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A MOBILE HOME was still standing after a fire ripped through the structure last week. Fire fighters from the Elkland Township, Elmwood Township-Gagetown and Kingston fire departments extinguished the blaze. No one was home at the time of the fire.

In the Deford area

Loss \$40,000 in trailer fire

by Kelli Ameling
Staff Writer

No one was hurt in a mobile home

fire last week near Deford.

The fire was reported Tuesday at 8:59 a.m., and the Elkland Township Fire Department was dispatched to

2875 Warner Rd.

The home belonged to Julie and Mike Kolacz. The family was not home during when the blaze broke out. The Kolaczs were insured.

Elkland Township Fire Department Lt. Paul Learman was the officer on duty during the fire.

"(They) did a great job getting it under control," said Fire Chief Glenn Guilds.

He said usually with mobile home fires, the structures are burned to the ground, but this one was still standing.

Guilds estimated there was about \$40,000 worth of damage done to the house.

Officials suspect the cause was electrical in nature and started in the living room, but a specific cause was not determined.

The Elmwood Township-Gagetown and Kingston Fire Departments assisted Elkland Township fire fighters at the scene.

Compton calls it quits at O-G

by Kelli Ameling
Staff Writer

The Owen-Gage Board of Education met in special session Monday night to formally accept school Supt. Dana Compton's resignation.

The meeting lasted less than 10 minutes, with about 15 people in attendance.

"The purpose of this special meeting is for the Owen-Gage Board of Education to act on the separation agreement and resignation from Dana Compton," said Vice President Kathy Champagne.

The vote to accept the agreement and resignation from Compton was unanimous.

Board President Terry Muntz was not present during the special meeting. "(The board) will have no further statement or comment about Dana Compton," said interim Owen-Gage Supt. Bob Drury.

Drury also stated the Owen-Gage School Board is requesting that a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) be filed in order to receive a copy of the separation agreement.

Owen-Gage hired Drury as the interim superintendent until the conclusion of the investigation involving Compton, or until the board hires a new superintendent.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education suspended school Supt. Dana Compton June 30 during a special school board meeting.

"Yes, he is on paid administrative leave," current board President Terry Muntz said at the time.

There is an investigation being conducted through Thrun Law Firm of Lansing, Muntz said.

At the conclusion of the investigation, a report will be made to the president or vice president of the school board, Muntz said.

Compton has not been allowed on school grounds since he was suspended with pay.

However, Muntz pointed out, "That is nothing out of the ordinary. Anytime someone is suspended, they are not allowed on school grounds."

Compton has been with Owen-Gage Schools since 2005.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly Hanson said a member of the board called the office and talked to a lieutenant, saying Compton had been placed on leave.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly Hanson last month said a member of the board contacted his department and talked to a lieutenant, saying Compton had been placed on leave.

Due to the Owen-Gage Board of Education requesting a Freedom of Information act to release the Separation Agreement, the Chronicle will file a request and publish a follow-up story in next week's issue with more details.

Challenger unseats incumbent by a vote in county board race

Three of 4 Tuscola County commissioners held off challenges for their 2-year terms, and the fourth incumbent lost by the narrowest of margins — one vote — in the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary election.

Voters, meanwhile, approved a pair of countywide millages that fund vital law enforcement and senior citizen services.

In all, 7,895 voters cast ballots in

the election, a turnout of roughly 19 percent.

According to unofficial results released by the Tuscola County Clerk's Office, winners in the county commission races included incumbent Republican Amanda Roggenbuck of Unionville, who represents Elkland Township, including the village of Cass City, along with Akron, Columbia, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

Roggenbuck garnered nearly 51 percent of the vote in the primary, defeating fellow Republican Michael Downing, Akron, by 25 votes. Downing received 48.9 percent of the vote. Roggenbuck will now face Democratic challenger Zygmunt P. Dworzecki in the general election in November. Dworzecki ran unopposed in the primary, receiving 278 votes.

In other Tuscola County Commission districts:

District 2 — Cass City area resident incumbent Republican Commissioner Tom Bardwell ran unopposed and garnered 782 votes. He will face Democrat J. Warren Taylor, Caro, in the general election. Taylor emerged the winner in a 2-way primary race, receiving 151 votes (52 percent) over fellow Caro Democrat Mark R. Putnam (47.6 percent).

District 2 is composed of Almer, Denmark, Ellington, Indianfields and Juniata townships.

District 3 — Incumbent Commissioner Tom Kern, a Deford area Democrat and former longtime Tuscola County sheriff, won reelection.

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Turnout at Summer Mania record breaker

Cass City Chamber of Commerce Administrator Dee Mulligan couldn't guess how many families took part in the village Summer Mania celebration over the weekend, but she's confident this year's event was a record breaker.

"It went very well. We had more (people in attendance) than we've had in the past. I know we went through more of everything than we ever have," Mulligan said. "We went through 2,000 bags of cotton candy, 2,500 snow cones."

The celebration offered kids plenty to do, including inflatable activities.

There was food, town-wide garage sales, live music, the popular Curtis Chrysler Classic Car Show, and a Kids Health Fair.

Mulligan said officials checked 40 child safety seats and found that all of them had been installed incorrectly. Sixteen of those seats were replaced free of charge, she noted.

Operation Bless Our Children officials reported raising \$810 through the raffle of "Three Bears" figures carved by artist Ed Faust. The winners were Sonya Tschirhart (first prize), Steve Eyer (second prize) and Please turn to page 14.

Social news "icon" Jackson dies at 95

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Chronicle lost a local "social news" icon early last week, when Thelma Jackson died at the age of 95.

For many decades, the Uby native served as a lifeline of sorts to many folks living out in various tiny hamlets throughout the Thumb — many of those towns are now little more than a memory — faithfully publishing in the Chronicle all of the vital news of the day; who visited or had dinner with whom, other social gatherings, births, deaths, marriages, class reunions, who had moved to where and why, you name it.

Years ago, social news was a staple in most area newspapers, but the practice, along with the number of faithful correspondents who provided the information, dwindled

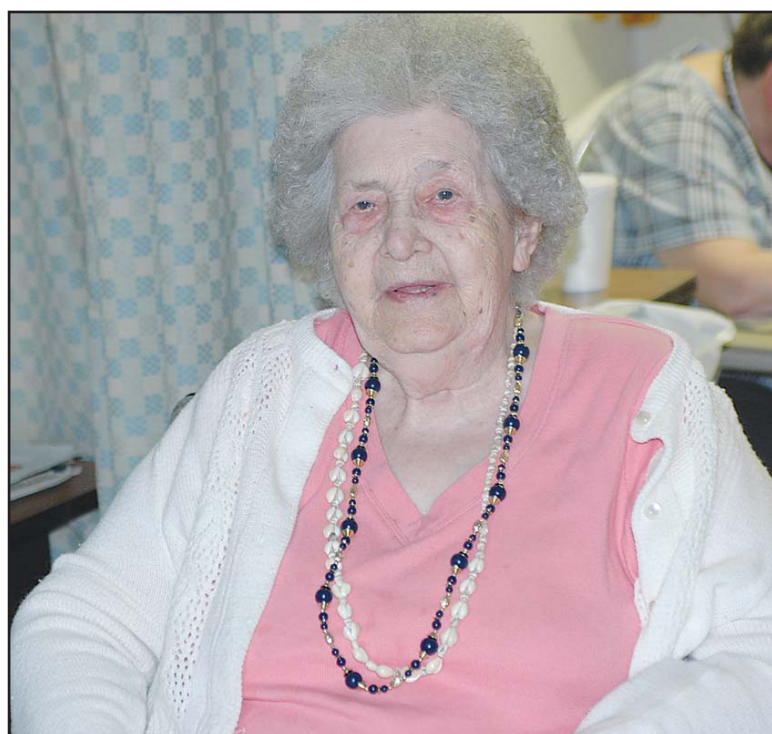
over the years.

But even as recently as a couple weeks ago, Jackson came through with a bit of news. She rarely missed a deadline, and in the process earned the title of most senior employee of the Chronicle.

It's a title the late John Haire, who published the Chronicle for more than 50 years before his death last year, often boasted about, praising Jackson and her longevity in his weekly columns or his popular "Rabbit Tracks" every now and then.

However, Jackson also left a lasting impression on the younger crowd, even if they didn't understand the concept of "social news".

"I met Thelma last summer on assignment. I was writing a feature story about her and took a little trip to visit her in Bad Axe," recalled Patricia Emenpour, who served as the Chronicle's summer Please turn to page 9.



LONGTIME CASS City Chronicle correspondent Thelma Jackson died early last week at the age of 95. She provided the Chronicle with social news for more than 5 decades.



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Jason and Alecia Weippert

Little and Weippert marry in Deford

Dean and Patricia Little of Cass City announce the marriage of their daughter, Alecia, to Jason Weippert, son of Lynn Adkins of Cass City.

The wedding was held at Deford Community Church May 8, 2010 with Pastor David Cooper officiating. The reception followed at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe.

The bride was attended by her sister, Amanda Little of Rochester, Minn., as maid of honor, and her cousin, Jamie Little of Cass City. Lillianne Little was the flowergirl.

Attending the groom was the bride's cousin, Matt Little of Cass City, as best man, and the groom's cousin, Mitch Adkins of Cass City. Kaiden Bliss of Caro was the ring-bearer.

Ushers were Tyler Little of Lansing, brother of the bride; and Nick Adkins of Cass City, cousin of the groom.

Both the bride and groom grew up and graduated from Cass City High School. After receiving a degree in financial business from Baker College, Alecia works at Independent Bank in Cass City, and Jason works in the auto department at Walmart, Bad Axe.

Grandparents of the couple are Keith Little, Esther Gunther, and Ron and Chris Weippert, all of Cass City.

The couple currently reside in Cass City.

Movies slated at library Aug. 20

Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Aug. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

The History & Pioneers of Sebewaing: The First 100 Years: This interesting video, produced and directed by Al and Dave Eicher, tells how Reverend Auch, a Lutheran, built an Indian Mission on the banks of the Shebeon and carved out a community in the wilderness. The town of Sebewaing developed with shipbuilding, coal mining, lumber mills, farming, and many merchants. Sugar beet processing started in 1901 and continues today - making Sebewaing the "Sugar Capital of Michigan"! An interesting look at one of our local communities. (50 minutes)

The Best of Jeff Corwin: Northern Exposure & Snake-tacular: As the Last Frontier of America, Alaska remains largely unexplored, with undeveloped terrain that hosts some of the world's most majestic wildlife. Join Jeff as he attempts to locate all the animals depicted in an ancient carved totem pole, including the very reclusive and dangerous moose. Then follow along as Jeff travels the Earth searching for snakes. From deadly vipers in Brazil to the fearsome Black Mamba in Namibia, and all the way to a Cobra Festival in India enjoy the excitement as Jeff hunts for snakes. (45 minutes)

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

Our library through the years...100 years and going strong

by *Kate VanAuken, director*
Rawson Memorial District Library

Over the years, programming at the library has served many functions.

Educational, artistic as well as historical programs have been held for people of all ages. Sometimes, these events take months of planning and preparation, and others are able to be pulled together at a moment's notice, but one thing is for sure, these programs would not happen or be as successful if it weren't for the staff that has worked at the library over the years.

Today, the Special Programming Librarian is Jesika Haag, our newest staff member.

Over the course of the year that she has been at Rawson, she has

planned some of our annual events like Summer Reading, and she has created a few of her own.

The very popular "After Hours" is a time set aside when the library is closed for high schoolers to enjoy video, board or card games, as well as participate in town wide scavenger hunts. She also created "PJ's and the Classics". Held in December, children come to the library in their pajamas and visit with Santa or Mrs. Claus and watch a classic Christmas movie.

If you want more information about the programs offered at Rawson, be sure to sign up for the "Rawson Reporter" newsletter by calling the library at (989) 872-2856.



J. Cantlin graduates training

Army Pvt. James C. Cantlin has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the 9 weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

Cantlin is the son of Marc Cantlin of Snover. He is a 2004 graduate of Sandusky High School.

Family reunion held in Caro

The annual Clayton-Crawford family reunion was held recently at the Almer Township Park in Caro. Fifty-six people attended the potluck dinner.

Jennifer McClorey, Deb McClorey and Rachel Sparks were in charge of games. Prizes were donated by George and Bev Frank, and Jack and Marlene Crawford.

There were no deaths recorded for the year. There were 3 births recorded: Brianna Asher, Daniel Nickerson and Lily McClorey. The oldest person attending was Frank Schoonover of Harsens Island. The youngest person attending was Lily McClorey, 2-month-old daughter of William and Jennifer McClorey of Cass City.

Coming the farthest was Doug Crawford of Washington state.

The 2011 reunion will be held the first Sunday in August at the home of Joe and Laura Bommarito of Ortonville.

Correction

A photo caption in last week's edition of the Chronicle incorrectly identified the winner of a flat screen television at Coach Light Pharmacy as Ann Hawley. Her name is Amy Hawley. The Chronicle regrets the error.



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SANDY GAUDREAU, Michelle Hill and James Heiser.

U-W honors UPS and TNB for their campaign support

United Way of Tuscola County officials recently recognized 2 organizations that have been strong supporters over the years.

Thumb National Bank has financed the catering for the annual kick off breakfasts held in September each year, in addition to participating in the employee payroll deduction program.

In appreciation of these contributions, Sandy Gaudreau, U-W of Tuscola County board member, and James Heiser, U-W of Tuscola County director of operations, presented a plaque to Michelle Hill, Thumb National Bank vice president.

This summer, UPS and its employees and retirees will reach the exceptional milestone of \$1 billion in total contributions to United Way since the company began its annual workplace campaigns in 1982. UPS corporate and employees have a strong presence in the county through the jobs that are provided and their generosity towards making the community a better place to live. They have supported and continue to support United Way of Tuscola County through payroll deductions.

In celebration of "Thank UPS Employees" week, United Way of Tuscola County presented a certificate to the UPS employees at the Cass City Center, recognizing their continued support and dedication to helping others.

United Way of Tuscola County is still seeking energetic, dedicated volunteers for membership on the board of directors. Individuals interested in becoming a board member should contact James Heiser at (989) 325-1980.

Several appear on charges last week

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

•Danny A. Binkley, 62, Unionville, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana June 24 in Columbia Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing was scheduled for Sept. 29.

•Michael T. Chopp Jr., 29, Reese, pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to a charge of assault with intent to commit bodily harm less than murder Aug. 7, 2009, in Denmark Township.

The court ordered him committed to the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry for an evaluation.

•Tyler R. Daniels, 19, Davison, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of receiving and concealing stolen property Jan. 28-29 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing was scheduled for Sept. 27.

•Raymond Vanover, 39, Freeland, stood mute to charges of second degree home invasion and larceny in a building Dec. 21, 2007, in Arbel Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case. Bond was continued at \$5,000.

•John C. Howland, 28, Caro, pleaded no contest to committing/procur-ing a gross indecency between males June 9 in Caro. He was also convicted

of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and sentencing was scheduled for Sept. 27.

•James M. Siczkowski, 30, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, April 20 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,628.

•Joseph B. Baca, 17, Bridgeport, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle, and no contest to malicious destruction of a building totaling \$200 to \$1,000.

He was ordered to complete 50 hours of community service and pay \$1,514 plus restitution of \$625.

•Ryan P. Woodruff, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, possession of a firearm by a felon, and possess of a firearm in the commission of a felony March 6 in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fine totaling \$864.

•Edward R. Ridley, 46, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years in September-October 2009 in Arbel Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$4,128 in costs and fines.



UPS DAY SHIFT employees are flanked above by U-W Tuscola County President Ken Spencer (far right) and Ray Bates, U-W Tuscola County board member (far left).



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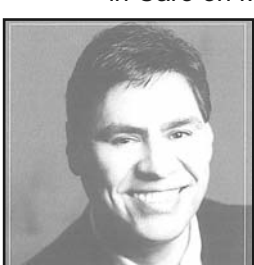
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tion unopposed, garnering 278 votes. District 3 is comprised of Dayton, Fremont, Kingston, Koylton, Novesta and Wells townships.

District 4 — Voters chose incumbent Republican Commissioner Roy Petzold, Millington (57/46 percent of the vote), over challenger Delores M. Damm, also of Millington (42.54 percent of the vote).

District 4 covers Millington, Vassar and Watertown townships.

District 5 — Republican challenger Douglas DuRussel upset incumbent Jerry Peterson in the primary. DuRussel garnered 401 votes, or 33.87 percent of the vote, compared to Peterson's 400 votes. Also seeking the Republican nomination was Judy Adams (379 votes). All of the candidates are from Vassar. DuRussel will face Vassar Democrat James A. Gillies in November. Gillies received 320 votes.

District 5 is composed of Arbel, Denmark and Tuscola townships.

MILLAGE VOTES

Residents passed a pair of county-wide millage proposals by comfortable margins.

They included .8953, of a mill for the sheriff's department's road patrol, which has been repeatedly renewed since it was first approved in 1988. The levy raises roughly \$1.287 million annually.

Voters approved the measure, 5,030 votes to 2,395 votes.

At stake were several uniform division jobs, including 12 1/2 positions that provide 24-7 road patrol coverage in the county.

"The sheriff's road patrol responds as a backup to all other police, fire and ambulance agencies in the county and covers all jurisdictions when their local police agency doesn't

have anyone working," Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf said.

In addition, the department has 2 certified accident reconstructionists, who are in charge of all of the sheriff's department road patrol's fatal crash investigations and assist other agencies in the county, according to the sheriff, who said the road patrol would cease to exist without residents' support at the polls.

Voters approved the other millage renewal, .198 of a mill for senior citizens services, by a vote of 5,237 to 2,160.

The tax raises about \$285,500 a year. The lion's share of the money is distributed by the Human Development Commission (HDC) via a host of programs, including home-delivered meals and other senior support services such as tax assistance and housekeeping assistance. The tax also pays for seniors' flu shots.

TOWNSHIP VOTE

Area township voters also decided some local millage requests.

In Elmwood Township, residents approved renewal of 1.5 mills for road maintenance, 92 to 49.

Kingston Township voters were asked to approve renewal of 2 mills for road maintenance. However, results were not posted by the county.

In Koylton Township, officials asked voters to approve an increase of 2 mills for 4 years for road maintenance and improvements. The measure failed, 122 votes to 113 votes.

In Wells Township, residents approved renewal of a 2-mill levy for road improvements, repairs, construction and maintenance, 138 to 101.

OTHER SEATS

In the race for the 31st District State Senate seat, former Tuscola County commissioner and state representative Mike Green of Mayville easily defeated 3 other Republicans for the right to battle Democrat Jeff Mayes in the general election for the 4-year term currently held by Democrat Jim Barcia, who is being forced from office due to term limits.

Green won with a whopping 17,384 votes, while Mayes garnered 12,873 votes district-wide.

In Tuscola County, Green received 4,271 votes, compared to Robert Palmer (750 votes), Gary J. Hadden (238 votes) and Paul G. Mezo (214 votes). County voters cast 1,619 votes for Mayes.

The 31st District is comprised of Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

In the race for a 2-year term as the 84th District state representative, incumbent Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) received 2,626 votes - 1,676 votes in Tuscola County and 950 votes in Huron County. Republican challenger Kurt E. Damrow garnered 4,254 votes in Tuscola County and 3,706 votes in Huron County for a total of 7,960 votes.

Damrow and Brown, who is seeking his third and final term, will square off in November.

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Obituaries

Donald Anderson

Donald Evard "Andy" Anderson, 77, of Cass City and Caro, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2010 in United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center.

He was born April 9, 1933 in Marlette, the son of Evard and Ethel (Kester) Anderson.

He married Lola Spencer Aug. 7, 1954. She died Jan. 6, 1999. He later married Sally Schuster Britton Nov. 6, 1999 in Cass City First Baptist Church.

Andy attended Moody, later William Tindale College, in Chicago. He was active in church ministry in Lincoln Park serving as Sunday school superintendent, deacon and boys brigade with Lincoln Park Bible Church. Andy moved to Caro in 1970 and lived there for over 30 years. While there, he was active with Caro Gideon Ministry, Child Evangelism Fellowship. He was a member of Wahjamega Country Church serving as Sunday school superintendent, deacon and word of life leader. Andy had a knack of bonding with youth. He was a bus driver for Caro Community Schools for several years. Andy worked as an independent financial planner with Multi-vest and later with Investment Company in Frankenmuth and then as a financial planner on his own. He enjoyed golfing and gardening.

Andy is survived by his wife, Sally; children: Kathleen Diane (Davie) Bradford of Hockessin, DE, Robert Donald (Kathy) Anderson of Vacaville, Calif., Karen Lynn (Robert) Wood of Greenville, and Craig A. (Jody) Anderson of Eau Claire; 16 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren on the way; sisters: Lucille Chandler of Sydney, Helen (Victor) Decker of Deckerville, and Mary Ellen Pendell of Carson City; several nieces and nephews; step-children: Kim E. (Curt) Landrith of Cass City, Celeste (William) Bader of Deford, Leah (Cass) Ferris of Saginaw, and Deanna (Jeff) Loomis of Cass City; 14 step grandchildren; and 4 step great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 9, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Todd Gould of Evangelical Free Church officiating.

Interment was in the Indianfields Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mr. Anderson were his grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center, Gideons, or Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Thelma Jackson

Thelma Catherine Jackson, 95, of Ubyly, died peacefully Monday, Aug. 2, 2010 in Courtney Manor, Bad Axe.

She was born Nov. 14, 1914 in Greenleaf Township, the daughter of Stephen and Lillian (Vogel) Decker.

She married Clifford H. Jackson Oct. 27, 1934 in her parents' home in Greenleaf Township. He died Jan. 31, 1998.

Thelma was a fabulous cook. She enjoyed cooking, canning, quilting, playing cards and bingo. Thelma lived and worked on a farm with her husband in Greenleaf Township. She was a homemaker and a correspondent reporter for the Cass City

Chronicle, writing the Holbrook News column for over 55 years. She was an avid reader.

Thelma is survived by her son, Robert (Joan) Jackson of Ubyly; grandchildren: Cindi Lou Jackson of Orem, Utah, Stephen (Cheryl) Jackson of Sheridan, Wyo., and John (Donna) Jackson of Apple Valley, Calif.; a great-granddaughter; 5 step-great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Helen Decker of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Clara Bond; a half-brother, Clarence "Jerry" Decker; step-brothers: Walter and Harold Nadiger; an infant sister; and an infant brother, Thomas Decker.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 6, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Pamela Barnett of Shabbona United Methodist Church officiating.

Thelma will be interred next to her husband in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Jackson were Lynn Herford, Larry Robinson, Bob Damm, Kevin O'Connor, Paul Rubey and Brian Sweeney.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

John LaPeer

John W. LaPeer, 76, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010 at his home.

He was born March 2, 1934 in Cass City, the son of Wellington "Mike" and Effie LaPeer.



John worked many years at General Cable in Cass City, Snover Stamping, and finally retired from Ligon Manufacturing in 1999. He enjoyed fishing, auto racing and most importantly the time spent with his family.

John is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Anna; children: Dan (Cindy) Smith, Sheryl (Larry) Sims, David (Debbie) Smith, Susan (Norb) Pruss, Ronda (Leonard) Patykowski, Dawn (Tom) Dewey, and Deb (Harry) McAlpine; 23 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Richard and Fred "Butch" LaPeer; and grandchildren: Stephanie Dewey, Jason Smith and Jennifer Hibbs.

Services were held Friday, Aug. 6, at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette. Cremation will follow services at Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

Social news "icon" Jackson dies at 95

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editorial/news intern from Central Michigan University.

"She was so excited to have a visitor and tell me about everything she had in her room. She was persistent and put herself 100 percent into everything — even the small butterfly that she made that was hanging from her window," Emenpour commented last week.

"Thelma pulled out all the letters she received. She said, 'I have to keep writing, everyone tells me they miss me.' I was so impressed. If I can make it to her age and keep up my writing — even if it is social news — everyone loves gossip — then I will be able to say that I lived a great life," added Emenpour, who is now completing a summer journalism internship at the Flint Journal.

"When it came time to take a picture of Thelma, she wanted to make sure I got her 'good angle'. Every way I turned, I assured her that she didn't have a bad angle," Emenpour said. "After I finished the interview, it was obvious she didn't want me to leave. She clasped onto my hand and said, 'come on. I'll show you around'. And that she did. She was persistent.

"She showed me the garden and the dining area and the room where everyone got their card games on.

I'm pretty sure I was there for at least 3 hours," Emenpour said.

"To this day, when I think back to last summer and all the stories I did, and subsequently all the people I met, the feature story I wrote about Thelma sticks out the most.

After only 3 hours, she touched my heart," Emenpour added. "Thelma was so sweet, so passionate, and definitely a very determined woman. I'll never forget how she grabbed my hand and, with tears in her eyes, said, 'please don't go'. When she did, something leaped in my heart, and I wanted to stay.

"Thelma Jackson really was a brilliant woman, and it didn't take me long to understand that."

An avid reader, Jackson earned a reputation for speaking her mind at Courtney Manor, where one nurse's assistant described her as "sassy".

"She always tells us what is on her mind and very clearly at that, even to the doctor. But she is unique and everyone loves her here," one employee commented during Emenpour's visit with her back in June 2009.

"Thelma is a sweetheart," another nurse's assistant said.

Thelma Catherine Jackson died peacefully at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe, Monday, Aug. 2. She was born Nov. 14, 1914, in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township to Stephen and Lillian (Vogel) Decker. She married

Clifford H. Jackson Oct. 27, 1934.

Family members said Jackson was a fabulous cook. She also enjoyed canning, quilting, playing cards and bingo. Jackson lived and worked on a farm with her husband in Greenleaf Township. She was a homemaker and a correspondent reporter for the Cass City Chronicle, writing the Holbrook News column for more than 55 years. Her complete obituary is published elsewhere in this issue.

Although social news has become a dinosaur, even in the weekly newspaper business, other long-time Chronicle employees say social news was once a mainstay in the columns of local newspapers.

"I started in 1954, and Thelma was writing before then," recalled Melva Guinther of Cass City, a longtime former Chronicle proofreader and still a popular columnist whose work appears in the paper every month.

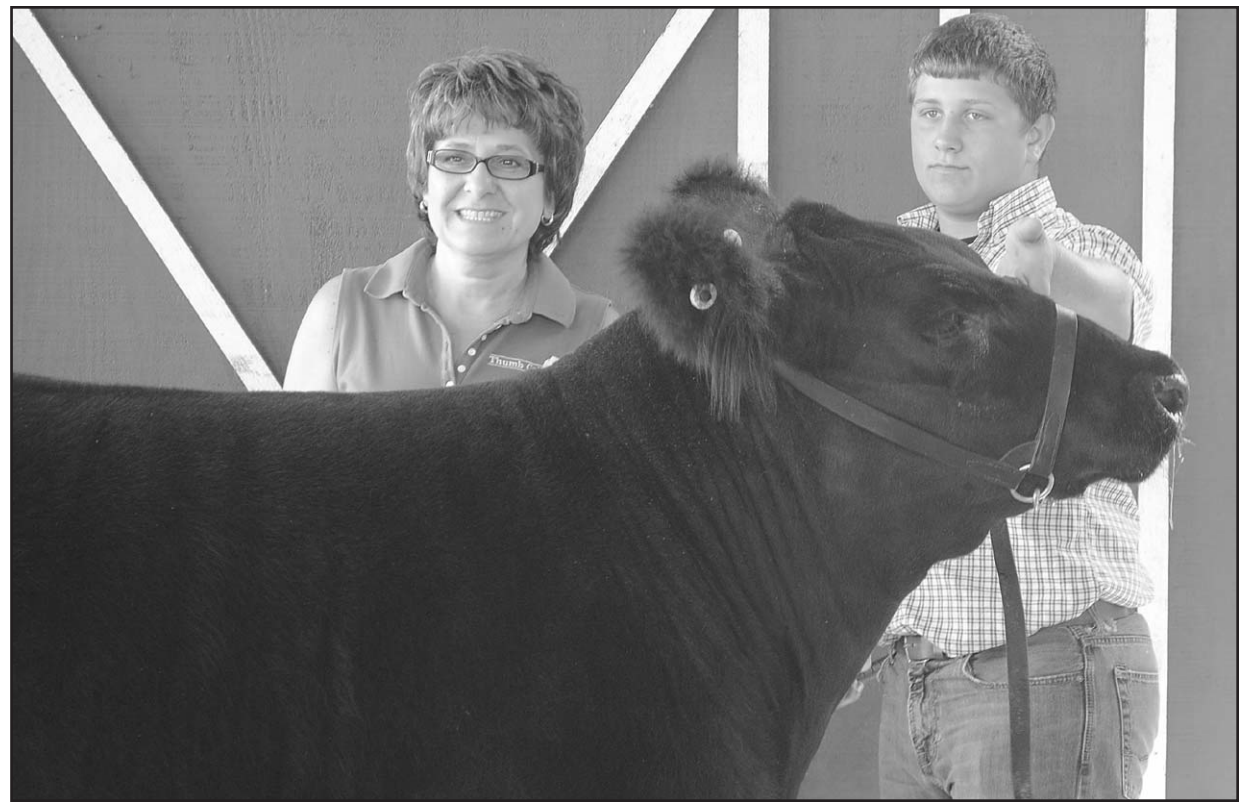
"It (social news) was big back then. We had correspondents from Greenleaf, Gageton, Elmwood, Rescue. We had correspondents from all the communities, because we didn't get around back in those days," Guinther said.

"That was a big part of the paper — the news from all the communities around here," she added. "I'll tell you, those people out in Holbrook looked forward to it. It sold a lot of papers."



4-H youth shine at the Tuscola County Fair...

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The Cass City Village Council will be holding a Public Hearing at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan,

Monday, August 30, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

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Quaint country home, on 3.5 acres, just on outskirts of town. It has many, many updates in the last 5 years from head to toe. Siding, windows, roof, doors, deck, wiring, plumbing and more. This home is kept in immaculate condition. Large living room and pantry/laundry room is what every woman wishes she had. Plenty of cupboards for all your needs. For all you men, the garage is nice and big for your extra toys. Call to set up a preview today. Move in ready. CC-654

SOLD!!

Nice affordable 3 to 4 bedroom home located in town, Cass City. This home can be moved into without putting any more money into it. Fourth bedroom could be used as an office or den. Stove, refrigerator and water softener included. Main floor utility and storage shed. Move in day of closing. CCT-445

REDUCED!!

Well maintained 3 bedroom home. Located in Pigeon. Comes with a 1.5 detached garage, basement and is ready for your family to move into. Nice yard. Priced to sell! Immediate occupancy. Call today. EPB-181

REDUCED!!

If you're tired of paying rent, here's an affordable way to own. With a few cosmetic touchups, this home could be ready to move into. It features 2 bedrooms setting on 1/2 acre just off of M-24 in a great centrally located area. North Branch schools. Keys at closing. NB-248

REDUCED!!

Looking for a relaxing place to spend some time? You could be the owner of this cottage in no time at all. Located by the Saginaw Bay with canal access. Close to Scenic Golf Course. It has a garage for your car or storage. 2 bedrooms with open living area and gas fireplace. Nicely decorated. Just bring your furniture and enjoy. EPB-182

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3 BEDROOM, 1.75 BATH. Ranch home on a large nicely landscaped lot in the village of Cass City, with an open stairway to the full semi-finished walk-out basement with wood burning fireplace. Open kitchen to the dining room with snack bar between. Newer roof, furnace, carpeting, appliances and 1 year home warranty included. Move in day of closing. TCC1588

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PRICE REDUCED!

THIS AFFORDABLE estate features over 1,700 sq. ft. of living space that includes 3 bedrooms, den, living room, dining room, kitchen, family room with fireplace, basement and a 2 car garage. All this on 4 village lots that is fully landscaped with a lot of mature trees. Take a look today! TCC1576

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Summer Mania

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Cheryl Maxwell (third prize). Operation Bless Our Children helps to fund various activities for area children, including backpack week-end meals for local students. Mulligan is quick to credit Summer Mania's top sponsors - All Season Sales and Rent-All, Cass City DDA, Curtis Chrysler and McDonald's - for the success of the Cass City chamber-sponsored event. "It's the businesses and a couple friends of the chamber, but it's (financial contribution to Summer Mania) not part of their dues - they do this extra so we can have this event," she said. "It's wonderful that we can, in this economy, offer something for free for the whole family...and everybody can find something they like."



MARION AND LARRY Smith of Caro displayed a very rare car during the Classic Car Show. They own a 2008 Pontiac Solstice T2 GXP — one of only 88 models produced.



MANY KIDS GATHERED at Rotary Park to enjoy a day of fun, games, cotton candy and snowcones. Pictured above are (left to right) Jalene Krol, 9, Kacey Haire, 9 and Carson Roemer, 8.

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SIERRA SPRY, 8, races down an inflatable activity and through the tunnel at this year's Summer Mania celebration in Cass City, held over the weekend at Rotary Park.

CRP sign-up scheduled to continue this month

Christine White, State Executive Director for Michigan's Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers and landowners that the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general signup began Monday, Aug. 2. Certain practices are available on a continuous basis, however, it has been 5 years since the last competitive general CRP signup took place. Producers can offer land for CRP general signup through Aug. 27.

land for at least 12 months prior to the close of the CRP signup, Aug. 27, 2010. Land must be cropland which has been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the 6 crop years from 2002-2007, and which is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Alfalfa and other multiyear grasses and legumes grown in a rotation not to exceed 12 years may be eligible for this year.

"The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is the USDA's largest private-lands voluntary conservation program," said White. "CRP helps agricultural producers convert environmentally sensitive agricultural land to achieve conservation benefits." To be eligible for CRP, the producer must have owned or operated the

Benefits to CRP include: improved and increased wildlife habitat, improved water quality, increased soil quality, reduce soil erosion, and increase air quality. In return for planting long-term resource conserving covers, FSA provides CRP participants annual rental payments, maintenance payments, cost-share and technical assistance.

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