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## Rawson receives top state award

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City may be considered a small fish in a big pond among Michigan libraries, but when it comes to service, Director Kate VanAuken and her staff are giants.

At least that's the opinion of the Library of Michigan Foundation, which last week named Rawson Memorial Library the 2007 State Librarian's Excellence Award winner for exemplary public service.

The foundation annually presents the prestigious honor, which includes a trophy and \$5,000 in privately raised funds to be used for library service, to one Michigan library.

The award announcement was made by state Librarian Nancy Robertson during the Michigan Library Association annual conference Thursday in Lansing. Awards were also presented to libraries in Sault Sainte Marie and Marquette.

"Especially in these difficult economic times, libraries matter more than ever, and these 3 are shining examples of why library use increases during tough times," Robertson said.

"These libraries, and many others across the state, continually strive to find the best possible way to meet the ever-changing information needs of Michigan residents, whether it's helping people find jobs, improve their health, expand their knowledge, achieve educational success or sim-

ply enrich their lives."

"When I first received the mailing in August describing this award, I thought that a class 3 library would have no chance of winning and I almost threw the application away," VanAuken recalled. "Then I thought about my community, staff and board, and I thought I owed it to them and myself to go for it.

"In many ways I am fortunate that my library is in a small rural community, because everyone knows the library and its reputation. In these (past) 5 years we have passed 2 library millage renewals and one new millage. That speaks volumes about the support our library receives from the community," added VanAuken, who noted several members of the community wrote letters in support of the library's application for this year's excellence award.

"I truly believe that our commitment to customer service for our district and beyond is a testament to my supportive library board and incredible, dedicated staff," she said.

Robertson agreed. "Though a relatively small library in a relatively small community, the Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City has demonstrated a big-time ability and dedication to thinking outside the box," she said.

In partnership with a bookstore, the library has created its own online bookstore, an idea that began as a way to fill a need for rural patrons. Now, for its initial cost of a \$300 annual fee to the book company, the library provides the community with access to more than 6 million newly published items for sale, and earns 10 percent of all the sales.

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RAWSON MEMORIAL Library Director Kate VanAuken (left) accepted the 2007 State Librarian's Excellence Award for exceptional, innovative service, from State Librarian Nancy Robertson Thursday in Lansing.

## GAME WARDEN

### Smith: CO work dangerous, rewarding

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Among law enforcement careers, Jason Smith probably couldn't have chosen a more dangerous job, largely because more often than not the people he encounters day in and day out are armed.

Still, Smith, 36, enjoys being a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officer (CO).

"I tell people it's the best job in the state of Michigan. It is a great job," said Smith, an Oakland County native who is now among a handful of COs who cover an expansive area in the Thumb and beyond.

It's also a unique job. Conservation officers are fully commissioned peace officers, empowered to enforce all laws of the state of Michigan, and with good reason. They support and assist state and local law enforcement agencies in a variety of domestic, traffic and public safety situations.

COs have to know constitutional law, but they also need to be able to identify every species of Michigan fish. They must be able to make a felony arrest as well as field dress a white-tailed deer and load it into a patrol truck by themselves.

COs wear the standard gray and green police uniform with special shoulder patches. They travel in marked patrol trucks and carry weapons similar to what the Michigan State Police have. They work out of their homes, answering calls from dispatchers and the Report All Poaching (RAP) hotline, as well as from concerned citizens.

And, they make their own schedules, which include working all hours of the day and night, often in inclement

weather.

"It's purely a law enforcement job, but it's a completely different job than any other law enforcement job," said

"It starts with Labor Day with the goose season. The fall is a rush from there on out," he added.

"Typically (during deer hunting sea-

*"You don't do it for the pay, you don't do it because you don't have anything else to do with your free time. You have to believe in what you're doing"*

— CO Jason Smith

Smith, who has worked as a CO since 1998. "I started in Sanilac County and worked out there, but the Thumb is one whole area," he added, noting the region covers Tuscola, Sanilac, Huron and Bay counties. "Three years ago I transferred over to Tuscola County."

Smith said his job is demanding, especially considering CO numbers have dwindled over the years, forcing those officers still on duty to cover more territory.

Add to that the fact that each officer is basically a one-man department, handling everything from confronting suspects to processing a scene to requesting an arrest warrant.

"When you figure that we're given 80 hours a pay period (2 weeks), we are on far less than 24-hour schedules. On any given day, there's something I could be doing, or a call can come in at any time," he said. "I can't tell you the last time I worked an 80-hour pay period."

Smith said spring and fall bring the most demanding workload, and the upcoming regular firearm season will add to the mix of calls he receives.

son) it's going to be a whole lot of road-hunt complaints, and a lot of trespassing complaints," he explained, noting hunters with loaded firearms in their vehicles, and those shooting onto another person's property are big safety concerns because someone unfamiliar with another's property could easily be shooting at a home they can't see.

Because of the sheer size of their territories, COs often can't make it to the scene of a reported hunting violation in time to catch the violator red-handed.

"With our reduced numbers and increased responsibilities, we're put into a situation where we have to prioritize our calls," said Smith who indicated incidents involving firearms are high on that list. And, he pointed out, "We do rely heavily on other law enforcement departments" to assist us. "We also rely heavily on the good sportsmen, doing things the way it should be done, to call."

Calls made to the RAP hotline - 1-800-292-7800 - get Smith's attention and determine, to some extent, where he concentrates his time and energy.

Even then, he finds himself traveling fair distances to respond. On Thursday for example, his log sheet including a "shots fired" call at 1:15 a.m. in Watertown Township and another, involving an "on-going suspicious situation" in Koylton Township. He also received a call involving a hunter with an illegal number of deer in Dayton Township, and a reported injured hawk in Saginaw County.

Smith acknowledged the personal risk involved in his job. In fact, national statistics show that COs are the most likely law enforcement officers to be assaulted.

"I can't tell you how many police officers tell me I'm nuts," he joked. But the potential for getting hurt is real when dealing with some individuals. "Everybody has a weapon, whether it's an edged weapon or firearm. I expect everyone I come into

## Training, skill are keys to being conservation officer

A career as a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officer (CO) is extremely rewarding for those who have an interest in law enforcement and a desire to protect natural resources, but the road to becoming a CO involves plenty of training.

The educational requirements are a high school diploma or GED, although college experience is recommended in the areas of natural resources sciences, criminal justice, sociology and communication arts.

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) certifies CO recruits as peace officers, according to DNR Law Enforcement Division officials, who say recruit COs attend a 22-week basic police recruit school academy.

The legal training is focused on natural resources, constitutional and general criminal laws. Recruits also receive daily training in physical fitness, stress reduction and ethics. After completing the academy, recruits participate in an 18-week probationary training program in which they work at several temporary field assignments throughout Michigan with field training COs.

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### Cass City students honor veterans

CASS CITY VETERANS, from left, Bruce Sherman, Martin Tworck, Lawrence Englehart and Oscar Brooks salute the flag during Friday's reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at the middle school. The students' tribute to the heroes included a video presentation, singing and speeches.

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, November 15

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.  
 AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Diner.  
 Genealogy Group meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.  
 Multiple Sclerosis and Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. For more information, call Deb at (989) 912-6185.

### Friday, November 16

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.  
 Early On Preschool Program, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.  
 Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

### Saturday, November 17

Young Adult (YA) Book Club meeting, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.  
 NO Hunters' Brunch at the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

### Monday, November 19

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 20

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express meeting room, Bad Axe. For more information, call Annette Johnson at (989) 864-3779, Lynn Ferris at (989) 912-6319, or Rita Gruber at 1-800-843-6394.  
 Heartland Hospice Grief Group Lunch, 1 p.m., Gilligan's. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

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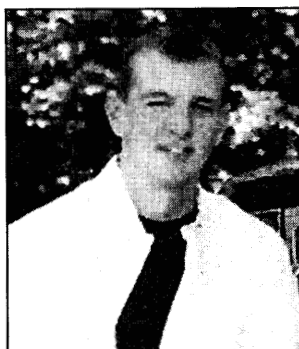
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## J. Sanders completes his training



**Binder top pupil**

**Brian Binder**

Army Pvt. Justin M. Sanders has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the 9 weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Sanders is the son of Cal and Yolanda Hayward of Kingston. He is a 2007 graduate of Marlette High School.

## Christmas concert set in Sanilac

The Sanilac Community Symphonic Band will host its annual Christmas concert Saturday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Sanilac Career Center, located south of Sandusky, just east of M-19 on Aitken Road.

During this year's concert, the band will be playing selections such as Henry Mancini's Carol for Another Christmas, Fantasy on a Bell Carol by Edward J. Madden, and P.I. Tchaikowski's Themes from the Nutcracker Suite.

There will be door prizes and refreshments after the concert. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Brian Binder has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for November.

Binder has been active in sports throughout high school. He played basketball his freshman and sophomore years and plans on playing as a senior. He was also a member of the football team his junior year and also plans to play baseball in his senior year. Binder has been a member of the Owen-Gage Equestrian Team the past 2 years. As a junior, he was selected as a second team all-district athlete.

Binder was a class representative for homecoming as a junior and was nominated by the student body to vie for homecoming king this year. A 3-year member of the Owen-Gage Band, he is an active member of Huron County's 4-H chapters, including the 4-Bs and Lucky Horseshoe.

Binder is the son of Jeffrey and Leeann Rajewski of Gagetown. After graduation, he plans to attend IIT Technical Institute to study biomedical engineering.



**THE CROWLEY** Chiropractic offices of Pigeon, Caseville, Cass City, Sebawaing and Bad Axe recently presented a \$1,500 donation to the United Hospice Service of Marlette Regional Hospital following a successful golf tournament held at Uby Heights Golf Club. Pictured above are (from left) Jeff Crowley, Colleen Crowley, Joan Whitson and Rae Ann Kreiner, United Hospice Service director.

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## U-M women meet

Twenty-four United Methodist Women met for a noon luncheon Nov. 5. Connie Schwaderer and Shirley Wisenbach along with group one prepared and served the luncheon. Jules Holmes was a guest.

Schwaderer announced that at the district meeting held in Marysville, the unit was presented with a certificate honoring it for being a 5-star unit. The unit also received the Garnet Award.

Sherryl Seeley announced the pro-

gram for the All Women's Church Christmas Dinner to be held Dec. 3, will be Pony Baldwin from the Ann Arbor area. Judy Wallace is in charge of the decorations and Louise Buehly will head up the dinner menu.

Joan Merchant gave the program for the World Bank. The program stated that the U.S. gives more aid to Africa than any other country.

The meeting was concluded by packing goodie boxes for 27 college students and servicemen.

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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Regular readers of this trivia know that items about finding pennies have been frequent visitors, sandwiched among many other inconsequential notes that sometimes brings a chuckle or 2.

Many of the most interesting have been contributed by readers. The following poem was provided by Marilyn Erla, Cass City.

I found a penny today  
Just lying on the ground  
But it's not just a penny  
This little coin I've found.

He said when Angels miss you,  
They toss a penny down,  
Sometimes just to cheer you up  
To make a smile out of a frown

Found pennies come from heaven  
That's what my Grandpa told me,  
He said Angels toss them down  
Oh, how I loved that story.

So don't pass by that penny  
When you are feeling blue,  
It may be a penny from heaven  
That an Angel tossed to you.

P.S. Attached to the card with the poem was a shiny penny. P.P.S. I kept it.

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Cass Cityans who have a summer home or live on the shores of Saginaw Bay in the Sleeper State Park area can attest that right now, at least, there is stark evidence that the water is receding. There is now 8 to 10 feet more shoreline than there was earlier in the year.

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# Cass City Cash is available again

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce is asking area residents to support their local businesses during the Cass City Open House, which is being held Sunday, Nov. 18, from noon to 4 p.m.

The chamber of commerce, located in the municipal building, will be open that day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to sell Cass City Cash. Remember, Cass City

Cash is 10 percent over the amount you request. Therefore, if you give the Chamber of Commerce \$100 in U.S. funds, it will give you \$110 in Cass City Cash.

The chamber will also have flyers available in the municipal building that day, outlining every special event and sale being provided by local businesses participating in the Cass City Open House.

**The Haire Net**

*Weighty issue up for debate*



I've been trying, without much success, to turn over a new leaf and write this column when it should be written - a week or more before it is published.

The snag is to find a topic that is appropriate for a small town newspaper. That most times rules out items of a national scope for 2 reasons. One, it is ably reported by television and big newspaper writers and 2, readers don't turn to hometown weeklies for earth-shaking news events.

What they come to papers like the Chronicle for are stories that touch people they know, or the local community at large.

All of this is prologue for commentary about a story in the Detroit News. When first scanned it provided a pleasant surge because the headline read, "Few extra pounds may block some fatal ills."

That touches me and a lot of others who continually fight the battle of the bulge. If you believe that, it's open season. How about a double cheeseburger, fries and a milk shake? It's necessary for better health according to a study of decades of government data about more than 39,000 Americans.

The study indicates that being overweight increases the risk of dying from diabetes and kidney disease, but not cancer or heart disease. And some extra pounds actually protect against a host of other diseases.

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association says, in part, that being overweight is not a situation where excess weight increases mortality in all cases.

That's endorsed by experts and ridiculed by other experts. A Harvard professor is quoted in the Detroit News as saying "..... It's just rubbish.....From a health standpoint, it's definitely undesirable to be overweight."

The issue is not yet definitely decided. The research team is working

to expand the original findings by examining data from later surveys and the individual causes of death.

I'd love to be able to jump on that bandwagon, but would also love to take my chances on a 15-pound weight reduction. And keep it off.

## A. Badgley finishes her naval training



Andrea Badgley

Andrea Badgley, daughter of Jim and Kristina Russell and Tracey Badgley, graduated Nov. 2, from naval basic training at Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago, Ill.

A 2007 graduate of Cass City High School, she currently is stationed in Gulfport, Miss., at the Navy Construction Training Center in preparation for entry into the U.S. Navy Sea Bees.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

I always look forward to deer season, but I'm not real concerned about shooting a deer. My son always gets one, and his wife doesn't like venison, so we get to eat most of his.

That's fairly common, I guess. A lot of wives don't like venison. Maybe they were spoiled as children, or maybe someone is giving them some bad venison?

I do my own cutting when I get a deer — and help my son with his. It's a job the way I do it. It takes me half a day to get ready and the other half to cut the deer. (A good butcher would do it in about an hour.)

I'm one of the few people who cuts meat in his office. This has surprised the UPS folks a few times.

Some of my cuts may not show up in a meatcutting manual, but I get the job done. Once in awhile I'll make an especially interesting cut of meat and Russ will ask, "What do you call this?"

"Venison," I tell him.

I have an old extension service bulletin that does an excellent job of describing how to bone out a deer. I used to read it, but now I just lay it on the table for good luck.

My friend Bud came over to watch me cut venison one year, but he never came back. Maybe he learned everything a person needs to know?

I took one look at my booklet, picked up a knife, and just went berserk. I used to shear sheep the same way. I

tried to make fewer cuts, though.

Cutting venison is easier than shearing sheep, but there is a learning curve. I've learned how many bones there are in a deer, for example. I don't know why they need so many. They sure get in the way when you cut up the venison.

I've noticed the front leg of a deer has several round bones, a flat one, and a couple of diagonals. I just call them leg bones and cut the meat for hamburger.

I've learned the back of the deer includes the loin eye muscle, or "back strap" as the hunters call it. I butterfly this and call it chops.

I told Bud, "If I cut around this leg bone, I can separate the meat from the pelvic bone, or whatever that is. Then I can cut and pull these muscles apart."

"I cut most of this into round steaks. Everything that doesn't make steaks or chops goes into hamburger."

Any part of the deer that doesn't look good goes to the dog. I learned that from a butcher years ago.

The butcher said a fellow brought in a deer a few days earlier, and the neck was really messed-up. The hunter admitted his deer was hanging too low in the barn, and the dog had been chewing on the neck.

"That's O.K.," the hunter said. "I'll give that to my mother-in-law. She likes to make mince meat."

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## "The Maroon and White"

by Lauren Hudson

The senior year is sometimes a hectic, stressful, fun, easy, and (sometimes) hard year. A senior has the responsibilities of an adult and yet is still treated like a child. Some seniors have to apply to college, schedule college visits, have a job, apply for scholarships, keep their grades up, prepare for the workforce, have fun with friends, and find themselves. Scarlett Helland, an 18-year-old senior, is planning on attending one of her "top 3" colleges: MSU, GVSU, or CMU. She is planning on studying business management at one of those places. "I'm nervous about the application process...I'm kinda worried, because

I'm getting married next year too...so, I'll be starting school and a family," she said. Even though she has a lot of work and all, she still manages to have fun as a senior. But Helland says she will miss some people, her family. Heather Moore, 18-year-old senior, wants to go to either Baker College or Saint Clair. She wants to study to be an elementary school teacher. Heather claims she isn't nervous. "No, not at all...I can't wait (to leave)," she said. Ready for college, Moore is anxious to go and, as a senior, she smiled and told me she can't stand being a senior, "I can't wait to leave!" But, in the meantime, she is keeping herself busy with work, school and friends.

## Several appear in circuit court

The following people appeared last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court on various criminal charges: Jennifer L. Kaltz, 26, Caro, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder last May-June in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled. Tracy D. Jackson, 37, Caro, was sentenced to 2 1/2 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to bribing a witness between March 11 and Aug. 27 in Caro, and guilty to 2 counts of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny between March 10 and March 12, also in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$360 plus restitution of \$187.83. Jessy J. Johnson, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 300 days in the county jail and 24 months probation for his plea of no contest to assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder May 17 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,320 in costs and fines. Oscar W. Desimpelaere II, 29, Bay City, pleaded no contest to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, March 27-29 in Wisner Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set. Sarah S. Woodhull, 27, Caro, was found guilty of second degree child abuse March 12, 2005, in Caro, following a 2-day jury trial last week. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Bradley W. Blackmer, 40, Millington, was sentenced to 18 months to 5 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 11, 2004, in Millington/village of Caro, and to absconding or forfeiting bond Feb. 1, 2005, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$360 plus restitution of \$95. Lori N. Smith, 23, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred) and 24 months probation for her plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury Nov. 26 in Tuscola Township.

She was also ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay \$1,740 in costs and fines. Robert A. Jones, 49, Kingston, was sentenced to 30 days in jail (deferred) and 18 months probation for his plea of no contest to attempted felonious assault April 17, 2006, in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,820 plus restitution of \$10,950.76. Shannon P. Delong, 38, North Branch, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 8 in Arbel Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$820 in costs and fines. Andrew W. Jones, 18, Cass City, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to larceny in a building June 5 in Caro, and to delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance Jan. 22-23 in Cass City. He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,540 plus restitution

## Holiday to close office Nov. 22-23

The Tuscola County Recycling Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22-23 in observance of Thanksgiving. The regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuscola County Recycling is a non-profit county owned and operated recycling center funded, in part, by a recycling millage. For additional information, call (989) 672-1673 or email recycle@tuscolacounty.org.



## "The Taste of Ink"

by Becca Troop

A permanent display of art on your skin can be one of the best or worst experiences of your life. Tattoos seem to give teenagers a sense of control and an outlet for individual expression, but parents are more concerned with the health risks and if their teenager is ready to make such an important decision dealing with their bodies.

The generation our parents were brought up in is a completely different era than teenagers know today. Parents were typically raised when tattoos and piercings were generally seen on criminals, gang members and bikers. These groups of people didn't get tattoos to individually express artwork upon themselves, but to look rebellious and tough.

"Tattoos show independence," said Ben Viers. "Why not get one?" Many tattoos back then weren't sterile to have done. They were done in prison cells or seedy parlors without even thinking about safety. Parents these days are very strict with safety, and anything that could affect their child in such a negative way or harm them will not go over well. While parents may seem dead set against tattoos, there are many ways to convince them otherwise.

Obviously, as I have stated above, parents are concerned about infections and diseases that could come from getting a tattoo. What they don't know is that most tattoo and piercing studios today are cleaner than the average doctor's office. Tattoo artists are even trained extensively on safe handling and disposal

of equipment. Meaning that getting a tattoo isn't as dangerous as it might have been during a past generation. Another concern is that tattoos are permanent.

Of course, you can get them removed at a later age, but for a price much larger than you paid to have done. Making this type of a decision to get a tattoo at such a young age isn't what parents think might be appropriate. There are even laws in some states that if you're a minor you can't get a tattoo or piercing, even with parental consent.

Even with all of this positive information about getting tattoos, parents are very likely to deny any request to get one. The best thing to do would be to wait until it's legal for you to get a tattoo. It may seem like a long time, but at least there will be plenty of time to find out which tattoo you'd like and where you want it. It's a very important decision to permanently place a work of art on your body, something that needs to be thought about depending on how large or small it might be.

In my opinion, I think tattoos are a good way of expressing ourselves. They show that you can take some kind of pain to be able to get one, and depending on what tattoo you get, that tattoo can show the kind of person you truly are on the inside. People are encouraged every day to be an individual, to think outside of the box. Tattoos are exactly that, they're a way to set each person apart from everyone else and show the creativity and thoughts that are racing inside their head. Tattoos are a form of expression that should never be looked down upon.

## Letter to the Editor

### This movie was not appropriate for kids

Recently our child wanted to see a show at the theatre in town, so I called and talked to the owner to find out the rating for the movie "Heartbreak Kid". The owner told me it was rated R and said it wasn't appropriate for anyone under 12 - he said it was ok for anyone 12 and older.

After hearing what the owner had to say, we figured the R rating was for violence and language - the owner never said anything about the R rating for sexual content. We went with our child to watch the movie and were disgusted with the sexual content of the movie. Three of the scenes in the movie were not appropriate for anyone 17 years old and under, let alone anyone age 12.

When questioned about the sexual content, the owner said that kids these days know more than we think they do, but we feel that any child under 17 should not view that kind of sexual content, especially in a public theatre.

If we would have been told of the sexual content for the R rating, our child would never have been allowed to go to the show. The owner should

have told us of the sexual content when we called so we could choose what was appropriate for our child to watch, not him.

Concerned parents,  
Christina Lelito

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The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The letter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

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of \$70. Harold J. Deo III, 28, Mayville, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of no contest to embezzlement while employed at Mayville Shooters, Mayville, between Dec. 4, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2006. He was ordered to pay \$1,220 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$1,936.

Kelley W. Keinath, 43, Bay City, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of no contest to 2 counts of uttering and publishing involving an \$822 money order drawn on the U.S. Postal Service June 9, 2006, in Mayville. He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,260 plus restitution of \$1,440.

Lloyd J. Newsome III, 28, Caro, pleaded guilty to third degree home invasion Oct. 14 in Caro. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

David Edward-Irvin May, 24, Vassar, pleaded no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and attempted unarmed robbery Oct. 12 in Vassar Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$150,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

## Don't forget to renew your license

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is reminding residents heading south for the winter to renew their driver's licenses and plates before they leave Michigan.

"As you prepare for your trip to a warmer climate, remember to renew your licenses and plates so they don't expire while you're out of state," Land said. "It's one less thing you'll need to worry about during the winter, and it could save you from having to pay late fees."

People can renew plates for individually owned or leased cars, pickup trucks, vans and motorcycles up to 6 months before they expire. They must renew at a Secretary of State branch office. Company-owned passenger plates cannot be renewed early.

To renew a driver's license early, residents need to bring to a branch office their driver's license and glasses or contact lenses if they are needed to drive. Residents must also pass a vision screening before the renewal can be processed.

Residents can also renew license plates online, by touch-tone telephone, mail or at a self-service station up to 45 days before the plates expire. Online, touch-tone telephone and self-service station renewals require the use of a personal identification number (PIN), which is printed on the renewal notice.

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## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Final results of the Michigan Education Assessment Project (MEAP) tests for the Cass City High School class of 2002 have been released. Principal Jon Good reports that 76 members were merit award winners and qualified for \$2,500 scholarship award. Good reports that final figures were delayed until this fall because of changes in the system. This year, he predicts that the 2003 award winners will be known in the spring. To earn the grant, students must have earned level 1 (exceeds Michigan standards) or level 2 (meets Michigan standards) in each of 4 proficiencies. There are 5 subject areas in the test. Added for 2002 was social studies. It was not included in the requirements for a MEAP scholarship.

John Homakie will need to travel a little farther if he wants to continue to watch one of his daughters, Sara, compete in athletics. Sara, a graduate of Cass City where she starred in track, volleyball and basketball, is a freshman at Hope College. She played varsity volleyball this fall and her dad says that she is on the junior varsity basketball squad at the college. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Like farmers across America, researchers in Wisconsin are bringing in their soybeans this fall. But their crop was not grown in a field, but aboard the International Space Station. The research team has collected physical information from the first-ever soybean crop grown in space, and will now begin several months of chemical and biological analysis on the plants. The team will determine whether the low-gravity environment inside the Space Station has changed the chemical makeup of the soybeans.

### 10 YEARS AGO

The Rev. Eric Holmgren recently began serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cass City. He comes from West Branch, where he was senior pastor at Calvary Baptist Church for nearly 7 years.

Edwards Communications, a sister firm of Edwards Publications, owner of The Tuscola County Advertiser and Shoppers Advantage, has announced that it is in the process of acquiring Caro-based radio stations, AM1360 WKYO and 92.1 FM WIDL. "Arrangements are being made to get the stations back on the air Saturday," Edwards Vice-President and General Manager Jerry Edwards said last week. Negotiations towards the final acquisition are continuing. Edwards Publications has owned the Tuscola County Advertiser since July 1990. "We have enjoyed being part of the Caro and Tuscola County community," Edwards said. "We also believe that it is important for the community to have radio stations it can call its own, that they be maintained in Caro, and that they be oper-

ated by people who call Tuscola County home," he added.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Stan Guinther set a new record as the first to report bagging a buck. He showed up at the Chronicle before either Editor Mike Eliasohn or I got to work. No wise cracks please. We WERE here at the 8 o'clock opening. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Western Michigan University's last home game last Saturday, against Ohio University, ended with a 16-7 win for the players' fathers who were honored at Waldo Stadium. Larry Caper galloped 40 yards for the fourth quarter touchdown that clinched Western's victory. The triumph gave the Broncos a record of 7-2-1 overall, and 5-2-1 in the MAC. For the first time since 1966, Western won all of its home games. Mark McDonald, an Owendale-Gagetown High School graduate, leads his team in tackles for loss and is second on the team for tackles overall. He has been voted "Bronco of the Week" two times during the season. Mark's parents, Bud and Jeannette McDonald of Owendale, were in attendance at the game and among the parents of the seniors who were escorted onto the field by their sons just before game time, walking through an arch made up of all dads of the Broncos team. Each mom was presented with yellow and brown mums as they were introduced.

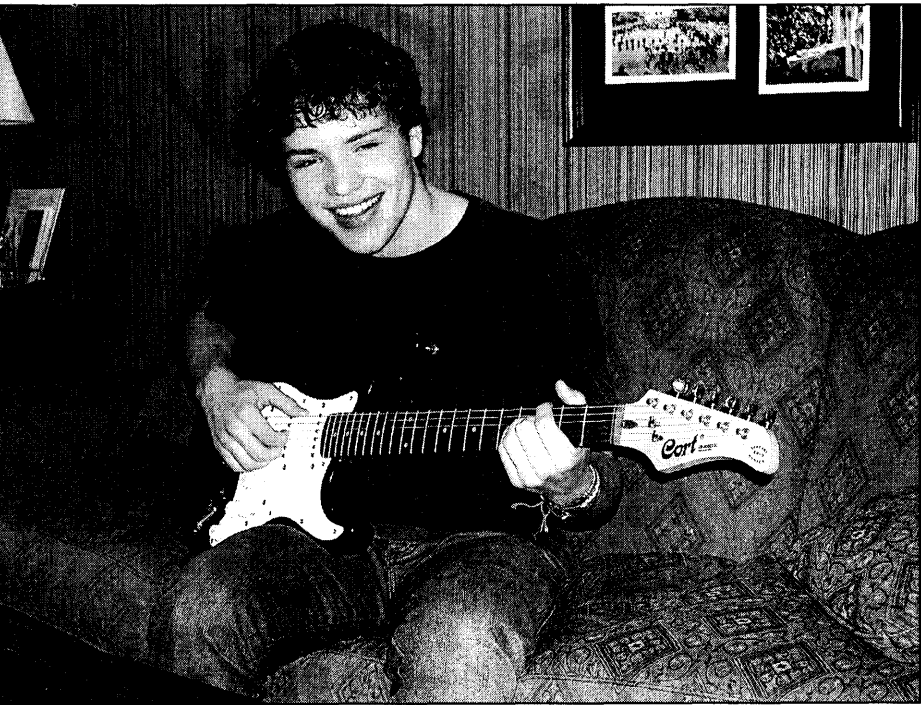
### 35 YEARS AGO

Another Cass City alumni moves up the ladder. Dave Binder former head basketball coach at Mattawan High School, has been appointed to the coaching staff at Kalamazoo College as assistant to head cage mentor Ray Sletten. Binder lettered in baseball, basketball and football at Cass City and played two years of varsity baseball at Central Michigan University. He gained state-wide fame in 1971 when he coached his team to a stall-

ing 8-overtime win over Parchment, 10-8. (From Rabbit Tracks)

A funny thing happened at the final football game of the year for the undefeated Cass City Red Hawks Friday night. Cass City fell behind early in the first quarter and no one seemed really worried. And as the game unfolded, all the confident Hawk players, coaches and fans proved to be right. Cass City walked away from Reese High School with a 37-20 victory to complete an undefeated season. Maybe the reason for the lack of concern was that in three previous games this year against clubs rated stronger than the Rockets, Cass City was able to come back to win. Anyway, it started as a "fun night" for the Hawks and after a brief flurry, in the second and third quarter it ended that way as the winners coasted in for the victory.

The Thumb's first and only lady basketball official is Mrs. Harriet Richards of Cass City. Not only is she the lone lady official in the Thumb, she may be the only woman anywhere who works basketball games with her husband as a co-official. The effervescent Mrs. Richards came up with the idea by herself and talked her reluctant husband into doing it with her. Russ wasn't all that eager to start. After all, his daily responsibilities as principal at Cass City High School kept him busy, busy, busy. Still, athletics has been a part of his life for more years than his life in administration so he said he'd give it a try. It's worked out fine, the graying Richards said with a grin. It's a change of pace, a family outing. Our boys go along with us. They are our biggest critics. For Richards it's been fun, but for Harriet it's been a ball. She's registered with the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the Central Michigan University board of women officials. Because she is, she gets more calls than her husband and works games with other officials.



**BRAZILIAN EXCHANGE** student Guilherme Felipe Plichoski is spending a year in Cass City under the auspices of the Cass City Rotary Club. He is currently staying with Jim and Debra Kranz, the first of 3 host families that have agreed to share their home with him.

### In Cass City community

## Student from Brazil enjoying his stay, can't wait for snow

Guilherme Felipe Plichoski still struggles with his English, but the personable 16-year-old is adjusting quickly, considering he's so far from his own home and the Portuguese he is used to speaking.

Plichoski is an exchange student spending a year in Cass City under the auspices of the Cass City Rotary Club. He has been in the United States for about 3 months and is currently living with Jim and Debra Kranz, the first of 3 host families he will have during his stay.

"A lot of people say it's (exchange program) a good experience, and I think so. I learn a lot of things - culture, and experience one year away from home, and to learn good English, too," said Plichoski, who hails from Sao Bento do Sul, Brazil, a city of about 80,000 people.

Plichoski attends a private school in Brazil and has studied English for 3 years, but he acknowledged the English spoken by his classmates at Cass City High School has taken some getting used to. "In the beginning it was a little challenging. It was difficult," he said.

"When I came here, my English was very bad. Not bad - it was just, I was needing to practice. It's easier now," he added. "I think it's good to learn. I'm pretty excited," he said. "I really want to do snowboarding and skiing."

The teen is also getting accustomed to a new school schedule. At home, the school day begins at 7:30 and is over by noon, he said, which leaves the afternoons to spend time with friends at a mall or each other's homes. On the weekends, he said, young people gather at various clubs in the

city. Like many other exchange students, Plichoski has found his classes in the United States to be much less challenging than at home, where students aren't allowed to use calculators in classes such as physics, and notes are never allowed when taking an exam. "It's easier here, but it's long," he said of his classes here. "It's almost all day."

Plichoski is making friends at school and getting involved in athletics, which are not part of school activities in his native Brazil. He was a member of the Red Hawk junior varsity football team and plans to compete in wrestling this winter.

"I am getting more healthy, I think. I have gym every day, we lift weights," Plichoski said, adding he enjoys eating salad for lunch each day instead of grabbing a bag of French fries.

He confided, however, that Brazilians love meat and plenty of salt. He smiled broadly and added, "This country is the best in sweets - I love the cookies."

Plichoski, who enjoys chatting with friends on his laptop, reading and weekly guitar lessons with Gagetown area resident Brian Mallory, is looking forward to a Michigan winter. "I've never seen snow, actually. I'm pretty excited," he said. "I really want to do snowboarding and skiing."

Before arriving in the United States, Plichoski tried not to have any expectations, and that attitude is paying off. "I tried to not expect so much. When you don't expect, you look for new things and everything's good," he said.

Plichoski has had the opportunity to experience some travel as well as various activities with his host family, including attending some concerts and a haunted house, and visiting Interlochen, where the Kranzes, where the Kranz's son, Adam, attends school. He's even made it to an MSU football game.

In the process, he's learning more about himself and the difference a year abroad can make in a young person's life.

"I think when we come back, our minds are so open. We grow," he said. "They (host family) take care of me, but it's like more independent."

The Kranzes, who have previously hosted 2 other exchange students, say the Rotary program provides students with an opportunity to not only experience life in another country, but to also experience life with more than one host family.

"This way, they get to see 3 different views, and each family lives a little differently," Jim Kranz commented. "It's enjoyable (for us). These exchange students are social, bright kids, and I enjoy showing kids things."

Plichoski said he would definitely recommend that his friends consider participating in the exchange program.

"They will have a lot of fun and experience of life," he said. "I like it because I am treated like I am here - like I belong here. This, I like."

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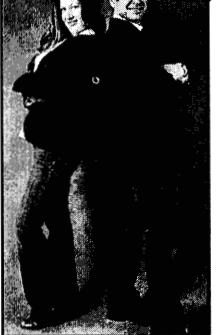
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FIRST PHEASANT HUNT. Cass City youth hunters, from left, Dalton Priekorn, Curtis Dickinson and Dakota Hartel enjoyed a successful pheasant hunt recently in Tuscola County.

# NCTL gridiron best named

Reflecting their banner year in the North Central Thumb League, Peck dominated the league's all conference team as selected by the coaches. The Pirates landed 5 players on the offensive team and 4 on the defensive squad.

Kingston placed Raydar Williams, a junior running back on the offensive team while Josh Campbell, a senior halfback was named to the defensive squad. Owen-Gage placed hard-running sophomore Nick Zaleski on the second team offense, and junior Brent Reil on the second team defensive squad.

The offensive first team members are: **quarterback**-senior Adam Foster, Akron-Fairgrove; **running backs**-Williams; junior Michael Mann, Peck; senior Kurt Dhyse, North Huron; **ends**-seniors Bryan Carrier, Peck; Ben

Abraham, Memphis; **tackles**-seniors Brian Jozlin, Peck; Steve Dixon, North Huron; **guards**-seniors Jesse Germain, Peck, Brad Neumayer, North Huron; **centers**-juniors Robert Lafata, Peck, and Nick Vicari, Dryden.

The defensive first team players are: **halfbacks**- Campbell; seniors Robert Siewert, Memphis; Ed Wisneski, North Huron; **linebackers**-Michael Mann, junior, Peck; seniors Brian Jozlin, Peck; Pat Butting, CPS; Kurt Dhyse, North Huron; juniors Allen Clark, Dryden; Anthony Irvine, North Huron; **linemen**-seniors Jesse Germain, Bryan Carrier, Peck; Brad Neumayer, North Huron, junior Eric Cunningham, Akron-Fairgrove; **punter**-senior Karson Kirkindall, Memphis.

### SECOND TEAM

(Offense)**quarterback**-freshman Eric Dhyse, NH; **running backs**- sophomore, Donell Hamilton, Peck, senior, Robert Siewert, Memphis; Zaleski, O-G; **end**-junior, James Lulsher, CPS; **tackles**-seniors Mark Clark, Memphis, Brad Podlesney, NH; **guards**-seniors Jahmaul Spencer, Kingston; Andrew Kiley, Peck; Travis Litkovitz, Dryden; **center**-junior Jake Shinabarger, Kingston.

(Defense) **halfbacks**-sophomore Donell Hamilton, Peck; juniors Bill Burns, Peck; Lee Davenport, Memphis; **linebackers**-junior Darin Werth, Kingston; senior Andrew Kiley, Peck; sophomore Connell Johnson, Memphis, senior Ben Abraham, Memphis, Reil; **linemen**-junior Josh Williams, Peck; seniors Karson Kirkindall, Memphis; Brad Podlesney, NH, junior John Iseler, NH; **punter**-senior Caleb Hill, Kingston.

Honorable mentions were received by **quarterback** Zac Overstreet, Peck; **running back** Wes Jonik, Dryden and **guard** Mykael Schmidt of NH.

## O-G Faist NCTL-N volleyball all star

League champions Akron-Fairgrove dominated the North Central Thumb League North all conference team with 3 selections for the first team, one for the second team and 2 honorable mentions.

The Vikings placed on the first team included a pair of seniors, Renee Repkie and Lindsey Periard, and a sophomore Alyssa Monchilov.



# GTW volleyball stars aired

Cass City's Carly Howard and Amanda Langenburg were rewarded for their athletic prowess on the vol-

leyball courts, being named to the 2007 Greater Thumb West all-conference dream team by league officials.

Taylor Breault, Lindsay Yaroch, and Patriots Kiersten McBrayer, Laura Kuhl and Mercy Martinez.

### GREATER THUMB EAST All-Conference Volleyball

#### First Team

Ashley Szymanski, Deckerville  
Shannon Weber, Ubly  
Gwen Pionk, Ubly  
Sara Barteld, Mayville  
Kayla Parr, Brown City  
Jenna Lange, Marlette  
Josie Volz, Marlette

#### Second Team

Kara Holdwick, Harbor Beach  
Dana Stolicker, Deckerville  
Kayla Kubacki, Ubly  
Abby Garlick, Mayville  
Sandi Oligney, Brown City  
Kayla Cain, Brown City  
Amber Wood, Marlette  
Jenna Thompson, Marlette

#### Honorable Mention

Alyson Cook, Harbor Beach  
Jacqueline Kirsch, H. Beach  
Lindsey Delpiere, Harbor Beach  
Lindsey Messing, Harbor Beach  
Aleesha Smith, Deckerville  
Jessie Guza, Deckerville  
Kelsey Smith, Deckerville  
Lyndsay White, Ubly  
Gena Briolat, Ubly  
Tricia Heleski, Ubly  
Nichole Grover, Mayville  
Chelsea Roehl, Mayville  
Brianna Vert, Mayville  
Michelle Burgess, Brown City  
Samantha Woodworth, B. City  
Hannah Bulgrien, Sandusky  
Katelyn Ruggles, Sandusky  
Averi McEwen, Marlette



Carly Howard



Amanda Langenburg

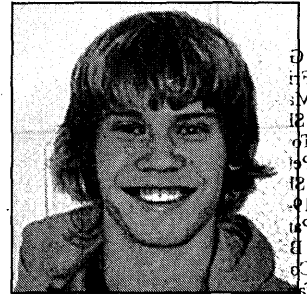
## GTW soccer dream team announced

Although league champion Bad Axe dominated the Greater Thumb West soccer all-conference first team with 6 members, Cass City was well represented on the elite 15-member squad with senior choices Chris Binder and Shane McFarland.

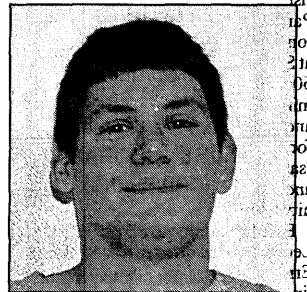
Joining the Red Hawks on the dream team were Dane Southgate, Matias Kraynak, Erik Kuhl, Tyler Kuhl, USA; Scott Hewens, Marcus Epperson, Daniel Stipanovich, Chris Auger, Corey Polega, Pete Saylens, Bad Axe; Adam Chioti, Eric Turner and Corey Maust, EPBP.

The Red Hawks also had a solid presence on the GTW all-conference second team with Clinton Ellis, Derrick Weidman and Shane Bloomfield receiving the nod, as voted on by GTW coaches. The second team also included Corey Haag, Dylan Kuhl, Alex Khoury, Josh Eisengruber, Gee Nogueira, USA; Chris Smith, Corey Hewens, Nolan Barsaleau, Bad Axe; Nick Walsh, Brent Osantoski, Eric Sneller, Tyler Yoder and David Maust, EPBP.

The GTW honorable mention recipients were Chris Zawilinski, David Acker, Devin Jamieson, Cass City; Joe Kruse, Cody McGinnis, Aaron Duffy, USA; Cody Eskau, Bad Axe; and Shay Wruble, EPBP.



Chris Binder



Shane McFarland

### GREATER THUMB EAST All-Conference Soccer squad

#### First Team

Ryan Sabo, Marlette  
Jerrid Hunt, Marlette  
Dillon Howe, Marlette  
Adam Byrnes, Marlette  
Jesse Grekowicz, Harbor Beach  
Zach Mazure, Harbor Beach  
Jeremy Booms, Harbor Beach  
Alex Talaski, Harbor Beach  
Chris Hagedon, Harbor Beach  
Mike Goforth, Caseville  
Steven Stormzand, Caseville  
Sam Stevens, Sandusky  
Trent Ward, Sandusky  
Jose Cardenas, Sandusky  
Ron Halbert, Brown City  
Andrew Bell, Brown City

#### Second Team

Brent Speer, Marlette  
Ryan Hinkle, Marlette  
Patrick Pospiech, Marlette  
Brent Walker, Marlette  
Scott Grekowicz, Harbor Beach  
Tyler Guza, Harbor Beach  
Dan Neuenfeldt, Harbor Beach  
Xavier Grzeskowiak, H. Beach  
Jason Shaw, Caseville  
Mac Vizard, Caseville  
Jason Soule, Brown City  
Andrew Rhodes, Brown City  
Robert Irland, Sandusky

#### Honorable Mention

Codi Wisniewski, Marlette  
Matt Scott, Marlette  
Ethan Booms, Harbor Beach  
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# Obituaries

## Victor Braden

Victor Eugene Braden, 84, of Mayville, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2007 in his home.

He was born March 2, 1923 in Rector, Ark., the son of Lemuel and Goldie (Yates) Braden.

He married Thelma Neff Dec. 21, 1957 in Flint.

Braden retired from General Motors Ternstedt Plant in Flint. He was a member of Kingston Wesleyan Church.

Braden is survived by his wife, Thelma; children: Loyce (James) Haywood of St. Charles, Mo., Gary Braden of Jonesboro, Ark., and Robert Neff of Mayville; 8 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Glenn Hackmann; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Gail McClellan; a daughter-in-law, Terry Neff; and a sister, Joy Hackmann.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston Wesleyan Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Gladys Briolat

Gladys G. Briolat, 85, of Ubyly, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2007 at Courtney Manor, Bad Axe, after a short illness.

She was born June 27, 1922 in Paris Township, the daughter of the late Peter and Victoria (Makowski) Ulfig. She married Stanley Briolat Sept. 7, 1940 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Parisville. He died June 20, 1987.

Briolat was a graduate of the Sigel Country School. She farmed with her family in the Ubyly area. She owned Briolat's Groceries in Parisville from 1947 to 1954. Briolat was a former parishioner at St. Mary Catholic Church, Parisville. She was a lifelong parishioner and Christian Mothers member at St. John Catholic Church, Ubyly, for 60 years where she was a Eucharist minister, choir member, CCD walker and greeter. She was a member and former officer of the Daughters of Isabella Fidelis Regina Circle #608 and a member of the Ubyly Community Club.

Briolat is survived by 6 sons: Leonard (Marjorie) Briolat of Ubyly, Ernest (Beverly) Briolat of Port Austin, Ronald Briolat of Peck, Virgil (Elaine) Briolat of Ubyly, Charles Briolat of Ubyly, and Robert (Annette) Briolat of Otisville; 3 daughters: Bernice Weber of Ubyly, Suzanne Briolat of Ubyly, and Carol (John) Baudin of Ubyly; 23 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Clemens Ulfig of Ruth.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, James Weber; a grandson; 4 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; and 4 sisters.

Funeral mass was held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 14 at St. John Catholic Church, Ubyly, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor of St. John's in Ubyly, and the Rev. Patrick O'Connor, pastor of St. John's in Essexville, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Sniagowski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

## William Clark

William R. Clark, 84, of Bradenton, Fla., died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007 at his home.

He was born Jan. 22, 1923 in Redford. He married Peggy Jean Seiler in 1945. In 1969, he married Hazel Mae Jones. She died Feb. 4, 2001 following a short illness.

Clark worked for General Motors, and later retired from Travco Motor Homes in Brown City.

He is survived by his daughter, Sheila (John) Tovcimak of Pittsburgh, Penn.; 4 step-daughters: Mary Lou

Agostini of Sanford, Donna Jean (Paul) Rockwell of Snover, Rosalie (Bill) Cork of Jakarta, Indonesia, and Carolyn (Tom) Sandon of Commerce; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Chateau Village Clubhouse, Bradenton, Fla., with the Rev. Robert Burgess officiating.

## Kenneth Klein

Kenneth Klein, 58, of Kingston, previously from Chennai, India and New Mexico, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007 at Marlette Hospice Residence.

He was born Feb. 4, 1949 in Detroit, the son of John and Julia (Schultz) Klein.

Klein was a 1967 graduate of Murry-Wright High School. He attended R.E.T. Trade School. He worked for the U.S. Department of State as communication security officer.

Klein is survived by 2 daughters: Jennifer (Darren) Rizzoli of Iowa, and Veronica (Jeffrey) Wilson of Virginia; his parents, John and Julia Klein of Kingston; a grandmother, Ida Connor of Clinton Township; 2 brothers: Thomas (Gail) Klein of Rochester, and James (Sandra) Klein of Warren; a sister, Linda (Michael) Munson of Walled Lake; and 2 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Barbara Ann Klein.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 10, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Deford, with Fr. Andrzej Boroch and Sr. Riccardina Silvestri officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to United Hospice Service.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

## Clayton Linderman

Clayton "Roy" Melvin Linderman, 85, of Sandusky, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007 in Covenant Health Care System, Harrison Campus, Saginaw.

He was born Oct. 20, 1922 at home in Evergreen Township, the son of Jacob and Amanda (Rodenburt) Linderman.

He married Elizabeth Drabeck Wilfong Aug. 24, 1968 in Sandusky. She died March 16, 1979.

Linderman was a farmer for many years. He later worked for Marlette Trailer, Travco Motor Homes in Brown City and GDP in Marlette.

Linderman is survived by his step children: Thomas Wilfong of White Hills, Ariz., Shirley Henderson of Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., Alice Richter of Lansing, and Richard (Cheryl) Wilfong of Emmett; several step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; friends and caregivers: Robert (Linda) Kenny and their family of Sandusky. He is preceded in death by 4 brothers: Harvey, Fred, Nelson and James Linderman; and 3 sisters: Vernita, Edna and baby Hazel Linderman.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 8, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Mark Morningstar, Sandusky Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Ann Putnam

Ann Marie Putnam, 60, of Reese, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007 in her home.

She was born March 26, 1947 in

Kingston, the daughter of Walter and Elizabeth (Laszlo) Zajac.

She married Clifford Allen "Al" Putnam July 27, 1968 in Caro.

Putnam graduated from Kingston High School and then attended Central Michigan University for 2 years, studying art. She worked for the U.S. Post Office in Gilford as a post master replacement for over 13 years.

Putnam is survived by her husband, Al; children: Todd Putnam of Rawlins, Wyo., Troy (Elizabeth) Putnam of Zeeland, and Traci (Shane) Jones of Caro; 7 grandchildren; her mother, Elizabeth Zajac of Kingston; a sister, Alice Zajac of Kingston; 2 brothers: Walter E. (Hilda) Zajac and Edwin Zajac, all of Kingston; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Zajac.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 9, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. George Harmon officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

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**RAWSON MEMORIAL** Library staff members (from left) Ruth Steele, Doris Jones, Ariel Veneziano, Barb Hutchinson, Ann Craig, Marge Feebish, Julie Veneziano, Elaine Thies, Lois Moslander and Kate VanAuken pose after accepting the 2007 State Librarian's Excellence Award.

## Rawson receives top honors

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own boundaries, the library - in partnership with the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation - uses grant funds for a traveling Business Resource Center that includes a collection of reference publications and a wireless Internet-accessible laptop loaded with financial forecasting software that rotates to 6 participating libraries in the county.

Examples of the kind of customer support the library offers, Robertson noted, include home delivery and

one-on-one computer training.

"Its very successful young-adult section, initiated by a patron's suggestion, has grown from a small cart of 22 fiction novels to a 170-square-foot area with more than 750 books, magazines and paperbacks and seating 14 people," she said. "This renovation has sparked interest in a young-adult book club that is now in its fifth year and has been recognized in the 2007 'The Kids Book Club Book.'"

The local library's programming also includes avenues of enrichment be-

yond the community, with the Friends of the Library group organizing an annual event in which more than 50 people board a bus for a day of antique hunting or other adventures, including trips to Dow Gardens and Petoskey.

According to VanAuken, Rawson Memorial Library's 11 public-access computers and 2 children's computers are all in use constantly. Since 2002, she said, computer use has increased by 210 percent, and the library is now a wireless hot spot used by students from nearby Baker College and their visiting families, and students from other colleges and universities returning during vacation breaks.

The criteria for the State Librarian's Excellence Award are: demonstrating that the library provides new, innovative and superior services to its customers in a cost-effective manner, with a "can do" attitude and by always delivering on promises; demonstrating the library's commitment to high standards of customer service through staff dealings with customers and synergy within the staff through a coordinated approach to supporting customers; and demonstrating that the library is a team player through its collaborations in the community.

VanAuken indicated that people and the community will always be the bottom line for the staff at Rawson Memorial Library.

"In a small public library, it is all about the patron for us. It has to be," she said Thursday. "We care about them and they care about us. We listen to them and they appreciate it."

"To be chosen as the winner of the State Librarian's Award of Excellence is absolutely outstanding and, on behalf of my staff and board, we are honored and can't wait to get back to Cass City and share this with all the residents in our district."

## Local library celebrating "book week"

Children's Book Week (CBW), Nov. 12-17, is a celebration of the written word, intended to encourage young people and their caregivers to discover the wonder of reading. The theme for this year, the 88th annual observance of CBW, is Rise Up Reading! Two programs are scheduled for children during this week at Rawson Memorial District Library.

Preschoolers through fourth graders are invited to a special program on Wednesday, November 14 from 3:30 (or as soon as you can arrive after school) until 5 p.m. We'll cook a snack, create a craft, and celebrate reading. Limited to 20 children, so sign up soon!

Also, on Friday, Nov. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m., Early On and the library are having a story time/play group. All preschoolers are welcome for this fun event. Stories, songs, snack and a craft are planned. Every child attending receives a free book from Early On.

Please register for either of these events by calling 872-2856 or emailing the library at librarian@rawson.lib.mi.us.

## Corn versatile crop

As Thanksgiving approaches, the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) wants to educate consumers about one of America's first and most bountiful crops - corn.

Corn has long been an important commodity to American consumers. Because it was one of the first crops settlers learned to grow in their fields. The Native Americans helped teach many of the new settlers how to plant, raise and harvest corn, which helped them survive in the new land.

Today, corn is not only a tabletop favorite and staple, but also an integral part of many other products. Now corn cannot only be served on your Thanksgiving plate, but can be a primary component of that plate.

"Polylactic acid, or PLA, is a corn-derived polymer that can be used to create degradable plastics. Nearly 80 billion pounds of plastics are produced in the United States every year, and these plastics have traditionally relied on petroleum-based feedstocks. PLA offers a 100 percent renewable alternative to petroleum-based plastic," said Clark Gerstacker, CMPM vice president and member of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Corn Board. "In the past few years several companies have announced their switch to corn-based plastic products. Some of these products include plates, clamshell containers, bags, film and plastic wrapping."

Even when the holiday season is over, corn still plays an integral role in everyday life. "Through the check-off program, Michigan corn farmers invest in research that focuses on new uses and expands new markets for corn. This research has led to the development of corn-based plastics,

fabrics and packing materials," explained Noel, who is also a corn grower from Leslie. "And of course you can always choose ethanol-blended fuels when filling up at the gas station or replace your propane-fueled furnace with a cleaner-burning corn heating unit."

In addition to all new corn-based products, it is essential to remember how important corn is in traditional holiday meals.

"Thanksgiving and the holiday season are times for family get-togethers, which always means numerous filling meals. Many of the products on consumer's dinner tables have ingredients made from corn. For example, an important ingredient in fresh bread and rolls is dextrose, a corn sugar, which helps preserve bread and keeps it from staling. Corn syrup is also used in salad dressings to make the product smoother and easier to pour, and many favorite fruit and vegetable side dishes contain corn sweeteners and other corn products," said Lyn Uphaus, CMPM president and a corn grower from Manchester.

While many food products contain corn or ingredients derived from corn, many other products could not be in existence without corn," explained Jody Pollok, CMPM executive director.

"Many beef, pork, and poultry products are value-added forms of corn. The livestock industry is the largest market for Michigan-grown corn. With an increase in ethanol production in the state, livestock producers now have a cheaper feed alternative to corn, dried distillers grains (DDG).



**STATE REP. TERRY BROWN** (D-Pigeon) and Genevieve Howe of the Ecology Center announce the results of a 7-state biomonitoring project. (Photo courtesy of House Democratic Communications).

## Brown, son participate in 7-state study on toxins

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) said Thursday that the results of tests for toxic chemicals performed on him and his 12-year-old son as part of a 7-state project show the need for more awareness of the prevalence of toxins in everyday products and the need for stronger laws to protect people from the long-term health hazards they pose.

"It is very disturbing that my son and I - and most likely every other typical Michigan resident - are walking around with toxic chemicals in our bodies, just from leading our regular lives," Brown said.

"The reality is that chemicals in products like baby bottles, toys with lead paint and vinyl shower curtains can become pollution in people. We need to become more aware of that - and we need to fight to ensure the substances that companies put into the products they sell do not put human health and safety at risk. This project really brought home the chemical burden we are all carrying, and the toxic legacy we are creating for our children."

Brown and his son Bryan, 12, were among 5 Michigan residents participating in an innovative project intended to show the degree to which toxic chemicals from everyday life have found their way into the bodies of average Americans. Toxins were found in all 35 participants in the 7 states. The results of the project were announced at a press conference at the Capitol that Brown attended along with Genevieve Howe of the Ecology Center and Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health.

Although no results on Brown or his son raised alarm, 2 findings were unusual and point to 2 major concerns: First, that chemicals can last for decades in the body, and second, that industrial chemicals are so ubiquitous that we often cannot even identify the source of our exposure.

Bryan Brown, an honor student in the seventh grade at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker Jr. High in Pigeon, said he was proud to participate in the project. Science is one of his favorite subjects.

"I feel lucky that I was able to participate in an important scientific project like this," he said. "Most kids my age don't get to do something that could help so many people."

Results and further explanations of the project are available at the Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health Web site, [www.mnch.org/campaigns.biomonitoring.php](http://www.mnch.org/campaigns.biomonitoring.php). The full national report is available at [www.isitinus.org](http://www.isitinus.org).

"We need to open up the flow of information about these toxins and do a much better job of testing and regulating these chemicals so we can protect our health and safety," said Brown, who worked as a school social worker and principal of the Hu-

ron Learning Center before taking office in January.

"As someone who has worked with students with developmental disabilities for two decades, I am worried about chemicals causing neurological problems in addition to asthma,

cancer and other diseases. I support fast action on legislation to fight these toxic threats, including outright bans on the worst chemicals. We must act quickly to make sure that the law catches up to science for the sake of our health and safety."



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**THIS YEAR'S** Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner is slated for Thursday, Nov. 22, at the Cass City United Methodist Church just north of town. A small army of volunteers will start serving the expected 300 or so people at noon.

## Volunteers keep community dinner tradition going

A host of Cass City businesses, organizations and volunteers, young and old, know how to put the "community" in a community Thanksgiving dinner. And you're invited.

The annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner is slated for Thursday, Nov. 22, starting at noon at the Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd.

According to Scott Mills, now in his 14th year of heading up an all-volunteer committee, the community dinner has become self-driven in a sense, thanks to a handful of faithful area residents who organize the event, and to several others who join in to wash a dish, serve up some turkey and dressing, or clean up afterwards.

But that doesn't mean Mills isn't looking for more folks to lend a hand.

"We're always looking for volunteers. We don't turn people away," said Mills, who added plans for this year's gathering are coming along.

"As always, we're trying to figure out how much food we need. Is there going to be enough? Will there be more people this year because of the economy? And, of course, you always wonder about the weather," Mills said.

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

The committee has also done an admirable job of explaining what the dinner is not - an all-hours restaurant (serving begins at noon, and those who show up later in the afternoon may be out of luck) or a soup kitchen for the poor.

"The idea grew out of people having to sit home, alone, people who don't have family in the area," Mills explained. "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, with some 300 people typically attending in recent years.

The dinner has remained a community affair. All 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, have prepared 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.

## 5 from area named to dean's list

Five area residents have been named to the academic honors list at Ferris State University, Big Rapids.

They are Ashley Barrigar of Cass City, and Kala Briolat, Luann Laming, Keith Lewinski and Heather Ludwig, all of Ubly.

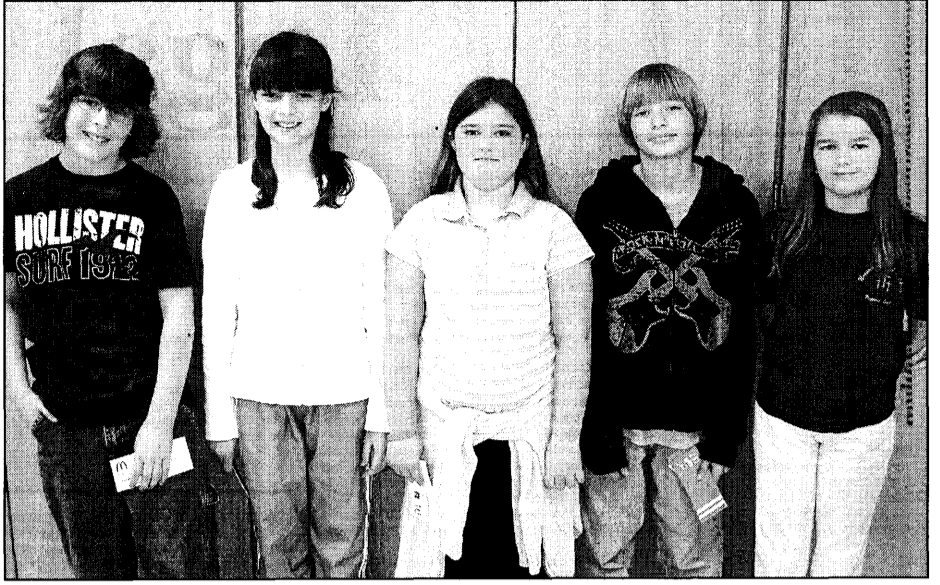
To be named to the list, a student must have accumulated a minimum 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework during the semester.

## Movies set for seniors at library

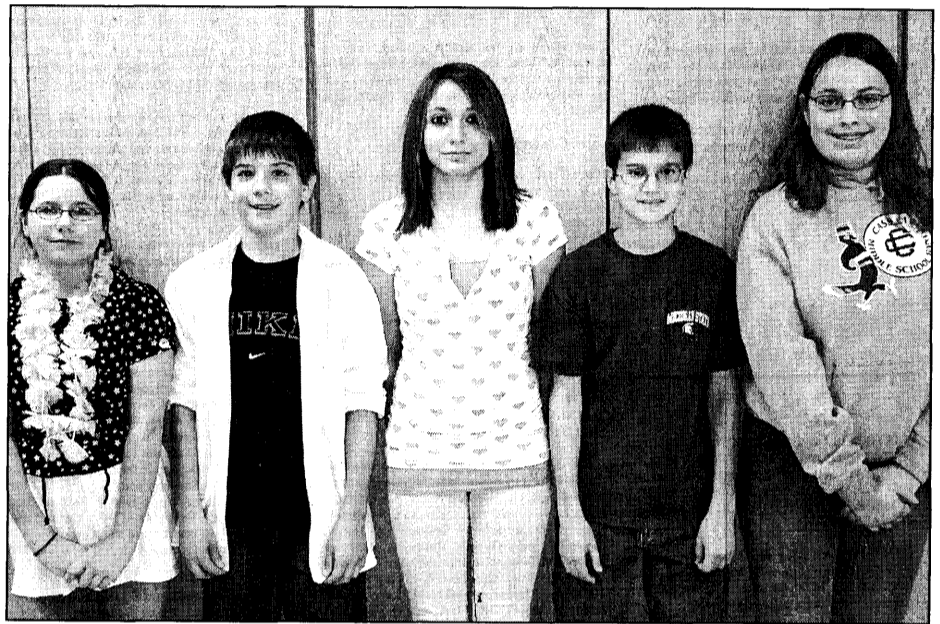
Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Nov. 16 at 1:30 p.m.

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CASS CITY'S FIFTH and sixth grade K of C Spelling Bee winners are (from left) Brennen Winter (fifth place), Erica Martin (fourth), Sara Roberts (third), Curtis Dickinson (second) and Kayla Zmierski (first). The winners also received gift certificates and are invited to participate in the K of C Saginaw Area Bee.



THE 2007 CASS City Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Winners representing the seventh and eighth grades are (from left) Alex Warju (fifth place), Sam Fisher (fourth), Alexandra Pena (third), Jared Weidman (second) and Alyson Blatner (first). The winners received gift certificates, and the top 4 are invited to participate in the K of C Saginaw Area Bee in Auburn Jan. 19.

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**6th Grade:** (front, l-r) Madison Brinkman, Brandy Brooks, Emily Cochrane, Cecelia Dunn, Kristin Ewald, Drew Field; (middle, l-r) Ian Habicht, Jacob Hacker, Caleb Henderson, Katie Hudson, Hannah Hulbert, Katie Manwell; (back, l-r) Harvey McCoy, Jacob Perry, Kara Reif, Alex Robinson, Erin Schuette, Samantha Sieradzki, Brock Thane, Audrey VanAuken.



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DNR CONSERVATION Officer Jason Smith is based in Tuscola County, but works throughout the Thumb, enforcing Michigan fish and game laws. It's a job he says is demanding, dangerous and rewarding.

## CO work risky, rewarding

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contact with to have a weapon," he said.

The stakes can be high for violators who are caught. The penalty for taking a deer illegally, for example, includes restitution of \$1,000 plus court costs and fines, a minimum 5 days in jail, loss of hunting privileges for the remainder of the year and for the next 3 years, and the loss of their hunting gear.

When dealing with someone who could face charges, instinct and preparation are both important for a CO. "We rely heavily on our training, and we do a massive amount of training," he noted.

At the same time, Smith said he understands that he's dealing with many people who are simply out recreating, hunting or fishing, and he tries to be friendly and professional on the job.

Sometimes the biggest challenge, he pointed out, is discerning between a felon and a sportsman who is simply nervous when approached by a CO. That individual may not have done anything, but they're nervous and not listening to the CO's instructions to put down their firearm. They may also be sending out the same sort of physical signals a guilty individual might, such as moving around.

Smith indicated he takes no chances. "My goal at the end of every shift is to go home. I owe it to my family," he said. "If that means rubbing a couple people the wrong way because they're not listening to me...unfortunately, that's a small price to pay, in my book, to make it home safely."

Smith, who has not been injured while on duty, said some of the most seemingly dangerous situations turn out to be nothing, but they're enough to raise the hair on your neck, such as looking through some binoculars and seeing a gun pointed at you by a hunter who is using his scope as binoculars.

"As far as dealing with bad guys and bad situations, there's a way to handle every situation," Smith continued. There are many instances in which the best approach is to not confront a suspect(s) until adequate back-up is available. "That being said," he added, "There are times when you don't know you're over your head until you're over your head."

In spite of the risks, Smith indicated he loves his work.

"Most of us knew long before we were in a position to be hired, that that's the job - conservation officer - for one reason or another," he said.

"You don't do it for the pay, you don't do it because you don't have anything else to do with your free time. You have to believe in what you're doing," Smith added, noting conservation officers share a desire

to protect hunting, fishing and trapping resources for future generations.

"Our resources are worth fighting for, and somebody has to do it."

## Training, skills are key

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As peace officers, COs often deal with people possessing firearms and,

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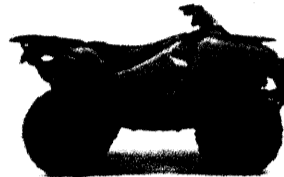
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