

Into fatal shooting

Investigation continuing

Huron County authorities are continuing their investigation into the death of a Bad Axe man who died following an early morning shooting Oct. 25 in Sheridan Township.

Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner said Monday that no determination has been made yet as to whether or not the shooting was accidental.

"We visited with the crime lab personnel and the pathologist on Thursday," he said, adding authorities are continuing to follow up on the case and will probably meet again this week at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Bridgeport.

Gaertner said a final determination will not be made until authorities receive additional test results from the crime lab.

The shooting claimed the

life of 22-year-old Nathan Wilde, who suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen.

Huron Central Dispatch received a call reporting an accidental shooting at about 1:45 a.m. at a residence located at 3876 McMillan Rd., about 6 miles west of Ubyly.

Huron County Sheriff's Department detectives were called in to investigate, along with the state police crime lab

and Huron County Medical Examiner Richard E. Lockard.

Police, who remained at the scene throughout the day, later executed 3 search warrants, including one at the McMillan Road residence. Also searched were another residence and a vehicle.

Police questioned and later released another white male. No arrests have been made in the case.

First aid class set

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, will offer a Red Cross Certified First Aid class Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital's north conference room.

The instructors prefer that the participants have a cur-

rent CPR certification card prior to taking the class.

To register, please call the Huron Memorial Hospital Community Relations Department at (517) 269-9521 before Tuesday, Nov. 9. Class size is limited.



KINGSTON'S NEW Postmaster, Michael R. Godard Sr., was officially sworn to duty by Jackie Vican, post office operations manager - Saginaw, during ceremonies held Thursday.

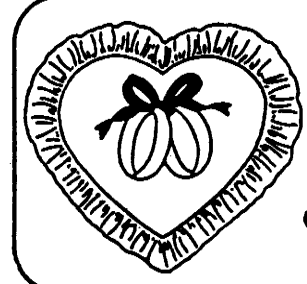
Saginaw native new postmaster

Michael R. Godard Sr., was sworn in as the Kingston Postmaster Oct. 28. Acting Post Office Operations Manager Jackie Vican presided over the activities.

Godard has been with the Post Office since 1986. The 45-year-old Saginaw native started his postal career as a part-time flexible city letter carrier in Bay City. Godard transferred to Saginaw in 1988 as a part-time carrier. Since his arrival in Saginaw, Godard served as acting su-

pervisor in Central Forwarding, Mail Processing and Customer Services. Godard was promoted to supervisor, Customer Services in 1993 and has participated in the Greater Michigan District city route inspection programs and was acting postmaster in Richville from August 1998 to April of this year.

Godard is the son of Joseph and Marguerite Godard of Saginaw and married Linda Kennedy in 1974. They have 4 boys and one girl.



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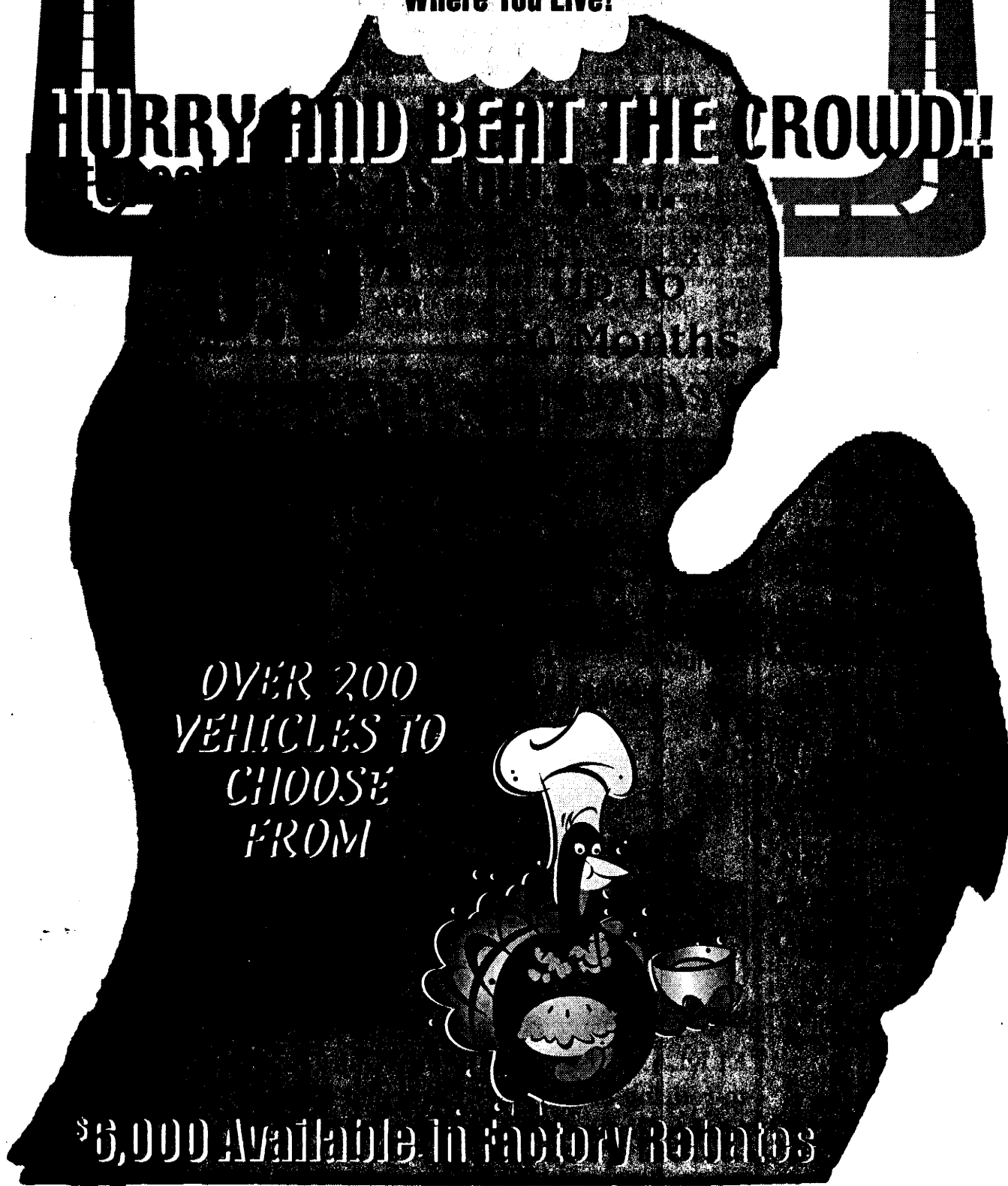
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Hampton sentencing adjourned

Information shedding a bit more light into Richard Hampton's past could end up costing the Deford man more

time in prison - up to 11 years more than the maximum sentence he faced following his jury conviction on 2 counts of negligent homicide.

Hampton, who was convicted in the deaths of 2 Kingston area teens last November, had been scheduled for sentencing Friday. However, the proceeding was adjourned to give prosecutors time to complete the paperwork necessary to request that Hampton be sentenced as a habitual offender, fourth offense.

Mark Reese, Tuscola County's chief assistant prosecutor, said his office recently learned of 2 previously unknown felony convictions for Hampton, including one on a federal charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The other count was a burglary charge.

Prosecutors were previously aware of 5 previous convictions for Hampton, however, due to legal technicalities, only 2 of those convictions could be used to enhance his sentence. Even with the negligent homicide convictions, he faced a maximum of just 4 years in prison as a habitual offender, third offense.

But now, he could be sentenced to up to 15 years provided the court agrees Hampton is a habitual offender, fourth offense.

A new sentencing date has not been scheduled yet.

Hampton was originally charged with second degree murder in the deaths of Joshua Earl Kratz, 15, and Jeffery Allen Randall II, 13. However, the jury instead convicted him on the lesser charge of negligent homicide.

The charges stem from a Nov. 14 accident on Phillips Road, one-half mile north of

turned around and headed west, where investigators said Hampton rammed the

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Deckerville Road in Novesta Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said Hampton chased a vehicle occupied by the teens after a family member witnessed the youths smashing his mailbox.

Hampton chased the car, driven by Kratz, on Phillips Road north to Mushroom Road, then east for a short time before both vehicles

car with his van, causing Kratz to lose control. The car left the roadway in a broadside skid and struck a tree.

Police reports state both vehicles were traveling at an estimated 80 miles per hour just prior to the crash.

Kratz and Randall, both students in the Kingston Community School District, were pronounced dead at the scene. A backseat passenger in the car, Keven Smith, 15, Kingston, survived the crash.



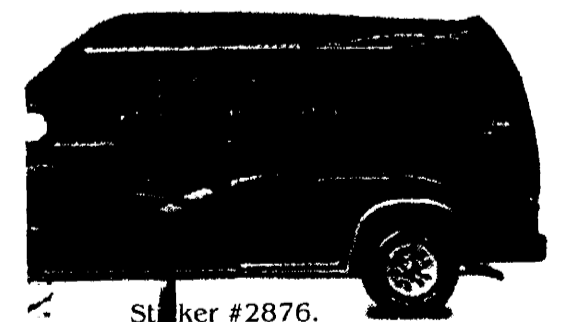
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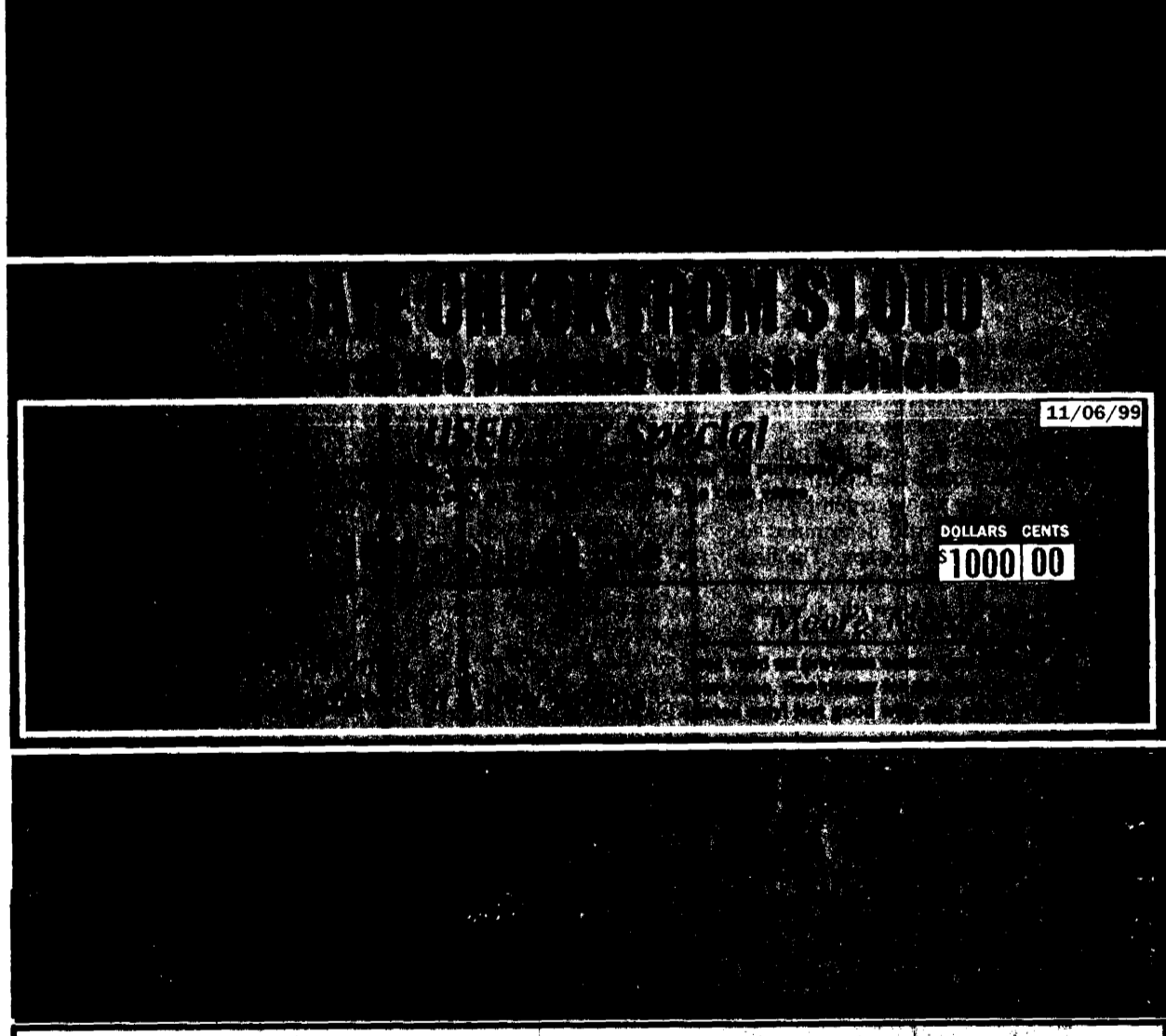
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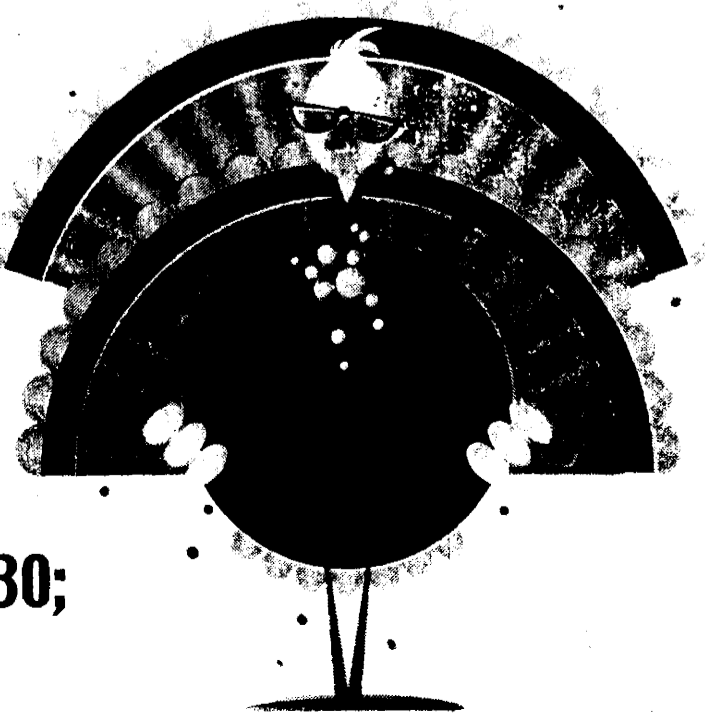
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| Babich Farms | 17 |
| New England Financial | 16 1/2 |
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| General Low | 9 |
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| High Team Series & Game: BICCGeneral 1872 (727). | |



RED HAWK CRAIG EMMERT heads to the finish line Saturday at the Class B cross country regional in Bad Axe. Emmert's time of 17:38 was good for 14th place, sending the Cass City junior to next weekend's state finals in Brooklyn.

Emmert, Mills headed for state cross country finals

Cass City will send a pair of harriers to this weekend's cross country state finals in Brooklyn following their efforts at Saturday's Class B regional run in Bad Axe. The Red Hawks will be represented against the state's top runners by one athlete in each of the girls' and boys' divisions this Saturday at the Michigan International Speedway. Junior Craig Emmert, who finished 14th with a time of 17:38, earned that privilege with his medal performance Saturday at the Bad Axe regional. The Lady Hawks will have senior Lindsay Mills competing over the weekend at Brooklyn, as her time of 20:55 resulted in a 12th place showing.

St. Clair's Amber Mareski bested the girls' field with a time of 19:33. However, Flint captured the team honor with 4 runners placing among the top 8 female runners.

Also running for the Hawks at Bad Axe, and their times, were: Don Spencer (19:41 - a personal best), Candi Benjamin (27:18), Amanda Sullins (27:34), and Rebecca Kruse (31:09).

Cass City soccer team bows from district play

The Cass City soccer team bowed from the state playoff picture Wednesday afternoon, suffering an 11-1 setback to visiting Cros-Lex. The season ending defeat, however, took nothing away from the young Red Hawk soccer team's performance during district action, according to Coach Matt Tunstall.

Hawks earned the right to move on and face Cros-Lex Pioneers at home in the second round. Against Cros-Lex, the Pioneers proved to be too much for an inexperienced Cass City Red Hawk team. "I think we were a little too pumped up for this game. The kids came out flying and after having the first few



LINDSAY MILLS

"This year was a fantastic learning experience for the entire team. We have an extremely young, inexperienced squad and have a lot to build on for next year when we officially enter the conference."

Playing in their first ever district game, the Hawks opened their district play earlier in the week, last Monday, pulling off an inspiring 5-4 victory against host Caro.

scoring opportunities, we got a little frustrated and Cros-Lex took advantage of it." Kurasawa scored the lone goal for the Red Hawks on a penalty kick in the second half.

Cass City scorched to a 3-0 lead with a goal from Stan Woodruff and 2 goals from Kenichi Kurasawa. The Tigers reduced their deficit to 3-1 before Red Hawk Greg Festian added two goals for a 5-2 half-time lead. The visitors then held on in the second half with strong defensive outings from Ross Sherman, Christina Kababik, Danielle Guilds, Tracy Talaski and Crystal Sattelberg for the victory. Cory Rickett, Johanna Hoelzle, Rebecca Rockwell and Kenichi Kurasawa were all credited for an assist.

"It was a tough way to end the season, but the kids have nothing to be ashamed of. They played their hearts out for the entire game today. The breaks just didn't go our way today," commented Tunstall. Cass City ends its season with a 4-12 mark.

"This year was a fantastic learning experience for the entire team. We have an extremely young, inexperienced squad and have a lot to build on for next year when we officially enter the conference. As coaches, we couldn't have asked for anything more from these kids. They gave their best effort and put everything they had into this season. We had a lot of ups and downs, but overall we had an excellent season for a first year program," said Tunstall.

With the victory, the Red

Read Meg's Peg

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STATE LAND BRUTE - Marty Brown of Caro bagged this 17 1/2" spread, 8-point buck Sunday morning hunting near Camp Tuscola off Chambers Road. His first buck with a bow field dressed at 172 lbs.

Bugs seek winter home

Suppose you are a bug. Wouldn't you rather spend the next 5 or 6 months rummaging around in a nice, warm house rather than being miserable under a rock or squeezed under a bark flap of some tree?

Not that bugs can think — but their instinct for survival is acute enough to steer them to the same place you'd like to be when Old Man Winter huffs his worst across the land, and that's any place but "out there."

"Add to that the excellent survival last winter of insects that overwinter as adults, and we can speculate with some confidence that it could be a standing-room-only crowd lining up to share your homestead this winter," says Tom Ellis, Michigan State University Extension entomologist.

The bug line-up might range from wasps to spiders to flies to lady beetles to sowbugs to pantry pests. (Indian meal moth, confused flour beetle or saw-toothed grain beetle).

Leading the line-up will probably be the boxelder bug, which has had a banner year. Boxelder bugs are about 1/2 inch long and have red triangle markings on the abdomen, which make them easy to distinguish from other bugs crawling around the (usually south) side of your house this month.

None of the unwanted house guests should be considered dangerous, Ellis notes — meaning don't overreact when you see them — but they can be bothersome, and sometimes messy. The influx of pests during the recent cold snap may be the herald of things to come.

Ellis says there is no such thing as a bug-proof house, but sealing as many cracks, crevices and holes as you can find and practicing good sanitation within and outside of the house can help reduce the potential bug nuisance.

Crack, crevice and hole sealing begins with a thorough inspection of the house foundation, siding, roof (look for loose shingles and rotted wood) and chimney flashing (make sure there is a screen covering the opening to discourage raccoons, birds and squirrels from entering). Also check vent pipes, outside electrical and water outlets, and window caulk and seals.

More information on managing household insects is contained in MSU Extension bulletin E-2649, "What's Bugging You?" It costs \$7.95. The bulletin can be purchased through the county MSU Extension of-

rice or from the MSU Bulletin Office, 10B Agriculture Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824-1039. The phone number is 517-355-0240. Credit cards will be accepted. Orders under \$100 must be prepaid.

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Pictured clockwise, beginning with those standing in the back, are: Tim Huff, Kimberly Hodges, Cindy Opanasenko, Harriet Porrett, Tim Goltry, Jim Wilson, Joan Bassett, and Charlotte Slaughter.

We're very proud of the athletes who competed in this summer's Special Olympics at Mt. Pleasant. As you can see, they won many medals and they are very happy about that. Like all successful competitors, they tried hard to do their best, and they made many new friends along the way. Like all the Consumers with whom we work, they are real "Winners" with us!


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Free comprehensive eye exams offered

Low-income workers and their families can begin applying for free eye exams through a program called VISION USA, now celebrating its 10th anniversary.

VISION USA is a national non-profit program that matches low-income children and adults with optometrists in their communities who provide free comprehensive eye exams in their offices. About 7,400 optometrists volunteer their services through the program, which has helped 262,000 people receive vision care across the nation to date.

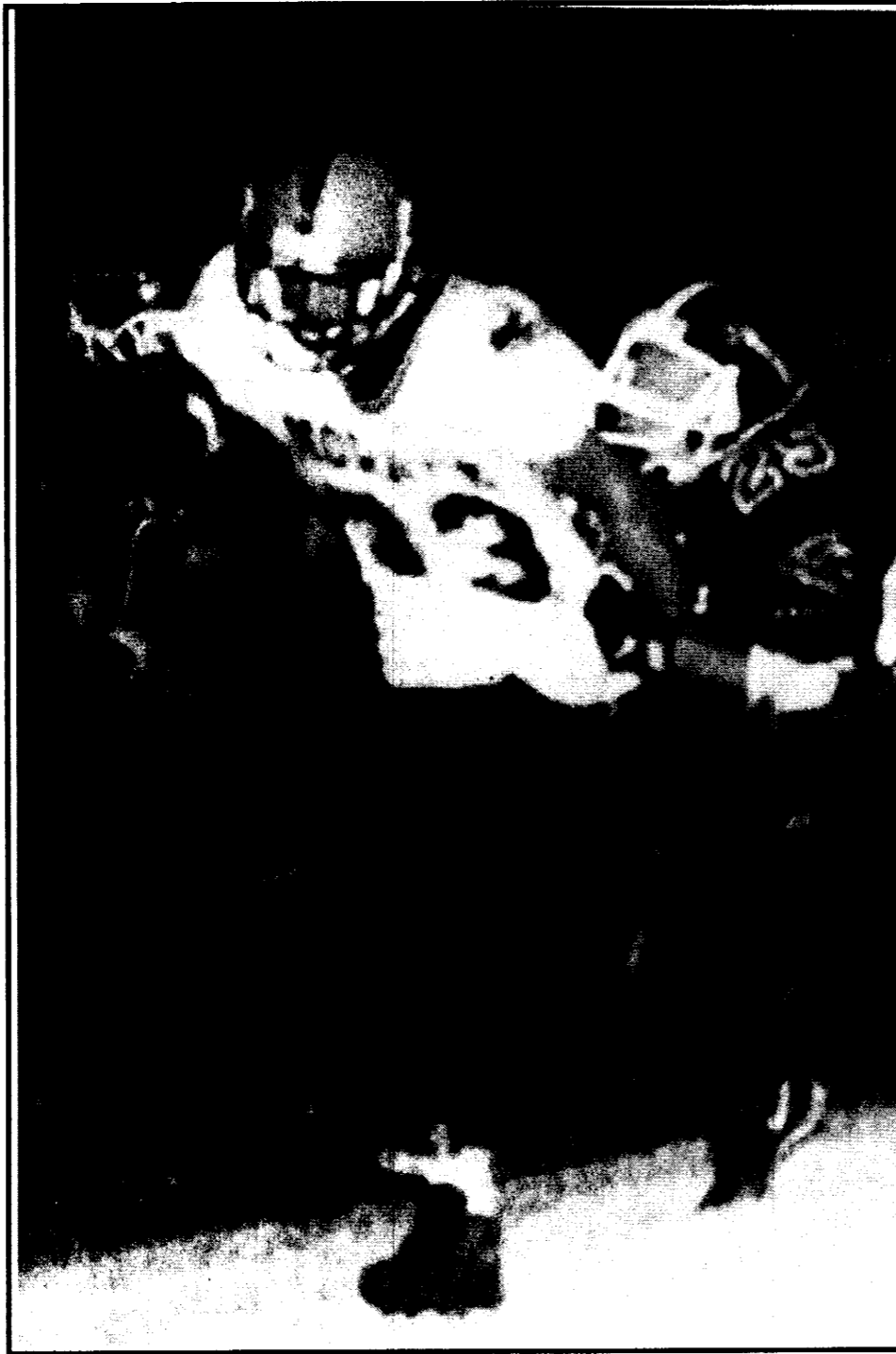
Although this service helps people of all ages, VISION USA 2000 will mark the start of the program's emphasis on aiding children.

To qualify for free eye care under VISION USA, persons must have a job or live in a household where there is at least one working member, have no health insurance that covers eye examinations, have income below an established level based on household size and have had no eye examination within 2 years.

Although the VISION USA eye exams are not given until March 2000, the American Optometric Association, which administers the program, is accepting applications for program participation now.

Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141, and, starting in November, forms will be available on the American Optometric Association Web site (<http://www.aoanet.org>) in the "Meet the AOA" section. Internet access is often available through public libraries and social service agencies. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 21, 2000.

Nearly 9 out of 10 people served by the VISION USA program have had one or more eye health or vision problems. Optometrists have also diagnosed potentially blinding eye diseases in VISION USA patients, including glaucoma, as well as uncovered general health problems affecting vision, such as diabetes and brain tumors.



MORRICE SENIOR James Edinton fights off a tackle by Cardinal Tim Eschtruth (25) during the initial half of Friday's Division 8 gridiron playoff game. Edinton rushed for 236 yards and 4 touchdowns to lead the Orioles past host Kingston.



GOING, GOING, GONE - The Friends of the Octagon Barn Committee will auction off the original prints from their 2000 calendar and much more Wednesday, Nov. 10, to help raise money for the Richie Road structure's restoration effort. Displaying 2 of the many pieces set for the auction block is co-chairman Judi Haas.

Thumb Octagon Barn Auction slated Nov. 10

Organizers of the Thumb Octagon Barn Art Auction are hoping the talents of several area artists will translate into over \$2,000 for the Richie Road structure's restoration effort.

The auction is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Best Western Hotel in Bad Axe, starting with a 7:30 p.m. previewing, followed by an 8:30 sale. Tickets are \$7.00 each and are available at The Paint Store and Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, and at Ace Hardware in Bad Axe.

Set for the auction block are the original art works used in the popular Octagon Barn calendars for the year 2000. Auctioneer Don Moore of Osentoski Auctioneering, who donates his services, will also offer several donated pieces for bid, including 20 limited prints by nationally acclaimed artist P. Buckley Moss entitled "Michigan Days."

The auction will also serve as a contest for area artists, with the winners' art pieces going into the Octagon Barn's year 2001 calendars. "We have about 25 entries so far and more are coming in daily," says auction co-

chairman Judi Haas.

Besides having their artwork published in the Octagon Barn's annual calendars, the winners will receive cash prizes. The first prize winner will receive \$300, runner-up gets \$150, and the 3rd prize winner will receive \$50. Organizers will also offer 3 honorable mention prizes of \$10 each.

"We're looking for water color, pen and ink, and pencil drawings," says Haas.

To ensure impartiality, a 5 panel judging team has been formed. It includes Co-chairman Judi Haas of Cass City and Shelley Cirsini from Bad Axe. Also included on the judging panel are Tom Crause, Caro; Pam Stemp, Harbor Beach, and Barb Kube of Bad Axe.

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Cardinals blanked by Morrice in gridiron playoff tilt, 39-0

The Kingston Cardinals' dream season ended in nightmare fashion Friday with a 39-0 pounding by visiting Morrice during Division 8 gridiron playoff action.

Coach Mike Rea's squad, who ran through the regular season with an unblemished 9-0 mark, couldn't contain Oriole running back James Edinton, who accounted for 4 scores and accumulated 236 rushing yards.

Edinton spotted the visitors a 13-0 lead at the intermission with markers in each of the first 2 periods.

The senior running back capped the visitors' opening drive with an 8 yard run. Jacob Pung added the first of 3 point after kicks, staking Morrice to a 7-0 edge.

Edinton struck again in the period prior to the intermission when he plunged in from the one-yard line. Edinton's score was set up by teammate Jeremy Freed's interception of a Josh Presnell pass.

The final half was all Morrice. The Orioles used a pair of long distance scores to secure the win.

Chris Charter, who gained 120 yards on 14 totes, found pay dirt on an 83 yard burst, while Freed recorded the visitors' final tally on a 70 yard gallop.

The powerful Cardinal offense was held in check by the Orioles, who entered the contest with a 5-4 record.

Kingston finished with just over 50 yards of total offense. Senior Jeremy Rayl completed his Cardinal

career with 40 yards on 11 totes. Classmate Presnell added 6 yards via the air, on a 3-7 passing effort.

New books at the library

Second Wind by Dick Francis: TV meteorologist Perry Stuart has excellent weather knowledge, but little opportunity to use it. His time is spent predicting the rainy English weather which is sometimes broken by a little sunshine. He longs to get involved with some real weather forecasting and is fascinated by hurricanes. His time of excitement comes when a fellow forecaster offers him a Caribbean hurricane-chasing ride in a small plane during his vacation. Things don't turn out exactly as planned when the storm turns deadly and Stuart is caught in its furious web. Back home in England he faces threats and danger as deadly as the hurricane itself.

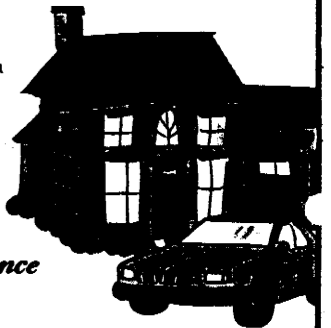
"O" is for Outlaw by Sue Grafton: Kinsey Millhone is surprised on a Monday morning when a guy who scavenges defaulted storage units calls to tell her he bought a box containing things with her name all over them. Kinsey is curious to find out what is in the box, so she pays him \$20 to get it. In the box she finds, among other things, an old undelivered letter that makes her wonder about the breakup of her first marriage, the honor of her first husband and about an old unsolved mystery. It will put her life in grave danger.

Ahab's Wife or, The Star-Gazer by Sena Jeter Naslund: Inspired by a brief passage in Moby Dick the author builds a story about a wife for Captain Ahab, Una Spenser. This book tells the story of Una's childhood. She was sent to live in a lighthouse by her mother to protect her from her religious fanatic father. Una finds passion with a sailor and runs away to sea disguised as a cabin boy. She experiences disasters, murders and romances while at sea. Finally she finds a happy marriage with Ahab before the whale takes off his leg and he becomes embittered, angry and finally insane. After Ahab's death she makes a new life for herself among the upperclass people of her era.

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Leonard Karr

Leonard John Karr, 80, of Gagetown, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 1999, in Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe. He was born Sept. 26, 1919, in Gagetown to Moses and May (MacKichan) Karr. He married Marjorie A. Milligan Nov. 29, 1947, in Cass City. He was a dairy and crop farmer on the family farm until he retired in 1995. He was past master of the Tyler Lodge #317 in Cass City, and a life member of Lebanon Chapter of Free Masons in Bad Axe. He was also past patron of Echo Chapter Order of Eastern Star. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; children, Arnold (Janet) Karr of Akron, Dale (Mary) Karr of Milan, and Curtis (Cynthia) of Ann Arbor; 6 grandchildren; sister, Meadie (Leonard) Sparks of San Diego, Calif., and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Ada Salgat and Iva Clague. Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 1, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Alice Sheffield of United Methodist Church of Gagetown officiating. A Masonic service was held Sunday by Tyler Lodge #317. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to United Methodist Church of Gagetown or a Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Grant Meredith

Grant B. Meredith, 92, of Snover, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999. He was born Jan. 7, 1907, in Snover, the son of Arthur and Anna K. (Brown) Meredith. He married Pearl Rockwell Sept. 22, 1934, in Peck. She died June 21, 1993. He was a farmer. He is survived by 2 sons, Alvin (Jane) Meredith, and Dale (Marcia) Meredith, of Snover. Three daughters, Ann Powell of Troy; Loraine Hill of Sandusky, and Ruth (Frank) Klee of Minden City; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Clark Meredith, and one sister, Marie Meredith. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 29, at Hacker Funeral Parlors, Sandusky. Pastor Basel Curtiss of Sandusky officiated. Burial was in the Elkland Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

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Charles Peters

Charles E. Peters, 91, of Decker, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 1999, in his home. He was born Dec. 22, 1907, in Argyle to Jacob and Mary (Behr) Peters. He served in the Merchant Marines and took part in World War II. He was a member of the Maritime Union. He spent most of his life sailing, for over 40 years he served as the ship's engineer. After retirement, he enjoyed rebuilding tractors. He is survived by his daughter, Gloria (Edward) Johnson of Clarkston; 5 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Emerson, Bill, Tony, Emmett, Freeman and Murrell Peters, and a sister, Maude Palmer. Funeral services were held Thursday in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Harmon of Calvary Bible Church, Caro, officiating. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Rollo Pickens

Rollo E. Pickens, 80, of Mayville, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 1999, in Marlette Extended Care Facility, Marlette. He was born April 4, 1919 in Lipsick, Ohio, to Clyde and Ora (Carver) Pickens. He was a crew machine operator for AC Spark Plug Division of GMC in Flint and retired after 21 years. He also was a dairy and crop farmer from 1955 to 1978. He was the first life member of Mayville VFW Post #10884, Lapeer American Legion Post #0016, and Lapeer UAW Retired Member Union #651. He is survived by his children, Sylvia (Bob) LaRose of Levering, Rollo G. Pickens of Silverwood, Georgiana (Bob) Garner of Silverwood, Donald (Robin) Pickens of Otisville, and Jeffrey Pickens of Columbiaville; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Doris Pickens of Dundee; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Gerald Pickens; great-grandson, Evan Pickens; sister, Florence Pickens; brothers, Jim, Ernie, Murray, Richard, Raymond and Vernon Pickens. Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 30, in Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Keith Mead of Peoples Baptist Church, Columbiaville, officiating. Military services were under the direction of Mayville VFW Post #10844 and American Legion Post #0016. Interment was in West Dayton Cemetery, Mayville. Memorials may be made to Mayville VFW Post #10884, Marlette Extended Care Facility, or Pagets Disease Foundation.

William Rohlfs

William E. Rohlfs, 93, of

Cass City, died Friday, Oct. 29, 1999, at Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City. He was born July 10, 1906, in Akron to Edward A. and Anna (Lane) Rohlfs. He married Marion Bell, who died in October 1962. He married Olive MacLachlan Dec. 28, 1963, in Cass City. Rohlfs was a farmer all of his life and won many awards at the Michigan State Fair for high quality seed. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his wife, Olive; 2 stepdaughters, Sue Young of Garden City and Jane Grieger of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; 3 granddaughters; 2 sisters, Grace Devault of Plymouth and Edith Marsh of Charleston, S.C., and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Rohlfs; a son, Glen Rohlfs, and brothers, Harry, Edward, Kenneth, Maurice and Clarence Rohlfs. Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Cass City First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Mark Mourningstar of Sandusky Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment was to be in Demorest Cemetery, Akron. Memorials may be made to Cass City First Presbyterian Church or a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller reported that as of Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1,361 license plates have been confiscated since Michigan's tough new repeat offender laws went into effect Oct. 1. "It's staggering to think that in the routine course of patrolling our roadways, law enforcement officers are confiscating, on average, 52 license plates every day," Miller said. "In each instance the driver was either arrested for a second alcohol offense or for driving while license suspended at least a third time. "This substantiates our concern that repeat offenders pose a clear and present danger and that these tough new laws were needed to keep repeat offenders off our roadways." Miller noted that just one to 2 percent of Michigan's nearly 7 million licensed drivers have a driving history that could make them subject to these new laws. The greatest number of license plate confiscations occurred in Wayne County with 234 confiscations, while Oakland County had 177 and in Macomb County, 174 license plates have been confiscated. Other counties with substantial license plate confiscations included Ingham County with 68, Genesee County with 58, Kent with 40, Saginaw with 39. While the drivers were given paper license plates so

vehicles can be driven by sober, valid licensed drivers while cases are pending, courts will order the vehicles immobilized for 3 months to 3 years, depending on the conviction the driver ultimately receives and the history on the driver's record. Miller noted that under the repeat offender laws, her department has ordered Ignition Interlock devices for 135 revoked drivers who have been approved for relicensing. Ignition Interlock requires a driver to be alcohol free to start a vehicle and requires continued monitoring while the vehicle is in use. Repeat offenders are driv-

ers with 2 or more alcohol-related convictions within 7 years; 3 or more convictions for driving while suspended or revoked in 7 years; or, drivers with 3 or more alcohol-related convictions within 10 years.



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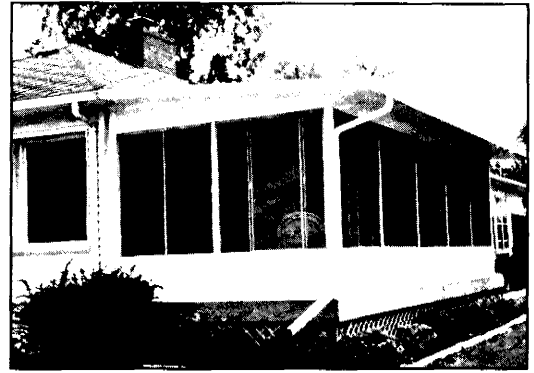
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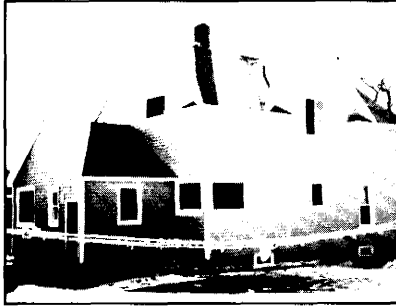
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