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THE LATEST addition to the Halloween display at Marcia Anderson's Deckerville Road residence are 8-foot tall blow-up figures, including these spooky ghosts. Anderson designs and builds most of her decorations. (See story, page 12)

## County services on line

The future of a host of non-mandated services ranging from emergency and disaster relief to job development and drug and alcohol abuse enforcement in Tuscola County is in the hands of voters.

Many of those services will be reduced or eliminated altogether if a proposed millage increase of .9 of a mill is defeated in the Tuesday, Nov. 5, general election.

County commissioners made the decision to again turn to voters in the wake of an unsuccessful attempt to secure more tax dollars in the primary election.

Voters soundly defeated 2

### Suspect arrested in robbery

An armed robber targeted the Independent Bank branch in Caro Saturday morning.

Caro police were releasing few details late Monday afternoon.

An undisclosed amount of cash was obtained from the bank, located at 1111 W. Caro Rd., according to a news release, which stated police seized the suspect vehicle and have a suspect in custody.

Caro police are continuing their investigation.

requests in August; a proposed restoration of the county's original 4.2-mill allocation, from 3.94 mills, fell by a vote of 4,887 to 2,853, and a proposed additional half-mill was rejected 5,541 to 2,224.

If approved, the .9 of a mill tax would be levied for 8 years, raising an estimated \$997,000 in the first year and costing the owner of a home with market value of \$80,000 an extra \$36 in taxes annually.

The funding would be earmarked for a number of services that the county is not required to provide by state law. They include a portion of the sheriff's department road patrol budget, emergency management services, animal control, illegal drug enforcement, marine safety patrol, alcohol enforcement, economic/job development, airport authority, Michigan State University Extension/4-H programs, soil conservation and county planning programs.

In short, approval of the millage will allow county officials to maintain current levels of service for the various police, public safety, economic and agricultural operations.

"There's a financial hole that's in existence and it's growing. The problems are going to get worse if we don't secure more funding,

said county Controller Mike Hoagland, who noted the county is facing a projected budget deficit of \$500,000 or more.

"These (non-mandated) services are not required by law, but they are valuable services. But, the bottom line is that we, by law, have to have a balanced budget."

Hoagland said commissioners are taking a more specific approach in their request for additional tax revenue. "I think the approach the board has decided this time is that the public wants to know specifically what these funds would pay for."

Tuscola County is not unique in the state in terms of facing severe budgetary problems. However, the county's 4.2-mill allocation is the second lowest for general operations among Michigan's 83 counties, and Tuscola County's per capita taxable SEV (state equalized valuation) is \$17,000, compared to a state average of \$25,000.

And, it's been 15 years since the county had a millage increase for basic services.

"We're not a wealthy county," Hoagland said. "The board has done well with the funds they've had to work with, but it's reached the breaking point. Something's got to be done." The need for more revenue

stems from a variety of factors, including a downturn in the economy.

Among the biggest challenges county officials face are:

- A projected increase in health insurance costs of 20 to 30 percent for the current fiscal year. The increase follows a hike of 17 percent for the period of Sept. 1, 2001, to Aug. 30, 2002. A 25-percent increase translates into a dollar amount of \$340,000.

- Drain-at-large costs to the county are currently at nearly \$500,000 and expected to increase some \$100,000 next year.

- Childcare costs are running more than \$600,000 annually. The cost to the county (including the state share) of placing one delinquent child in a facility for one year can exceed \$73,000.

- Projected wage increases based on settled union contracts and other estimates amount to some \$190,000.

- Jail overcrowding continues to plague the county. Housing one prisoner in another county's jail for one year costs about \$13,000.

- Last year, county officials were forced to utilize about half of the available \$847,000 in delinquent tax earnings to offset deficits in the childcare, Friend of the Court and health insurance funds.

## Snowmobiles banned under new ordinance

Snowmobile enthusiasts will no longer be allowed to ride on streets or on public property in the village of Cass City under a revised ordinance adopted by the Village Council Monday night.

Village Manager Frank Sheridan outlined the new ordinance, saying there has been a series of complaints over the last few years concerning snowmobiles in the village.

"The crux of the complaints are noise, speed and property damage," he reported. "The snowmobiles run very close to the sledding hill and others using the park. They run fast and use the park as the entrance to the township farms and golf courses. They also run much later at night than our ordinance allows. "We are unable to catch the violators as they work the periphery of the village and go cross-country and cross private property to elude our police," he said.

Sheridan said most municipalities in the area do not allow snowmobiles to operate on public streets or on municipal property, and they are not allowed on state land in this area.

Under the current law, snowmobiles were allowed on local and major streets in Cass City, with the exceptions of Main and Seeger streets, as well as in the village park.

Under the revised ordinance, which goes into effect in 20 days, the vehicles may not be operated on public property or a public street, railroad right-of-way or public utility with 4 exceptions:

- Snowmobiles may be operated in these areas in the performance of official duties for law enforcement.

- Snowmobiles may be operated on a street during a period of emergency or when travel by conventional automotive equipment is not possible.

- Snowmobiles may be operated on a street for a special snowmobile event of limited duration, which is conducted according to a pre-arranged schedule under a permit from the village.

- Snowmobiles may be op-

erated on a street when it becomes necessary to cross that street. However, the operator shall come to a complete stop before entering the roadway and the operator shall yield to approaching vehicles.

Council Trustee Kathy Kropewnicki agreed she has heard complaints about snowmobilers for several years.

Trustee Dawn Hollis questioned the revised ordinance, saying village officials are constantly discussing a lack of activities for young people in Cass City, and yet the new ordinance would be taking away another activity.

"I disagree with that," Trustee Dale McIntosh said.

"All the villages around us have these ordinances. That's what I hear in the community - it's just too dangerous. I see it as a real problem."

"I like to see them be able to ride around town if they would follow rules, but they won't," Trustee Steve Wright commented.

The council adopted the new ordinance on a vote of 6-1, with Hollis casting the lone dissenting vote.

Turning to other matters during the monthly meeting, the council revisited the question of whether the village has an obligation to continue plowing snow at the Huntsville Mobile Home Park.

Park owner Kelly Smith met

with the council last year after Sheridan notified him by letter that the village would no longer provide the service due to liability issues. Smith contends the village agreed to provide the service when the park was annexed to the village several years ago.

Last January, the council agreed to continue plowing snow until April 1, 2002, in order to give both parties more time to research the matter.

Attorney Jack Burns approached the council Monday on behalf of Smith. He said Smith has found a copy of a written agreement drafted by (Burns), although the agreement is not signed.

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## Couple killed in crash

A Cass City couple lost their lives in a 2-vehicle traffic crash Saturday night at the intersection of M-24 and Dickerson Road. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro identified the victims as Charles Blaine Woodruff, 65, and his wife, Nevaeh Fern Woodruff, 63.

Troopers said their preliminary investigation indicated the Woodruffs' eastbound vehicle failed to yield to a northbound van at the signed intersection. The Woodruffs were pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the van, Jamie B. Bartoni, 54, of Ortonville, sought treatment for minor injuries at Caro Community Hospital. His passengers, Robert J. Hennessy, 35, and his son, Hogan Hennessy, were checked at the scene by medical personnel and released.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Unionville Fire Department, ACW and MMR ambulances, Akron-Fairgrove Police Department and the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department.

## Internet classes expand curriculum for students

Principal Jon Good presented preliminary plans for establishing a virtual learning, non-traditional plan for high school courses presented over the internet at the regular meeting of the Cass City School Board Monday at the high school.

The courses are designed to make available to qualified students courses not available at the school.

Students must receive recommendations from 2 teachers before they can enter the classes. Counselor Wayne Dillon said that a check with

other schools indicated that the selection process was necessary for a successful program.

Other requirements include that students be enrolled full time at Cass City, have a minimum grade-point average of 3 and have a completed Acceptable Use of Technology form on file.

Good presented a list to the board that included nearly 100 classes that would be available from the GenNET on line programs.

The students will have one full hour using a computer

in the library daily. The computer will be available for 5 hours daily so that students can use it without a conflict with regular classes.

Good said that students should be prepared to devote an hour after school or at home for the courses. If no home computer was available, the board agreed that an arrangement would be made to make one accessible at the school.

Plans now call for the new program to be available for

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## For Kelly, J.C. Knight

# 250 turn out for benefit



AREA RESIDENTS lined up to lend a hand to Kelly Knight and her son J.C. during a benefit dinner at the Cass City VFW Hall. The Cass City woman suffers from a disorder that causes widespread pain and fatigue, which has resulted in serious financial difficulties, including foreclosure proceedings on her house. Sunday's benefit raised about \$4,500.

An estimated 250 people turned out for a benefit dinner Sunday afternoon at the VFW hall in Cass City.

The dinner, along with a silent auction, held for Cass City resident Kelly Knight and her 11-year-old son, J.C. generated \$4,500, according to organizer Sheila Tomlinson.

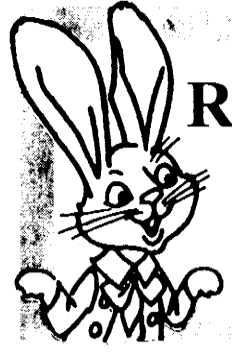
"We couldn't believe how this small community could give so generously," Tomlinson said.

"The area merchants donated the items for the fantastic silent auction items and we also had some private donations," she added. "The Dott Manufacturing employees donated and prepared all the food. It was an excellent ham, chicken and Polish sausage dinner. The United Methodist church and Novesta (Church of Christ) donated all the wonderful desserts.

"Kelly is extremely grateful to the community."

For the past 30 months Knight has battled fibromyalgia, a disorder that

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Seldom has there been an outpouring of sympathy and grief to equal that shown for the Emmert family Thursday when the community said good-bye to Alison, the 16-year-old high school student who lost her gallant, year-long battle with cancer.

At the final rites, estimates of the number attending varied between 700 and 1,000 persons.

That night the crowd at the basketball game in Cass City observed a moment of silence in her memory.

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Two of the 5 propositions facing voters are number 4, to amend the constitution to earmark tobacco settlement funds for use by the medical community, and proposition T, to raise .9 of a mill for county services.

Proposition 4 is bad on 2 counts. One is that it sets a precedent for using amendments to the Michigan constitution for special interests. It also allows \$297 million dollars to be spent without any oversight of an elected official.

I have yet to talk to persons who are familiar with the county's need and whose opinions I respect that do not support proposition T.

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A second attempt to make Sandusky High School change its Redskins nickname is underway. A Battle Creek minister has formed a corporation and is attempting to trademark the name so no one else can use it without permission.

He promises a court case if the name is not changed. I could never understand why using Redskins is a put down for Native Americans. In fact, the name conjures the vision of a resolute group of dedicated winners.

I'm sure that there is plenty of resentment over being browbeaten into compliance. Still, it's doubtful if the Redskin name is worth keeping at the expense of a court case.

# Recreation vehicle crash claims 2 men

An accident involving a 6-wheel recreation vehicle claimed 2 lives in Sanilac County's Evergreen Town-

ship early last week. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky said the accident

was reported at about 4:45 p.m. Monday in the area of Severance and Germania roads.

Troopers reported that 4 men were driving down a ravine towards the Cass River when the vehicle tipped over as it neared the water's edge, throwing one of the 2 rear passengers clear. The other rear passenger was temporarily pinned but freed himself.

The driver and front passenger were pinned underneath the vehicle in about 2 feet of water. One of the men who escaped hiked three-quarters of a mile out of the woods to call 911, according to reports.

Troopers identified the fatally injured victims as David J. Stark, 54, of Macomb, and Jon J. Draper, 37, of Washington. The rear passengers are Dale R. Stark, 45, of Mount Clemens, and Dennis L. Mavis, 49, of Romeo.

Troopers said the preliminary investigation indicated that alcohol and recreational vehicle law violations contributed to the accident.

## \$500,000 grant goes to village of Caro

A \$500,000 state grant to the village of Caro will provide water, sewer and electrical system upgrades allowing Plastech to expand and provide more jobs to the area.

"This grant is an excellent investment in Caro and the local economy," said State Rep. Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "Just about every community in the state is searching for answers to provide more jobs to strengthen the income opportunities for their residents."

"The partnership between village officials and Plastech shows a commitment to growth and working together."

Plastech manufactures injected-molded automotive parts. To meet increasing demands, the company will invest \$46 million in constructing a 125,000-square-foot facility and associated machinery and equipment.

The company expects its expansion to add up to 200 new employees by 2005.

Each year, Michigan receives federal Community Block Development Grant funding of about \$45 million to assist local government with infrastructure projects that result in the creation or retention of jobs. There are 1,655 local governments eligible to apply for the roughly 150 projects approved annually.

## Volunteers set to host turkey meal

The Tuscola County Volunteers in Action will host a turkey dinner Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Caro United Methodist Church.

The menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, green beans, cranberries, rolls, pumpkin squares and beverages. The cost is \$8 per person.

Residents planning to attend are asked to RSVP no later than Nov. 8 by calling Sandi or Barb at (989) 693-6183.



A group of interested Cass City residents are conducting a campaign to lure residents to move to the area. The drive is spearheaded by Cindy Joseph, Lambert Althaver and Tom Herron, all of Cass City.

The first salvo was an advertising campaign in metro areas. A big campaign is planned next spring with open houses, tour guides and visitors' banquet.

Lots of luck, say pessimists that have been through these campaigns in the past. Even for optimists it appears to be a daunting task.

There has been some response to the initial advertising campaign and Althaver says that one family has moved into the community.

What the community has going for it is the peaceful, relatively crime-free environment and land prices that are a fraction of that in city suburbs.

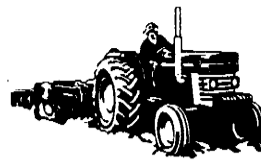
What the community lacks is a shopping area that our city cousins are familiar with and attractive employment. That's an on-going problem that every Thumb community is fighting, mostly in a losing battle.

Without employment opportunity most young families are automatically eliminated.

One suggestion aired at a recent Cass City Rotary meeting that the group will consider is establishing a camping park. It's touted as a revenue producer for business.

While it may be that nothing good will come from all this, it's sure that nothing bad will come from it.

Two examples from the past. About 40 years ago Cass City was lauded as "Christmas Town" for the truly remarkable displays created town-wide. It attracted tourists by the thousands, but



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I've been worried about that Yasser Arafat fellow for the past several months. What's he going to do when the Israelis let him out of his compound?

His political days are about over, and he's been out of the job market a long time. Last week I saw a photo of Arafat standing in front of the rubble that was his compound - giving the victory sign.

Then I read that Arafat asked the Palestinian Legislature to declare suicide bombing illegal. The story didn't say what the punishment is for blowing yourself up, but I assume it is severe.

I have concluded that Arafat's interest in laws that won't do any good, and his loose definition of victory make him a natural gun control lobbyist. If he ever gets back to Washington, D.C. he should be able to step right in.

The sniper killings in Maryland and Virginia have the gun control lobby on the offensive again. They propose ballistic tests for every firearm sold and keeping a national database of bullet markings, cartridge cases, and firearms fingerprints. They call it "firearm fingerprinting".

They seem to forget all of these gun laws cost taxpayers and law-abiding gun owners a lot of money, and they don't do any good.

The new proposals would be a nightmare for taxpayers and gun owners. They wouldn't bother criminals, though.

I saw a news segment recently about two men who spent months in jail because someone at their state police headquarters entered duplicate numbers into the fingerprinting database. It took weeks for these men to prove the mistake, but police vowed to be more careful in the future. (You don't suppose a firearms database could contain mistakes?)

Unlike human fingerprints, the idea of firearm fingerprinting includes a number of elements - all of which can be altered and/or hard to trace. For example, it would be a simple matter to run something through the barrel of a rifle to change the markings a bullet might show.

And how many people would it take to maintain, search and actually use such a database? More than anyone is willing to fund.

I had the privilege of complying with some gun control laws last summer. My brother-in-law was storing a shotgun that had belonged to his father.

John wasn't planning on using the gun, so we asked him to send it to a place where it would be appreciated (my house).

According to law such shipments must be made through registered gun dealers. So I gave a local dealer \$15 to

receive the shotgun and my brother-in-law spent \$50 for dealer fees, shipping, etc. on his end. It cost us \$65 to ship a 7 lb. package!

The dealer on my end had to fill out some forms and call a national database to ask if I was a convicted felon. If my name was Joe Smith, I'd probably still be at the store (or in the slammer).

What if John and I were not law-abiding citizens? We could have put the gun in a box marked "trombone" and saved ourselves \$50.

That's illegal, of course. Would a criminal do something like that?

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	45	37	.02"
Wednesday	47	23	0
Thursday	43	25	0
Friday	42	40	.27"
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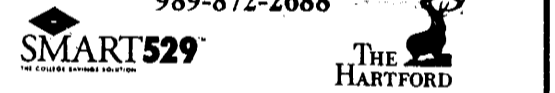
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**Alissa's Article**

by Alissa Pasant



Proposal 4. What exactly is Proposal 4 and why are high school students concerned about it?

Proposal 4 is a proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution that would hand over 90% of the state's annual \$300 million in tobacco settlement money to health institutions such as the state's private and public hospitals and nursing homes.

After reading and researching about Proposal 4, I learned that in the mid 1990s Michigan and 40 other states sued the tobacco industry because of health-care costs from tobacco use. A settlement was reached and Michigan received on an average of about \$300 million annually. Most states used the tobacco settlement funds for tobacco use prevention and tobacco-related health-care costs. Michigan uses the settlement money two different ways. Seventy-five percent of the money is used for the Michigan Merit Program scholarships and 25 percent is used for a variety of health-related programs.

The reason why high school students are concerned on this issue is that they could lose out on scholarship money. In the past, the high school students of Michigan have taken the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) test in the spring of their junior year. This test is made up of 5 parts: Writing Part I and II, Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. If students pass this test with a 1 or a 2 in each section (not including social studies), then they would receive a Michigan Merit scholarship of \$2,500 from the State of Michigan to go to the Michigan college of their choice.

or \$1,000 to go to a college out of state.

This year, however, the students may not get this money. If Proposal 4 passes, the money could be used for health care, not scholarships. This is a concern especially for the high school seniors because last year they took the MEAP test knowing that if they passed the MEAP test they would receive \$2,500 with which to start college.

The American Cancer Society and the Michigan Education Association have different viewpoints on Proposal 4. The ACS wants the tobacco settlement money to be used for tobacco-related illnesses. The MEA, on the other hand, wants the state to continue using the tobacco settlement money for the Michigan Merit Program (scholarships).

Seniors that have already passed the MEAP test received a letter this fall congratulating them on receiving the \$2,500 scholarship. However, the letter states that if the proposal passes in the November 5th election the funding for this program will end on January 1, 2003. This would mean that the seniors would not receive the money that they had already planned on for college.

A 2002 graduate from Cass City High School said, "The scholarship money was nice to start college with. It helped my family and I out a lot. To me the money was a reward for doing well in high school. I feel that even if the proposal passes there should still be some sort of funding to keep this scholarship program going."

Now you've read about both sides of Proposal 4. I encourage all of you to go to the polls November 5, and exercise your right to vote.

# Letters to the editor

## County millage vote deserves support

In that we are completing our tenure as Tuscola County Commissioners, we have always tried to put the people of Tuscola County first in the decisions we have made during our combined 33 years of service.

As those who have served before us know, and those who will serve after us will discover, the job of a county commissioner is difficult, challenging and requires a tremendous amount of time and commitment. It has also been rewarding as commissioners to be able to provide quality services while remaining fiscally conservative.

With your assistance, we are proud to say that the county has been progressive and has advanced. There are many examples involving efficiency improvements in Tuscola County.

One of the best computer systems in the state has been established improving the delivery of service to the public. A unified court system has been established making the best use of financial and personnel resources. Key budgeting, accounting and financial functions have been combined for improved efficiency. An award has been received for excellence in government financial reporting. A "state of the art" optical voting system, minimizing the potential for error and avoiding situations that recently occurred in Florida, has been implemented.

One of the largest, most efficient drainage systems in the state is maintained to increase the productivity of our agricultural lands.

The county continues to move forward in other ways. Public safety has been improved by creating an independent 911-dispatch center with life-saving technology. Protecting public health is provided through our local health department in areas such as bio-terrorism, flu vaccines, septic systems, well permits, restaurant inspections, etc. Environmental practices have been improved and landfill space has been preserved through the institution of recycling programs.

Public approved millage has enabled the establishment of an advanced mosquito abatement program to protect the public from disease. The public also recently approved millage to upgrade the current Medical Care Facility and to build a new Alzheimer unit to provide quality care for those in need.

As long-standing commissioners, we want you to know that the county budget is under great pressure for reasons that are beyond the control of county officials. National economic problems, cuts in funding from the state, slowing county revenue growth are eroding the ability to maintain public safety, economic, and agricultural services. In fact, current estimates indicate expenses will exceed income by \$500,000 or more.

It is important to note, the county has received approximately \$1.2 million per year in revenue from the state (state revenue sharing). With the tremendous financial problems of the state, it is probable that these vital funds to the county will be cut. This will further diminish the ability to maintain current county services.

will provide funding necessary to maintain current emergency management, road patrol (non-millage portion), economic job development, 4-H programs, illegal drug and alcohol abuse enforcement, animal control, marine safety, MSU extension, soil conservation, parks/county planning, and airport authority. Or you can vote "no" which will force the board of commissioners to eliminate or reduce these services. This action would be necessary because state law requires the county to have a balanced budget.

Tuscola County has been progressive. Together we have been able to build a strong service base in the interest of public health, safety and welfare. Your help is needed to maintain these services and make the right decision for current and future generations of this fine county.

We as citizens of Tuscola County are at a major crossroads. Our purpose is to be pro-active and explain the financial situation so that you the public can determine the services we will be able to maintain in Tuscola County. You will make an extremely important decision Nov. 5.

You can vote "yes" which

Kenneth G. Hess, Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

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## Proposal about keeping services

To the voters of Tuscola County:

There are a lot of important decisions to be made on Nov. 5. One of the most important is the opportunity to assure that Tuscola Co. can continue to have a number of existing programs that are vital to the quality of life in this county.

Proposal T asks us as voters to approve .9 mills for 5 years for the specific purpose of supporting the continuation of several programs that have had a positive impact on this county for many years. These programs are being threatened by the cutbacks in the amount of state and federal funds that are coming back to the counties. These are programs that affect each of us in some manner.

The programs and services that we could lose include 4-H, the soil conservation district support from the county, the marine safety patrol of our shoreline in the summer, a major portion of Tuscola Co. Economic Development activities, the participation of our county in the tri-county drug enforcement program, the office of emergency preparedness, and a significant cut in night hours road patrol by our sheriff's department.

As you can see these services are important to all of

us and need to be maintained if we are to continue to be proud of our county.

Proposal T is not about making government bigger, but about maintaining essential government programs and services that are necessary for our future growth and safety.

Please join me in voting YES on Proposal T on November 5, 2002.

Jack Laurie, Cass City

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## Proposal 3 will stabilize services

The reasons why I feel passing Proposal 3 could be beneficial to us Michigan taxpayers is this: collective bargaining agreements can cut the cost of state government by curtailing wasteful and expensive contracts and by helping control pork barreling and political patronage.

In addition to better working conditions, which increase employee morale and productivity, collective bargaining agreements will help put a cap on unbridled use of state contracts which are nearing 3 billion a year!

As a state employee, what we're looking for is fairness in bargaining, a level playing field when we negotiate a new contract, a contract that wouldn't be changed after an agreement has been made

with the state by a bias, politicized Civil Service Commission. This commission is comprised of 4 commissioners appointed by the Governor, 3 of which have been appointed by the current governor, who's agenda has been to privatize state services and get rid of state workers.

I believe it will help maintain stability in maintaining state services. Binding arbitration, by definition, is an alternative to the right to strike. This system has been in effect in Michigan for police officers and firefighters since 1969.

Please vote YES on Proposal 02-3 on Nov. 5.

Stephen Springstead, Decker

## Plans to vote for "T"

Dear Editor: I write in response to your coverage of Proposal "T", the County-wide Millage Ballot Proposal which will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot in Tuscola County, and to comment on the activities of the "Yes Tuscola" Committee.

With all of the negative campaigning that we voters have been assaulted with this important political year, it is refreshing to read about a group of dedicated business, public and community leaders that are trying to focus on maintaining improving the quality of life for those of us who live, work and raise

families in Tuscola County.

As a voter and taxpayer, I appreciate having someone there who takes the time to help me understand what my hard-earned tax dollars are going towards. It's my money. It's our government. It's our services. I appreciate getting information that helps me understand "what's in it for me" and my family.

Too often, we send our tax dollars away to Washington or Lansing and we don't see how it comes back to us. Thanks for listening. I plan to vote "Yes" on Proposal "T".

Sincerely, Richard Peter Kingston

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# It's Meyer vs. Kern for House seat

Tom Meyer is hoping residents of Tuscola and Huron counties will send him back to Lansing for a second term in the Michigan House. Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern is doing all he can to be the area's next 84th District representative.

Voters will choose between the 2 candidates in the Tuesday, Nov. 5, general election. Meyer, a Bad Axe Republican, was elected to the House in 2000. He has more than 41 years' experience in the radio business, 39 years as a station manager in the Thumb, and has been a correspondent on many radio and television stations. He is a member of the Davenport University Board, and is a member of the Huron County MSU Extension Council.

He is a member of the state House committees on Education (vice chairman), Agriculture, Tax Policy, House Television and Oversight, and Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 Education.

Kern, a Democrat who resides in the Deford area, is a veteran law enforcement officer of more than 30 years, including the past 14 years as Tuscola County sheriff. He joined the sheriff's department in 1970 and was first elected sheriff in 1988.

Kern grew up on a farm in the Reese area and has been employed in a shop setting as a toolmaker in addition to his years as a law enforcement officer.

The following are responses from both candidates to a list of questions submitted by the Chronicle staff:

**The questions**

1) Please describe your position on the upcoming statewide proposal regarding use of tobacco settlement monies, as well as your view on the potential impact of all statewide proposals in the Nov. 5 election on the state's budget.

2) In your opinion, what are the greatest challenges facing Michigan over the next 2 years, and what qualifications do you possess that make you the best candidate to help deal with those issues?

3) Economic development continues to be a major concern/focus for many small towns in the Thumb, including Cass City. If elected, what types of assistance and support could local officials expect from you?

**KERN'S RESPONSES**



Tom Kern

1) Currently, Michigan spends the majority of the tobacco settlement funds on MEAP scholarships for college bound high school students. A portion of the remaining monies is used to support such programs as the PASS scholarship program, elder prescription drug programs, respite care, career development programs and K-12 education.

Proposal 4 would put the money into health programs, including smoking prevention. On the ballot it also mentions monies going into private companies, and this should raise a red flag up to everyone. I am against Proposal 4. I feel it should be left as is. These monies are a great help to our education system.

As far as the financial impact of the other 3 proposals, Proposal One will have a minimal impact since it basically is a referendum on the law banning straight party voting. However, the House Fiscal Agency estimates it may cost the state around \$80,000 for the training of local election officials.

2) The greatest challenges over the next 2 years are the budget and jobs.

As the sheriff for the last 14 years, I have worked with a large budget and always have ended up in the black. I realize that it will require a bi-partisan effort to get the state back on track and I believe I have the ability to work across party lines to accomplish what needs to be done.

As for jobs, I will work with the economic development directors for Tuscola and Huron counties to achieve whatever stimulation is needed to get jobs in the Thumb.

3) If elected I would get to know all the city and village leaders on a personal level so as to have a better understanding of each town's concern and problems. This way, when called upon for assistance I will be better suited to give help whenever possible and in a timely manner.

**MEYER'S RESPONSES**

1) I strongly oppose Proposal 4, which will reallocate almost \$300 million of the tobacco settlement monies awarded to the state by cigarette companies to health care-related organizations. This proposal takes away legislative responsibility for budget appropriations. It guarantees funding without any accountability or oversight of health care organizations, and doesn't require the money be used for specific purposes. Allocating the money for this purpose

will affect other programs, such as the Michigan Merit Program.

The other 3 proposals also have a fiscal impact. I was instrumental in getting Proposal 2 on the ballot to give voters the opportunity to invest \$1 billion in sewer infrastructure projects throughout Michigan. Safe, reliable sewer systems are important for the health of Michigan residents and protection of the environment. One study reports that more than 9 million gallons of untreated sewage entered our lakes and rivers in 2000.



Tom Meyer

This is unacceptable.

Proposal 3 requires binding arbitration for state employees and provides civil servants the constitutional right to strike. It would cost about \$30 million per year.

Proposal One is a referendum to eliminate straight ticket voting. It is estimated to cost the state \$80,000, but not approving the change would result in the larger cost of a watered down election process for electing our state's leaders.

2) Full funding for our schools and ensuring a quality education for our children is a priority. We need to continue the strides we've

made in providing significant increases in state funding of schools. These efforts must be accompanied by a focus on guaranteeing every child an opportunity to learn and succeed.

Improving our health care system so it provides quality health care choices and protects patients' rights, is another priority. We have to ensure health care coverage is affordable, and find ways to provide health care for the uninsured. This includes the challenge of better prescription coverage for seniors and solving the problem of rocketing prescription drug costs.

Meeting these challenges is dependent upon the state budget. During this economic downturn, state government must do what Michigan's families do when income drips; tighten our belts and cut back on spending.

I am best suited to tackle these important issues for many reasons. I have gained invaluable experience my first 2 years as a state legislator and I've developed important contacts that allow me to effectively represent the 84th District. I have proven to be a legislative leader in addressing budget problems and most recently led the successful effort to override the governor's veto of revenue sharing, protecting local units of government from financial disaster.

3) I have a proven record. The assistance I provided Millington's Downtown Authority is an excellent indicator of the help I offer to local governments. The DDA needed special legislation in order to qualify for a grant, and I accomplished that.

I also helped the Tuscola Area Airport Authority ac-

quire 40 acres of state land for runway expansion, as well as transferring 30 acres to Indianfields Township to expand their park.

I worked closely with Jim McLoskey, Tuscola County EDC Director, and his Huron County counterpart, Carl

Osentoski, on a variety of projects. I worked as a liaison between local leaders and the Michigan Economic Development Commission, to facilitate communication and help insure additional grants and loans will be awarded to Thumb area

projects. I will continue to ensure that local units have economic development tools available for their use and receive accurate and timely information to ensure they are able to take full advantage.

## Races set in 4 of 5 county board districts

While Cass City's Ed Scollon and Fairgrove's John Hunter are battling for the right to represent the District One seat on the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (see related story), races are also set in 3 of the remaining 4 districts.

Voters will fill all of the seats in the Tuesday, Nov. 5, general election.

In District 2, comprised of Almer, Ellington, Indianfields and Juniata Townships, the candidates are Democrat Judy R. Babcock, 63, of Cass City, and former commissioner Susan A. Osborne, 51, a Caro Republican.

Incumbent Commissioner Norma Bates opted not to seek reelection after serving 12 years on the board.

Incumbent Donald R. McLane, 62, a Mayville Republican, faces a challenge from Kingston Democrat David W. Lich, 53, in District 3, which represents the townships of Novesta, Wells, Kingston, Fremont, Dayton, Koylton and Watertown.

McLane has served on the county board for 10 years. Lich has been employed with the Michigan Department of Corrections for many years and also serves as police chief in the village of King-

ston. In District 5, incumbent Republican Gerald C. Peterson, 60, Vassar, is challenged by Daniel R. Respecki, 47, also of Vassar. Respecki did not specify his party affiliation.

District 5 is comprised of Denmark, Tuscola and Arbelia townships, and the city of Vassar.

Running unopposed is incumbent District 4 commissioner Roy W. Petzold, 64, of Millington. An 8-year member of the board, Petzold represents Vassar, Millington and Watertown townships.

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## Cass City Area Church Directory

### Is Halloween Evil?

Halloween is literally the eve of All Saints' Day. It is a time associated in our imagination with spirits run amok; with ghosts and ghouls and all manner of hobgoblins having their way for one night of the year, only to be put back in their place on All Saints' Day. Is Halloween something that good people should celebrate, or is it the devil's playground and something to be avoided? It is easy enough to see the connection between Halloween and witchcraft, evil spirits and the satanic. All those are reasons enough to avoid it. But is there anything redeeming about Halloween? Periodically, the darker sides of life rear their ugly heads, and Halloween is one of those times when the dark side of the spirit world comes into view in a relatively innocuous way. Perhaps it is a way for us to see that not all spirits are good spirits, and that there really are witches out there, even if they don't wear pointy hats and ride broomsticks. Halloween helps us to recognize the godliness of the saints, in stark contrast to their ungodly counterparts. Perhaps Halloween is a creative way for us to annually expose the darker side of life in order to put them aside for the other 364 days of the year.



Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them ellipse for anything that becomes visible is light.

R.S.V. Ephesians 5:11,13

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**Cass City Missionary Church**

4393 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
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Pastor: David Edwards

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# Red Hawk ladies returning to cross country state finals

The Cass City girls' cross country team will be making

a return visit to the state finals, following Saturday's impressive showing at the Bad Axe regional.

Led by senior Annjea Tanton, sophomore Carrie Hillaker and senior Liz Hoyt, the Hawks recorded a 2nd place finish at the meet with a team score of 74. Frankenmuth captured the event with a score of 46, while hosts Bad Axe finished 3rd with a tally of 81. All 3 schools will compete as teams in this Saturday's state final slated for Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Rounding out the top teams and their point totals were Sandusky (101), Yale (116), Imlay City (145), Vassar (160), and Capac (163). Tanton paced Cass City with a time of 21:12 and a 3rd place overall finish. Hillaker completed the 5K run in 21:21, her best time of the season, resulting in a 4th place finish, while Hoyt finished 5th with a time of 21:25. All 3 ladies will also compete as individuals at the state meet.

Also helping the Hawks to its runner-up team finish were Sarah Zawilinski and Allyson Bell. Zawilinski finished 29th with a time of 24:32 and Bell finished 45th with a time of 26:07.



**HOLDING A BANNER** from Saturday's cross country regional in Bad Axe are team leaders (from left) Liz Hoyt, Carrie Hillaker and Annjea Tanton. Tanton (right) recorded the Hawks' best time and a 3rd place overall finish with a time of 21:12.

## FOOTBALL STANDINGS & RESULTS

**GREATER THUMB WEST**

Team	W	L	T
#1 Laker	5	0	0
# USA	5	1	0
# Reese	4	2	0
Bad Axe	3	3	0
BCAS	2	4	0
Cass City	1	5	1
Valley Lutheran	0	6	1

**GREATER THUMB EAST**

Team	W	L	T
# Harbor Beach	5	1	0
# Sandusky	4	2	0
# Ubyly	4	2	0
# Deckerville	2	4	0
Marlette	2	4	0
Brown City	1	5	0
Mayville	1	5	0

**NORTH CENTRAL THUMB**

Team	W	L	T
# Kingston	7	0	0
# Peck	6	1	0
# Memphis	4	3	0
Dryden	2	5	0
A-Fairgrove	2	5	0
CPS	2	5	0
Owen-Gage	2	5	0
North Huron	1	6	0

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**

Ubyly 38, Bad Axe 13  
 Laker 36, Frankenmuth 28  
 Deckerville 63, Cass City 0  
 Richmond 23, Reese 0  
 MLS 27, Valley Lutheran 0  
 Brown City 22, Almost 0  
 Harbor Beach 43, USA 16  
 Sandusky 32, Cross-Lex 22  
 Marlette 14, Peck 12  
 Mayville 20, Kingston 19  
 Owen-Gage 32, Au Gres 28  
 A-Fairgrove 26, A-Eastern 0  
 Vassarburg 6, CPS 0  
 NSW 47, Dryden 6  
 Memphis 9, New Haven 0

# Seven Bulldogs end careers with victory over Au Gres

Owen-Gage withstood a late 4th quarter rally by visiting Au Gres Friday to register a 32-26 non-conference gridiron win in their final game of the season.

The hosts struck for 2 scores in the opening stanza and then added another marker in the next quarter to take a 19-8 advantage into the intermission.

Jeremy Kady, who led Owen-Gage with 93 yards rushing on 21 carries, opened the scoring when he found pay dirt from 4 yards out.

The Wolverines, however, got that score back moments later when Bobby Lutz scrambled 55 yards to even the score at 6-6. The visitors then took their first lead as Kyle Gies ran for the point after conversion, staking Au Gres to an 8-6 edge.

The Bulldog defense, which made several big plays on the night, regained the lead for the hosts when Warren Hunt scored on a blocked punt that resulted in a 12-8 edge for Owen-Gage entering the 2nd frame.

The Bulldogs extended their advantage before the half when Adam Kain hauled in a Cody Howard pass on a play that covered 11 yards and ended the scoring in the initial half.

Owen-Gage added a pair of touchdowns in the final half on a 2-yard dive by Matt Gaeth, while Howard recorded the Bulldogs' final touchdown on a 7-yard run.

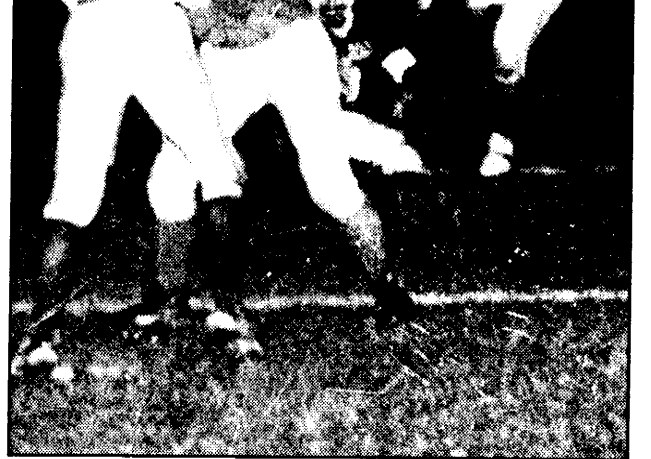
The Bulldogs netted 161 yards of total offense, includ-

ing 45 via the air on a 3-8 performance by Howard. Additionally, besides Kady's game-high 93 yards rushing, the winners had Kain with 79 yards rushing on just 6 totes.

Defensively, the Bulldogs created 6 turnovers that included fumble recoveries by Jake Wald, Aaron Faist, Michael Pawlak and Kain.

Kain also recorded the Bulldogs' lone interception. Kady was credited with a team-high 19 tackles.

Seven seniors ended their career on the night for Owen-Gage including Gaeth, Kain, Hunt, Kady, James Wise, Fred Periso, and Scott Kundingner.



**BULLDOG KICKER** senior Matt Gaeth converts a point after attempt during Owen-Gage's 32-26 win over Au Gres Friday in Owendale.

## Post 63-0 win Deckerville hammers Hawks in lopsided gridiron finale

It was a dismal end to a dismal season for the Cass City Red Hawk football team. In the final game Friday the Hawks were defeated at Deckerville, 63-0.

In the defeat by Deckerville and by Ubyly the previous week, one of the areas in which Cass City showed improvement vanished.

Although they lost games, the team showed a better offense than it had last season. In 5 of the first 7 games the

Hawks scored 2 touchdowns or more, including 14 points against the undefeated Lakers.

In the final games against the Greater Thumb East powerhouses Cass City failed to score.

It was a sad ending, especially for 7 seniors on the squad. Playing their final high school game were Jason Barrigar, Aaron Diegel, Travis Jensen, Joe Lounsbury, Noal Powell,

Matt Stoutenburg and Nick Turner.

Coach Scott Cuthrell can look for help next year from a better than average junior varsity squad. The junior varsity was edged by Deckerville, 22-20. In addition, there are 12 juniors, a sophomore and a freshman on this year's squad.

The sophomore is Nick Stoutenburg, who displayed a fine arm this season from the quarterback post.

### Notice of Public Hearings Tuscola County General Development Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Tuscola County Planning Commission, in accordance with state Public Act 282 of 1945, as amended, will hold two public hearings on its proposed General Development Plan. The first public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2002 and begin at 7 p.m. The second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 and begin at 4 p.m. The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

**November 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
 Northwood Meadows  
 6086 Beachwood Drive  
 Cass City, MI 48726

**November 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
 Tuscola County MSU Extension  
 362 Green Street  
 Caro, MI 48723

The purpose of these public hearings is to present the Tuscola County Planning Commission's recommendations for the development of the County. The recommended Plan contains information on past County planning efforts and planning occurring at other levels of government which affect current recommendations. Information on the County's physical characteristics, social and economic characteristics, transportation system, community facilities, and existing land use pattern are also presented. Planning goals and issues are described along with recommendations for the future use of land for the next 20 years. The Plan concludes with a listing of specific projects suggested to be undertaken in support of the Plan using a Capital Improvements Program process.

The recommended General Development Plan containing all accompanying maps, charts, and descriptions and explanatory material is available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

**Rawson Memorial Library**  
 6495 Pine Street  
 Cass City, MI 48726

**Bullard - Sanford Memorial Library**  
 520 W. Huron Street  
 Vassar, MI 48768

**Caro Area District Library**  
 840 W. Frank Street  
 Caro, MI 48723

Should you have any statement regarding the proposed General Development Plan, you are invited to attend the public hearing or present your written comment(s) to the attention of Mr. John Hunter, Chairperson, Tuscola County Planning Commission, 362 Green Street, Caro, Michigan 48723. All written comments received by the close of business one day previous to the meeting date (November 6<sup>th</sup> or November 11<sup>th</sup> respectively) will be considered.

People with disabilities requiring accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ms. Betty Pattullo, Planning Coordinator at (989)672-3870 at least three (3) days in advance of the public hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Mr. John Hunter, Chairperson  
 Tuscola County Planning Commission

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As of Oct. 24

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## Hawks overcome slow start to defeat Hatchets in GTW play Thursday

For awhile it appeared as if the Bad Axe Hatchets were going to provide another stern test for the Cass City Red Hawks Thursday, just as they did when the team played the Hawks to the wire before falling by just 2 points in the game played at Bad Axe.

Before pulling away to a 38-30 decision, the teams played even for the first quarter and a half.

A slow start like that could prove fatal for Cass City in the games ahead. Tuesday Harbor Beach was scheduled in Cass City and was coming off a decisive win over Mayville, the only squad to hold a victory over the 14-1 Hawks this season. It was the first of 3 important games on deck. The Hawks will face Lakers in a make-up game Nov. 4. Thursday they will rank as heavy favorites over

USA. The most important game of the season follows on Nov. 7 when second-place Reese comes to Cass City. If the Hawks win all these games the title will be secured.

To win these games, Cass City will need to play better than it did in the early going against the Hatchets. In the first 5 minutes the Hawks turned the ball over 3 times and Bad Axe was beating the full-court press.

The teams traded baskets and at the end of the first period, Cass City led 12-11. Pacing the Hatchets was Alicia Meredith with a hoop and 3 of 4 from the free throw line.

Bad Axe took the lead, 14-12, with 5:07 left in the half for the first time since scoring the game's first hoop.

That was the last lead for the Hatchets. Cass City responded with a 10-0 run that started as Lindsey Hendrick netted a 3-pointer the old fashioned way with a hoop and a foul shot.

Featuring some of its best passing of the season, the Hawks moved in front 34-20 with 3:45 left in the game. The passes set up Ashley Hendrick for 3 quick uncontested lay-ups. Bad Axe outscored the Hawks the rest of the way, 10-4, to close the gap at the finish.

Ashley Hendrick led the Hawks with 14 points. Amy Howard grabbed 12 rebounds and Krystee Dorland had 9.

**CASS CITY** - Hobbs 1-0 (3-4) 5; Howard 3-0 (2-3) 8; L. Hendrick 3-0 (1-1) 7; Deering 2-0 (0-2) 4; A. Hendrick 6-0 (2-3) 14.  
**TOTALS** - 15-0 (8-13) 38.

**BAD AXE** - Geiger 3-0 (0-0) 6; Peterson 0-0 (1-2) 1; Walker 0-0 (2-4) 2; Sutherland 5-1 (1-2) 14; Meredith 1-0 (5-6) 7.  
**TOTALS** - 9-1 (9-15) 30.



## Shot off

COURTNEY GREEN'S shot from close-in was challenged by a Bad Axe defender. The Hawks posted a 38-30 decision over the Hatchets.

## Swiastyn nets 23

### Owen-Gage earns tough victory over North Huron to remain in title chase

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs stayed on the heels of Port Hope with a hard-fought victory over North Huron Thursday, 47-37. The win and the immediate North Central Thumb League games ahead should keep the Bulldogs in the title race all the way.

Owen-Gage was slated to play Peck Tuesday at home and will be at Akron-Fairgrove next Tuesday. The Bulldogs will be favored in both of these games.

It took a last quarter rally for the Bulldogs to defeat North Huron. It was a game that Owen-Gage had to win to have a realistic chance to win the NCT North championship

Going into the final quarter

O-G trailed by a single point, 31-30. The Bulldogs used outstanding foul shooting in the final 8 minutes to win the conference clash.

Especially deadly from the charity stripe was Katie Swiastyn, who converted all 8 of her free throws including 4 for 4 in the pivotal last quarter. For the night, Swiastyn poured in 23 points.

The Warriors went in front in the first half behind a second quarter spurt by Stephanie Berens. She cashed a trey, 3 regular hoops and one of 2 free throws for 10 of her 16 points for the game.

That was enough to give North Huron a 22-18 lead at

the half. In the third quarter Swiastyn started her free-throw streak with four from the stripe and added a trey as the Bulldogs posted a 12-9 advantage to set the stage for the winning last quarter rally.

**OWEN-GAGE** - Kayla Zaleski 1-0 (3-6) 5; Swiastyn 6-1 (8-8) 23; Rhodes 2-0 (2-2) 6; Kelly Zaleski 2-1 (1-4) 8; Dorsch 2-0 (1-4) 5.  
**TOTALS** - 13-2 (15-25) 47.

**NORTH HURON** - Elliott 0-0 (2-4) 2; Berens 6-1 (1-2) 16; Rutkowski 2-1 (0-0) 7; Deprekel 0-0 (1-2) 1; Cook 2-0 (3-8) 7; Osantoski 2-0 (0-0) 4.  
**TOTALS** - 12-2 (7-16) 37.

## Bulldogs knock off league leading Port Hope in NCTL North, 29-18

Owen-Gage stayed in the Greater Thumb North league race Tuesday by posting its second win of the season over league-leading Port Hope.

In a tight defensive battle, the Bulldogs topped the Blue Stars, 29-18. The decision leaves Owen-Gage a game behind in the loss column and the Bulldogs will need help from another conference team to have a chance to take the title.

Neither team was able to hit the hoop with any regularity in the first period when the clubs traded baskets to score just 6 points.

The Bulldogs took a stranglehold on the game in the second period with an 11-point spurge to lead at the intermission, 17-8.

Baskets were few and far between in the third quarter as the 2 teams produced what was the lowest scoring total of the season. The Bulldogs'

total output was a hoop by Kayla Zaleski. The Blue Stars netted 4 points on baskets by Tara Oeschger and Lisa Strozeski.



**Kayla Zaleski**  
10 points

to wrap up the game. Owen-Gage lengthened its lead early in the period as the Blue Stars scoring draught continued until the closing minutes when Lydia Zinger scored a pair to go with the one she netted earlier. She scored all of her 6 points in the last quarter and that was enough to lead the Blue Stars for the night.

Kayla Zaleski was the only player in double figures, with 10.

**OWEN-GAGE** - Kayla Zaleski 3-1 (1-4) 10; Swiastyn 3-0 (2-2) 8; Kelly Zaleski 3-0 (0-0) 6; Glaza 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dorsch 0-0 (3-8) 3.  
**TOTALS** - 10-1 (6-14) 29.

**PORT HOPE** - Zinger 3-0 (0-0) 6; Mausolf 2-0 (0-0) 4; Oeschger 1-0 (0-0) 2; Iseler 1-0 (0-0) 2; Strozeski 2-0 (0-0) 4.  
**TOTALS** - 9-0 (0-0) 18.

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	Pct
Cass City	8	1	.889
Reese	7	4	.636
Bad Axe	5	4	.556
Laker	3	4	.429
USA	2	7	.286
BCAS	2	7	.286
Valley Lutheran	1	8	.111

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	Pct
Sandusky	8	1	.889
Harbor Beach	7	1	.875
Mayville	7	1	.875
Brown City	6	4	.600
Uplly	2	2	.500
Marlette	2	2	.500
Deckerville	1	7	.125

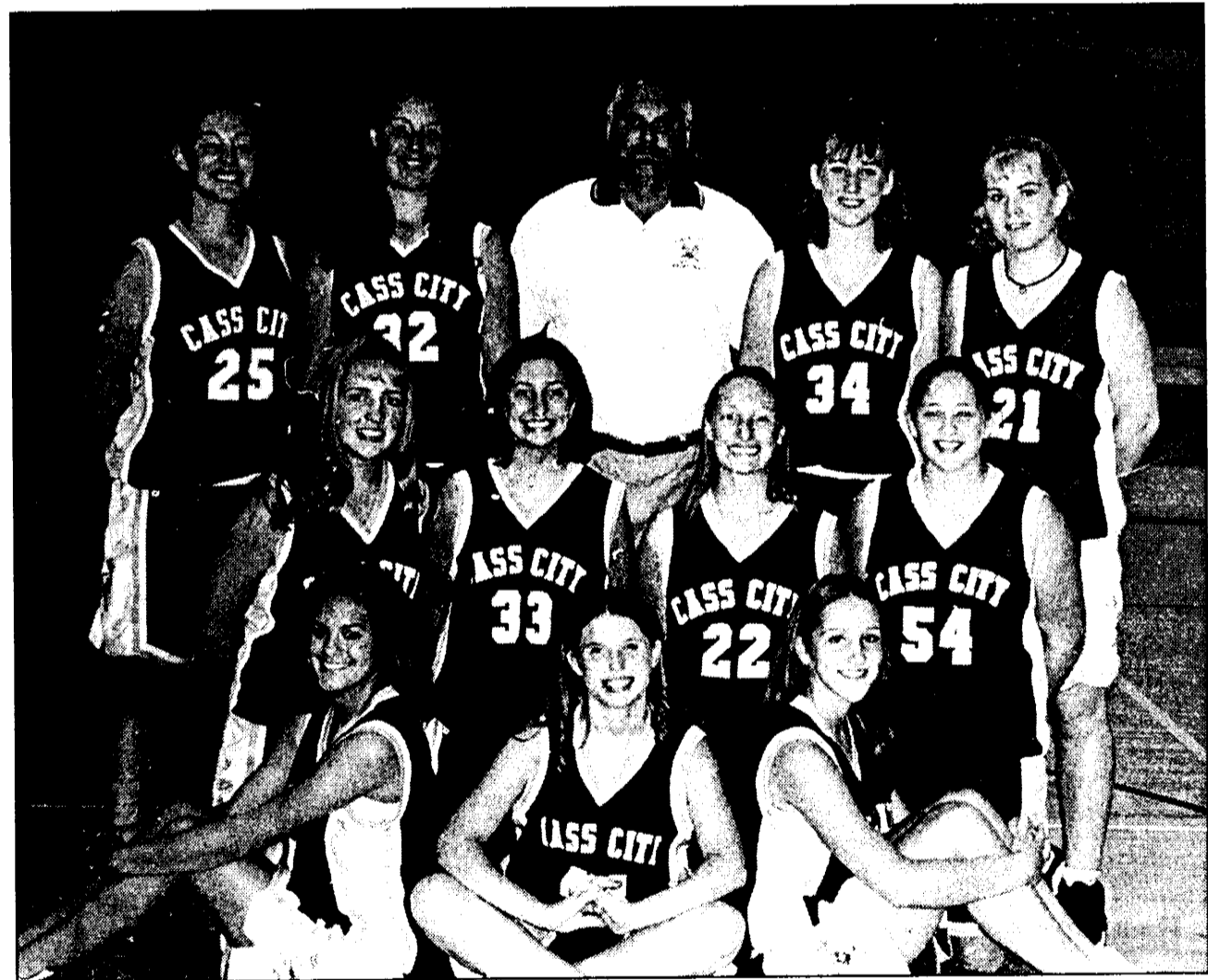
  

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB NORTH			
Team	W	L	Pct
Port Hope	10	4	.714
Owen-Gage	9	5	.643
Caseville	8	6	.571
North Huron	5	10	.333
A-Fairgrove	0	14	.000

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB SOUTH			
Team	W	L	Pct
Memphis	14	0	1.000
Kingson	11	4	.731
Dryden	7	6	.538
CPS	4	10	.286
Peck	2	11	.154

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Uplly at Deckerville  
Brown City at Mayville



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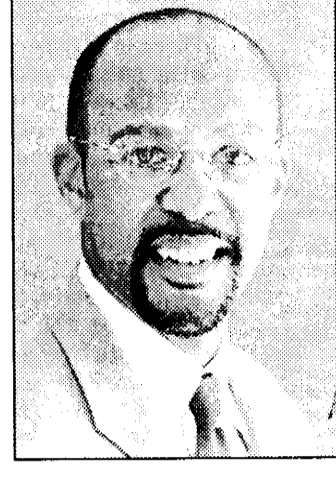
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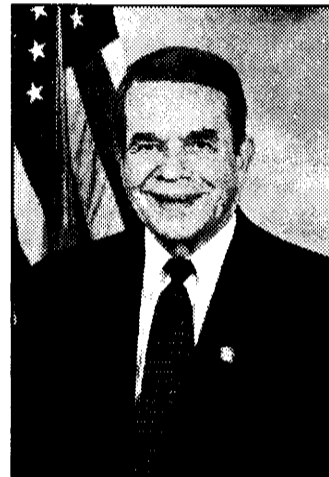
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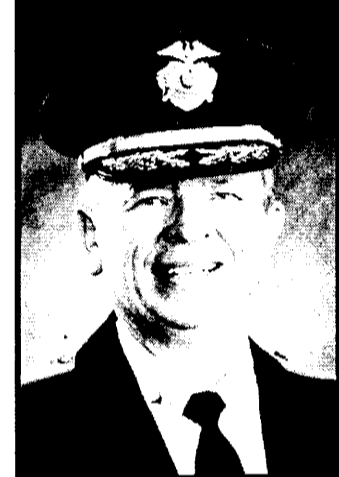
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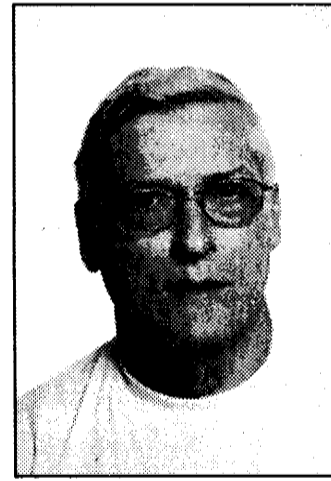
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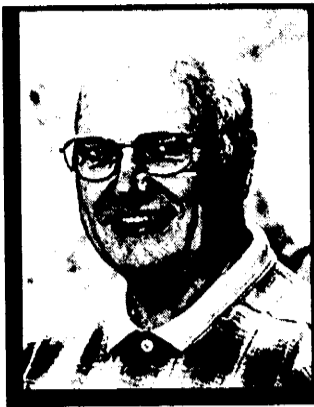
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## Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

### 5YEARSAGO

The Cass City Village Council Monday voted in favor of an annexation request and a 2-year waste service contract that guarantees no fee increase for village residents. The annexation request was presented in a letter from the trustees of the United Methodist Church of Cass City, which is currently constructing a new building just north of the village.

Supt. Ken Micklash announced plans for continued improvement of school facilities made possible by a \$46,542 payment for damages in asbestos removal and a healthy general fund. The capital improvement plan was authorized by the Cass City School Board in its regular monthly session Monday at the school. Micklash indicated that the school would receive a third check in the fall of 1998 so that the total payment will probably be \$155,000.

Hills and Dales General Hospital was recently recognized for its support of Tuscola County authorities during the Ku Klux Klan rally held last month in Caro. Patrick H. Finn, Tuscola County Emergency Management coordinator, and Randy Gerber, regional director of Mobile Medical Response, Inc., delivered a certificate of appreciation to Dee McKrow, chief executive officer of the hospital.

### 10YEARSAGO

Retired Cass City business owner Laura Bryant has been named Woman of the Year by the Cass City Business and Professional Women's Club. The 1992 award was presented during a meeting of the club Monday night at the Charmont. Bryant and her husband, Lloyd, are former long-time owners of the Gamble store in town. Bryant has been a member of the

Business and Professional Women since 1964.

Virginia Auslander, Decker, has invested 40 years in 4-H as a volunteer adult leader. 4-H Council member and fair board member. A member of the Laing 4-H Club in the early 1930s, she still has the certificates she received for completing canning and clothing project requirements.

Cass City sixth graders will be seeking donations for UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) over the next week. About 140 kids will take part in the effort, which will involve students taking collection canisters throughout their neighborhoods.

### 25YEARSAGO

Although the Owen-Gage School District is out of funds until property tax revenues start coming in January, or until it can borrow money, employees of the district will still be able to put bread on the table, thanks to the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. The bank, which has branches in Owendale and Gagetown, is extending interest-free loans to all employees who want them until they again receive their paychecks from the district.

Fishing - Cowboy Victor Pohlod, 2, and clown Ronald Bouck, 3, did some fishing for prizes at the Halloween carnival Friday evening at Campbell Elementary School. Victor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pohlod of Deford; Ronald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bouck of Cass City. Sponsored by the Cass City Pre-School Nursery and the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, the carnival raised about \$450.

Uncle Sam's gift to Cass City will start to become reality within the next three

weeks. The Cass City Village Council Tuesday night accepted the low bid of Frank Strausberg & Son of Saginaw for the village's street rebuilding program, being financed by \$338,000 in federal public works funds.

### 35YEARSAGO

The winners of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce sponsored window painting contest were determined Tuesday evening and Lynn Atwell was awarded the first prize for her work on the windows of Cass City Floral. She received \$15. Second prize of \$10 went to Janet Koepfgen for her Halloween decorations at Wood Drugs and the \$5 third prize was awarded to Marsha Parrott for her creation at the Ben Franklin Store.

A plaque was presented to Richard Erla Wednesday, Oct. 25, at a Michigan Products of the Year awards banquet held at Marlette. Erla was the regional product awards chairman and recognized for his outstanding job with the presentation of the plaque by Lt. Gov. William Milliken.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Koepf were notified by letter from Brigadier General George H. McBride of their son's arrival in Qui Nhon, Vietnam. He has been assigned to the 585 Transportation Company. In this assignment he will be participating in the essential function of providing logistical support to U.S. and allied forces in the Republic of Vietnam.

## Group endorses Green

Jeff Visscher, Executive Director of Citizens For Traditional Values announced the endorsement of Mike Green for state Senate in the Thumb, Bay and Arenac area.

Visscher said, "CTV-PAC has been involved in Michigan Politics since 1991, laboring to advance our guiding principles of faith and family, sanctity of life, proper role of government and educational freedom. Mike Green's support of these principles is crucial to building strong families and promoting good government."

Green has also been endorsed by Secretary of State Candice Miller, State Senator Joel Gougeon, Michigan Farm Bureau, Campaign for Michigan Families, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Right to Life, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Thumb Home Builders Association, Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners, and has earned an A+ rating from the NRA.

Of all these endorsements, Mike Green is most proud of the endorsement from Citizens For Traditional Values.


"As a father of 5 children and a lawmaker who has worked on behalf of all families in Michigan, I believe this endorsement confirms my record as a pro-life, pro-family legislator." Green also noted that his opponent had in the past been endorsed by the CTV, but believes his record proved critical in gaining their endorsement in the race for state Senate in the 31st District.



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## Obituaries

### Helen Greenleaf

Helen B. Greenleaf, 89, of Cass City, died Friday, Oct. 18, 2002 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City. She was born June 12, 1913 in Gageton to Duncan and Anna (Knight) Battel. She married Harold Greenleaf. He died Dec. 25, 1965.

She was a one-room school teacher for 12 years before she taught in Cass City Public Schools for another 12 years.

She is survived by her son, Don Greenleaf of Cass City; sisters-in-law: Margaret Battel of Cass City, Betty Greenleaf of Cass City; brother-in-law, James Greenleaf of Caro; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Lester Battel; and sisters: Leila and Luverne Battel.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 20, at Kranz Funeral Home, with the Rev. George Ward, of Cass City United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hills and Dales General Hospital or the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Wilfred Kroetsch

Wilfred Kroetsch, 81, of Minden City, died Saturday evening, Oct. 19, 2002 at St. Mary Medical Center of Saginaw.

He was born June 20, 1921 in Snover, to the late Charles and Hilda (Hergott) Kroetsch. He married Virginia Schumacher (Heilig) Jan. 17, 1953 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth.

Kroetsch managed the Minden City Little League Baseball team for years. He was a pitcher in the 1950s for the Minden City team in the Sanilac County Baseball League. He owned and operated the Silver Star Gardens from 1950 to 1957. Kroetsch worked for 12 years at the Minden City Lumberyard. He then went into the construction business, which he retired from in 1990. He built and owned the local car wash for 31 years. He was a lifetime member of many organizations, including the Minden City Lions Club, Fire Department, and the Ruth Knights of Columbus, where he was a former Grand Knight. He served on the Minden City School Board and Village Council. He was a lifelong member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth where he served on the cemetery committee. He bowled for many years with the Farmers Elevator League of Minden City and also sponsored a ladies bowling team from the Minden City Car Wash for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; three sons, Thomas (Martha) Heilig of Georgetown, Texas, Roger (Carol Hutchinson) Kroetsch of Cass City, Terry (Sue) Kroetsch of Uby; three daughters, Wendy (Albert) Maier of Palms, Jo'Ann (Phillip) Zdrojewski of Palms, Barbara (Joseph) Partaka of Minden City; one daughter-in-law, Janice (Bob) Kaufman of Minden

City; 18 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; four brothers, his twin, Willard (Shirley) Kroetsch of Snover, Leon Kroetsch of Flint, Brother Jerome Kroetsch of Ghana, Africa, Gerald (Suzanne) Kroetsch of Snover; one sister, Katherleen (Vernon) Rich of Sandusky; and two sisters-in-law: Eileen Pelot of Minden City and Mary Ann Schumacher of Kinde.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Heilig; a grandson, Daniel Kroetsch; a great-grandson, Conner Tarzwell; two sisters, Helen Reinelt and Ruth Westbrook; two brothers-in-law, Scott Westbrook and Gerald Reinelt; one sister-in-law, Georgine Kroetsch; and two daughters-in-law, Sandra Kroetsch and Fay Heilig.

Funeral mass was held Thursday, Oct. 24, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Ruth, with the Rev. Steve Gavit, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Arrangements were made by Smitowski Funeral Home, Minden City.

### Gail Parrott

Gail Linwood Parrott, 82, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2002 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born Nov. 1, 1919 in Cass City to William A. and Faye (McCulloch) Parrott. He married Louella Sherwood Dec. 5, 1939 in Deford.

Parrott farmed and drove school bus until 1968 when he became a custodian at Cass City Middle School until his retirement. He was Novesta Township Supervisor for over 20 years and was a long-time member of the Tuscola County Sheriff Board. Parrott was a member of the Cass City First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and trustee. After their move to Caro, he became a member of the Caro First Baptist Church. At the end of WWII he served in the Navy Bureau of Personnel, assisting families of wounded and deceased sailors.

Parrott is survived by his wife, Louella; sons: Ronald (Wanda) Parrott of Troy, Robert (Carol) Parrott of Decker, Richard (Deborah) Parrott Cass City; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; brother, William (Cora) Parrott of Cass City; sister, Faith (William) Steinkraus of Colorado; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Maurice and Wendell Parrott.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 26, at Kranz Funeral Home, with Pastor Ronald Wigand, Caro First Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Northwood Meadows or the Caro First Baptist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Margaret Russell

Margaret "Betty" Elizabeth Russell, 80, of Fairgrove, died Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002 in her home.

She was born Oct. 29, 1921 in Pensacola, Fla., to Carl Hendrick Case and Margaret "Madge" (Stewart) Model. She married Leo Howard Russell April 29, 1972 in Fairgrove.

Russell graduated from Kingston High School and the Saginaw School of Applied Art. She was a bookkeeper for Harvey Tewksbury Agency in Kingston and later retired from Caro State Hospital as a cook and housekeeper for 15 years. She was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Kingston before moving to Fairgrove. She also attended the Caro Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Leo; daughter, Rebecca Lashbrook (William) Tallman of Alvin, Texas; stepchildren, Cheryl (Daniel) Hubbs, Jim Russell, Jeffery (Ann) Russell, all of Flint; 3 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her brother, Carl Model.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Kingston Wesleyan Church, with the Rev. Doug Bassett officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

### Alfred Smith

Alfred Marlin Smith, 74, of Deford, died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2002 in Tendercare Nursing Facility.

He was born April 4, 1928 in Roderfield, West Virginia to Raleigh and Hattie M. (Hicks) Smith. After the death of his first wife, Barbara, he married Helene B. (Katusick) Peak July 20, 1991. They have lived in Deford for the last 6 years.

Smith has lived in and around Detroit since the 1950s. He worked for a sign company for 17 years and then worked for General Motors in Detroit, retiring in 1993 after 22 years. He also worked on guns including some gunsmithing.

Smith is survived by his wife, Helene; children: LaDonna (Ricky) Wilson of St. Clair Shores, CaSandra (Curt) Danielewicz of Macomb Twp.; step-children: Tom Peak of Kornersville, NC, Joyce (Jim) Hogston of Greensboro, NC; 4 grandsons; 4 step-granddaughters; 3 great-grandchildren; a step great-grandson; mother-in-law, Teresa Myer of War, WV; brothers: Bernard Smith,

Darrel Smith, Jerry Smith, William Smith; sisters: Margie Beatty, Alita Hook, Vera Rose; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a 7-month-old daughter, Belinda Smith; two brothers; and four sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 26, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor J.T. Mabe of Mizpah Missionary Church officiating.

Interment was in Jaeger Memorial Cemetery, Roderfield, West Virginia.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Gabriel Spencer

Gabriel David Spencer died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2002, in his home.

He was born May 12, 2002 in Saginaw, the son of Matthew and Michele Spencer.

He is survived by his parents; grandparents, Edward and Glenna Spencer of Hillman and Linda and Gary Mellendorf of Cass City; great-grandparents, Iva Webb of Hillman and Veron and Lenora Gingrich of Cass City; aunts and uncles, Wendy and David Wright of Cass City, Deanna and Michael Sines of Cass City, Christina Randall of Fort Meyers, Fla. and Melinda Spencer of Hillman; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents: Ronald Webb, Gerald and Ethel Spencer, and Stanley and Erma Mellendorf.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 25, at Evangelical Free Church, with the Rev. Todd Gould officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Charles and Neva Woodruff

Charles Blaine Woodruff, 65, and Neva Fern Woodruff, 63, of Cass City, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002 in an automobile accident in

Tuscola County.

Charles was born March 1, 1937 at home in Genesee County to Jasper Blaine and Mary Elizabeth (Murphy) Woodruff. Neva was born Dec. 5, 1938 in Flint to Edwin Wilber and Ruby Viola (Van Arsdale) Nash. They were married March 10, 1956 in Genesee County.

Charles worked as an auto body repairman at various collision shops near Flint and later he owned and operated Woodruff's Collision.

Neva worked as a tax preparer for many years from her home. She was a member of Mizpah Missionary Church, serving as a board member and Deaconess.

The Woodruffs are survived by their 10 children: Lena (John) Waltz of Deford, Charles (Kelly) Woodruff II of Cass City, Gerald (Cindy) Woodruff of Cass City, Stanley (Julie) Woodruff of Gageton, Robert Woodruff of Cass City, Ronald (Mary) Woodruff of Jackson, Shelly (Robert) Hamilton of Warren, Gregory Woodruff of Cass City, Kathleen (Rocky) Bouvette of Deford and Carrie Woodruff of Cass City; 26 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. Also surviving Charles are his brother, Delbert E. (Diana) Woodruff of Caro; sisters: Linda L. Hittman of Cass City, Delphenia (Douglas) Bean of Cass City. Also surviving Neva are her sisters: Phyllis Green of Amarillo, TX, Carol Greene of Hale, Arlene Hempton of Caro, Elaine (Charles) Cron of Kalkaska, Rebecca (Chet) Adams of Flint, Shirley Nash of Caro and Diana (Delbert) Woodruff of Caro; brothers: David Greene of Clio, Lewis Greene of Clio, Carl "Joe" Tucker of Caro, Nolon Nash of Caro; both are survived by many nieces and nephews.

His sisters Rachel Haskel and Beulah M. Woodruff; and brothers Henry Woodruff and Carl F. Woodruff, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor J.T. Mabe of Mizpah Missionary Church officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Hunter challenging Scollon for seat

Incumbent Republican Edward Scollon of Cass City and Fairgrove Democrat John Hunter will square off in the Tuesday, Nov. 5, general election to determine who will represent District One on the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

Scollon, 66, is a longtime veterinarian who has served as a commissioner for the past 8 years. Prior to that, he served as a trustee on the Cass City Board of Education for 20 years.

Hunter, 45, is a lifelong county resident who is currently employed at the Caro Regional Center as a department specialist, working in various administrative capacities over the past 25 years. He is also employed part-time at Saginaw Valley State University as an adjunct instructor in the School of Social Work.

He currently serves as chairman of the Tuscola County Planning Commission and Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, and served on the Thumb Area Substance Abuse Council.

"My peers on these commissions/councils have elected me to lead them," Hunter said. "I feel that I am now prepared to accept the next challenge of becoming a county commissioner."

Hunter said his qualifications include being a good problem solver. "I have a proven track record as a leader and have demonstrated an ability to work with people who come from diverse viewpoints," he added. "I am able to accept responsibility for my actions, make the corrective action, and move on to new challenges."

Hunter noted his employment at the Caro Center included a tenure as director of the Community Service Department, which included overseeing a budget of more than \$50 million, hiring, staff training and quality improvement activities.

As a commissioner, Hunter said he would focus on prioritizing short and long-term financial goals to deal with the county's financial problems. He added he would also like to explore partnering with other counties to share costs of certain services in order to make the most of existing revenue.



John Hunter



Ed Scollon

"When the voters of District One elect me to represent them on the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, I will be accessible to them and be a strong voice in representing their concerns and interests," he said.

Scollon said his experience is a key in this election, especially in light of the county's financial struggles and the uncertainty of the outcome of next week's countywide millage election.

"It is very important that we get that through. If it doesn't, we're going to have to make a lot of cuts and probably lay some people off," he said. "There's almost a half-million (dollar) shortfall that we're predicting right now, and the governor can still take some revenue sharing away from us."

"I think it's real important to have experienced people

on the board, especially at this time," Scollon added, referring to veteran commissioners Norma J. Bates, Kenneth G. Hess and James D. Schafer. "There's over 30

years of experience that we're losing there."

"I have served on the finance committee for 8 years," said Scollon, who vowed to continue to work to maintain fiscal responsibility and county services. "That experience will be valuable in guiding the county in this financial crisis."

Scollon brings to the board more than 38 years of experience running his own business and living in the community, and he said he can relate to families, having raised 5 children with his wife, Dottie. He also noted his background in farming.

"This is an agricultural community and the board needs more agricultural representation," he continued, adding the local Farm Bureau has endorsed him.

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**State Proposals:**

**PROPOSAL 02-1**

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 269 OF 2001 - AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW

Public Act 269 of 2001 would:

- Eliminate "straight party" vote option on partisan general election ballots.
- Require Secretary of State to obtain training reports from local election officials.
- Require registered voters who do not appear on registration list to show picture identification before voting a challenged ballot.
- Require expedited canvass if presidential vote differential is under 25,000.
- Require ballot counting equipment to screen ballots for voting errors to ensure the accurate tabulation of absentee ballots. Permit voters in polls to correct errors.
- Provide penalties for stealing campaign signs or accepting payment for campaign work while being paid as a public employee to perform election duties.

Should this law be approved?

**PROPOSAL 02-2**

A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS PROJECTS, STORM WATER PROJECTS AND WATER POLLUTION PROJECTS

The proposal would:

- Authorize the State of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$1 billion to improve the quality of the waters of the state by financing sewage treatment works projects, storm water projects and water pollution projects.
- Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds.
- Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund of the state.

Should this proposal be adopted?

**PROPOSAL 02-3**

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO GRANT STATE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH BINDING ARBITRATION

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Grant state classified employees, in appropriate bargaining units determined by the Civil Service Commission, the right to elect bargaining representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining with the state employer.
- Require the state to bargain in good faith for the purpose of reaching a binding collective bargaining agreement with any elected bargaining representatives over wages, hours, pensions and other terms and conditions of employment.
- Extend the bargaining representatives the right to submit any unresolved disputes over the terms of a collective bargaining agreement to binding arbitration 30 days after the commencement of bargaining.

Should the proposal be adopted?

# Stolen car recovered

Huron County Sheriff's deputies recovered a car that was stolen from the football field parking lot in Cass City early last week. According to Cass City police, Jesse L. Howard of Cass City reported his 1992 Pontiac missing during the morning hours of Oct. 21. He told officers that he had left the car in the parking lot overnight, and that the keys were inside the vehicle because he was unable to remove them from the ignition switch. Officers later received a call from Huron County deputies, who reported finding the car in a cornfield near the intersection of Canboro Road and Moore Road. There was damage to the vehicle's front and a side mirror, according to reports. In other reports last week, Cass City Officer Mike Gebauer discovered a pair of lighted signs damaged in front of the McDonald's restaurant, 6180 Main St., during the early morning hours Sunday. Gebauer reported it appeared someone had kicked the signs, causing damage to both. The signs are valued at \$1,000.

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**PROPOSAL 02-4**

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REALLOCATE THE "TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE" RECEIVED BY THE STATE FROM CIGARETTE MANUFACTURERS

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Annually allocate on a permanent basis 90% (approximately \$297 million) of "tobacco settlement revenue" received by state from cigarette manufacturers as follows: \$151.8 million to non-profit hospitals, licensed nursing homes, licensed hospices, nurse practitioners, school-linked health centers and Healthy Michigan Foundation; \$102.3 million to fund programs to reduce tobacco use, Health and Aging Research Development Initiative, Tobacco-Free Futures Fund, Council of Michigan Foundation and Nurses Scholarship Program; and \$42.9 million to the Elder Prescription Drug Program.
- Guarantee recipients funding at 2001 appropriation levels plus additional state funds on an escalating basis for nonprofit hospitals, licensed nursing homes, licensed hospices and nurse practitioners.

Should this proposal be adopted?

The polling location will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

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At Marcia Anderson home

# Yard display a labor of love

It wouldn't be surprising if the electric company sent an occasional greeting card to Marcia Anderson. After all, when it comes to holidays, Anderson is one of their best customers.

And Halloween is no exception. Anderson has made a hobby out of celebrating a number of holidays with unique lawn and house decorations that really stand out at night. The lighted displays cover just about every inch of yard at her Deckerville Road home, located just west of M-53.

Her Halloween display is impressive and features dozens of large wooden figures, including a headless horseman, cauldrons that appear to be burning, the Grim Reaper, Frankenstein and his bride and, of course, Count Dracula.

Anderson incorporates an extensive lighting system into the display - 200 net lights, 15 sets of pumpkin lights and a number of spot lights and rope lights.

"I add something every year," Anderson said, referring to this year's addition of 8-foot blow-up figures, including a pumpkin with 3 ghosts rising above, and Frankenstein. "I prefer it when I make them myself, but these are too awesome."

"I enjoy Halloween and I enjoy doing it. The kids get a kick out of it," said Anderson, who along with her husband, Perry, also grew and gave away 75 pumpkins to area kids a couple of years ago.

Anderson was born and raised in Michigan, but lived in Chicago for 14 years before returning to the state and the Thumb. Since then she's made the most of her enjoyment of the holidays and a large yard out in the country.

"I love it up here. The people have been fantastic," she said. "And I've always

been into holidays, so then when I got up here, we had the space and I learned how to use power tools. That's when I started cutting out my own figures. I make stuff for every holiday. Easter's big, too."

Anderson's husband handled much of the set-up work over the years. Sadly, he died 6 months ago. Anderson is determined to continue the couple's tradition, although she acknowledged there's a lot of work

involved in setting everything up.

"Halloween's not so bad - it takes about 3 days," she noted. "Christmas takes 2 weeks, and you hope for a warm spell."

Anderson's Halloween display pales in comparison to what she does for Christmas. Her decorations in the past have included a tree in every room of her farmhouse, along with a tree set on top of a silo. "You can usually see it from 4 miles away," she

said. "When we start setting up, cars go by beeping because they know it's coming up again. We're always afraid there's going to be an accident because they slow down and take pictures," she added.

"My electric bill was almost \$700 last year at Christmas time because we ran almost 50,000 lights."

Anderson's days are also filled with raising a family, including son Patrick, 10,

and daughter Brianna, 16. "I have a dog grooming shop out here, so between that and the kids..."

"This is a lot of sweat and work, making these things, but I like to have it because other people enjoy it," she said.

"Last year I got cards in the mail after Christmas from neighbors saying how much they enjoyed it. That's what makes it every bit worthwhile."



ANDERSON SEES plenty of traffic in front of her Decker area home this time of year as well as around Christmas and Easter. The appreciation of neighbors and passersby for the yard displays make it all worthwhile, she said.

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# Barcia, Green battling for state Senate seat



Jim Barcia

Thumb voters will have the final say next week in a hotly contested race for the 31st state Senate seat representing Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Bay and Arenac counties. Congressman Jim Barcia, a Bay City Democrat, and Republican Mike Green, Mayville, face off in the Tuesday, Nov. 5 election. The seat is being vacated by Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, due to term limits.

Both Barcia and Green have extensive political experience.

Barcia was first elected as a state representative in 1976, became a state senator in 1982, and was elected to Congress in 1992. Barcia, a conservative among Democrats, is a ranking member of the House Transportation Committee and the Subcommittee on Technology.

Green, a longtime General Motors worker who farmed for 25 years, served as a Tuscola County commissioner for 8 years before being elected as state representative in 1994. He served until term limits forced him from office, but he remained active in state politics as an aid to Gougeon.

The following are the candidates' responses to 3 questions submitted by the Chronicle staff:

*The questions*

1) Please describe your position on the upcoming statewide proposal regarding the use of tobacco settlement monies, as well as your view on the potential impact of all statewide proposals in the Nov. 5 election on the state budget.

2) Abortion rights is an issue already debated by candidates and Thumb area residents in the Chronicle's "letters to the editor" section. Please describe your stand on abortion and under what circumstances you support the practice.

3) In your discussions with voters, what issue(s) seems to be of greatest importance to constituents in this district?

**BARCIA'S RESPONSES**

1) I think it sets a bad precedent to alter the state Constitution to earmark state expenditures no matter how worthwhile the cause. However, I am deeply concerned that Michigan is one of only 3 states that currently allocates none of the tobacco settlement money for smoking cessation and prevention programs.

I strongly believe that a greater share of the settlement money should be used on healthcare and I will be a

vocal advocate for funding such programs with tobacco settlement money. I do not believe that it should be done by changing the Constitution.

In addition, I certainly agree that we have to carefully consider the financial impact of all statewide proposals, particularly as the state faces a projected budget shortfall of more than \$1 billion.

2) I have always voted for the most restrictive language on abortion and I will continue to support the rights of unborn children.

During my tenure in the United States Congress, I have served as chairman of the Pro-Life Caucus. I introduced and helped pass through the House the Chabot-Barcia Bill that will ban the heinous practice known as partial-birth abortion. I have a 100-percent Pro-Life voting record. I am the honored recipient of the Defender of Life Award and the Right-to-Life of Michigan PAC has endorsed me in every election.

3) There are many issues of great importance to the constituents of the 31st state Senate District that I plan to focus on.

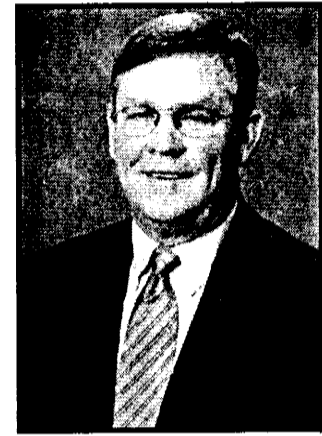
First, we need to put Michigan's house in order financially. We're looking at a potential state budget deficit of more than \$1 billion next year. I have the experience to make the tough decisions that will balance the budget.

Our healthcare system in Michigan faces serious problems. I will make delivery of quality health care at affordable prices a top priority. I want to provide prescription drug coverage for seniors, improve access to generic drugs and lower group health insurance costs for small businesses. I also will oppose efforts to privatize Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

The success of the family farm is vital to our state's economic good health, especially in mid-Michigan. I will continue to be a voice for our farmers by working to ensure fair trade for grow-

ers, giving them the financial tools they need in difficult times and by promoting sensible state agricultural policy.

**GREEN'S RESPONSES**



Mike Green

1) I strongly oppose Proposal 4. It will create a \$216 million hole in the FY 2002-03 state budget and holds no accountability or oversight to health care organizations. It does not require the money to be used for specific purposes and guarantees money without legislative responsibility for budget appropriations. And, it constitutionally guarantees this fund even if the money is mis-spent.

Furthermore, it will affect other programs - currently, the money is used for such programs as the Michigan Merit Program, which awards money to college students who do well academically. With the passing of Proposal 4, college students will not receive aid they need to improve their education.

2) I am against abortion and would not support it for any reason.

3) My wife and I have knocked on over 10,000 doors in the Thumb - talking with people to find out their concerns and also letting them know my stance on issues important to them and myself. Through this experience a number of concerns have been brought to my attention.

For one, the voters are concerned about the protection of life. It is my feeling that the majority of people in the area oppose abortion. I have always been a strong advocate of protecting life - in fact, it is because of my

strong convictions towards protecting life that led me into government involvement as a county commissioner and later House representative.

Traditional family values are another concern. Family values have been swept under the rug when it comes to politics, and the people want a state senator who will not turn his cheek. Many mention their concern with the direction the world is headed - morally. It is in a direction that many voice they are afraid to leave their children and grandchildren. They want a representative who has family values and votes for family values - undoubtedly. They also want to hold their representatives accountable, which many express is diminishing.

The people are also concerned about taxes. People in the Thumb are tired of high taxes and want to see their money stay in their pockets - money they worked hard to earn. When times are tough it is not just the people's responsibility to watch their spending, but the government's as well.

I have a proven tax cutting record and believe that cutting taxes for the hard workers, small business owners and the agriculture industry is key to the Thumb prospering.

Legislators need to keep the promise of Proposal A. We do not need to return to the day where property owners continually vote on higher school operating millages. Through Proposal A we have ended the necessity for local millages for the purpose of operating schools, while providing record levels of education funding. Education is a major priority to the people of the area and we need to make sure every child receives the best education.

Protecting our Second Amendment is another concern. The government slowly creeps in our rights and again, the people are tired of it. People in the Thumb continually express their support of the CCW (concealed weapons permit) bill and want to see fewer restrictions continue when it comes to possessing a weapon.

When I went into office I took on the CCW issue - an issue every legislator said would kill me politically - but I did it anyway because I knew it needed to be done.

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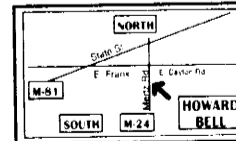
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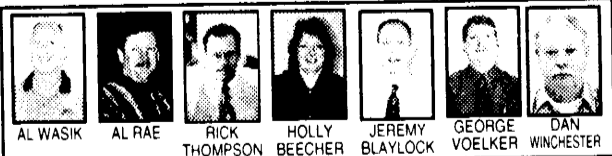


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wherein User is debtor and William Earl Westover is Secured Party, and signifies that User: (1) grants Secured Party a security interest in all User's assets, land and personal property, and all of User's interest in assets, land, and personal property, in the sum certain amount of \$500,000.00 per each occurrence of use of the common-law copyrighted trade-names/trade-marks WILLIAM EARL WESTOVER, HEIDI LOUISE WESTOVER, JOSHUA EVAN WESTOVER, and TRISTEN DEANNE WESTOVER, as well as for each and every occurrence of use of any and all derivatives of, and variations in the spelling of, respectively, WILLIAM EARL WESTOVER, HEIDI LOUISE WESTOVER, JOSHUA EVAN WESTOVER, and TRISTEN DEANNE WESTOVER, not excluding "William Earl Westover," "Heidi Louise Westover," "Joshua Evan Westover," and "Tristen Deanne Westover," respectively, plus costs, plus triple damages, (2) authenticates this Security Agreement wherein User is debtor and William Earl Westover is Secured Party, and wherein User pledges all of User's property, i.e. all assets, land, consumer goods, farm products, inventory, equipment, money, investment property, commercial tort claims, letters of credit, letter-of-credit rights, chattel paper, instruments, deposit accounts, accounts, documents, and general intangibles, and all User's interest in all such foregoing property, now owned and hereafter acquired, now existing and hereafter arising and wherever located, as collateral for securing User's contractual obligation in favor of Secured Party for User's unauthorized use of Secured Party's common-law copyrighted property, (3) consents and agrees with Secured Party's filing of a UCC Financing Statement in the UCC filing office, as well as in any county recorder's office, wherein User is debtor and William Earl Westover is Secured Party, (4) consents and agrees that said UCC Financing Statement described above in paragraph "(3)" is a continuing financing statement and further consents and agrees with Secured Party's filing of any continuation statement necessary for maintaining Secured Party's perfected security interest in all of User's property and interest property, pledged as collateral in this Security Agreement and described above in paragraph "(2)", until User's contractual obligation thereto incurred has been fully satisfied; (5) consents and agrees with Secured Party's filing of any UCC Financing Statement, as described above in paragraphs "(3)" and "(4)", as well as the filing of any Security Agreement, as described above in paragraph "(2)", in the UCC filing office, as well as in any county recorder's office; (6) consents and agrees that any and all such filings described in paragraphs "(4)" and "(5)" above are not, and may not be considered, bogus, and that User will not claim that any such filing is bogus; (7) waives all defenses; and (8) appoints Secured Party as Authorized Representative for User, effective upon User's default re User's contractual obligations in favor of Secured Party as set forth below under "Payment Terms" and "Default Terms", granting Secured Party full authorization and power for engaging in any and all actions on behalf of User including, but not limited by, authentication of a record on behalf of User, as Secured Party, in Secured Party's sole discretion, deems appropriate, and User further consents and agrees that this appointment of Secured Party as Authorized Representative for User, effective upon User's default, is irrevocable and coupled with a security interest. User further consents and agrees with all of the following additional terms of Self-executing Contract/Security Agreement in Event of Unauthorized Use:

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on November 21, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roy E. and Kellie Nettleton, husband and wife, to Liberty Lending, Inc., mortgaged, dated October 30, 1997 and recorded November 19, 1997 in Liber 724, Page 1024, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Southern Pacific Funding Corporation; Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as Trustee for Southern Pacific Funding Corporation; Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Pass through Certificates, Series 1997-1 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five and 65/100 Dollars (\$37,485.65), including interest at the rate of 12.7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on November 14, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on November 14, 2002.

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Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on November 14, 2002.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF SILVERCREEK, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 192 of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 45-46 of Tuscola County Records.

Lot 193 of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 45-46 of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 2, 2002

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valerian A. Lewis, an unmarried woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) solely as nominee for Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., an Ohio Corporation, Mortgage, dated September 19, 2001 and recorded on November 2, 2001 in Liber 847 on Page 51 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE AND 47/100 DOLLARS (\$108,739.47), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on November 14, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elwyn Milton Neuvill and Cecilia Jean Neuvill, husband and wife, to Greater Acceptance Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgage, dated March 9, 2000 and recorded March 30, 2000 in Liber 797, Page 920 and re-recorded on April 12, 2002 in Liber 873 on Page 1176, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned thru mesne assignments: Firststar Bank, N.A., as Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2000-NCA, by assignment dated September 2, 2002 and received by and recorded in Tuscola County Records on September 19, 2002 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Twelve and 20/100 Dollars (\$56,512.20), including interest at 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point which is 341.17 feet North of the East quarter corner of Section 15 and running thence North 460.31 feet, thence West 219.92 feet, thence South 16.98 feet, thence South 10 degrees 58 minutes 56 seconds West 201.91 feet, thence South 62 degrees 48 minutes East 328.22 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 20, 2002

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Falcons 10-2-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah Sue McKinney, fka Deborah Sue Smith, fka Debra Smith, fka Deborah Smith, a woman, and Lisa A. Buchanan, a woman, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship (original mortgagors), to Bank One, N.A. (fka NBD Bank Mortgage, dated June 1, 1998 and recorded on June 23, 1998 in Liber 742 on Page 1303 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 90/100 DOLLARS (\$34,626.90), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 5, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF ARBELA, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2 of Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 40, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 23, 2002

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Gators 10-23-5  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel L. Hills and Debra L. Hills, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated November 28, 1994 and recorded on November 30, 1994 in Liber 667 on Page 634 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated July 1, 2001, which was recorded on June 24, 2002 in Liber 882 on Page 1382, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 91/100 DOLLARS (\$33,897.91), including interest at 8.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on December 5, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FAIRGROVE, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 804 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence East 407 feet, thence North 326 feet, thence West 407 feet, thence South 326 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated October 16, 2002

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Jaguars 10-16-5

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on November 14, 2002.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF SILVERCREEK, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 192 of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 45-46 of Tuscola County Records.

Lot 193 of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 45-46 of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 2, 2002

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point which is 341.17 feet North of the East quarter corner of Section 15 and running thence North 460.31 feet, thence West 219.92 feet, thence South 16.98 feet, thence South 10 degrees 58 minutes 56 seconds West 201.91 feet, thence South 62 degrees 48 minutes East 328.22 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 20, 2002

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah Sue McKinney, fka Deborah Sue Smith, fka Debra Smith, fka Deborah Smith, a woman, and Lisa A. Buchanan, a woman, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship (original mortgagors), to Bank One, N.A. (fka NBD Bank Mortgage, dated June 1, 1998 and recorded on June 23, 1998 in Liber 742 on Page 1303 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 90/100 DOLLARS (\$34,626.90), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on December 5, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF ARBELA, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2 of Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 40, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 23, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Mustangs 248-593-1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200228272

Gators 10-23-5  
Jaguars 10-16-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel L. Hills and Debra L. Hills, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated November 28, 1994 and recorded on November 30, 1994 in Liber 667 on Page 634 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated July 1, 2001, which was recorded on June 24, 2002 in Liber 882 on Page 1382, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 91/100 DOLLARS (\$33,897.91), including interest at 8.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on December 5, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FAIRGROVE, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 804 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence East 407 feet, thence North 326 feet, thence West 407 feet, thence South 326 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated October 16, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Mustangs 248-593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 96095214

Jaguars 10-16-5

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on November 14, 2002.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF SILVERCREEK, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 192 of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 45-46 of Tuscola County Records.

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Dated: October 2, 2002

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Attorneys and Counselors  
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200211075

Hawks 10-2-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valerian A. Lewis, an unmarried woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) solely as nominee for Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., an Ohio Corporation, Mortgage, dated September 19, 2001 and recorded on November 2, 2001 in Liber 847 on Page 51 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE AND 47/100 DOLLARS (\$108,739.47), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

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File # 200223372

Mustangs 10-9-5  
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### Notices

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### Following last year's drought

# This harvest a stark contrast

This harvest season for Michigan's primary field crops is a stark contrast to last year when some commodities barely had a crop to harvest after experiencing a drought-induced disastrous growing season.

Consider dry beans. Last year's production was only 780,000 hundredweight, while this year's production was more than double that by early October, totaling 1,750,000 hundredweight based on the most recent statistics available from the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service (MASS).

The problem this year, however, is pricing. "Prices are just about as dismal as they can be," said Bob Green, executive director of the Michigan Dry Bean Commission.

Navy beans, for instance, are now selling for about \$12 to \$13 per hundredweight. Last year, the beans sold for \$18

to \$21 per hundred. Insiders blame the cheap prices on large carryover, including carryover from North Dakota and Canada, and food industry consolidation that reduces competition among buyers.

On the other hand, corn prices are running about 40 cents higher than last year at \$2.30 to \$2.70 per bushel, according to officials with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan. Leaders at

tribute the increase to strong demand for corn to produce ethanol and short corn crops in southeastern states.

Michigan corn yields are also expected to be up compared to last year, even though only about 20 percent of the crop was harvested as of mid-month, said Dave Geers, president of Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Inc.

With the state soybean harvest about 80 percent complete, soybean producers are also looking for good price recovery, said Geers. "In the central part of the state, futures levels for November are about \$5.50, and any price from this on up will make good sales," he said.

Gail Frahm, interim executive director with the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee, said soybean markets should increase as biodiesel sales boost demand.

"Biodiesel demand across the state and nation will have an impact on prices, and any new uses will assist," Frahm said, adding that growers are more upbeat than they were at this time last year.

"We've had some dry conditions that hit parts of the state this year, but it didn't hit the same parts that had severe drought last year," she explained. "Overall, this year's crop is looking better, and we're looking for different marketing opportunities that should keep farmers excited about it. I think biodiesel will really take off in the near future."

Dry conditions also made early digging of Michigan sugar beets tough in some areas. But beet harvest, although slow, was progressing nicely early this week, with harvest expected to be normal compared with 2001.

The slow harvest might have helped some growers, said Dick Leach, director of communications and government relations with

Saginaw-based Michigan Sugar Co. "If we get adequate moisture, beets could gain as much as a ton per acre per week," he said.

"Overall, Michigan producers are harvesting a much better crop this year in terms of both quality and quantity when compared to last year's crops, which suffered from drought for much of the growing season," said Bob Boehm, manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau

Commodity and Marketing Department.

"In addition, we're expecting an increase in Michigan winter wheat plantings given the earlier rally in the wheat market, triggered by declining world wheat stocks," Boehm said.

Wheat in Michigan is planted in September and October and harvested in July. An official figure on this season's planted wheat acreage won't be available from MASS until January 2003.

## Internet

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the second semester. Good estimates that it will attract from 5 to 10 students. A finalized plan is expected for the November meeting of the board.

The cost for each subject varies from a low of \$266 for language arts to a top of \$600 for AP Calculus BC taught by a Michigan State University professor.

Cost of the program will be paid by the school district. However, if the student doesn't complete a course he will be charged the course fee.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Crystal Halasz complained to the board that her son was being pushed through school and is now in the eighth grade and does not know how to read. Despite this, she said, his first marks would almost place him on the honor roll.

It was revealed that the marks indicated how he was progressing as a special education student.

To devise a program that Halasz would approve of, a meeting was set for Friday morning with special education teachers, the middle school principal and Halasz.

The board approved Sunday practices for the girls' basketball team prior to the tournament.

## Council

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Burns contends snow plowing was a negotiated issue when Smith agreed to annex the park to the village in the early 1990s. He also noted the village has adhered to that agreement since.

"Regarding the snow plowing issue, I think it's a matter of contract," he said. "I'm not here to threaten you or anything else. It's a request." There was no further discussion and the council took no action.

In other business, the council approved the purchase of a replacement backhoe at a net cost of \$32,000 (includes a trade-in of \$24,135). Wolverine Tractor, Holt, was the lowest of 3 bidders.

The motion was approved by a vote of 6-1. Trustee Don Ball dissented, saying he's concerned about village revenues at this time and believes it would be prudent to delay the purchase for now.

## Benefit

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causes widespread pain and fatigue. The illness has resulted in serious financial difficulties, including foreclosure proceedings on Knight's Garfield Avenue home.

## Remembrance service set

Kranz Funeral Homes of Cass City and Kingston will again host their annual Service of Remembrance, Sunday at 3 p.m. at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

"The Service of Remembrance is a time of remembering and celebration," explained Debra Kranz, owner. "Anyone who has had someone close to them die will appreciate this service. It is not a funeral but a time for us to come together as a community in remembering those we've loved."

This will be the seventh remembrance service organized by Kranz, who said attendance has fluctuated over the years. "We usually have 150 to 200," she added. "People need it."

The service consists of music and inspirational readings. There is also a time for family members to make a floral tribute. Family members are invited to bring a flower to place in tribute of their loved one.

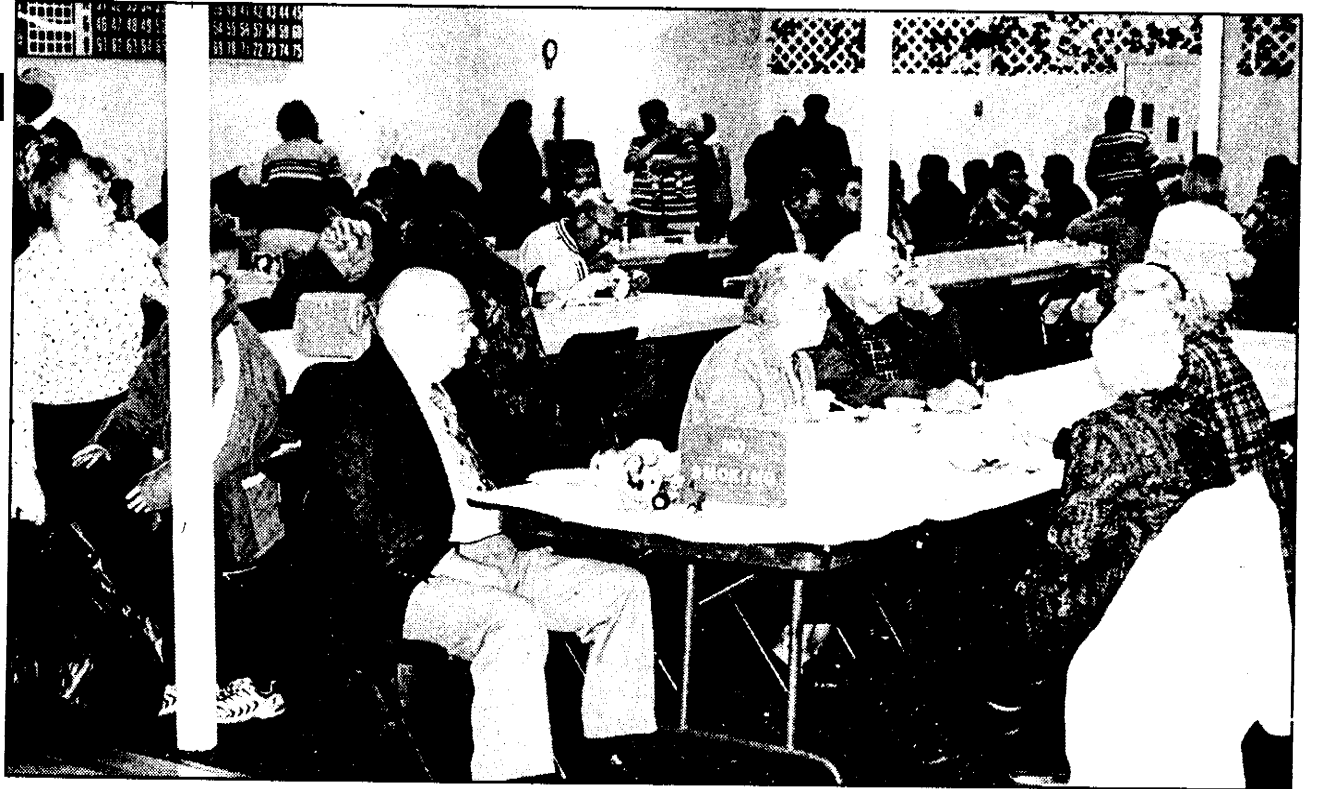
The event is a non-denominational service. All clergy are invited to participate or to attend in support of their parishioners who have experienced a death.

"Death is one thing that touches all of us. It is one thing we all have in common," Kranz said. "We need to show our families that it is acceptable for them to still grieve, to still remember, and that we remember, too."

"While the service is sponsored by Kranz Funeral Homes, anyone is invited to attend."

The funeral home is located one-half mile east of the light in Cass City at 6580 Main St. Cookies, coffee and punch will be offered during the gathering time after the service.

More information is available by calling Kranz at (989) 872-2195.



A CROWD WAS estimated at 250 people during the Kelly Knight Benefit Sunday in Cass City. (See story, page one)

## Holidays to close offices

All 173 Secretary of State branch offices will be closed in observance of state holidays during November and December.

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- Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11;
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## Stirrett 'Student of Month'

Bridget Stirrett has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' Senior Student of the Month for October.

Stirrett has been on the honor roll each year at Owen-Gage and has been a member of the 3.0 club each year as well. During her junior year she served as homecoming representative and was a queen candidate as a senior. She has been a member of the newspaper staff, National Honor Society, drama club and has participated as a member of the Quiz Bowl team.

Currently she serves as president of the Student Council and band. In addition, she is the editor of the yearbook.

Stirrett is the daughter of Stu and Kathy Stirrett of Owendale, and Phil Kreager of Caseville. Her future plans are to attend SVSU for a bachelor's degree in psychology. Upon graduation she plans to pursue a masters degree at Michigan State University.

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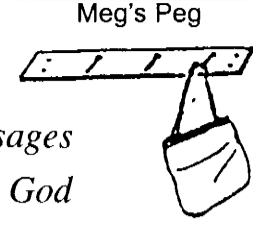
Albion College student Kerry B. Shagene has been accepted into the Carl A. Gerstaecker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management.

Students are chosen annually for the Gerstaecker Institute through a highly selective process based on academic achievement and demonstrated leadership abilities. Gerstaecker students must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in a wide range of business settings.

Shagene is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerstaecker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management. She is the daughter of William Shagene and Andrea Shagene of Cass City and a graduate of Cass City High School.



Meg's Peg  
Messages from God



by Melva E. Guinther

Kranz Funeral Home, at the east edge of town, is a beautiful, spacious facility and an asset to the community. The staff is very competent and caring. In spite of these positive aspects, we've been spending far too much time there of late.

Within less than a week, we paid respect to 2 friends in their 80s, a vivacious 16-year-old and a precious 5-month-old baby.

Every one of them will be greatly missed by those they left behind. However, one can't help feeling that the older people had lived a full life and it was not unusual for them to pass on. It's harder to explain the death of the younger ones.

King Solomon said in the book of Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die..." We probably will never know, in this life, why the time between is so short for some.

One thing you can be sure of is that after the funerals, a lot of parents found themselves with a little more tolerance for their teenagers' behavior, and a lot of babies got extra hugs that night.

God doesn't always answer our "why?" questions. He simply asks us to trust Him. But it's not because He doesn't care or understand what we're going through.

I love you and you and you. - God  
Will the road you're on get you to my place? - God  
Follow me. - God  
Big bang theory, you've got to be kidding! - God  
My way is the highway. - God  
Need directions? - God  
You think it's hot here? - God  
Have you read my best seller? There will be a test. - God  
Do you have any idea where you're going? - God  
Don't make me come down there! - God

## Balloon launch

Owen-Gage Elementary students will be concluding their Red Ribbon Week Celebration with a balloon launch, Thursday at 9 a.m. after morning assembly at Gagetown Elementary.

Students want to send the message that there are better ways to use our time than using drugs. In each balloon there will be a message on exactly that from every student.

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Speaking of divine communication, or the lack thereof, have you seen the "Messages From God" billboards that have been springing up along the highways? They're on a simple black background with white text and they're quite thought provoking.

Someone made a list of those seen in the Cleveland area:

Tell the kids I love them. - God

Let's meet at my house before the game. - God

C'mon over and bring the kids. - God

What part of "Thou shalt not" didn't you understand? - God

We need to talk. - God

Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer. - God

Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage. - God

That "Love thy neighbor" thing, I meant it. - God

## Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

### Thursday, October 31

Trick or Treating in Cass City 5:30-7:00 p.m.

### Friday, November 1

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, November 3

Service of Remembrance, Kranz Funeral Home, 3 p.m.  
United Hospice Memorial Service, 2 p.m., Sandusky Presbyterian Church, Sandusky.

### Monday, November 4

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

### Tuesday, November 5

Yoga Classes, Marlette Community Hospital, 5:00-6:00 p.m. for next 4 weeks.

### Wednesday, November 6

United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cass City Gun Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly went to the Cass City K of C fish fry on Friday.

## R. Hein named vice president

Richard Hein has been appointed vice president of TI Automotive's HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) Product Team, according to Rich Kolpasky, the company's president - North American Operations. Hein previously was the HVAC Product Team's commercial director. He joined TI Automotive in 1997 after 10 years with Borg Warner Automotive, where he held various positions within its Automatic Transmission Systems Division.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Hein holds a bachelor's degree in business management and management information systems from Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. He and his wife live in Lake Orion, Mich.

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day. Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Sunday evening guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the funeral of Wilfred Kroetsch at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Ruth Wednesday.

Nancy Collins of Allegan and Kevin Sweeney attended the wake for Jim B. Sweeney at the Smigielski-Zinger Funeral Home in Ubyly on Sunday.

Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley, Allen Farrelly and Ron Wolschlagler had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson had dinner at Sweeties in Bad Axe on Tuesday.

Peggy Pitcher and Wendy Rickett visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Sunday.

Alice Depcinski was a Saturday evening guest and Carol and Bob Osentoski were Sunday evening guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski.

Leota McLean and her daughter-in-law, Kathy, of Pontiac and Mary Lou Harris of Gladwin, and Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe on Friday and later went to the Franklin Inn for dinner.

Mary Lou Harris was a Thursday overnight guest of Bryce and Betty Hagen. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel,

Doris Western, Allen Farrelly and Don Rackhoff had dinner at the Cass City stockyards Restaurant on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind and Mrs. Gerald Wills spent a few days with Mrs. Gordon Canham at Niagara Falls, Canada and came home on Thursday.

11 members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Restaurant Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill again next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kulish Sr. and Allen Farrelly were among a large group who attended a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Tim Grifka at the Fox Hunters Club, Mrs. Tim Grifka was the former Jennie Volmering.

Jim Lewis, Jack and Wayne Kennedy, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning.

Kay and Dan Ritter, Bruce Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney, Bruce Sweeney, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Ray and Rita Depcinski, Allen and Alice Depcinski were among a large group who attended the funeral of Jim B. Sweeney at St. Columbkille Catholic Church at Sheridan Corners on Monday.

Ellen and Mike Moorman entertained Bryce and Betty Hagen for supper Wednesday evening.

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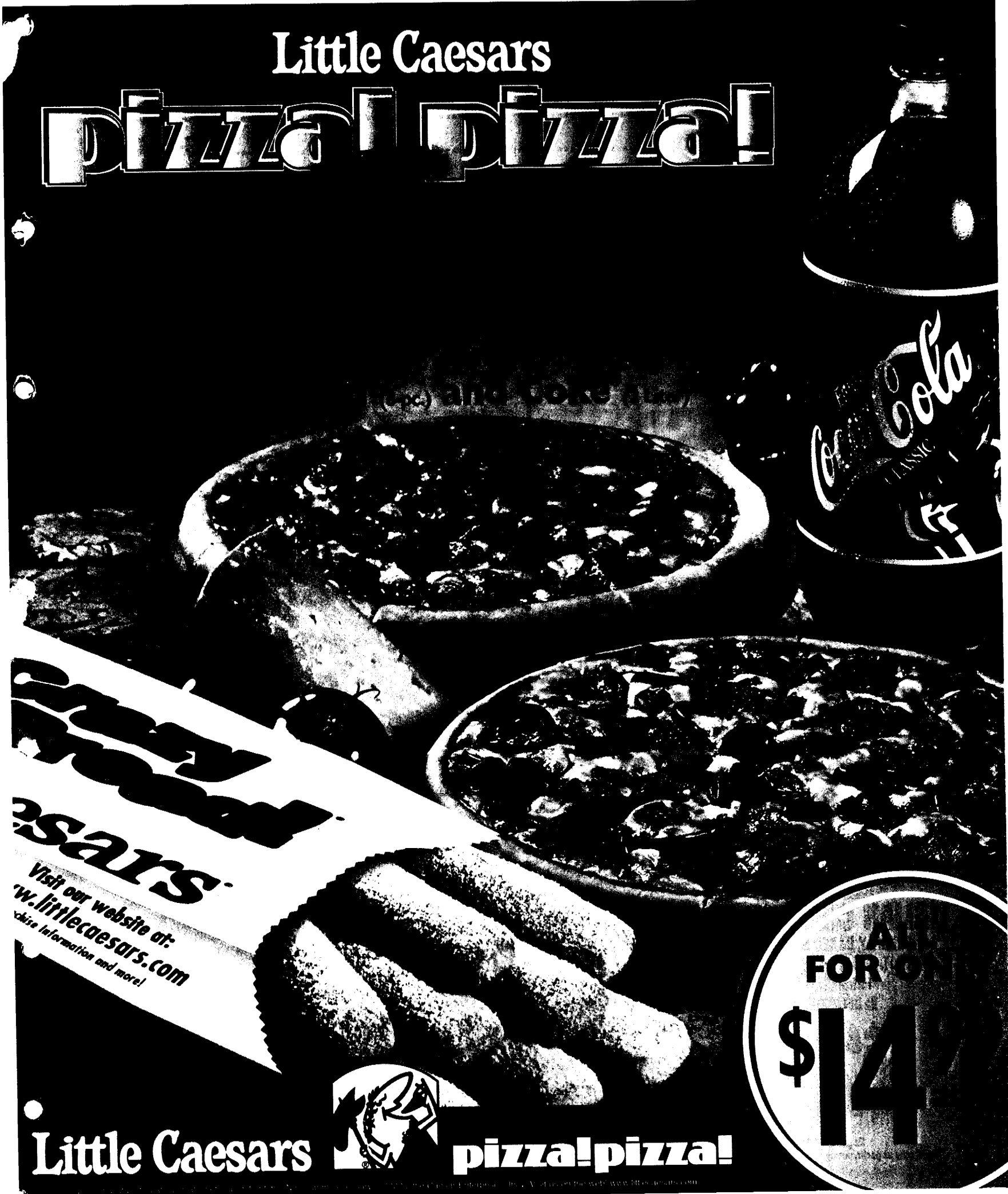
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