and Grifka, a time of 17:21.

The champions also had Nicholas Swanson and Nathan Gilbert with top 10 showings. Swanson was 4th to the end line with a time of 18:06 and Gilbert came in eighth with a time of 18:31. The final score for Ubly had Jonathan Wright place 13th with a time of 19:38 and Ryche Roggenbuck place 18th with a time of 19:56.

For Cass City, Zane Wright continues to improve. He was second to the tape for the Red Hawks and placed 7th overall with a time of 18:29. Jose Torres was close behind and came in 9th overall with a time of 18:37, while Michael Rader placed 12th and Tyler Laster, 26th. They were clocked at 19:33 and 20:43.

In the women's field, Ubly held off Sandusky 34-47 for the team cham-

ionship, while Deckerville (67), Mayville (86) and Unionville-Sebewaing Area (102) complete the team rankings.

The Lady Bearcats had 2 of the top 3 finishers in Haili Gusa and Janelle White. Gusa topped the field with a time of 20:31 and White finished third with a time of 20:59.

Emma Hembrough, Sabrina Schumacher and Shannon Particka completed the list of scorers for Ubly. They finished 12th, 14th and 15th with times of 23:59, 24:04 and 24:43, respectively.

The Lady Red Hawks failed to register a team score.

"Cass City was short of a full team with Ilana Blattner having a band competition and Layna Mathewson out with an injury. The remaining 3 ladies ran well on their home course, Lauren Fernald finished in 13th place, DeeDee Haley in 22nd and Kate Stimpfel in 25th place," said Zdrojewski.

Up next for Cass City is Saturday's invite in Reese, followed by the Greater Thumb Conference League Meet Tuesday in Brown City.



UBLY'S NATHAN Gilbert and Cass City's Zane Wright stride toward the finish line Saturday at the Red Hawk cross country invite. Trying to close the gap is Jose Torres. The trio all registered top 10 individual finishes.

Perry scores 5 TDs in Cass City win

In need of a quality win, the Cass City football team will get the opportunity this week when guest Unionville-Sebewaing Area comes to town for the Greater Thumb West (GTW) finale for both schools.

Despite improving to 5-2 overall with a running clock victory over hosts Reese in Week 7, Cass City has yet to defeat an opponent with a winning record to this point in the season. In fact, 4 of the Red Hawk wins

have come against teams with a combined record of just 5-23.

That all changes Friday when the Patriots, also 5-2, will try to rebound from their second half collapse in last week's GTW showdown against Vassar with a share of the conference crown at stake.

In addition to a signature victory, Friday's winners between the Red Hawks and Patriots will secure a spot in the post-season party. Cass

City will be looking for their second straight trip to the MHSAA playoffs, while Unionville-Sebewaing Area will be seeking their first playoff appearance since 2010.

To be successful against the Patriots, another gutsy showing from Cass City's Nick Perry will most

likely be required. The sophomore running back had a career night leading the Red Hawks past Reese, recording a career-best 171 yards on 24 carries and 5 touchdowns.

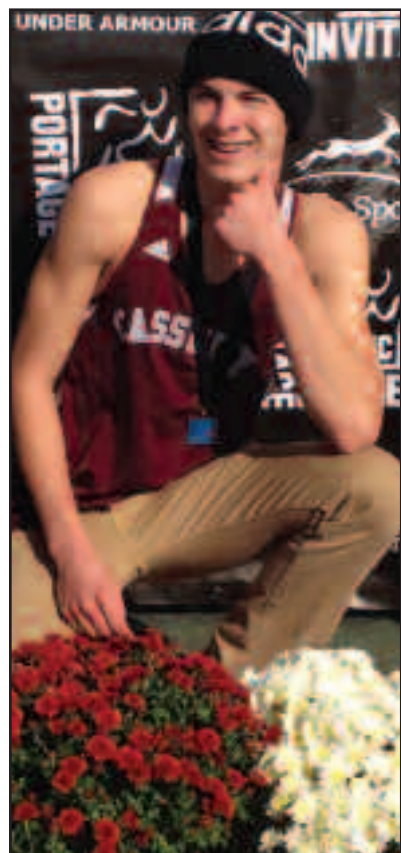
Despite Perry's antics, Cass City led just 28-20 at the half, before a Please turn to page 10.

Hawk standout shines at meet for college scouts

Senior Bransen Stimpfel missed his only chance to showcase his talents in front of a home crowd Saturday, but that doesn't mean the Cass City High School distance runner failed to impress onlookers over the weekend.

"Bransen ran the Portage Invite for college scouts Saturday and he ran a season-best time of 15:44, a sixth place finish at the very demanding venue. He should be more than ready for the remainder of the season as we approach the most important meets for the team," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Stimpfel has paid an official visit to Central Michigan University. He also is considering offers from



Bransen Stimpfel

Grand Valley and others.

The Cass City High School record is held by Greg Bliss, with a time of 15:40.



OWEN-GAGE running back Jacob Warack hurdles a Hale defender Thursday during the Bulldog's 52-6 Mid-Michigan 8-Man victory. Warack ran for over 100 yards as the hosts improved to 7-0 on the year. (Story page 10.)

Cass City spikers rebound at Reese

Cass City returned to the win column with a Greater Thumb West decision at Reese.

After bowing from the GTW title chase the week before during a heart-felt 5-game loss to Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, the Red Hawk spikers defeated the host Rockets last Tuesday in straight games.

The scores on the night were 25-12, 25-19 and 25-16.

Lauren Potter recorded 32 assists, 10 digs and three aces to pace the winners. Lady Red Hawks Maegan LeValley and Macy Dickinson chipped in 11 and 7 kills, respectively.

Tara Nicholas had 10 digs to lead Cass City defensively.

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USA up next for Cass City Friday

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strong defensive effort saw the visitors score 27 unanswered points in route to their 55-20 decision.

Parker Haire had a pair of deep kickoff returns for Cass City, including one the senior playmaker took to the Patriot 2-yard line. Haire also led the winners defensively with 11 tackles, while fellow linebacker Perry added 9 stops.

"Outstanding performances from Nick Perry and Parker Haire to take

control in the second half. Proud of our players bouncing back after last week's loss," said Cass City Coach Scott Cuthrell.

Besides Perry, the Red Hawk offense had Shaede Perzanowski with 77 rushing yards on 12 totes and 2 scores, while Branden Horne chipped in 52 yards on 7 carries. Cass City also added 27 yards passing as quarterback Mason Erla completed 2-of-5 tosses, including a touchdown strike to Haire.

Defensively, several Red Hawks came up with stellar efforts to help derail Reese.

Horne was credited with 6 stops and a fumble recovery that the senior defensive lineman scooped up near midfield and returned deep into the Red Zone.

Cass City also had Ryan Schmidt with an interception and fumble recovery on the night, while Erla picked off a third Rocket pass on the host's final possession to help keep the winless Rockets scoreless in the final half.

FOOTBALL

STANDINGS

Greater Thumb West

Team	W	L	T	W	L
Vassar	4	0	6	1	1
USA	3	1	5	2	2
Cass City	2	2	5	2	2
Bad Axe	2	2	3	4	4
EPBP	1	3	3	4	4
Reese	0	4	0	7	7

Greater Thumb East

Team	W	L	T	W	L
Sandusky	4	0	7	0	0
Ubyly	3	1	5	2	2
Brown City	2	2	2	5	5
Harbor Beach	2	2	2	5	5
Marlette	1	3	4	3	3
Memphis	0	4	1	6	6

Mid-Michigan 8-Man

Team	W	L	T	W	L
Owen-Gage	4	0	7	0	0
Caseville	3	1	4	3	3
B. Madison	3	1	3	3	3
HN Merritt	3	1	5	2	2
Hale	1	3	1	5	5
Akron-Fair.	1	4	3	4	4
Flint MSD	0	6	0	6	6

NCTL - 8-MAN

Team	W	L	T	W	L
Deckerville	3	0	6	1	1
Peck	4	0	6	1	1
Kingston	3	2	3	4	4
North Huron	1	3	3	4	4
Dryden	1	3	1	6	6
CPS	0	4	0	7	7

Bulldogs cruise again

Owen-Gage's David Binder and Jake Warack combined for nearly 300 yards rushing Thursday to defeat visiting Hale in a Mid-Michigan 8-man contest.

Binder ran for 195 yards on only 10 attempts, while Warack chipped in 101 yards rushing on 7 carries. The hard running duo found pay dirt 3 times and Dan Good scored once on a 50-yard pass reception from quarterback Jacob Wright to pace the winners.

With the 53-6 victory, Owen-Gage improves to 7-0 on the campaign.

Defensively, Good registered a team-high 9 tackles, while Devon Lorenz chipped in 7 stops. Good and Lorenz combined for 4 tackles for losses and Binder added 6 tackles and an interception for the winners.



THE 2015 Cass City junior varsity football team members include: (front row, l-r) Hank Janik, Wyatt Dickson, Eric Peters, Bryce Bukoski, Lawson Alberts, Connor Sines (middle row) Dalton Powell, Jose Casillas-Alba, Brendan Hamilton, Lukas Stern, (back row) Coach Josh Stern, Zach Beecher, Hunter Vaughan and Asst. Coach Cody Halasz. Missing are Jarod Naegele, Thomas Harp and Austin Hull. The Red Hawk junior varsity program has won 22 straight games.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2015 Football Season Week 8



Clarke Haire



Tom Montgomery



Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

Friday, Oct. 16

USA at Cass City
Bad Axe at Vassar
Reese at EPBP
Brown City at Ubyly
Marlette at Harbor Beach
Caro vs Frankenmuth
Akron-Fairgrove at Hale
O-G at Burton Madison
Kingston at Big Rapids
Deckerville at Peck

Cass City
Vassar
EPBP
Ubyly
Harbor Beach
Frankenmuth
Hale
O-G
Kingston
Peck

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Frankenmuth
Hale
O-G
Kingston
Deckerville

Last Week's results
Season Results

6 - 2
41- 15 (73%)

7 - 1
40-16 (71%)

7 - 1
40-16 (71%)

5 - 3
41 - 15 (73%)

Safety tips for bow hunters offered

Michigan's bow hunting season opened October 1, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officers are sharing tips for a safe bow hunting experience.

"Bow hunting is enjoyed by thousands of hunters every year in Michigan, and we want to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable hunting season," said Sgt. Steve Orange, supervisor of the DNR's hunter education program. "With the season upon us, every hunter should follow some common sense safety tips before heading to or being in the woods."

The top safety tips for bow hunting include:

*Before you go out, inspect equipment, including your tree stand or other raised platform. If anything is

worn, frayed, cracked or peeling, replace it or get it fixed. If using a compound bow or crossbow, make sure the cables and pulleys are in good working order.

*When sharpening broadheads, be careful and take your time.

*Practice tree-stand safety. The DNR recommends using a full-body safety harness to get into and out of your tree stand.

*If using a raised platform, always use a haul line to raise and lower your gear.

*Keep arrows in the quiver until you are ready to use them. A common injury is to stab or injure yourself or a hunting companion while carrying arrows in your hand or nocked on your bow.

*When heading out to the woods, hunt with a friend or family member

or make sure you tell someone reliable where you are going and what time to expect you back. This information is valuable in helping conservation officers or sheriff's deputies to find you if you are lost. Also, think about carrying a cell phone, compass, flashlight and other small safety items in when in the woods.

Other important reminders include:

*Obtain permission from landowners before hunting on their land or using their land to access public land.

*If you are successful, field dress your deer and cool its meat immediately. Michigan's unpredictable weather means October days are sometimes warm, and warm temperatures and can cause the meat to spoil quickly.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Nick Perry is this week's Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honoree.

The Cass City sophomore running back had a big night Friday, helping the Red Hawks spoil the Reese Homecoming with a 55-20 victory.

A 2-year varsity performer, Perry ran for 171 yards on 24 carries and 5 touchdowns in the Greater Thumb West blowout.

Perry also had a banner showing defensively

and recorded 9 tackles. Nick is the son of Troy and Julie Perry.



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VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/28	CC 28, Brown City	14
9/3	CC 28, Memphis	0
9/11	CC 27, Harbor Beach	12
9/18	CC 13, Lakers	14
9/25	CC 54, Bad Axe	6
10/2	CC 21, Vassar	56
10/9	CC 55, Reese	20
10/16	USA	7:00 p.m.
10/23	Caro	7:00 p.m.

FOLLOW THE HAWKS AT HOME

JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

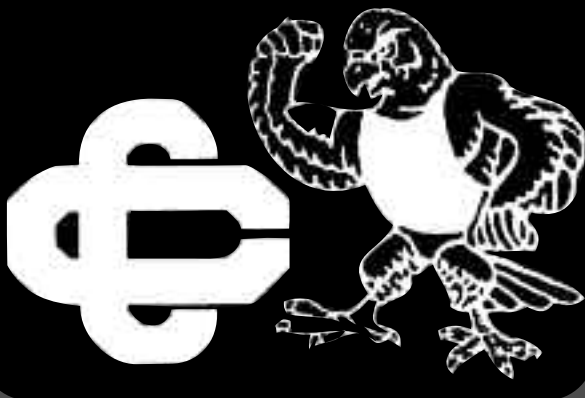
Oct. 14 vs.
Harbor Beach, 5:30 p.m.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Oct. 16 vs.
USA, 7 p.m.

JR. HIGH FOOTBALL

Oct. 20 vs.
USA, 6 p.m.



CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/27	Birch Run Invite	4:15 p.m.
9/3	Brown City Invite	9:00 a.m.
9/12	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/16	Ubyl Invite	3:00 p.m.
9/19	Holly Invite	7:40 p.m.
9/24	Frankenmuth	TBA
9/26	Laker Invite	10:00 a.m.
10/3	Wagner Park Invite	7:30 a.m.
10/6	Bad Axe Invite	4:30 p.m.
10/10	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
10/17	Reese Invite	9:30 p.m.
10/20	GTC League @ BC	4:30 p.m.
10/24	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:00 a.m.
10/30-31	Regionals @ Deckerville	TBA

J.V. FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/27	CC 66, Brown City	20
9/2	Memphis - Cancelled	
9/10	CC 56, Harbor Beach	14
9/17	CC 36, Lakers	6
9/24	CC 56, Bad Axe	8
10/1	CC 30, Vassar	0
10/8	CC 74, Reese	42
10/15	USA	6:30 p.m.
10/22	Caro	6:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/28	Bad Axe (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/29	Bad Axe (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/1	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
9/10	USA	6:00 p.m.
9/12	Caro (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/15	Reese	6:00 p.m.
9/17	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
9/19	Bay City Western (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/19	Caro (JV)	8:30 a.m.
9/22	EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
9/24	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
9/26	USA Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/29	USA	6:00 p.m.
10/6	Reese	6:00 p.m.
10/13	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
10/15	Caro	6:00 p.m.
10/17	Marlette (V)	9:00 a.m.
10/20	EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Laker Invite (V)	8:00 a.m.
11-2/7	Districts	TBA

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/14	Vassar	5:30 p.m.
9/16	Memphis	5:30 p.m.
9/21	Reese	5:30 p.m.
9/23	Harbor Beach	5:30 p.m.
9/28	USA	5:30 p.m.
9/30	Brown City	5:30 p.m.
10/5	Vassar	5:30 p.m.
10/7	Memphis	5:30 p.m.
10/12	Reese	5:30 p.m.
10/14	Harbor Beach	5:30 p.m.
10/19	USA	5:30 p.m.
10/21	Brown City	5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/26	Saginaw	4:00 p.m.
8/28	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
9/1	Yale	8:00 a.m.
9/9	Caro	4:00 p.m.
9/10	Sandusky	9:00 a.m.
9/12	Hemlock Tourney	TBD
9/15	Cros-Lex	4:00 p.m.
9/17	BC John Glenn	4:00 p.m.
9/21	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
9/24	Saginaw Nouvel	4:00 p.m.
9/30	BC John Glenn	4:00 p.m.
10/8-10	Regionals	TBD

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JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/22	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
9/29	Memphis	6:00 p.m.
10/6	Reese	6:00 p.m.
10/13	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.
10/20	USA	6:00 p.m.
10/27	Brown City	6:00 p.m.

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Cass City grad Deering helping to make food safer overseas

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hygiene to Afghan Extension educators so they are able to go out to villages to teach others about food safety issues. I've also taught GAPs to Extension educators to help farmers grow safe products," Deering continued. "Afghanistan faces many food safety challenges, as almost all of their water is contaminated and the lack of refrigeration at most homes greatly enhances the problems."

LATEST PROJECTS

Deering's latest project involves helping to introduce hermetic (sealed) storage for grains, fruits and nuts as a means to safely store the crops farmers are able to produce. "There are no big farms in Afghanistan, with most Afghans typ-

ically farming about one to two acres," she noted. "Almost everything is done by hand and the farmers rely on the food not only for income, but also food for their family. In some years, they lose up to 80 percent of the crops that they store from insect damage."

"Hermetic storage uses containers, such as bags, that don't allow oxygen to enter once they are filled and sealed. Any insects that are in the grain use up the oxygen that is present and once that is gone, the insects are not able to survive due to the low oxygen and high carbon dioxide levels," Deering explained. "Hermetic storage also prevents moisture from entering the bag once it is sealed, so that also helps with the shelf life of the product."

"We have been introducing the bags in Herat City and successfully work-

ing with growers to implement the hermetic storage system. The program still has a way to go, but we are at least moving in the right direction."

Deering, along with a food safety colleague in food science and animal science, is also assisting in the development of a food science program at Herat University, an agricultural school located in a region where there is a great deal of food production.

"We had three faculty (members) from the College of Agriculture at Herat University come to Purdue for five weeks this summer. We taught them the curriculum and labs that they will teach the students who will be a part of this newly established food science department. The labs focused on food microbiology and

food safety, food processing, such as canning, and food chemistry," Deering said.

"The labs were designed to use very basic lab supplies and everyday items because it is very difficult to source anything in Afghanistan," she added. "We went in August to help train the first group of 14 students for the program, and I will be going back in November to follow up with the training and to see how the students are progressing."

DIFFERENT CULTURE

Deering, whose husband, Robert Pruitt, is a professor in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Purdue University, acknowledged working in Afghanistan has presented some cultural challenges.

"Women have to dress very differently in Afghanistan compared to how we dress in the U.S. Women can pretty much only have their face, hands, and feet exposed when they are out of the house, and depending on how strict their husbands are, have to wear a burqa that completely covers them," she noted.

"We follow their dress rules while we are in country both out of respect and (because) it helps us fit in should a problem with security arise. This means wearing a headscarf when we are out in public. This isn't too bad when it's cold, but it's sure hot in August."

"Very few women are allowed to come to any trainings, but I was able to hold the first-ever women-only training in Herat City in August," Deering continued. "I taught basic food safety and hygiene, which is important to teach women because they are the ones who do all of the cooking and manage the household. The training was a great success and more women-only trainings will be held in the future."

"In Afghanistan, men don't typically have anything to do with women, so I think some of them do have a hard time taking instruction from me," she observed, "but most are really receptive. Most Afghan men will not shake my hand, however, this seems to be more of the older generation and the younger generation seems to be more receptive of women, such as the students we worked with at Herat University."

Deering indicated her husband is understandably concerned about her working in Afghanistan, but he supports her in her work.

"I never thought I would be training people in Afghanistan, but it has been a great experience and I've met some wonderful people over the years. It makes me grateful for where I live and how good we have it," she said.

As for the future, Deering and two of the colleagues she has worked with in Afghanistan recently received funding from IPIA to start a study abroad course focused on Cuba.

"We will be exploring Cuba this summer to determine what are the best options to teach Purdue undergraduate students about food safety, GAPs, and other related issues in Cuba," she said. "New adventures and stories coming soon."



DEERING IS pictured above teaching students microbiology skills at Herat University in Herat City. "The headscarf can come off when I'm working with students – it was August and very hot," she noted.

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"WE FOLLOW THEIR dress rules while we are in their country, both out of respect and (because) it helps us fit in should a problem arise," Deering said. "These (in photo above) are the rest of the participants who were in the hermetic storage training. Women typically aren't allowed to take pictures with men, however, they always seem to make an exception for me."

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