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Family members, students help

DAWN DORSCH of Owendale and her daughter, **Amy Brown** pack boxes for military personnel serving overseas during a special mass military mailing last week at Baker College in Cass City. Brown served with the U.S. Army and completed a tour in Iraq, where her husband is still serving. At left, **Katie Klco** (left) and **Stephanie Jamieson**, both National Honor Society members at Cass City High School, lend a hand.

Care packages

Volunteers fill 230 boxes for servicemen

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Last week's "Mailing of Care Packages for the Troops Overseas" event hosted by Baker College in Cass City had very special meaning for former Owendale resident Amy Brown, 23.

Brown, a 2002 Owen-Gage High School graduate, has served in the military herself - she spent a combined 18 months on tours in Iraq and Kuwait with the U.S. Army.

Brown's husband, Army Sgt. William Brown, 26, is still serving in Iraq, assigned to the 4th Infantry Division. "He'll be home in 2 weeks. So, I'm kind of excited," Amy Brown said as she and her mother, Dawn Dorsch of Owendale, helped to pack boxes last Wednesday for servicemen and women overseas.

Brown, who now lives in Killeen, Texas, said she and her husband have been married just 2 years, and have spent all but 10 weeks and 4 days away from each other due to their obligations to the Army. "We did back-to-back tours. I came home and he left," she noted. "But we manage."

Brown was visiting her family in the Thumb as part of an annual Halloween tradition when she read about the mass mailing of care packages to those serving overseas. "I was like, 'mom, I want to do that!'"

Her enthusiasm was typical of the volunteers who gathered at Baker College to organize and pack donations ranging from snacks to books

to personal care items, according to Cass City Postmaster Bob Garske.

"We had 3 little girls from Lakers come whose parents are over there (Iraq), and they had vacuum packed cookies they had made, and these little girls were so excited and happy. They got to walk around the room and pick out anything they wanted," Garske recalled. "That, to me, is what I will remember most."

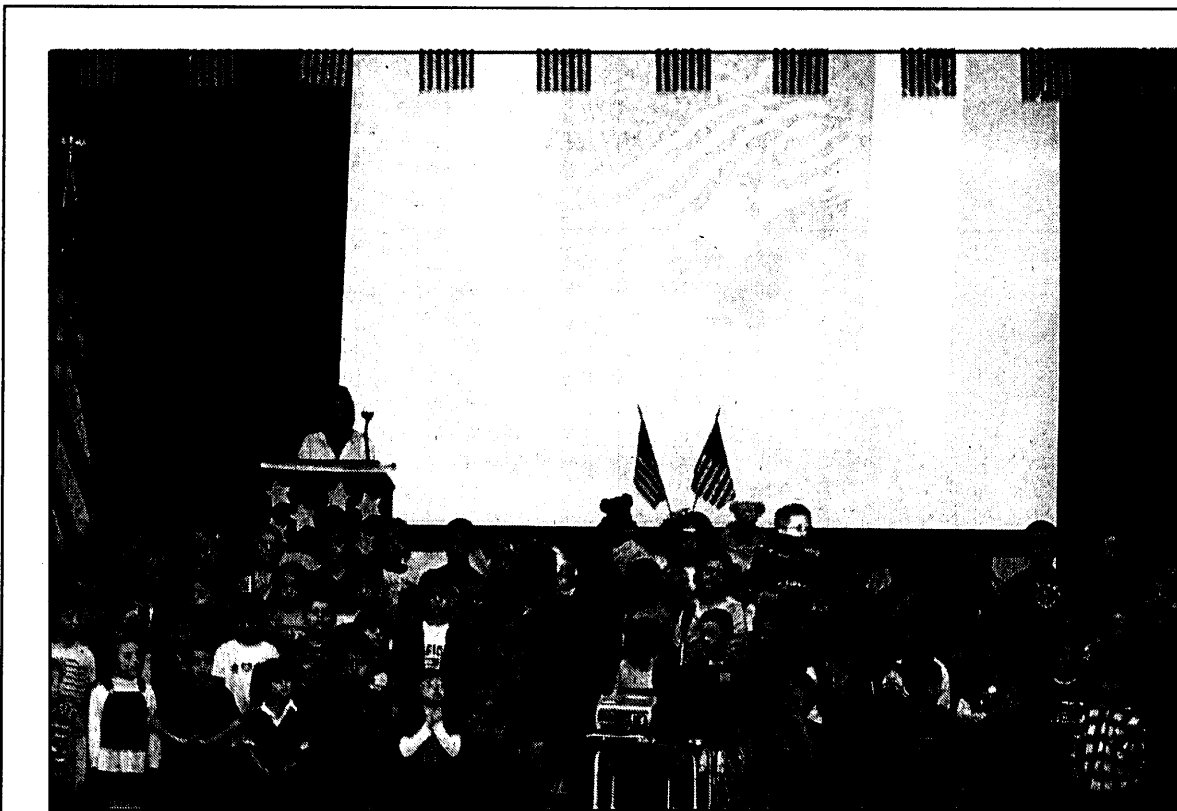
Garske was among the postal officials and Thumb veterans groups from a host of area communities who organized the mailing.

He explained that there was a lot of confusion last year among family members and friends of servicemen and women on the proper way to mail overseas packages. For this project, he said, postal officials acted in a support role by ensuring the packages were labeled correctly and that all of the needed paperwork was filled out.

During the planning stages of the event, Garske wondered if there would be enough donations, enough money to cover postage, enough volunteers to pack the boxes. Those fears quickly melted away, however, thanks to the generosity of area school students, including those from Cass City, Owen-Gage and Uby, along with businesses and individuals from throughout the Thumb.

"We had individuals stopping in here all day, dropping off items. We were overwhelmed. If and when we do it again, it's got to be a 2-day event,

but logistically, it was perfect for us," Please turn to page 11.



CASS CITY STUDENTS honored local veterans during a special Veterans Day celebration Friday afternoon in the middle school cafeteria. The observance featured several readings and musical numbers presented by students.

Suspects face charges in Cass City break-ins

Cass City police have closed the books on several break-ins in the village - some of them dating back to last winter.

Village Police Chief Craig Haynes reported one of the suspects, Amber N. Burns, 18, of Cass City, has been arrested in connection with 4 burglaries in the village between Feb. 3 and March 13.

A 6-count felony warrant has been issued by the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office charging Burns with 3 counts of second degree home invasion stemming from incidents at 4615 Oak St., 6617 Huron St. and 4708 Huron St.; attempted second degree home invasion at 4716 Hunt St.; and 2 counts of larceny in a building.

The most serious of the charges is home invasion, which carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

Burns is scheduled to appear in Tuscola County District Court Wednesday, Nov. 22, according to Haynes, who said Burns' co-defendant in the case, Justin D. Sturm, 18, also of Cass City, is in the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections for his convictions on similar charges in Huron County.

Haynes, who noted the investigation was a joint effort between his department and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe, said the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office expects to charge Sturm with the same counts Burns faces in the Cass City break-ins.

"All of these complaints started in early February," said Haynes, who added the suspects in most cases would knock on a door and, if no one appeared to be home, they would enter the residence. "The majority of the homes were left unlocked, but not all," he said.

SEPARATE CASE

In a separate investigation, Haynes said a trio from the Flint area have been arrested in connection with the Oct. 21 break-in of the Dan and Marlene Erla residence, 6732 Main St. The suspects - Adrian R. Key Jr., 22, of Flint, Lisa C. Owens, 36, of Burton, and Anna M. Vandercook, 20, of Flint - have been charged with first degree home invasion, larceny in a building

and 2 counts of conspiracy. All 3 have already been arraigned and have been bound over on the charges in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Haynes said the suspects broke into the Erla home and stole several hundred dollars in cash. He noted that Dan Erla is an acquaintance of Owens, who apparently led the other

suspects to his Cass City residence.

Haynes and Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene lauded the investigative work of Cass City Officer Mike McCrea, whose comprehensive probe led to the arrests in the case.

"He did an outstanding job in the investigation and in closing it out quickly," Haynes said.

Brown gearing up for role in Lansing

Terry Brown is still getting used to the idea of making history by becoming the first Democrat to represent the residents of Huron and Tuscola counties as the next 84th District state representative.

"What a ride. The journalists and the politicians are speechless," the Pigeon Democrat joked last week after his victory over fellow Huron County resident and businessman John Hunt in the Nov. 7 general election.

Brown's opponent boasted a bigger checkbook and more political experience in the race, but Brown prevailed, receiving 18,421 of the total 35,799 votes cast in the district. Brown received a majority of votes in both Tuscola County (11,244 to 10,538 votes for Hunt) and in Huron County (7,177 to 6,840 votes for Hunt).

Hunt, a Republican, is a longtime businessman and veteran Huron County Road Commission member who raised more than \$90,000 for his campaign, according to Michigan Department of State records. Brown, an educator and minister, raised about \$30,000 during his campaign.

"I have to tell you, I'm so happy and so hopeful that I can help make a positive difference for our area," Brown said. "And when I think about the way we ran our campaign, I am all smiles. Some wondered if I'd sleep the night before the election, but I slept fine because I knew we did all we could do and that there would be no regrets because we took the high road and ran a clean campaign."

"We chose to focus on people rather

than on money raising," Brown added. "It was a little scary, because to make up for not having funds, you have to meet with lots and lots of people, be really smart with your money, and have a message that resonates with credibility because of your past actions, your relationships with people."

"But the key to our success was that we developed an incredible ground effort with lots of good people who not only supported us, but walked with us, wrote letters to the editor, manned the phones, wrote letters, hosted gatherings, and all sorts of other things."

Although he hadn't run for political office before, Brown indicated he believes his experience will serve him and his constituents well in Lansing.

"I've worked for Huron ISD for the past 23 years. I'm a minister in my church, and an active volunteer," he said. "In my different jobs and roles, my most important asset - the one that I try to do my best to protect - is my integrity. If you can't trust someone, it doesn't matter how much money you have, or power, or education, because even if you succeed, you lost."

"I have been successful at finding common ground, and leaving everyone feeling good about what they've done," Brown continued. "I'm fine with others getting credit for the successes, and it actually works to my advantage, because they are more motivated to work even harder than

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Volunteers welcome at community gathering

To watch Cass City's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner unfold each year, it might be easy to believe the event runs itself.

In fact, the dinner has become self-driven in a sense, thanks to a handful of faithful volunteers who organize the dinner, and to the dozens of others who join in to wash a dish, serve some turkey and dressing, or clean up afterwards.

"There's a small core of volunteers and I have the privilege of working with them. If I don't call them, they call me," said Cass City resident Scott Mills, who is in his 13th year of heading up the all-volunteer Thanksgiving dinner committee.

On the other hand, Mills says he's always on the lookout for another pair of hands to help out, and welcomes calls to 872-5114 from anyone interested in getting involved.

This year's dinner will be held Thursday, Nov. 23, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, which began

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, November 15

Ravenous Readers' Book Club, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Thursday, November 16

Genealogy Group meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, November 17

Christ-centered 12-step recovery: pain management, addictions, divorce, "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m. New Creations Church, 114 N. Almer St., Caro (across from Caro Post Office). For more information, call (989) 673-3274 or visit www.colwood.org.

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, November 18

Young Adult (YA) Book Club, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale, 8-4 p.m., Sanilac Restoration Branch Church, 2462 W. Sanilac Rd. No admission. Bake sale and lots of handmade crafts.

Sunday, November 19

Community Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Offering for "In His Name" Ministry.

Monday, November 20

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

Tuesday, November 21

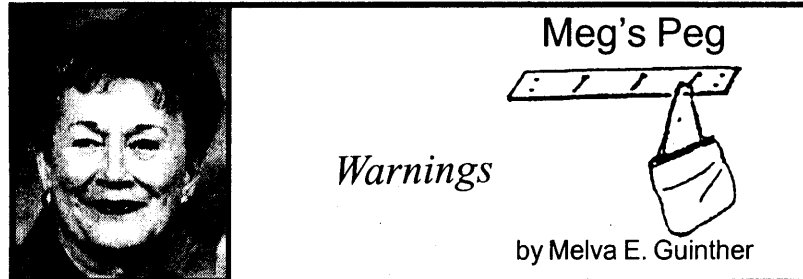
Traveling Place for Peace, 10-2 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church. For additional information, call (989) 325-0024.

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Northwood Meadows.

Heartland Hospice Grief Group Lunch, 1 p.m., Gilligan's. For additional information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

Wednesday, November 22

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 1:30 a.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.



If you don't use a computer, this might not mean much to you, but everyone with email will understand. Most of us are constantly being warned about scary scenarios or assured that if we send a particular message to a certain number of people within a certain length of time, something wonderful will happen. If you took them all seriously, you'd become borderline schizophrenic. Most of the warnings are "urban legends," dreamed up by a computer buff with too much time on his hands. I never forward messages to everyone in my address book either as a warning or a blessing. Since they have a computer, they'll undoubtedly get the message just like I did. And I have a direct line to God that doesn't depend on man's technology. One recipient of these prolific emails wrote a tongue in cheek thank you for all those he'd received. He said in part:

Thanks to you —
I now use a wet towel with every

Movies for seniors set at library this week

Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, November 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Niagara Falls - Niagara Falls is more than the celebration of a natural wonder: it's a study of human achievement and human folly on an epic scale. The film explores Niagara by helicopter and boat with spectacular high definition, videography, on-the-spot interviews, newsreel footage, a 1953 romantic thriller starring Marilyn Monroe, and quirky archival imagery. Niagara Falls captures stunning images from every season, evocative of rainbows and mist, but also of the staggering force and violence that is at the heart of its magnetism. It is a tale of exploration, preservation and the changing nature of America and her wilderness. (60 minutes)

Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West - Relive an amazing tale of discovery and exploration in "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West," as National Geographic brings to life the first crossing of what would become the United States. With careful research and meticulous re-creations, this scientific expedition lives again on your television screen. Two hundred years after their epic journey, go back in time with Lewis, Clark, their guide Sacagawea, and the brave Corps of Discovery as they discover the adventure, danger and beauty of the unmapped West. (40 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

16.9 pounds of apples

In 2005, the average U.S. consumer ate an estimated 16.9 pounds of fresh-market apples, and 29.2 pounds of processed apples, for a total of 46.1 pounds of fresh apples and processed apple products. In 2004, average per-capita consumption was 50.6 pounds of apples and apple products.

envelope I seal because of rat excitement in the glue. I scrub the top of every can I open for the same reason.

I no longer have any savings because I gave it all to a sick girl named Penny who is about to die in the hospital for the 1,387,258th time.

That will change, however, once I receive the \$15,000 that Bill Gates/Microsoft and AOL are sending me for participating in their special email program.

I no longer use cancer-causing deodorants even though I smell like a water buffalo on a hot day.

I have learned that my prayers get answered only if I forward an email to 7 of my friends and make a wish within 5 minutes.

I no longer drink Coca Cola because it can remove toilet stains, or Pepsi or Dr. Pepper since the people who make them are atheists who refuse to put "Under God" on the cans.

Thanks for letting me know I can't boil a cup of water in the microwave any more because it will blow up in my face, disfiguring me for life.

I no longer go to shopping malls because someone will drug me with a perfume sample and rob me.

I don't answer the phone because someone will ask me to dial a number for which I will get a phone bill with calls to Jamaica, Uganda, Singapore and Uzbekistan.

I can't use any toilet but my own because a big brown African spider lurking under the seat will cause instant death when it bites my butt.

I can't pick up a \$5 bill in the parking lot because a sex molester, who is waiting underneath my car to grab my leg, probably placed it there.

I can no longer pump gas without taking someone along to watch the car so that a serial killer won't crawl in the back seat while I'm busy at the pump.

Now, if you don't send this to at least 144,000 people in the next 70 minutes, a large dove with diarrhea will land on your head at 5 p.m. this afternoon and the fleas from 12 camels will infest your back, causing you to grow a hairy hump.

I know this will occur because it actually happened to a friend of my next-door neighbor's ex-mother-in-law's second husband's cousin's beatician.

Have a nice day!

Youth photo contest is underway

Youth excited about submitting photos to a prestigious youth photo contest and interested in documenting Michigan history through photography are invited to enter the 2006 Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest.

Michigan youth, ages 9 to 19 as of Jan. 1, 2007, are eligible to submit up to 2 photos for the 2007 Michigan Week celebration. These photos can be 2 different perspectives of one historic site or 2 different historic sites. The submission deadline is Feb. 15.

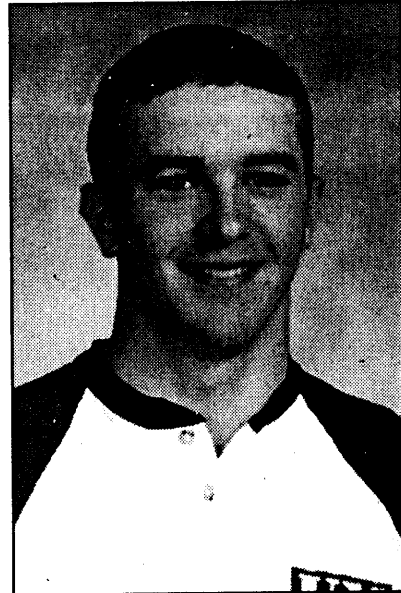
Twelve photos will be selected to tour Michigan for one year as an exhibit. Eighteen photos will be selected as regional-winning photos. All 30 photos will be on the state of Michigan's website.

For more information, contact Bonnie Kropp at (989) 672-3870, or go directly to the 2007 Michigan Week website at www.michigan.gov/michiganweek. In the left column, under "Michigan Week," click on "Youth Photo Contests."

Seniors honored at O-G Schools

Owendale-Gagetown school officials have named the September and October Senior Students of the Month.

Josh McLaren was named "Senior Student of the Month" for September.



Josh McLaren

He has been an active participant in sports. He has been a member of the football team all 4 years and is one of this year's co-captains. He participated in basketball as a freshman and sophomore and has been a member of the co-op track team with Caseville the past 3 years.

Not only has McLaren been active in sports, but he has also been a very active member of the Owen-Gage Band all through high school. He has served as the band's vice-president all 4 years, participated in marching band, pep band, and the Tri-County Honors Band.

He has excelled academically as well. He has been on the school's honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. He has been a member of the National Honor Society since his sophomore year and currently serves as the chapter's vice-president. McLaren has also been named a "focus" Student of the Month for 3 years.

McLaren was a king representative for the 2006 homecoming this year and currently serves as a teacher's aide.

He is the son of Brian and Jennifer McLaren of Owendale, and plans on attending either Michigan Tech or Olivet Nazarene University next fall.

Amber Pillsbury was named "Senior Student of the Month" for October. She was a member of the basketball team for 3 years, the volleyball team her freshman and sophomore years, and was a member of the varsity softball team when she was an eighth grader.

Pillsbury has been very active in the band program all through high school, such as the pep band and marching band. She also has served

as band secretary the past 2 years. She served as class vice-president her freshman year and a president for part of her junior year.

Academically, Pillsbury has been on the honor roll all throughout high school and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club. She has been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year and currently serves as the chapter's president. As a member of NHS, she has participated in community activities such as child care for pre-school on enrollment night, tutoring students during lunch time, and working at the Octagon Barn festivities.



Amber Pillsbury

Pillsbury has been named a "focus" Student of the Month in years past. She was a class representative for homecoming her sophomore year and was recently a queen representative for the 2006 homecoming.

She is the daughter of Bob and Tammie Pillsbury of Owendale, and plans on going to Saginaw Valley State University next fall to pursue a career in the medical field. She is currently employed at Tuscola County Medical Care Facility as a rehabilitation technician.

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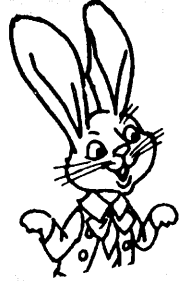
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

There was moaning and groaning when Cass City jumped into class B last year at hoop tournament time. It wasn't the first time the team was forced to compete with schools with enrollments up to 1,052 students.

The school has been in and out of class C and class B for some 40 years with more time spent in C than B. In the years when we were in class C, Cass City had the size advantage. This year enrollment is 538. Compare that to other area schools in class C - USA, 382; Lakers, 392; Ubyly, 299; Bad Axe, 422; Sandusky, 384; Marlette, 400; Harbor Beach, 323.

While Cass City has been near the bottom in class B enrollment, the school has company in the Thumb. Vassar has been class B most times over the years and the enrollment there this year is 512.

Despite moving up a class Cass City acquitted itself well last year, winning the girls' hoop and volleyball district tournaments.

An estimated 150 persons attended the informal meeting at the St. Pancratius Church hall to greet Doug Burtch, former band director at Cass City High School. It's hard to put an accurate figure on the attendance, Bob Gengler, one of the sponsors of the event reported, because students and others were constantly coming and going.

We had a guest book, he added, but Burtch took it with him.

He has not found employment as a band director since leaving the Cass City system at the end of the 2005-06 school year.

Deer widows, take heart-- "Night to Indulge" slated

Deer Widows, take heart. There is a fun local event for you to enjoy while the guys are away at deer camp; it gives you the chance to have a great time and do something good for someone else.

Of course, it's the 6th annual "Night To Indulge," presented by the HDC Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Tuscola County Child Abuse and Prevention Council. Sponsored by the Pat Curtis Automotive Dealerships in Caro and Cass City, the event takes place at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall Thursday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 9 p.m. This deliciously different kind of event helps support local women and children, and features chocolate confections and other choices served by tuxedoed gentlemen, home-party type vendors, massages, door prizes, a silent auction, and more.

Ticket prices for the event are \$10 per person in advance or \$12 at the door, with proceeds divided among the 3 organizing agencies. Tickets are available by calling the Human Development Commission at (989) 673-4121 or Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters at (989) 673-6996 during regul-

lar business hours; after hours, calls may be directed to (989) 479-9153.

The Pat Curtis Auto Dealerships in Caro and Cass City, for the fourth year in a row, will be the event sponsors for "A Night to Indulge." Pat Curtis is the owner of Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Cadillac in Caro and a partner with his brother, Matt, and son, Dan, in Curtis Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Cass City.

"My entire staff and I recognize that this community has been very supportive of our businesses," Pat said. "This is an opportunity to give back, especially to 3 organizations that do an enormous amount of good in the community."

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center is a program of the Human Development Commission, providing shelter, counseling, and assistance to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters pairs youths who need loving guidance with adult volunteers who provide a commitment of time and personal involvement. The Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect Council preserves and protects the innocence of childhood through education and resource information.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

Here's one for you. A recent study at the University of Illinois shows we can save on gasoline by reducing the weight in our cars. I hope it didn't cost them much to find that out.

Authors of the study say one way to save on gas is for each of us to lose some weight. They claim Americans are burning nearly 1 billion gallons more gasoline per year than we did in 1960 because of our expanding waistlines.

These researchers say we could save 18 gallons per year if we lost 100 pounds. That's \$45 with gas prices at \$2.50 per gallon. (Sorry, I guess you knew that.)

One hundred pounds?! How many of us can lose 100 pounds and still be driving around?

There are lots of ways to lighten up our cars without becoming a skeleton. We could avoid filling the gas tank, for example.

Twenty gallons of gasoline weighs around 140 pounds by my estimate. If we run close to empty most of the time we can save \$45 per year just in the weight of our gasoline. (My wife has been doing this for years, but I never knew why.)

Another thing we can do is avoid hauling passengers — or make them pay for the extra gasoline they're burning. We could weigh our passengers. This will discourage the bigger ones from riding with us.

Probably the easiest thing we can do is to avoid hauling livestock in our cars. A couple of 200 pound sheep in the back are going to cost us a lot of gasoline if we do this on a regular basis.

I know most folks haven't been hauling animals in their cars, but some have. A few haul the dead ones as well as the live ones. I learned this from an Oregon rancher many years ago.

This woman said she went out to feed her sheep one day and found a dead ewe in the pasture. (This is not totally unheard of for folks who raise sheep.)

She was driving one of those old utility vehicles (like a Scout or a Jimmy) and decided she could load the dead sheep into her car and haul it a few miles to the area where she commonly disposed of such things. The sheep proved too heavy to lift into the back, but the rancher found she could roll it into the front on the passenger side. The sheep took up all of the floor space in front of the seat.

The rancher rolled the windows down and headed for the main road. When she got to the road there was a hitch-hiker. This guy was out in the middle of nowhere, so she offered him a ride.

"I'm only going a few miles on the main road, but I can take you that far," she told him.

The hitch-hiker crawled into the front seat and put his feet up on the dead sheep. He never said a word — and he never took his hand off the door handle.

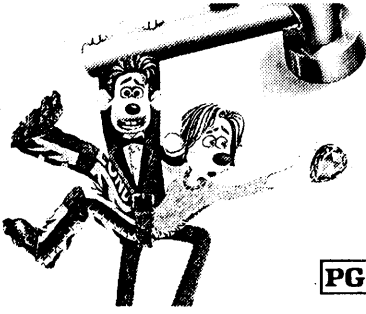
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Deer season opener not what it was



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I mention that to set the stage for one of the escapades that follows. Veteran hunters will recall that the Thumb was considered pheasant heaven and that was by far the season that attracted hunters by the hundreds to join the natives for the big event. Some schools closed on the opening day, restaurants and gas stations opened early and churches planned dinners to share in the economic benefits.

It was a time before deer numbers exploded in the Thumb and when a guy announced he was going deer hunting it was assumed that he was planning to go "up north" to do it.

Stories abounded about guys who pitched a tent, slept on the ground and stayed in the woods until forced to return home. The stories were repeated at the various bars that were invariably jammed on the night before and the opening day night. We didn't have any of those dedicated

hunters in our group at the Prieskorn cabin on Big Creek.

We didn't hurt the deer numbers any either. It was rare that one was bagged.

You never know what to expect in Michigan in mid-November. It has been 20 below zero and also as nice as the weather was last week, Thursday, as this is written. The year under discussion was one with the great warm weather.

After a couple of days, one person in the group shot a deer. It was a buck with antlers about 2 inches long. Because I was returning home, one of the guys asked that I take it home before the meat spoiled.

You can put your tag on it, he conned, because you won't be using it anymore anyway and I might be able to get another deer and have my tag to put on it.

I took the bait, hook, line and sinker, and the illegal deer was fastened to my car. I blithely buzzed on home stopping for lunch in Standish with my car parked in plain view from the highway that every hunter and conservation officer had to take.

Sometimes good luck follows idiots and the uninformed.

I made it home without incident. It was the last deer license that I ever purchased.

It was not the last time I went "deer hunting" but was the last time I wasted money buying a license.

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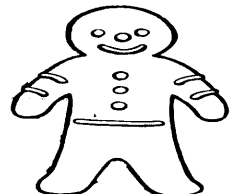
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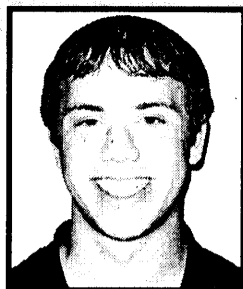
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Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

It's mid-November in Michigan, which can mean only one thing. No, it's not that over a month of school has passed. It's not even that Thanksgiving is approaching. Mid-November in Michigan can only mean that hunting is in full swing.

Nov. 15 has long been an unofficial holiday in Michigan, but this year in the Cass City Public School District, it has become official. With no school on Wednesday, I was left wondering just what students were planning to do with their day.

Talking with sophomore Lukas Yarney, it was clear what he was planning. When I asked him what his plans were, he replied, "The only thing you can do, hunt!"

Also very enthusiastic about going hunting was Chelsea McCallum, a senior. She told me that she was planning to hunt on Wednesday because "it's just so much fun!"

And, for students at Cass City High School, getting that perfect buck can mean school-wide fame.

If a student at the high school bags a buck, they can turn in a picture with their catch to Mr. Pavlichek and have it entered into the big buck contest. I'm sure many students have already noticed the showcase with pictures of some great hunts from last year. However, if you haven't, make sure to check out the showcase, located

by the front foyer.

However, not everyone I talked with seemed to be too excited about hunting. Whether it was the possibility of bad weather or just the early morning, some students said that they planned to steer clear of hunting on Wednesday.

When I talked with Ethan Damm, a junior at Cass City High School, he said that he was just planning to sleep in. He said that he didn't have much planned for Wednesday and that he wasn't going to be hunting, so getting some extra rest seemed like a good choice.

Talking with sophomore Matt Hallwood, he told me that he didn't have any plans yet, except for catching up on some sleep.

Whitney Kim, a senior at Cass City High School, commented that she, too, was planning to sleep in. However, she also added that she was planning to go to the girl's basketball district game on Wednesday.

But it seems that even some hunters are planning to set some time aside and make it to the district basketball game. Senior Brad Severance said, "I plan to go hunting, but I'm still going to go to the district game."

So, whether you're planning to sleep in, get up early, or just go about your usual day, enjoy your day off and have a great time.

Hills and Dales earns recognition

Hills and Dales General Hospital has received the prestigious Governor's Award of Excellence for Improving Care in the Hills & Dales General Hospital, Emergency Department and/or Critical Access Setting.

The Governor's Award of Excellence is sponsored by the Governor in concert with MPRO, Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization. The award is bestowed to hospitals that are embracing evidence-based medicine and quality improvement initiatives to advance health care in Michigan.

This is the third year that Hills and Dales General Hospital has received the Governor's Award of Excellence.

"Few things affect our quality of life and the quality of our work more than our good health," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. "It's important to recognize hospitals and health care professionals who are making positive strides toward providing our citizens with accessible and affordable health care."

"In Michigan the Governor's Award is synonymous with excellence among providers and consumers alike," said Debra L. Moss, MD, MBA, president and chief executive officer, MPRO. Dr. Moss added, "We applaud Hills & Dales General Hospital for implementing initiatives to provide the right care, at the right time, and improve the quality of life for their patients."

Led by a designated physician and project leader, Paula Pobanz, director of Health Information and Sandra Franz, infection control registered nurse, Hills and Dales General Hospital used proven, evidence-based practices to produce successful measured outcomes in selected clinical areas. Selected areas included the care and treatment of patients with pneumonia.

The highlighted topics have been designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In addition, Hills and Dales General Hospital established multidisciplinary teams for the selected clinical topics.

"We are very honored and proud of this achievement," said Michael Falatko, Hills and Dales General Hospital president & CEO. "We are constantly focused and strive to provide excellent care and treatment to the residents in the three counties we serve." "It is very rewarding to have our excellent results recognized by an organization such as MPRO and the Governor's Award."

An award ceremony was held during MPRO's 2006 QUALITY EXPO conference held at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant Oct. 3 and 4. Hills and Dales has a 24-hour emergency department available to the surrounding communities in Tuscola County. Along with the emergency department there is a full service radiology department, laboratory department and respiratory department. Specialty clinics such as cardiology and ENT procedures are also available at Hills & Dales.

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Michigan Sugar Company's historic milestone represents 100 years of success due to the commitment, innovation, passion and hard work on the part of the growers and employees, along with the support of their customers, suppliers, elected officials and neighbors.

"We are very fortunate to have the type of support we have from so many different individuals and groups. Without their help we would not be in business today," said Mark Flegenheimer, president and CEO of Michigan Sugar Company.

Scholarship contest set

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Application materials were forwarded to high school principals in October. Eligible high schools include: Bad Axe, Caro, Caseville, Cass City, Clio, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, Owendale-Gagetown, North Huron, Kingston, Lapeer East and Lapeer West, Marlette, North Branch, Unionville-Sebawaing and Uby.

The scholarship program was launched in 2006. Nine students were awarded scholarships in the inaugural year. This year, winners will receive \$500 toward their college expenses.



Award of Excellence

HILLS AND DALES General Hospital in Cass City has again won the Governor's Award of Excellence. Pictured above (left to right) are: Jan Christensen, senior deputy director, Michigan Department of Community Health; Debra Moss, MD, MBA, president and CEO, MPRO; Michael J. Falatko, president CEO, Hills and Dales; Sandra Franz, RN, Hills and Dales; Paula Pobanz, RN, director of health information, Hills and Dales; Jean Anthony, vice president of patient services, Hills & Dales; Colleen Cieszkowski, RN, MA, CPHQ, senior vice president of Quality and Review Operations; and Pam Yager, policy advisor, Health Care and Financial Services, office of the governor.

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Safety first

Cass City's McPhail honored for 32 years of teaching young hunters

Charlie McPhail started teaching hunter safety classes at the Cass City Gun Club because he figured young people needed to learn the proper and safe way to handle a firearm.

That was 4 generations ago, but McPhail is still teaching hunters - young and young at heart - at the area gun club.

That dedication recently earned the Cass City native recognition from the Department of Natural Resources, which honored him for 32 years of service to hunter safety classes.

"I taught my first class in early 1975," McPhail, 65, recalled last week. "I have no idea how many kids I've taught, but I know it's 4 generations. I've taught one of my own grandchildren and I've got 2 more coming up real quick."

McPhail, a lifelong hunter who has 6 children and 7 grandchildren of his own, has been a member of the Cass City Gun Club for 41 years. He said the club membership began offering hunter safety classes in the early 1970s.

"Back at that time, it was a little easier to do because it was a half-day on a Saturday. Now it takes 2 nights and (part of) a Saturday - 12 hours of training," he explained. The course concludes with an exam and the students practicing what they've learned. "They say you can't get a driver's license without driving a car, and you can't get a (hunter safety) certificate without shooting."

McPhail has been careful to keep his hunter safety teaching credentials up-to-date. "We put a lot of time into

it, too. We've got to go to workshops put on by the DNR, and they check on you pretty close," he noted.

In the process, McPhail has passed countless lessons on to young hunters over the years. He took his cue from 2 other former veteran instructors - Bob MacKay and George Lapp. "Both of them are gone now," McPhail said, adding the bottom line for all 3 men was the need for hunter safety courses, and instilling the importance of safety in a no-nonsense classroom atmosphere.

"We've caught a lot of flak over that (being strict) over the years, but a gun is not a toy," he added. "We give them breaks and let them ask questions any time they want to."

McPhail said his "graduating classes" have varied over the years, with class sizes ranging from a half-dozen youth to as many as 65. "I would say 95 percent of them are from the ages of 9 to 12, and the other 5 percent are adults."

The veteran safety instructor guessed he had been teaching 5 or 6 years before he saw his first female student. "In the last 15 years we've been getting more girls involved in it, and we're pretty proud of that," he said.

One thing that hasn't changed, even after all of these years, is the charge for the class, which remains at \$5.

"We don't get paid for it. We don't do it for the money - we do it because the kids need it and they have to have it," said McPhail, who acknowledged it's difficult to say how many of those youngsters have avoided a serious accident or worse because of the safety training they received. "I always wondered that myself," he said. "We hope we've prevented accidents. That's why we do it."

"I plan on doing it for a few more years, depending on my health," McPhail added. "I really enjoy it."

"I'm really pleased Charlie's being honored for all of these years," commented Cass City area resident Tom Lounsbury, a lifelong hunter, veteran outdoors columnist and talk show host.

Lounsbury recalled taking the hunter safety class at the Cass City Gun Club with his son, Jake, then 12 years old, several years ago. Lounsbury's wife, Gin, followed up the next year by taking the course with the couple's son, Josh, then 11 years old. Both appreciated McPhail's instruction and interest in young hunters.

"People like Charlie who have the time - they really have the future of these kids in their mind," Lounsbury said. "These hunter safety guys are the unsung heroes."

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5YEARSAGO

In mid-August we received a note from Dorothy Parmentier whose mother was Eva Goldie (Martin) McLaughlin. Among her mother's memorabilia are items that have a Cass City connection. One of the items was a booklet, "Spoke o' the Hub", C.C.H.S., 27th High School Anniversary, 1914. A check with the Cass City Historical Society revealed that this particular item is already in its collection. Anyone interested in the booklet, or whatever other items may be available, can write Parmentier at 1418 Meadow Hill Lane, Plymouth, MI 48170-3172. (From Rabbit Tracks)

David A. Whittaker, Cass City, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Timberman. The Michigan Association of Timberman is a trade association, representing the forest products industry of Michigan. Founded in 1972, MAT provides political representation for Michigan Loggers and Lumber Companies in Lansing and Washington, D.C., along with employee training, safety inspections, and insurance coverage. Whittaker is the president of Whittaker Timber Corporation of Cass City. The company works statewide purchasing and harvesting timber while assisting landowners with sustainable yield forestry and wildlife enhancement advice.

The most exciting, the most satisfying, the most eventful moments for fans at the basketball game with Bay City All Saints last Tuesday occurred after the final whistle sounded. That's when the Cass City Red Hawks claimed the trophy as the undisputed champions of the Greater Thumb League. The outcome of the game that cinched the title for Cass City was a foregone conclusion after the first 4 minutes. The winless All Saints fell behind 12-zip. The All Saint offense produced just a foul shot in the first quarter and the visitors trailed 17-1. With every player on the squad getting significant playing minutes, the Hawks went on to post a 64-17 win.

10YEARSAGO

James B. Gardner, Huron Memorial Hospital CEO, reports that the hospital at Bad Axe has purchased the practice of E.C. Holdship, D.O., Ubly. Dr. Holdship will continue to provide health care to the community of Ubly and the surrounding area as an employee of the hospital. Dr. Holdship began practicing medicine in 1953, following in his father's footsteps.

Wheat plants aboard the Russian space station are thriving in the zero gravity atmosphere and will represent the first time a plant has gone from "seed to seed in space." The dwarf wheat plants in the latest experiment

have produced 150 seed heads, 3 times what researchers initially expected. The wheat plants will return to earth in late January.

Blackie, the 1,370-pound steer shown by Stephanie Moore at the Sanilac Co. Fair, went on to the Canadian Royal Winter Open Show at Toronto. He was selected the Reserve Chi Champion and sold for \$1.85 a pound on Nov. 1. Stephanie is the daughter of Bob and Colleen Moore and the granddaughter of Dale and Audrey Leslie of Decker.

25YEARSAGO

There's no chance that you would not notice a sign on the side of a building on Main Street in Cass City that is about six feet high and 15 feet long. Or is there? Quick now, can you tell me on what building the Pfeiffer's beer sign is painted? The sign has to have been there awhile. Heaven knows how long but Pfeiffer's has been out of business for decades. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Lichens may be nature's toughest plants, according to Ranger Rick's Nature Magazine. Composed of both algae and fungi, they can flourish in temperatures 450 degrees Fahrenheit below zero and live where the air is twice as hot as boiling water. They are also among the slowest growing plants on earth—it takes some arctic lichens more than a thousand years to grow one inch.

The Junior Hawks ended their 1981 season Nov. 5 with a 2-6 record, defeating Mayville in the final contest, 18-8. The team composed mainly of freshmen started the season with a lot of learning to do and little time to do it in without a freshman team being fielded for the first time in the past several years. The experience had to be gained versus other junior varsity teams, some of which had players going into their fourth year of organized football. The only opportunity the freshmen had to play someone of their own playing experience was against the Caro Tigers. The Hawks were victorious, 36-6.

35YEARSAGO

Charles Tuckey has been named Vice-President of Research and Development of Carburetor Division of Walbro Corporation, Cass City. The appointment was announced by L. E. Althaver, Executive Vice President, effective September 1, 1971. Tuckey joined Walbro in 1957 as a laboratory technician, engineering. In 1959, he was promoted to Development Engineer, in 1961 to Project Engineer, in 1969 to Chief Development Engineer and in 1970 to Manager Research and Development. He is credited with the development of the patented fuel system of Walbro diaphragm carburetors for chain saws and snowmo-

biles. The first pulse system ever devised for small carburetors is also an R & D accomplishment completed under his direction.

Richard Erla, Cass City, was elected president of the Michigan Meat Association at the organization's convention held Friday and Saturday in Ann Arbor. The Meat Association includes packers, processors and others involved in preparing meats for sale in the State. Erla has been a member of the association for 13 years and on the board of directors for eight years. Prior to his election to the presidency he served for two years as vice president. As president he will be a member of the Michigan Meat Council, which includes three officers from six meat producing organizations in Michigan. The Council meets with legislators and is involved with other projects connected with the promotion of meat in Michigan.

Members of the village crew planted young trees about the village the past week as part of a tree planting program. The trees, a variety of maples and seedless ash, cost about \$15 apiece, said Village Superintendent James Blades. Helpers planting the first sapling on Oak Street near Church included village crewmen Eldon Stoutenburg, Frank Guilds, Joe Gruber and Ed Anthes.

U-M women gather for regular meet

The United Methodist Women met Nov. 6, with 21 members present for a noon luncheon prepared by group one. Shirley Wisenbach and Connie Schwaderer are the chairpersons for this group.

Louise Buehrly presented Laura Bryant with a special recognition pin and Connie Schwaderer presented Leola Retherford with this honor:

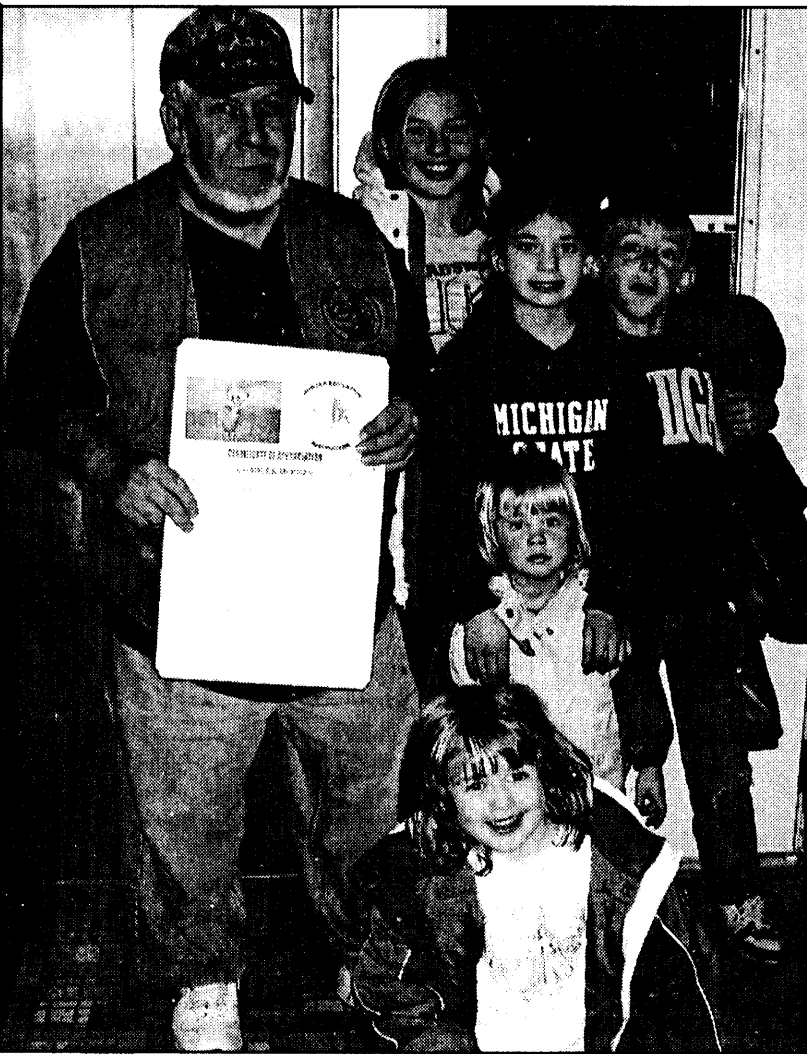
The Thanksgiving service will be held at the church Nov. 19, and a coffee hour will follow. Jane Mitchell, Laura Bryant and Ruth Hoffman will be in charge of it.

The group packed 24 goodie boxes for college students and servicemen.

The group decorated containers to be used for their World Bank donation.

Jane Mitchell gave the program on the World Banks received. Joan Merchant gave a report on Pakistan.

Read Meg's Peg



CHARLIE MCPHAIL, honored for 32 years of teaching hunter safety classes at the Cass City Gun Club, poses above with his certificate and grandchildren, Erica Kolacz, Micaylee Root, Sam Kolacz, Linsey Root and Kendall Root.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
Transportation available

Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
/ Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene
1 St., Cass City, MI 48726
or 872-5201
School 10:00 a.m.
Service 11:00 a.m.
Prayer & Bible Study
Men's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor - Judy A. Eskillen

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor - Bob Sweeney
www.casscitymc.org

Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

First Baptist Church
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
AWANA 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Eric Holmgren
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Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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872-5186
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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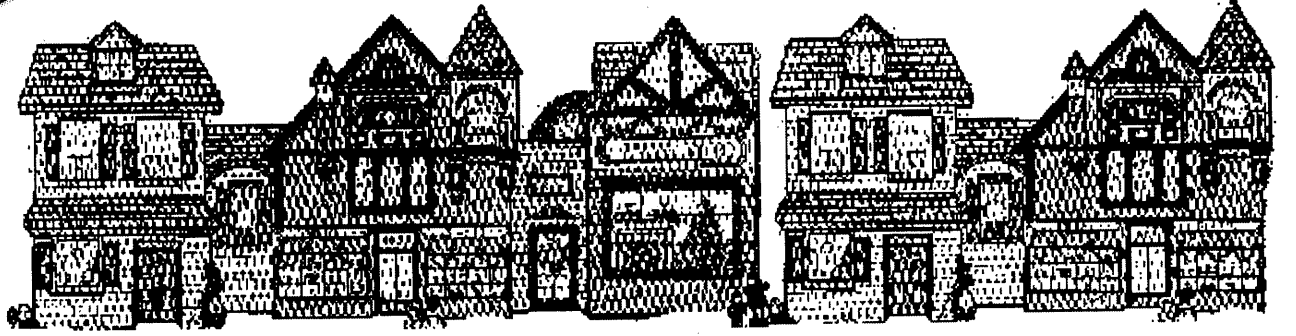
St. Agatha Catholic Church
4618 South St., Gageton, MI 48735
665-9966
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

St. Pancratius Catholic Church
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

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810-672-9929 (parsonage)
989-872-8094 (church)
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O-G advances into district semis on Schmidt's game winning trey

Senior Becky Schmidt connected on her team's only 3-point shot with just 38 seconds remaining to lift Owen-Gage over guests North Huron Monday night in the opening round of Class D district action in Owendale.

The Bulldogs, who closed out the regular season dropping 8 of their final 9 contests, will now meet Akron-Fairgrove tonight (Wednesday) with a trip to Friday's district championship game on the line.

If the Bulldogs can defeat the Vikings for a third time this year, they will meet the Caseville/Port Hope winner for the district crown beginning at 7 p.m.

Coach Dave Fritz's Bulldogs, whose last victory entering district play came on Oct. 17 against Caseville, opened district play with a timely 10-0 run en route to an exciting 39-35 victory over their North Central Thumb League foe.

Sparkplug April Nowaczyk hit on a 6-foot baseline jumper and added lay-ins off 2 Warrior turnovers in the opening 4 minutes as Owen-Gage built a quick 12-1 margin.

While Nowaczyk was doing her thing on the offensive end of the court, the Owen-Gage zone defense was forcing the Warriors to the perimeter and didn't allow a field goal

until Jodie Pettit connected from the lane with less than 4 minutes remaining in the frame.

Both schools then traded baskets in the period before the intermission that ended with Owen-Gage in front, 22-16. The Bulldogs received some much needed offensive production from Mindy Error throughout the half as she hit for a pair of corner jump shots and finished the night with 8 points.

After the break, North Huron outscored Owen-Gage 10-6 to close to within 28-26 entering the game's final 8 minutes. Pettit led the comeback charge for North Huron with 7

of her game high 15 tallies after the break.

After a Pettit triple and a Jessica Ignash free throw knotted the game at 23-all, however, Owen-Gage regain a slight 2-point advantage as Nowaczyk scored on a pretty drive and added a pair of free throws to end Owen-Gage's scoring entering the final stanza.

The Warriors opened the final period with a 9-0 run behind solo baskets from Nicole Church, Alex Risch and Chelsey Roth, and enjoyed its biggest margin of the night at 35-28. However, with the momentum swung in the Warriors' favor, Owen-Gage responded by recording the game's final 11 points to advance into tonight's semifinal round.

After Nowaczyk halted the Warrior run with a free throw toss at the 3-minute mark, Error and Schmidt took over for Owen-Gage.

Error hit back-to-back corner jump shots to bring Owen-Gage even with the Warriors at 35-all with under a minute remaining. Then following a Warriors turnover, Schmidt found herself open on the elbow and nailed the game winners from behind the 3-point arc.

The Warriors had a chance to tie at the end, but a missed shot was rebounded by Faist, who was fouled and converted the game's final point with just 2 seconds remaining, giving Owen-Gage a 4-point spread.

Nowaczyk turned in a solid floor game for Owen-Gage and posted a team high 13 points while Schmidt added 9. Faist, who was a major factor under the boards, posted 7.

Bulldogs end regular season on sour note

Owen-Gage ended its regular season at Dryden Thursday, suffering a North Central Thumb League cross-over loss.

The Bulldogs entered the contest on the heels of a 5-game slide and were hoping to topple Dryden for a second time this year and take some much need momentum into district action this week in Owendale.

Instead, Owen-Gage watched their hosts build a 28-10 margin by the break and hold on for the 53-44 decision.

Amanda Faist, Becky Schmidt and April Nowaczyk all finished in double figures for the Bulldogs, combining for 44 points.

Nowaczyk posted 5 points in the initial frame and collected a dozen markers on the night.

Faist and Schmidt split 30 points, both scoring in every period.

ARTS 'N' SCIENCE

Earlier in the week, Tuesday, Owen-Gage traveled to face Saginaw Arts n' Science and suffered a defeat in non-conference play.

The hosts jumped out to a 14-9 first quarter advantage and then used a 15-7 run over the final 8 minutes to post a 45-37 win.

Trailing 23-18 at the break, Schmidt heated up for the Bulldogs and helped the visitors draw even at 30 entering the final period with 4 field goals in the period.

However, in the final period the hosts' defense held Owen-Gage to baskets from Faist and Nowaczyk from the floor to secure the win.

Schmidt led all scorers with 16 points.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Lakers	9	1	13	7
USA	7	3	14	6
Cass City	7	3	12	8
BCAS	4	6	9	10
Reese	3	7	6	13
Bad Axe	0	10	2	18

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	12	0	20	0
Marlette	9	3	13	7
Harbor Beach	7	5	13	7
Brown City	6	6	13	7
Udly	5	7	9	11
Deckerville	2	10	7	13
Mayville	1	11	3	17

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	10	8	12	8
Owen-Gage	5	13	5	14
North Huron	5	13	5	14
Caseville	3	15	4	16
Akron-Fairgrove	0	18	1	18

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Memphis	18	0	19	1
Kingston	16	2	16	4
CPS	13	5	14	6
Dryden	10	8	10	10
Peck	10	8	10	10



CASS CITY'S Leo Spencer, Jr. took his first bow-kill buck Thursday evening. The Tuscola County 8-pointer had a 10" inside spread.



OWEN-GAGE'S APRIL Nowaczyk slides in for a steal during Monday's Class D district action in Owendale. The Bulldogs advanced into tonight's semifinal action with a 39-35 victory over North Huron.

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Caro 37, Cass City 36

Red Hawks falter in regular season finale against Caro

The Cass City Red Hawks concluded their regular season last week, Tuesday, with a narrow 37-36 loss to the Caro Tigers.

With a 12-8 overall record and a 7-3 second place finish in the Greater Thumb West, it has been a satisfactory regular season for coach Lloyd Schinnerer's charges. But with a little more luck it could have been an outstanding year.

The Hawks have been on the losing end of 4 very close games that could have changed the league title picture and the overall record. The Hawks lost those 4 games by a total of 7 points.

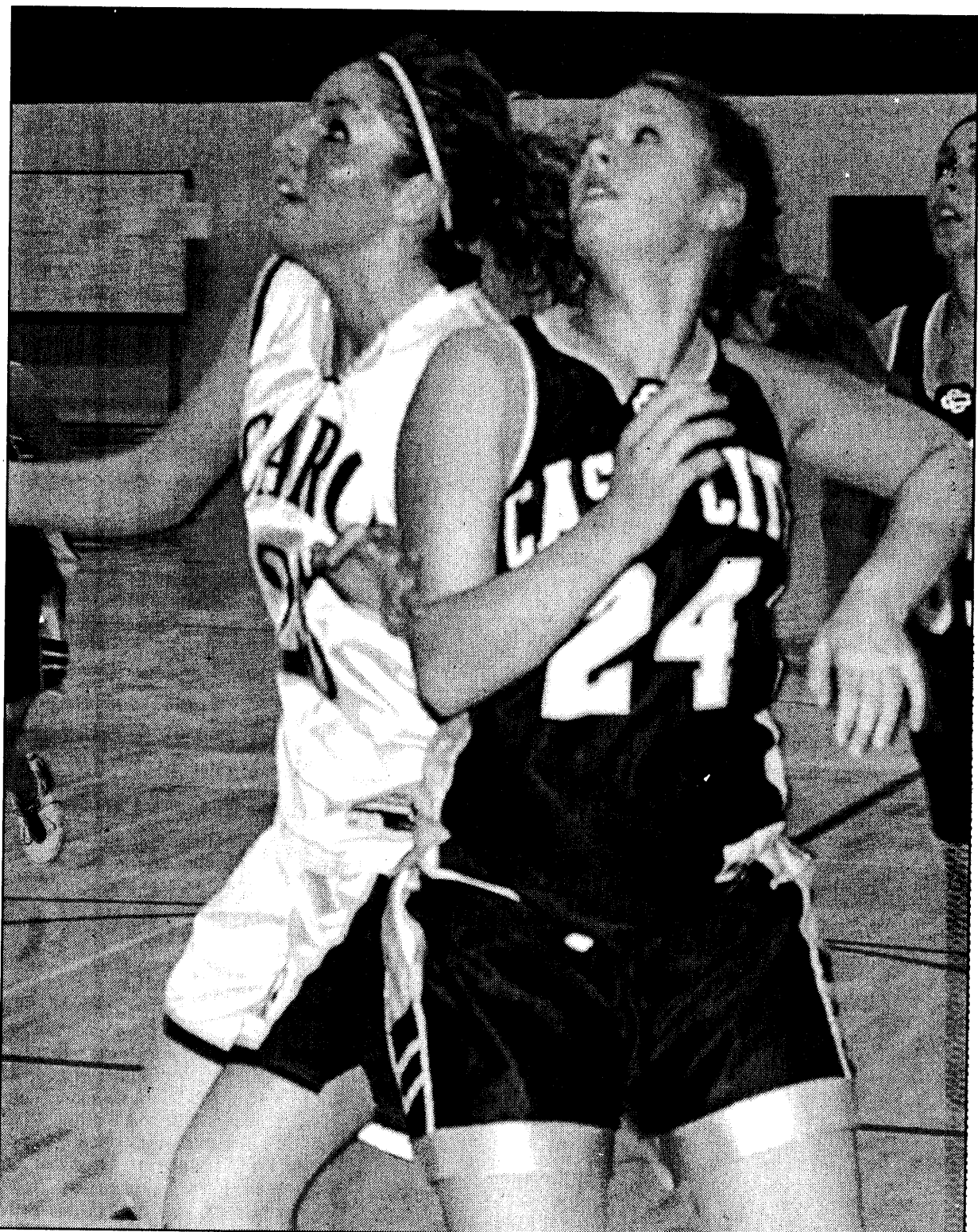
There were 2 one-point defeats among the close losses, one of which was to the Lakers and cost Cass City a chance to tie for the GTW title. Cass City led all the way against the

Tigers before folding in the crucial last quarter to lose a game that seemed in the win column. Our last quarter execution was poor and excessive turnovers led to Caro's winning rally, Coach Schinnerer said. The Hawks were also stone cold from the field and scored just 2 points in the final 8 minutes.

It looked like a walk in the park for the Hawks in the first quarter. Led by 3 hoops by Courtney Rabideau, Cass City jumped off to a 13-2 lead in the first period.

After that it was an even game until the fatal last quarter. The Tigers chopped a point off the lead in the second period and gained another point in the third quarter, but still trailed by 9 points, 34-25 going into the fourth quarter.

Courtney Rabideau was the only Hawk in double figures, with 12 points. Emily Schinnerer, Cass City's leading scorer coming back from an elbow injury, was held without a field goal for the first time this year, but did convert 4 of 5 attempts from the free throw line. She led the rebounders with 8 boards. It was 3 points or nothing for Amanda Ellis, who led Caro with 12 points as she converted 4 3-point shots.



CASS CITY BOWLING LEAGUES

Merchants as of Nov. 8

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T. Furness Builders	3
Team I	3
Barrons Team Bears	3
Lee Morgan Painting	1
Curtis Chrysler	1
Charmont	1

Individual High Games & Series: D. Miller 258 (590); R. Wright (581). Awards: M. Stevens - 180 Game (140 Average or less) (191); D. Miller - 75 Pins Over Average Game (258-179=79).

Team High Game & Series: Curtis Chrysler 637; Lee Morgan Painting (1631).

Merchanettes as of Nov. 11

Thumb Octagon Barn	30
All Season Video	29
Osentoski Reality	21
Gagetown C. Corners	18

Individual High Games & Series: M. Harris 193 (501); C. Wright 189 (496);

K. Maurer 178 (483); L. Pabst 185 (469); B. Watson 173 (479).

Splits: J. Montgomery 4-7-9; D. Haney 5-7.

Team High Game & Series: Gagetown C. Corners 860 (2365).

Thursday Nite Trio as of Nov. 9

Doerr Landscaping	27
Martin Electric	25
Mycogen Seeds	25
Jebco Consulting	20
United Building Centers	15

Individual High Games & Series: K. Martin 256-235-234 (725); D. Doerr 254-221-213 (688); E. Schmalz 247-220-213 (680); D. Miller 235-216(643); G. Robinson 224-214 (627); W. Laming 231-215 (611); D. Dickinson 222-211 (595); T. Lis (583); R. Doerr (578); J. Baker 233.

Awards: K. Martin - 140 Pins Over Average Series (725-585=140); K. Martin - 700 Series (210 Average or Less) 725; D. Dickinson - 200 Game (164 Average or Less) 222 and 211. Team High Game & Series: Martin Electric 696 (2032).

Box Scores

CARO - Cockerill 1-0 (1-2) 3; Albrecht 3-0 (0-0) 6; Roe 1-0 (0-0) 2 Ellis 0-4 (0-0) 12; Sarah Hartwick 3-0 (3-5) 9; Melanie Hartwick 1-0 (3-4) 5; Koehler 0-0 (0-1) 0; Babcock 0-0 (0-2) 0. **TOTALS - 9-4 (7-14) 37.**

CASS CITY - Richards 1-0 (0-0) 2; Courtney Rabideau 6-0 (0-0) 12; Ashleigh Rabideau 0-2 (0-2) 6; Meeker 1-0 (1-2) 3; Dooley 3-0 (0-0) 6; Langenburg 0-1 (0-0) 3; Schinnerer 0-0 (4-5) 4. **TOTALS - 11-3 (5-9) 36.**

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

CASS CITY'S Maddie Dooley battles for position under the glass against Caro. The Red Hawks suffered a one point defeat in the non-conference affair to close out the regular season.

NCTLNORTH				NCTLSOUTH			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
Port Hope	10	8	12	8	Memphis	18	0
Owen-Gage	5	13	5	14	Kingston	16	2
North Huron	5	13	5	14	CPS	13	5
Caseville	3	15	4	16	Dryden	10	8
Akron-Fairgrove	0	18	1	18	Peck	10	8

GREATER THUMB WEST				GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
Lakers	9	1	13	7	Sandusky	12	0
USA	7	3	14	6	Marlette	9	3
Cass City	7	3	12	8	Harbor Beach	7	5
BCAS	4	6	9	10	Brown City	6	6
Reese	3	7	6	13	Ubyly	5	7
Bad Axe	0	10	2	18	Deckerville	2	10
					Mayville	1	11



CASS CITY'S SEVENTH grade girls' basketball team finished its season with a perfect 12-0 record. Coach Doug Hyatt's team members are: (front, l-r) Nicole Kelley, Becca Hacker, Megan Parrish, Alexia Kamrad, Macey Messing (middle) Logan Rowell, Tessa Kus, Jordan Rasmussen, Stephanie Leeson (back) Morgan Potter, Ali Smith, Alison Blattner, Carley Hendrick and Shannon Stec.

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Obituaries

Danny Gee

Danny Bruce Gee, 61, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006 at Covenant Medical Center Cooper, Saginaw.

He was born Nov. 5, 1945 in Grand Rapids, the son of Bruce and Patricia (Hollowell) Gee.

Gee was a volunteer fireman with Elkland Township for 30 years.

He is survived by his children: Danny (Dorie) Gee of Cass City, Debbie (Jesus) Rivera of Florida, Dean (Kendra) Gee of Elkton and Dawn Gee of Ubyly; 16 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; 3 step great-grandchildren; his fiancé, Sue Werschky of Cass City; his mother, Patricia Gee of Arizona; and 2 sisters: Pamela Auvil of Pennsylvania and Kelly Gee of Arizona.

Gee was preceded in death by his father, Bruce; and a grandson, Timothy.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 10, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Mike Goforth of Calvary Baptist Church, Caseville, officiating.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Caseville. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

He was born Oct. 23, 1980 in Houston, Texas, the son of Edward W. and Trish Johnson.

Johnson attended Katy High School. He graduated from Parkway Christian School, Katy, Texas. He attended Texas A&M University, where he studied fire sciences and served as a firefighter and paramedic with West I-10 Volunteer Fire Department in Katy, and the Houston Fire Department before joining the U.S. Marine Corps in March of 2000. Johnson served with USMC Security Forces as an amphibious tractor (amphib) crew chief. He was deployed as a scout/sniper in Afghanistan, where he was awarded the Purple Heart, before joining the 4th RECON Battalion's "Charlie" Company.

Johnson is survived by his wife, Shannon Johnson of Katy, Texas; a son, Edward W. Johnson III of Katy, Texas; a daughter, Samantha Kayley Johnson of Grand Junction, Colo.; his mother, Trish Johnson of Katy, Texas; a brother, Jeremiah Johnson; grandparents: R.D. and Lucille Sanders of Ocala, Fla.; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Danny and Susan Pitcher of Gagetown; a brother-in-law, Justen Pitcher of Carson City; a niece and nephew; and numerous friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward W. Johnson; and a grandmother, Earlene Sanders.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Schmidt Funeral Home, Katy, Texas, with the Rev. Billy Watson officiating.

Military honors were also held Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Memorials may be made to Ocean View VFW Post 3160 (in care of John Litz).

Arrangements were made by Schmidt Funeral Home, Katy, Texas.

She married Leitch Alvin Mark in March of 1940. He died Feb. 1, 1977.

Mark worked in housekeeping at Hills and Dales General Hospital for 17 years, retiring in 1993. She was a member of the Kendron Chapter #33 O.E.S., Caro, the Canasta Club - Cass City, and the United Methodist Women.

Mark is survived by her children: Jane (Keith) Mitchell of Cass City, Kay (Terry) Sontag of Colorado, Susan (James) Krauseneck of Saginaw, Linda McLaren of Bay City, and Edward Mark; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Christine (Duane) Hickey; and sisters: Helen Agar, Viola Roberts and Leona Harrington.

A Memorial Service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, Cass City, with Pastor Paul Donelson officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice or the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Elizabeth Preba

Elizabeth "Betty" Preba, 67, of Cass City, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 at Hills & Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born June 30, 1939 in Newberry.

She married Frank Preba January of 1956 in Rogers City.

Preba was a homemaker and a caregiver.

She is survived by her husband, Frank; children: Kathy Sweet, Susan (Eugene) Vincent and Frank Preba, all of Cass City; 3 grandchildren; and a brother, Thomas (Mickey) Richardson.

Preba was preceded in death by her mother, Violet Metkow.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 11, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Fr. Steve Fillion as celebrant.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Millie Mark

Millie Caroline Mark, 83, of Cass City, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006 at United Hospice Service at Marlette Regional Hospital.

She was born April 7, 1923 in Novesta Township, the daughter of the late Eliasha and Estella Maude (Gage) Randall.

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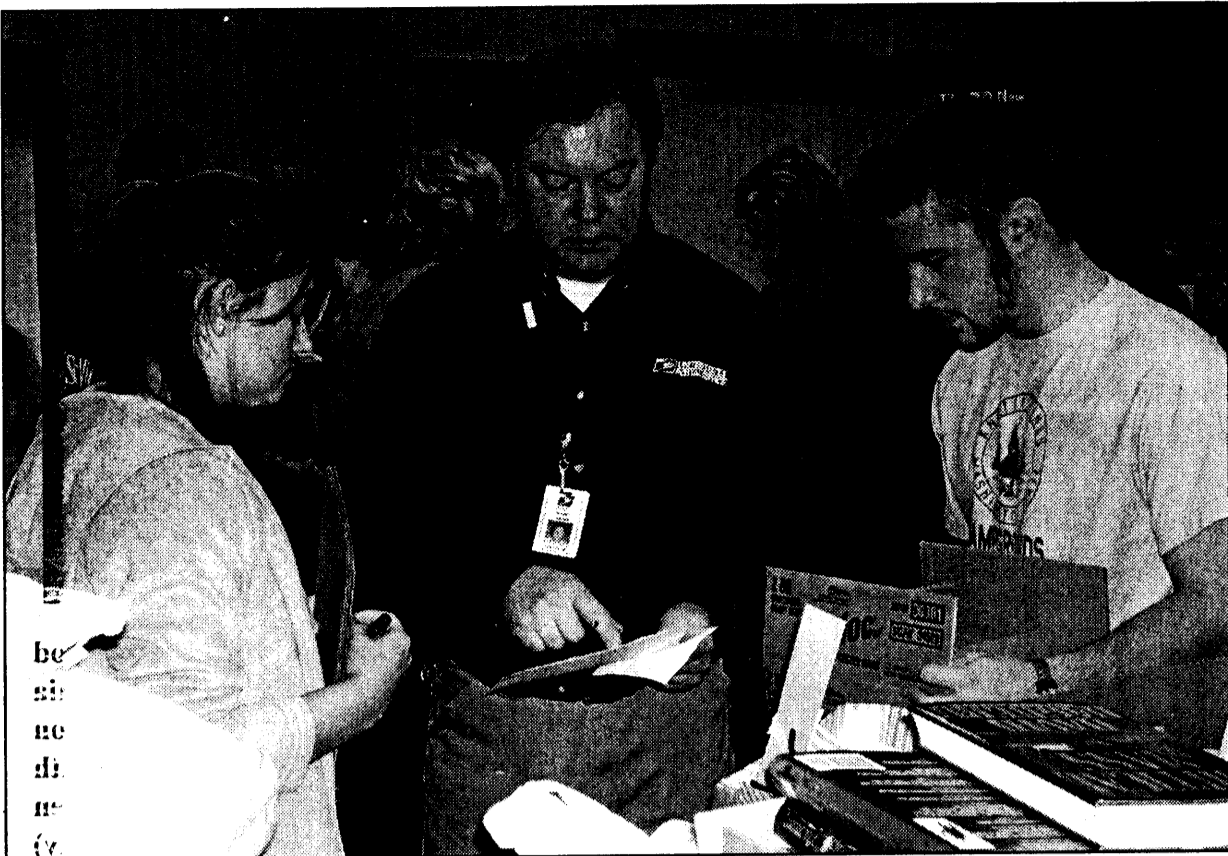
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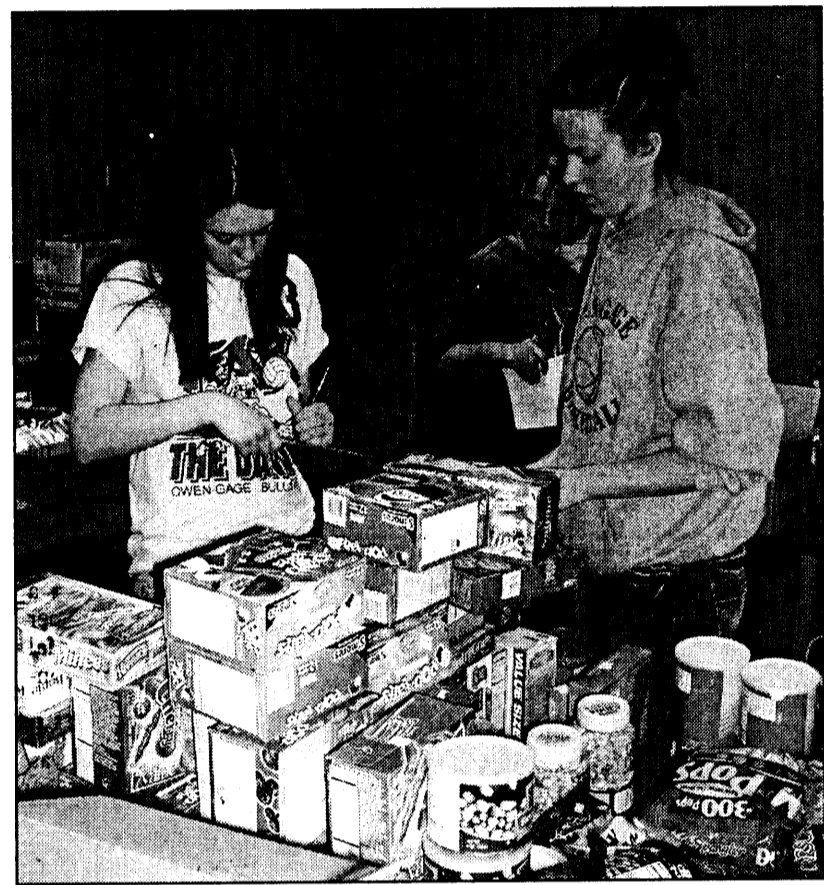
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CASS CITY POSTMASTER Bob Garske explains the proper way to label care packages overseas to Owen-Gage seniors Amber Pillsbury and Josh McLaren during the mass military mailing hosted by Baker College in Cass City.



OWEN-GAGE HIGH School juniors Courtney Lester (left) and Bethany Kovach keep track of items as they prepare to fill a care package for a serviceman last week. (See story, page one)

Caregivers programs scheduled

As the population continues to age and the baby boomers head into their 70s and 80s, the number of people with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias is expected to grow.

The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, reported that in 2002 there were approximately 1,100 persons with Alzheimer's Disease in Tuscola County. By the year 2030, this number is expected to reach over 3,000. Almost 80 percent of these people are cared for by friends or family members.

The Human Development Commission continues to provide education and support to our caregivers throughout Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

Upcoming events include:

* Thursday, Nov. 16 - "Legal Ease for Caregiver's", 5-8 p.m., Sanilac County Creative Enterprises Building, Sandusky. Please call for reservations for this session. (989) 673-4121.

* Friday, Dec. 8 - Huron County Tech Center, Bad Axe, 11 a.m. (lunch included). "A Season for Caregivers." Call for reservations for this event.

For additional information, contact Communications Director Dale Perz or Executive Director Mary Ann Vandemark at (989) 673-4121.

Colleen Hawley

Colleen P. Hawley, 82, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006 at Bay Regional Medical Center, Bay City.

She was born Feb. 18, 1924 in Reese, the daughter of the late Ambrose and Laura (Dorance) Thorp.

She married Leonard Hawley Feb. 1, 1945 in Ellington Township. He died Oct. 30, 2006.

Hawley worked as a housekeeper at Hills and Dales General Hospital, retiring in 1985.

She is survived by her children: George (Lois) Hawley of Minden City, James (Kim) Hawley of Arizona, Diane Smith of Baldwin, Sandra (Wil) Craig of Cass City and Ronald (Pam) Hawley of Cass City; 14 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; siblings: Ward (the late Veta) Thorp of Texas, Paul (Arlene) Thorp of Sanford, Fred (the late Jenny) Thorp of Owendale, Vera (the late Don) Markhart of Reese and Harriet (Jerry) Creason of Tennessee.

Hawley was preceded in death by a son: Mark; and brothers: Jack and Robert Thorp.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 12, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Judy Eskilsen officiating.

Burial was in the Ellington Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation or to Thumb Area Dialysis.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Barbara Jamieson

Barbara A. Jamieson, 77, of Owendale, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006 at Tendercare of Cass City.

She was born April 24, 1929 in Owendale, the daughter of the late Charles and Frieda (Engelhard) Edler. She married Dale Jamieson July 31, 1948 in Linkville. He died Oct. 31, 2002.

Jamieson was employed at Rapson's Market in Gagetown for several years. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville.

Jamieson is survived by her children: Linda (Jim) Roe of Gagetown, Joanne (John) Rinke of Fenton, Larry Jamieson of Arlington, Va., and David (Mary) Jamieson of Owendale; 9 grandchildren; and a brother, Charles (Gerry) Edler.

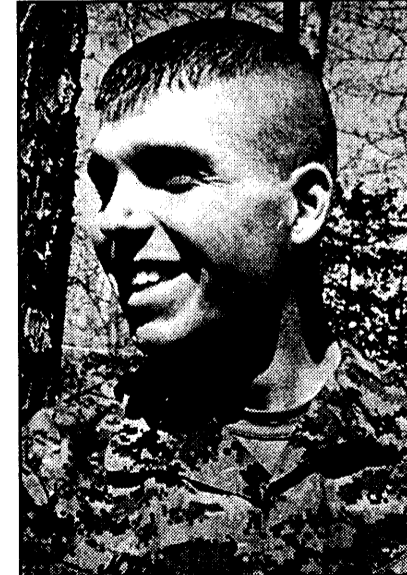
Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 9, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville, with the Rev. Lee C. Wensky officiating.

Interment was in the Grant Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to the St. Paul Lutheran Building Fund.

Edward Johnson

Cpl. Edward Wesley "Eddy" Johnson, Jr. (USMC), 26, of Katy, Texas, died Thursday, Nov. 9, in San Antonio, Texas, as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.



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THE CASS CITY HIGH School Class of 1956 recently held its 50th reunion at Northwood Meadows in Cass City. Classmates came from as far away as Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia and Ohio to attend. They include (back row) Colin Connell, Jerry Perry, Jack Perry, Don Finkbeiner, Yvonne (Krohn) Greer, Alvin McKee, Wayne Whittaker, Jim McCarthy, Keith O'Dell, Alvin Evans, (second row) Joan (Seeley) Ware, Nancy (Alexander) Grady, Caren (Cummings) Clara, Grace (Kanaby) Kamrad, Ruth (Seurynck) Cummings, Mary (Donnelly) Simon, Joyce (Morell) Neal, Audrey (Anker) Short, Janet (Fields) Rayl, Joyce (McClellan) Stevens, Janice (Bartle) Jones, Judy (Howell) Bryden, Gerald Kelley, (first row) Beverly (McClory) Frank, Sharon (Ackerman) Lawson, Reva (Hutchinson) Dillon, Norma (Guinther) Szarapski, Marilyn (Horner) Lester, Louella (Spencer) Kerbyson, Carol (Hulien) Connell, (kneeling) Marge (Follman) Feebish, Marlene (Ricketts) Milner, Dale Isler, Beverly (McComb) Rasmussen and Karen (Otis) Wills. Missing is Charles Patterson.

Several appear on felony charges

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

•Robert L. Brashaw, 45, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of a short-barreled shotgun, carrying a concealed weapon, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony June 28 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$150,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Adam M. Rupperecht, 22, Reese, pleaded guilty to fleeing a police officer, assaulting a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor June 4 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Michael A. Lasiewicki, 50, Caro, pleaded no contest to fleeing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, May 19 in Cass City/Elmwood Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Scott A. Nelson, 48, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Dec. 10 in Vassar.

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

•Jeffrey Patrick-Scott McIntosh, 18, Cass City, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Oct. 8 in Cass City.

The plea was taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued bond at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Ronald W. Russell, 64, Reese, was

sentenced to 8 to 25 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to home invasion March 26 in Indianfields Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,220.

•Amanda M. Lee, 24, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 270 days in the county jail, with work release, for her pleas of guilty to 2 counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder July 16-18 in Almer Township, and to larceny from a motor vehicle and conspiracy to commit larceny from a motor vehicle July 18 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

She was also ordered to pay a combined \$1,160 in costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

•Eric Sanchez, 22, Grand Rapids, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 171 days in jail, with work release, for his convictions on 2 counts of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and one count of possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) May 20 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,520.

•Jamie L. Beyette, 21, Saginaw, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for pleas of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change of address within 10 days, and by failing to comply with reporting duties under the same act between April 16 and Oct. 31, 2005, in Millington. He also pleaded no contest to 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving personal injury to the victim June 13 in Millington.

Beyette was also ordered to pay \$700 in costs and fines.

•Terrance R. Damm, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and alcohol consumption by a minor May 6 in Vassar.

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

•Jeremy L. Fuller, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to larceny of a firearm between November 2004 and May 2005 in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be set.

•Ryan John-Allen Wutzke, 21, Cass

City, stood mute during his arraignment on 3 counts of uttering and publishing and 3 counts of forgery allegedly involving checks for \$300, \$500 and \$600, all drawn on Thumb National Bank; obtaining money by false pretenses; and larceny of less than \$200 Sept. 17-18 in Cass City. He also stood mute to 2 counts of uttering and publishing allegedly involving checks for \$600; 5 counts of forgery allegedly involving checks for \$200, \$500 and \$600; obtaining money by false pretenses; and larceny in a building Sept. 30-Oct. 4 in Almer Township; and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the cases and bond was continued at a combined \$35,000.

Physician relocates his office

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Care packages

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said Garske, referring to Baker College's location just south of the post office.

In the end, he reported that a small army of volunteers numbering about 50 people packed 230 boxes with a whopping 2,200 pounds of items. "We just packed and packed until we couldn't pack anymore," Garske noted.

Thanks to several financial donations, including a sizable check from the District 10 Veterans of Foreign Wars, postage was more than covered as well.

"We went into this thinking we might have \$2,000, and we doubled that. I'll bet we had just under \$4,000," he said, adding the \$1,000 that was left over will be used to purchase international calling cards for the troops.

The mail day, Garske indicated, was a long one, but very satisfying for everyone involved.

"It was wonderful. I'm sore. Boy, that was a lot," he said. "It was fun, though, I needed the uplift."

The bottom line, according to Garske, is that the project benefited men and women whose courage and willingness to sacrifice make it possible for everyone else to go about their routines every day back home. "You boil down all the politics and these (servicemen and women) are what you have left, and they're the most important thing."

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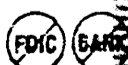
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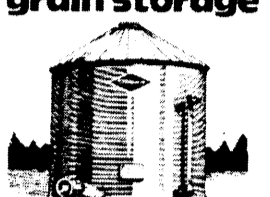
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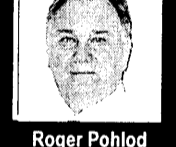
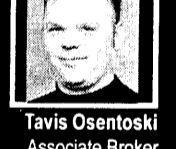

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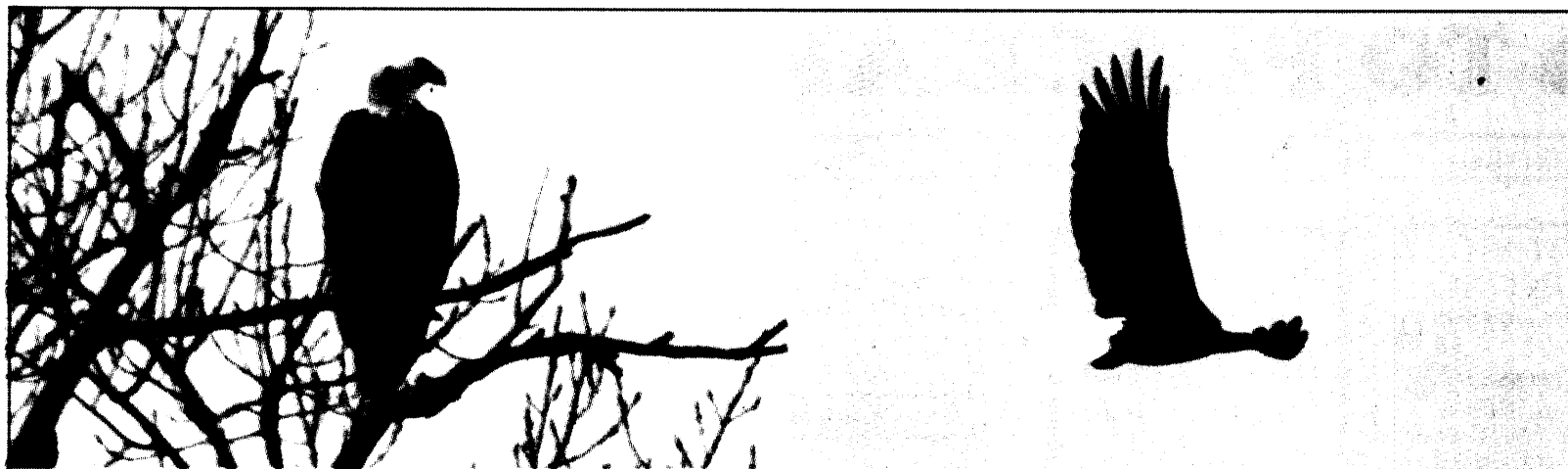
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BALD EAGLE SIGHTINGS have become more and more frequent in the Thumb area in recent years. This eagle was spotted in a tree Friday near the corner of Doerr Road and Division Street in Cass City.

Volunteers always welcome at dinner

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hosting the event last year. It's an ideal location with wonderful kitchen facilities, and the church membership has opened its arms to the community again this year, Mills said.

The dinner was started nearly 20 years ago, and the organizers have been very successful in promoting the meal for what it is - an opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving as a community, especially those residents who might otherwise spend the holiday alone.

The dinner committee has also done an admirable job of explaining what the event is not - an all-hours restaurant (the community dinner is served starting at noon, but those who show up later in the afternoon might be out

of luck) or a soup kitchen for the poor (the meal is free, but it's not a charity event).

"The idea grew out of people having to sit home alone, people who don't have family in the area," Mills has said. "The purpose was to sit as a family and community."

The idea proved popular. About 80 dinners were served that first year, and attendance has grown steadily since, although Mills recalled that Old Man Winter's arrival last year cut what has become the average attendance - about 300 people - in half.

"We had guys shoveling the sidewalk," Mills recalled. "It (storm) hit that morning, if I remember right, and it was pretty wicked."

The dinner has remained a community affair. All of the food and labor

is donated. The Knights of Columbus, for example, has purchased the turkeys for a number of years. Local high school students, meanwhile, prepare the dressing, which is cooked by employees at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Some area businesses also donate to the cause, and most of the local service clubs and churches are involved in one way or another.

Still, it's a big job for such a small group of volunteers, who typically prepare and serve about 16 turkeys, 30 dozen dinner rolls, 180 pounds of potatoes, 2 roasters full of squash, 3 large roasters of dressing, several pounds of cooked vegetables and dozens of pies.

Anyone interested in volunteering or making a donation towards the

event is asked to contact Mills at 872-5114. Residents can also make a contribution by stopping in at Chemical Bank in Cass City.

Teacher Mini-grant available

The DTE Energy Foundation is accepting applications for its Energy and Our World Mini-grants for Educators program. The program has awarded more than \$750,000 since 1990 to teachers statewide to fund energy-related projects that encourage students' curiosity and excitement about energy, science, math and the environment.

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Brown gearing up

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CONGRESS

selves. In Lansing, we need to get the sides to work together. I've been told that's impossible, that it's the most partisan place in the world. The same people told me I had no chance of winning this office."

Brown said that getting the state budget under control will be among his priorities.

"So much is riding on it. We need a workable job package and find a way to keep our jobs here," he said. "To do these things we need to listen to everyday people. We need a government that is smarter than it's been and one that is much more responsive to our citizens."

In the meantime, Brown is preparing for his new role as a legislator.

"I'm continuing my crash course by attending meetings and meeting people who are in the trenches," he said. "I'm back at work in my principal's job at the Huron Learning Center, finishing out the year."

My new job starts in January, but as much as I need a little break, I feel I need to do so much to be effective that I can't wait," he added. "I am now carrying a new, awesome responsibility, and although it's heavy, I owe our area so much that I will do my very best to represent us and bring hope that things will be getting better soon."

In other election results last week:

STATE OFFICES

In an election that saw a record turnout of 53 percent (3.8 million voters in Michigan) for a non-presidential election, incumbent Democrat Gov. Jennifer Granholm held off a stiff challenge from Grand Rapids Republican Dick DeVos, earning more than 56 percent of the vote statewide.

In the Thumb, officials in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties all reported high voter turnouts, with nearly half of Tuscola County voters casting ballots.

Incumbent Republican Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land, meanwhile, defeated Democratic challenger Carmella Sabaugh. Tuscola County voters gave Land a majority of their votes (13,250 compared to 8,447 for Sabaugh), as did Huron County voters (9,080 to Sabaugh's 4,510).

Likewise, incumbent Attorney General Mike Cox, Republican, kept his job by defeating Democratic challenger Amos Williams. The vote in Tuscola County was 12,517 to 8,728 in favor of Cox, and in Huron County, 8,702 to 4,491, again in favor of Cox.

U.S. Democratic Senator Debbie Stabenow defeated Republican challenger Michael Bouchard, with Tuscola County residents giving her the edge, 12,100 votes to 9,958 votes for Bouchard. Huron County voters supported Stabenow 7,784 votes to 6,154.

Veteran Congressman Dale Kildee, whose 5th District includes portions of the Thumb, also was victorious, beating Republican challenger Eric J. Klammer. Tuscola County voters supported Kildee, 13,747 votes to 7,755 votes.

Also winning re-election was popular Democratic incumbent state Senator Jim Barcia in the 31st District, comprised of Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Arenac and Bay counties. Barcia, who defeated newcomer Zachary Nuncia, received a majority of votes in all 3 Thumb counties - (Tuscola, 15,737-6,038), (Sanilac, 10,003-5,482), and Huron (10,728-3,002).

Thumb Ag Day slated in December

Thumb Ag Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Ubyly Heights Country Club in Ubyly.

The program this year will feature bio-energy educational opportunities, along with a chance to visit with more than 75 agribusinesses that will have exhibits at this year's program. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and remain open until 4 p.m. for participants to view exhibits and attend educational programs, which start at 9:30 a.m.

This year's education programs will include: "A Market Update" by Dr. Jim Hilker, Michigan State University Agricultural Economics Department; "Thumb Ag Year-end Review" by Martin Nagelkirk, Sanilac County MSU Extension director, and David Pratt, Tuscola County MSU Extension agricultural education; and "Methamphetamine Training" by Jim Mantey, Huron County MSU Extension agricultural education. Two Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) credits will be available from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Lunch is optional at \$6 per person, admission otherwise is free. For more information, please call a local MSU Extension Office in Huron County at (989) 269-9949, Sanilac County at (810) 648-2515, or Tuscola County at (989) 672-3870.

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