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## Prosecutor won't charge officer

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Sandusky City police officer who fatally shot a former Kingston

man early this year will not face criminal charges.

In a 22-page report issued last week, Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart J. Dunning III, who was

appointed the special prosecutor in the case, indicated Officer Scott Mintz of the Sandusky Police Department acted in self defense and was justified in using lethal force

when he fatally shot Kent Kramer during the early morning hours of Feb. 27.

"Officer Mintz retreated a considerable distance and used escalating means of force in an attempt to subdue Mr. Kramer by means of Taser and chemical spray. According to the witnesses, Officer Mintz gave repeated directions to Mr. Kramer to 'stand down' and/or 'get on the ground,'" Dunning stated in the conclusion of his lengthy report.

"Witnesses...indicated that they saw Mr. Kramer moving aggressively towards the officer. Officer Mintz states that prior to firing his weapon in the situation in which he felt he was in imminent danger, that he ordered Mr. Kramer to 'stop or I will shoot'.

"Nothing in Officer Mintz' report is inconsistent with the state of the witnesses," Dunning continued.

"Given the manner in which the events unfolded, this situation changed from one in which there is a question of an officer utilizing force in an attempt to effectuate arrest to one in which the officer, after having deployed a Taser and after having used chemical spray, found himself in imminent, personal danger," he said.

"It is also important to note that, as a police officer attempting to effectuate an arrest, Officer Mintz was under no duty to retreat," Dunning noted. "But he did retreat a considerable distance in an attempt to mollify this situation and presumably to avoid use of deadly force.

"Under the circumstances, Officer Mintz reasonably believed that Mr. Kramer — at the very least — intended to cause great bodily harm when he advanced toward Officer Mintz and threatened (him). For these reasons, there will be no criminal charges filed against Officer Mintz."

According to Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki, whose department investigated the shooting, the fatal altercation took place

shortly after 1:14 a.m. when Mintz came upon a traffic-related incident at the intersection of Dawson and West Sanilac streets.

"The initial investigation revealed that while the Sandusky officer was investigating the accident, the suspect became belligerent and resisted verbal commands from the officer," Biniecki said. "The incident further escalated and the officer attempted to gain control of the suspect by use of a Taser.

"The suspect continued resisting the officer's commands and, with the officer retreating, the suspect began to pursue the officer, causing the officer to resort to the use of his duty weapon," Biniecki reported.

In his report, Dunning cited written statements by several witnesses. He also noted Kramer had a blood alcohol level of .24 at the time Mintz attempted to place him under arrest.

"Several of the witnesses made mention of the size disparity between Mr. Kramer and Officer Mintz; Mr. Kramer weighed 258 pounds and stood at 6-foot 4 inches. Officer Mintz, according to records, is approximately 145 pounds and stands 5-feet 3-inches," Dunning noted.

Dunning lauded sheriff's department and state police detectives "for the thorough, complete and exhaustive investigation which was done."

He said the delay in issuing his report was due to several factors, including the Kramer family's discovery of a witness, requiring an interview in August just as he (Dunning) was preparing to take some time off, and, later, 2 multiple-defendant murder cases in his own jurisdiction.

"Also, I had promised the Kramer family that no final decision would be made until I had a chance to meet with them. That meeting took place on Oct. 11," Dunning said.

"The Kramers are the kind of family which is the foundation of the greatness of our nation," he added. "This is a most regrettable tragedy."



A SMALL ARMY OF volunteers, including (from left) area residents Lance Gohsman, Tommy Fulcher, Sonya Regnerus, Christina Kabadik and Nikki Ash, helped to make the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's haunted house a success over the weekend. The event was set up in the upper floor of the VIP Salon building. Chamber officials said the haunted house, as well as a costume party hosted at Mulligan's Irish Links Saturday night, raised a few hundred dollars that will be used to help fund Cass City's Christmas in the Village and Summer Mania events.

## School district has \$106,000 more to spend in bond extension dollars

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It's a problem any school district would love to have: spending dollars from a voter-approved, multimillion bond extension, and then finding you still have thousands of dollars left.

Cass City School officials faced the question of how to spend a big chunk of leftover money earlier this year, putting the money into repairs at the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center, and replacing the roof on that building as well as Campbell Elementary School.

Now, after completing millions of dollars worth of capitol improvements over the past couple of years — and paying for them all — a final review of expenditures show school officials still have about \$106,000 left, Cass City Public Schools Chief Financial Officer Tim Berlin told the

Cass City Board of Education Monday night.

Berlin noted the leftover funds are the result of several projects in which the work came in under budget. School officials have also said a number of projects turned out to be less extensive and less expensive than anticipated.

The question now, school Supt. Jeff Hartel told the board, is how to spend the money.

Items discussed so far, he added, include upgrading technology by completing the wireless system throughout the high school, and the purchase of another school bus. Hartel said he would also like to consider the purchase and installation of an electronic sign for the district.

Hartel said school officials are not in a hurry to spend the money, which can be used only for capital improvements/repairs. As long as the district is working in good faith to spend the

money wisely, there should be more than enough time to make the right decisions.

In other financial matters during the regular monthly meeting, the board Please turn to page 8.

## New phone system planned for the municipal building

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Communication is one key to any good relationship. It's with that mindset Monday that village officials in Cass City voted to receive bids for a new telephone system for the municipal building.

During the village council's regular monthly meeting, trustee Jenny Zawilinski's motion for an Integrated Network Communications System (INCS) was unanimously approved. Bids for the INCS will be accepted until Nov. 10.

Zawilinski says the current phone

system is over 10 years old and is limited in its uses. Adding, "The INCS is estimated to cost not more than \$7,500 including installation and support." Specifications for the new INCS will include Auto Attendant and Voice Mail, Caller ID, Unified Messaging and a conference unit.

This phone system will give residents of Cass City a better-serving village hall and staff, according to Village Manager Peter Cristiano.

Also during the 30-minute session, the council approved the low bid from Peerless Midwest, Wixom, MI to clean and treat well #1 for an Please turn to page 8.

## ELECTION 2010

### 3 of 5 commissioners face challengers

Three of 5 Tuscola County commissioners face challengers in next week's general election.

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 2, to decide a host of races at the local and state levels.

In all, 4 county commissioners held off challenges for their 2-year terms in the August primary election, although one of them — District 5 incumbent Republican Gerald Peterson — initially lost by one vote. A recount gave him the needed vote for a tie, and he and challenger Douglas DuRussel, another Vassar Republican, drew lots. Peterson won back his place on the board.

In the Cass City area, District One Commissioner and Republican incumbent Amanda Roggenbuck, Unionville, defeated challenger Michael Downing, Akron, in the primary. She and Democrat Zygmunt P. Dworzecki will square off next week for the right to represent Elkland Township, including Cass City, along with Akron, Columbia, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

In other Tuscola County Commission districts:

\*District 2 — Cass City area resident and incumbent Republican Tom Bardwell faces Democrat J. Warren Taylor, Caro, in the general

election. Bardwell ran unopposed in the primary election, while Taylor emerged the winner in a 2-way primary race, defeating fellow Caro Democrat Mark R. Putnam.

District 2 is comprised 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 unopposed in August. District 3 is comprised of Dayton, Fremont,

Kingston, Koylton, Novesta and Wells townships.

\*District 4 — Voters chose incumbent Republican Commissioner Roy Petzold, Millington, over challenger Delores M. Damm, also of Millington, in the primary election.

District 4 covers Millington, Vassar and Watertown townships.

\*District 5 — While Peterson ended up the winner in District 5, he still faces a test next week in challenger James A. Gillies, a Please turn to page 16.

## It's Bernero vs. Snyder, Green against Mayes, Brown versus Damrow

Cass City area residents who exercise their right to vote will have a say in electing a new governor as well as state legislators when they go to the polls during the Tuesday, Nov. 2, general election.

The winners in the governor's race last August were Republican Rick Snyder, 52, of Ann Arbor, and Virg Bernero, 46, a Lansing Democrat who most recently served as the mayor of Lansing. They were

among 7 candidates seeking the governor's seat.

### 31ST DISTRICT

In a heated race for the 31st District Senate seat, former Tuscola County commissioner and state representative Mike Green, a Mayville Republican, easily defeated 3 other candidates in the primary Please turn to page 16.



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## Deer Widow's Revenge bus trip scheduled in November

The Friends of Rawson Memorial District Library are sponsoring a Deer Widow's Revenge, a bus trip to Great Lakes Crossing Outlets for a day of shopping.

The trip is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 15 and costs \$40. Departure will be from Cass City at 9 a.m. and will return by 5 p.m. The trip includes 4 hours of shopping at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, one package pick-up midway through the day, a complimentary shopping bag, and a discount card for participating

stores. Great Lakes Crossing Outlets includes 185 manufacturer's outlets and traditional retail stores and is Michigan's only enclosed value-regional mall. There are 25 stores and restaurants that can't be found anywhere else in Michigan, including Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Disney Store Outlet, Rainforest Café, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Neiman Marcus Last Call Clearance Center, Victoria's Secret Outlet and Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill

— just to name a few. Lunch is on your own at the mall, where you can find Michigan's largest food court (1,000 seats) and 7 full-service restaurants ranging from Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill, offering southern-style fare and live entertainment, to Miyako Japanese Steakhouse, where hibachi chefs prepare the food right in front of you. This trip promises a fun day for you and your friends to get away and enjoy a day of shopping, all the while letting someone else take care of the driving. If you are interested in joining the tour for this fun-filled day, contact Gail Smith at (989) 872-3121 by Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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## It's a boy!



Conner Kreeger

Zachary and Garrett announce the birth of their baby brother, Conner Richard Kreeger. Conner was born July 9, 2010. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces. Conner's parents are Chad and Joey Kreeger of Cass City. His grandparents are Richard and Terri Kreeger of Fowlerville, Terry and Kim Donovan of Cass City, and Ray and Cathy Smutek of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Jay and Maxine Smith of Caseville and Clearwater, Fla.

## It's a boy!



Levi Simpson

Brian and Alice (Roe) Simpson of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Levi Ip Simpson. Levi was born July 26, 2010 in Bad Axe. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. He was welcomed to the world by his siblings: Stephanie, Erin, Casey, Heather, Madison, Bryce, Tanley and Ben. His grandparents are Gloria and Fred Kritzman of Snover, and Gene and Jackie Simpson of Cass City.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Thursday, October 28

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.  
 Preschool Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. (Ages 3 to 5)  
 Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.  
 AAUW Halloween Carnival, 5-7 p.m., Cass City Middle School. Enjoy games, food and prizes! Games tickets: 5 for \$1. (ages 3-12 years)  
 Thumb Tea Party meeting, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, 6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City. Guest speaker: Jesse Atwell.

## Friday, October 29

Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.  
 "Books are Fun!" Book & Gift Sale, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Hills & Dales General Hospital (in the west wing hallway). Sponsored by the Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary, which receives a portion of all proceeds.

## Saturday, October 30

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. John Episcopal Church, Sand Point. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, please contact (989) 963-9077.

## Sunday, October 31

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 325-2592.

## Monday, November 1

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.  
 AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.  
 Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

## In Tuscola County

# Accident claims Essexville man

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies say an Essexville man died in a one-vehicle traffic accident last week in Tuscola Township.

Investigators identified the victim as Neil Myles, 54. The rollover crash was reported at

about 1:47 p.m. Tuesday on Hart Road, south of Waterman Road.

"The vehicle had been southbound on Hart Road, lost control and rolled over in a ditch," said Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent. "It is believed at this time that the driver

was not wearing his seatbelt. "The lone driver was transported to St. Mary's Hospital but was pronounced deceased there. The accident is under investigation, and further information will be released when it becomes available," Skrent said.

# Huron County sheriff identifies 2 victims in recent plane crash

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson identified the victims of a fatal plane crash last week as Allan C. Lumley, 54, of Lapeer, the owner of the plane and presumed pilot, and Douglas Kerchner, 53, of Goodrich, the passenger who was also a pilot and held an instructor's rating.

Hanson said the crash was reported Monday after a Liken Road witness called Huron Central Dispatch to say she had seen the plane go down south of the Sebewaing Township

Airport. "First on the scene were residents of the area and Sebewaing Patrolman Brandon Gettel, who attempted to extinguish the flames with a fire extinguisher," Hanson said. "The Sebewaing Fire Department arrived shortly thereafter and extinguished the fire. Members from the Huron County Sheriff's Office then arrived and took over the scene.

"From among the many witness accounts, it appears the airplane was having mechanical difficulties after

it had departed southbound from the Sebewaing Township Airport," Hanson said. "It is possible that the airplane may have been trying to return back to the airport."

Sebewaing Township fire fighters extracted the bodies of both victims using their Jaws of Life. Hanson said Huron County Medical Examiner Dr. Richard Lockard responded to the scene, as did officials with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

# Lexington man injured in fall from tree while hunting in Sanilac County

An Algonac man is credited with saving a Lexington hunter who fell from a tree stand while hunting Friday morning in a remote area of the Minden City State Game area.

Lt. Bob Willis of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department said Al Nugent, 61, of Algonac called central dispatch at about 7:15 a.m. to report that a hunter had fallen from a tree in Sanilac County's Wheatland Township.

"Sheriff's deputies, along with the Deckerville Fire Department, Argyle Fire Department and Sanilac EMS were dispatched to the area," Willis said, adding the caller walked out to the road and directed rescue personnel to the victim.

"The victim of the fall is identified as 45-year-old Steven Welsh. He was conscious when rescuers reached him," Willis said. "He told deputies that he had slipped on the wet metal of the tree stand and had fallen approximately 18 feet. Mr. Welsh had no safety harness and was not carrying a cell phone. He stated that he had been hunting by himself."

Welsh was transported by helicopter to a Saginaw area hospital. Information on his condition was not available.

Nugent told deputies that he heard Welsh fall, hit the ground and start yelling.

"Had he not been in the area, there was a very real chance that the victim would not have been rescued as quickly, if at all," Willis said. "Hunters and hikers are reminded to

tell someone where they are going to be and when they can be expected back. Hunters using tree stands should always connect a safety harness to a tree in the event of a fall."



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

by Kate VanAuken, director  
Rawson Memorial District Library

The Friends of Rawson Memorial District Library held their first meeting on Jan. 17, 1991 with 14 people attending.

Their first project was a Quilt Show and a video presentation called "A Stitch in Time". As you may know, the Friends have supported Rawson Library in many ways.

The first Annual Book Sale took place in July, 1991, and has been going strong nearly 20 years later. Over the years there have been many wonderful volunteers who not only contribute their time, but also their talents.

Currently, there are over 30 members who are the powerhouse behind 5 to 7 fundraising events annually. This group has done programs ranging from bridal shows to bake sales, from Christmas home tours to bus trips, from antique appraisals to magazine sales. The

Friends also have sold tote bags, magnets, bookmarks, notepaper, mugs and Cass City afghans.

Another fundraiser the Friends have done for the past few years is collecting VG's grocery store receipts. The library turns in the receipts to VG's and receives \$.01 per point on each receipt.

The group meets the first Thursday of each month at 1:30 at the library with the next meeting Thursday, Nov. 4. Dues are \$3 for an individual or \$5 for a couple.

The next fundraiser? The Better Book Sale begins Monday, Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. with beautiful new and like new items replenished daily.

The next bus trip is the Deer Widow's Revenge bus trip to Great Lakes Crossing, Monday, Nov. 15.

For more information, contact the library at (989) 872-2856.



# Business seminar on tap at the library

The Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center will offer a free Fundamentals of Finance and Business Legal Issues seminar at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 8.

This blended course is an introduction to legal and finance issues small businesses face on a day-to-day basis. It is designed to guide prospective business owners in setting up the organizational structure that will help protect them from unnecessary legal challenges.

Content covers the different types of legal entities that are appropriate for structuring and starting a new business. Tax and liability issues, along with basic elements of a contract, collections, licenses, registrations, employment and property issues, leasing and insurance are covered.

In addition, this course introduces the basics of financial management, including how to start an accounting system and how to apply the information from key financial statements to help you manage your business. Accounting language, including debits and credits, preparation of the balance sheet and profit and loss statement are explained. Cash flow analysis and breakeven are also covered with specific small business examples.

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The event will be held Friday, Nov. 12, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall (903 Ryan Rd. in Caro). Tickets are \$10 per person in advance, or \$12 at the door. You may get tickets by contacting Linda at Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters at (989) 673-6996, or Peg at (989) 672-1744.

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## School has \$106,000 more to spend

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approved a routine resolution to accept funding for its early childhood (4-year-old) program, also known as the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP).

Hartel explained the district receives \$3,400 in funding per student — a total of \$68,000 for 17 students in the program. In addition, there are a dozen students enrolled whose families pay a \$700 tuition fee.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also Monday, the board:

- Formally hired new staff members Steve Hollocker, a third grade teacher, and Ashley Copeland, a second grade teacher.

- Adopted a revised sex education policy for students in grades 9 through 12.

The revisions were drafted by the district's Sex Ed Advisory Committee, which consists of parents, a member of the clergy, 5 school employees and one student.

School Nurse Kathy LaPonsie said the revisions are an upgrade of the curriculum already in place. The Michigan Model for Health curriculum is abstinence-based, but also incorporates what committee members felt was a need for instruction in the areas of health and responsible relationships, HIV infection along with other sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy prevention.

- Heard quarterly reports from department heads representing transportation (Rich Sattelberg), indoor maintenance (Dave Barnes), outdoor maintenance (Randy Schuette) and technology (Lyle Severance).

- Heard a presentation from staff members and students regarding

their trip to Ford Field to participate in a day-long "Fuel Up to Play 60" program, which was created in partnership by the National Dairy Council and National Football League to encourage educators and students to improve nutrition and physical activities at their schools.

The trip, funded by a \$1,500 grant from the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, included visits with Lions players and trainers, and a variety of nutrition and exercise activities.

- Approved a future trip to Ohio for the eighth grade band and high school band.

- Was invited to an annual Veteran's Day celebration at Cass City Middle School Thursday, Nov. 11. Officials are inviting all area veterans to visit the school, starting with a free lunch at noon. Visits to classrooms and a social hour are slated from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., followed by an assembly in the gym at 1:30 p.m.

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## New phone system planned for the municipal building in Cass City

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amount not to exceed \$15,500. Quotes for the project, which ranged to a high of \$16,753, were requested when tests revealed the well was off 20-percent in capacity. Significant, considering Cass City has 3 wells in total which pump an average of 275,000 gallons per day.

### USRDA GRANTS

Cristiano informed the handful of residents in attendance that 3 Main Street businesses will benefit from United States Rural Development Agency (USRDA) grants. They are Carmela's Pizzeria, Plain & Fancy, and Busy Bee's Day Care & Preschool.

The funding requests were administered by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and include \$20,000 for the purpose of adding equipment to make Carmela's a full-service restaurant and \$5,000 each for the local paint store and daycare operations.

"The DDA handled the paperwork for these requests and will hold a 5-year lease on any equipment purchased," Cristiano said. "That way they can't turn around and sell the equipment and pocket the money."

Bids for kitchen equipment for

Carmela's will be accepted until Nov. 10 and are expected to run in the neighborhood of \$25,000, which will include a match of \$5,000 from the pizzeria.

### 2010 BUDGET

As in previous years, the Village of Cass City Budget was reviewed and amendments to better reflect the current economic and operational trends, realities and activities were approved.

Overall, said Cristiano, property taxes were better than anticipated due to the increase in Main Street business development, while many civic groups, including the Pinney Foundation, Rotary Club, Gavel Club and Lions Club added their support in an effort to improve the quality of life in this community.

However, Cristiano also reported that many costs facing the village are directly related to overall rising prices, while demands for village services have increased motor vehicle use within the village limits, and part-time labor has swelled to meet those demands.

"The changes reflect a 2 percent increase in revenues and a .12 percent change in budget adjustments," Cristiano said.

A summary of the proposed 2010

budget can be seen on the Chronicle's website at: www.ccchronicle.net.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Turning to routine matters, the council also:

- Received, approved and filed the minutes from the Sept. meetings of the Economic Development Corporation and the DDA.

- Received, approved and filed the minutes from the council's regular Sept. meeting and the minutes of a special meeting held Oct. 19th.

- Accepted the financial statements, with cash balance in excess of \$1.1 million.

- Approved payment of bills as presented.

## Proper conduct required within the polling place

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently reminded voters of proper conduct within the polling place on election day, especially as it pertains to cameras.

"The use of video cameras, still cameras and other recording devices is prohibited in the polls when they are open for voting," said Land. "This includes recording features built into many of today's cell phones. These restrictions ensure that you are able to vote a secret ballot in complete privacy. I encourage all voters to remember these policies when at the polls on election day."

The ban applies to all voters as well as challengers, poll watchers and election workers. Exceptions are made for credentialed members of the news media though certain restrictions remain. The ban protects voters who may feel intimidated in the polling place by the presence of a camera.

Additionally, under Michigan election law, a ballot is rejected if deliberately exposed and the voter who does so will not be allowed to vote in that election. The ban also serves as a deterrent to those who may try to sell their vote, which is prohibited by law.

Land addressed other topics generating voters' questions, including:

- Voting rights of residents in jail or prison: Michigan residents confined in jail or prison who are awaiting arraignment or trial are eligible to vote. However, residents who are serving a sentence in jail or prison after conviction cannot vote during the period of confinement. When residents are released from jail or prison after serving a sentence, they are free to participate in elections without restriction.

- Early voting: While some states allow all voters to cast ballots prior to election day, Michigan does not have early voting. Of course, qualified Michigan voters can cast absentee ballots prior to election day.

- Displaying election-related materials at the polls: Michigan has prohibited this practice for decades. It

includes clothing and buttons as well as material such as pamphlets, fliers and stickers. You cannot display such items in the polling place or within 100 feet of an entrance to a polling place. If a voter goes to the polls with a T-shirt or button bearing campaign-related images or slogans, he or she will be asked to cover or remove it.

- Voting a straight party ticket: At the top of each political party's column on the ballot, there is an opportunity to vote "straight" party, which selects all candidates on that party's ticket with a single vote. If you vote straight party, there is no need to vote again for any individual candidate in the party column. However, if you do vote straight party and then vote for an individual candidate in either party, it will not invalidate your vote for that candidate.

- Split-ticket voting: You may "split" your ticket - vote for candidates of different parties - in the Nov. 2 general election. This differs from the August primary in which you must confine your votes to a single party column. Selections are not invalidated unless you cast votes for more candidates than are allowed in a certain race. Even if you vote a "straight" ticket, you may cross over and vote for candidates of a different party.

- Voting a portion of the ballot: You are not required to vote the entire ballot. You may pick and choose the races or ballot questions for which you want to vote. Skipping sections of the ballot does not invalidate your ballot.

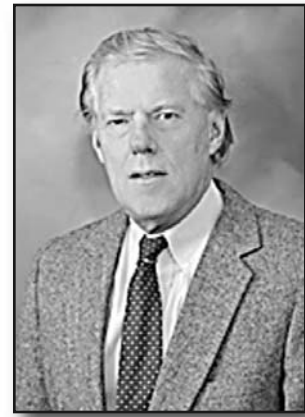
- Challenges based on home foreclosures: The compilation of home foreclosure information alone does not provide sufficient reason to challenge a person's voting status. In fact, the Michigan Republican and Democratic parties are in agreement that so-called foreclosure lists do not provide a reasonable basis to challenge voters.

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# Cass City spikers earn GTW decisions

Forced to make a line up change, Cass City returned to the win column in Greater Thumb West play, after a 3-game absence, last week with road victories over Bay City All Saints and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

With the wins, the Red Hawks improve to 7-3 in the GTW and 23-8-4 overall.

Coach Brenda Sherman said her adjusted line up held together well in the team's most recent outing against the Lakers and recorded victory in 4 games. The scores in Thursday's contest were 25-21, 25-13, 23-25 and 25-20.

"The girls have really pulled together and are working hard to find the chemistry again even through the adversities we have faced lately," Sherman said.

Those hard times include the loss of Logan Rowell, the team's middle hitter, who was a passenger in a car accident and suffered a concussion.

"We hope to have Logan back

before districts," Sherman said Monday, noting that she still is suffering from headaches.

Picking up the slack in Rowell's absence has been mostly Megan Parrish and Alexis Fetterhoff. Coach Sherman has moved Caitlin Reed to fill the middle hitter position, while Carley Hendrick has moved to the team's left outside hitter spot and Fetterhoff has been filling in as an outside hitter on the right side.

"I have been impressed with how they have stepped up and pulled together. It (Rowell's injury) has been a setback but that is when you find out what a team is really made of," said Sherman.

Individually, McKensie and Megan Parrish combined for 29 digs against the Lakers, while 5 Lady Red Hawks recorded double digit receptions on the night, including 35 by McKensie Parrish and 13 apiece by Macey Messing and Krista Guinther.

"Errors were really held to a minimum against the Lakers. The stats

were really quite consistent across the team which showed true teamwork in a victory," Sherman said.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the

visitors defeated Bay City All Saints in 5 games with decisions of 20-25, 25-10, 25-15, 20-25 and 15-9.

Stephanie Leeson paced the win-

ners with 11 kills and 12 assists. Megan Parrish chipped in 17 assists, while Jordyn Rasmussen was credited with 7 kills and 3 blocks.

## Deckerville too strong for visiting Owen-Gage

Owen-Gage moved its North Central Thumb League crossover volleyball match with Deckerville up one day, but couldn't advance past the host Eagles and bowed in straight games.

"We had our final home football game on Thursday and we have girls that play in the band," said Athletic Director Matt Peters. "So I got on the phone with Deckerville so the girls could be at the football game."

The Eagles agreed with the request to play on Wednesday night, but made quick work of the conference affair with decisions of 25-20, 25-18 and 25-15.

Individually for Owen-Gage, Kayla Montreuil recorded 11 assists and 4 digs, while Lauren Mandich added 6 assists, 5 ace serves, and 5 digs; Amanda Muntz, 9 kills, and 2 blocks; Christin Harris, 7 kills and 2 blocks; and Erika Mroz, 6 digs.

The Bulldog Parents' Night contest is scheduled for Thursday when rival Kingston invades Owendale.

Volleyball Standings Greater Thumb West			
Team	W	L	
*Reese	9	1	
USA	7	3	
Cass City	7	3	
Bad Axe	7	3	
Vassar	4	7	
BCAS	1	9	
EPBP	1	10	

Greater Thumb East			
Team	W	L	
Brown City	8	1	
Marlette	8	1	
Ubyly	6	3	
Sandusky	3	6	
Mayville	2	7	
H. Beach	0	9	

Volleyball Standings NCTL North			
Team	W	L	
*Caseville	10	1	
North Huron	7	4	
Owen-Gage	5	6	
Port Hope	2	10	
A-Fairgrove	1	10	

NCTL South			
Team	W	L	
Memphis	10	1	
Deckerville	9	2	
Kingston	7	4	
CPS	5	6	
Peck	0	12	

\*Clinched league title.  
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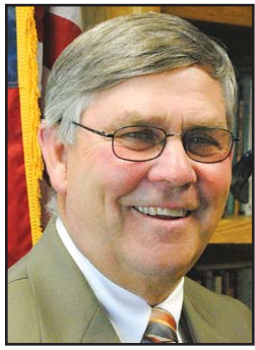




# Voters to decide several races in general election

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election to win the right to face off against Democrat Jeff Mayes next week for the 4-year term currently held by Democrat Jim Barcia, who is being forced from office due to term limits.



Mike Green

Green, 62, is known as the last elected official to successfully get a rewrite of the Drain Code through the House. A retired General Motors tool and die maker who also owned and operated a family farm for 17 years, he is currently the owner of Green's Log Rails and Custom Log Furniture. Green served as a Tuscola County commissioner for 8 years and was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1994, serving constituents in Huron and Tuscola counties.

Mayes, (D-Bay City), 39, is a 3-term House member who chairs the Energy and Technology Committee and serves as the Majority Whip. His legislative cred-



Jeff Mayes

its include being lead policy maker in 2008 Energy Reform and co-authoring Michigan's first Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS).

A Bay City native and former Bangor Township supervisor, Mayes has served as president of the Bay County Township Officers Association.

He has also been involved in a variety of community organizations, including the Bay County Medical Control Authority Board, Bay Area Women's Center Board, Bay Area Community Foundation Board, and the SVSU Math Resource Center Advisory Committee. He's an Eagle Scout and former chair of the Boy Scouts of America Shoreline District Committee.

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

### 84TH DISTRICT

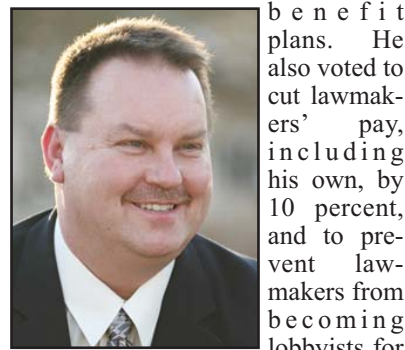
In the race for a 2-year term as the 84th District state representative, the candidates are incumbent Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) and Republican challenger Kurt E. Damrow.

The district is comprised of Huron and Tuscola counties.

Brown, an educator for more than 2 decades, worked as principal of the Huron Learning Center in Bad Axe and as a school social worker in districts across Huron County. He is the associate pastor at Bay Port Community of Christ, where he has been involved in the ministry for nearly 30 years.

As a state representative, Brown cites his leading efforts to reform government in an effort to eliminate wasteful spending and help protect key priorities such as education and police and fire services. He sponsored a plan to save taxpayers \$4.8 million by consolidating administrative services in the Michigan House and Senate and modifying employee benefit plans.

He also voted to cut lawmakers' pay, including his own, by 10 percent, and to prevent lawmakers from becoming lobbyists for 2 years after leaving office.



Terry Brown

Brown voted to encourage private investment in small businesses so they can expand and create jobs, and he championed cottage food legisla-

tion to enable residents and vendors to launch small food-based businesses.

Damrow, a Huron County commissioner, is a retired non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force and Michigan Air National Guard. With the exception of his military service, he has been a lifelong Huron County resident.



Kurt Damrow

As a commissioner, Damrow served as legislative chairman, vice chair of personnel and a member of the

Safety Committee. He also served as the country representative for former 84th District State Rep. Mike Green.

Damrow's retirement ended an honored military career, which included a 4 1/2-year deployment on 9-11, being selected as the 127th Wing Headquarters and Wing "Outstanding Airman of the Year", the Lifesaving Medal for Heroism, and the Air Force Inspector General's Gold Coin recognizing him as being in the top one percent of all Air Force personnel.

His efforts in the Thumb have included several projects honoring servicemen and women. He has also chaired a committee charged with working with Thumb area wind farm developers, and he took the lead in the request for revisions of FEMA floodplain maps.

## Statewide proposals on ballot

Every voter in Michigan will be asked to weigh in on 2 non-partisan proposals on the Tuesday, Nov. 2, general election ballot.

The following is the official language that will appear on the proposals:

•**Proposal 10-1** — "A proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the state Constitution. Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2011 to draft a general revision of the state Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?"

•**Proposal 10-2** — "A proposal to amend the state Constitution to prohibit certain felons from holding elective office and specified types of

public employment positions.

"The proposed constitutional amendment would: make a person ineligible for election or appointment to any state or local office or to hold a position in public employment in Michigan that is policy-making or has discretionary over assets, if: within the preceding 20 years, the

person was convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud or a breach of the public trust; and the conviction was related to the person's official capacity while holding any elective office or position of employment in local, state or federal government.

"Should this proposal be adopted?"

### 3 commissioners face challenges

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Jan. 1, 2013, are Democrat Charles Dennis and Pat M. Sheridan, who listed no party affiliation.

### GAGETOWN

Among area villages, all incumbents in Gagetown are seeking reelection this year.

They are: village President Charles "Chuck" Wright and incumbent trustees Bill Ehrlich, Walt Swiastyn and Mac McKee. All seats are for 4 years.

Races are also set for 3 Tuscola County Road Commission seats.

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Brenda Lawrence  
Lt. Governor

Elect  
Jocelyn Benson  
Secretary of State

Elect  
David Leyton  
Attorney General

Elect  
Jeff Mayes  
State Senator  
31st District

Re-Elect  
Terry Brown  
State Representative  
84th District

Elect  
Zygmund Dworzecki  
District #1  
County Commissioner

Elect  
Warren Taylor  
District #2  
County Commissioner

Re-Elect  
Tom Kern  
District #3  
County Commissioner

Elect  
Michael Warchuck  
Tuscola County  
Road Commission

Elect  
Charles Dennis  
Tuscola County  
Road Commission

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- BERNERO - LAWRENCE Governor - Lt. Governor
- BENSON Secretary of State
- LEYTON Attorney General
- MAYES State Senator 31st District
- BROWN State Representative 84th District
- DWORZECKI District 1 Commissioner
- TAYLOR District 2 Commissioner
- KERN District 3 Commissioner
- DENNIS Tuscola County Road Commission Board
- WARCHUCK Tuscola County Road Commission Board
- LANGFORD MORRIS Supreme Court
- DAVIS Supreme Court Justice
- BAUER State Board of Education
- RAMOS-MONTIGNY State Board of Education
- BROWN UM Regent
- STEPHENS UM Regent
- DENNO MSU Trustee
- MCNAMARA MSU Trustee
- BRULEY WSU Governor
- MOON WSU Governor

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