

**.2 mill being asked**

# More senior meals if millage passes

Voters in Tuscola and Sanilac counties Tuesday, Aug. 5, will be voting on a proposed .2 mill levy for four years for support of senior citizen activities.

**NOMINATE  
WRITE-IN  
CANDIDATE**

**Richard Erla**



For  
**2ND DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER**  
AUGUST 5 PRIMARY

- Democratic Ballot
- Elkland, Elmwood, Ellington, Novesta & Kingston Townships

For the well-being of our people.

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If the levies pass, the money will be used to maintain present services of the Thumb Area Commission on Aging (TACA) and to increase the number of senior citizens served by its meal programs. Some of the added funds will be used to establish a senior citizen meal site in Cass City.

Passage of the proposal means the levies will appear on December tax bills. The Huron County Board of Commissioners decided to put the same proposal on the Nov. 4 ballot so passage will mean the levy there won't appear on tax bills until December, 1981.

The millage proposals in Tuscola and Sanilac both specify that the money raised is to be spent within the respective county. In Tuscola, the levy will raise about \$100,000 the first year; in Sanilac, a little over \$80,000.

In Tuscola, the money will go directly to TACA. In Sanilac, the county board of Commissioners decided the Sanilac County Council on Aging will decide where the money goes, with the county board having veto power. TACA will apply to the county council for the funds it needs, but so could competing groups, for instance, a municipal government that wanted to run its own senior citizens program.

About 55 percent of the millage money is needed to maintain present services, according to TACA Director Ronald Cassie. The reason is

fourfold:

1) A reduction in the amount of federal money TACA receives, especially for the nutrition program. The agency presently receives about \$174,000 from Washington for the three counties for meals. For the next fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1, it will receive \$26,000 less.

Of a total TACA annual budget for the three counties of about \$450,000, 63 percent comes from Washington, 15 percent from the state, 12 percent from the three counties' general fund, and 10 percent in donations from benefiting senior citizens.

2) "Loss" of two employees in Tuscola and Sanilac who are or have been paid with federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act funds who, after their 18 months' eligibility are up, must be paid with other TACA funds.

3) Increase in the cost of providing services, for food, rent, utilities, etc.

4) If the millages pass, the Tuscola county board will no longer give TACA the \$20,000 it provides annually from its general fund and the Sanilac board will drop its \$17,000.

What happens if the millages fail is a question the two county boards still have to answer. When Cassie presented the proposals to county commissioners, who had to approve putting them on the ballot, some expressed the thought to him that defeat would mean

voters didn't feel county taxpayers should fund senior citizen services.

Others interpreted defeat as meaning the voters didn't think the amount of money for the purpose should be increased.

There is precedent for senior citizen millage levies. In east central Michigan, Saginaw, Bay, St. Clair and Iosco counties levy them now. Midland county has an upcoming millage proposal on the ballot. Saginaw county levies the most, .5 mill.

One mill equals \$1.00 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation, so the .2 mill being requested in Huron and Sanilac, for the owner of a home with \$30,000 valuation (\$60,000 market value) will mean an increase of \$6 per year in taxes.

**PRESENT SERVICES**

Services presently offered by TACA in the two counties which will be maintained with the millage are as follows:

Senior citizen meal sites -- In Tuscola, a total of almost 36,000 meals served at Caro, Akron-Fairgrove, Kingston, Mayville and Vassar. In Sanilac county, a total of more than 27,000 meals served annually at Sandusky, Port Sanilac, Deckerville and Crosswell-Lexington.

Home delivered meals -- A hot lunch and unheated dinner provided to senior citizens unable to get out of

their homes. There are 26,000 meals served annually in Tuscola in conjunction with the meal sites.

Hot line -- A total of 3,600 telephone calls received annually from senior citizens seeking assistance for a variety of problems and concerns.

Outreach -- 1,700 visits made annually by outreach workers to senior citizens' homes to determine eligibility for the meal programs and to help them receive other assistance, from TACA and other agencies, such as Medicaid, food stamps, home weatherization, and legal services.

Transportation -- Volunteer drivers transport senior citizens to the meals sites, medical appointments, grocery shopping, drug store and for other important appointments. In 1979, there were 2,778 such trips made in Tuscola county totaling 19,090 miles and in Sanilac, 1,224 trips and 29,172 miles.

Blood pressure checks -- Volunteer nurses made more than 5,700 blood pressure checks of senior citizens in the two counties last year.

Thumb Area Senior News -- The monthly newspaper reaches more than 10,500 senior citizens in the two counties each month.

**EXPANDED SERVICES**

Approval of the millage proposals will allow creation of new meal sites in Cass

City for an estimated 40 senior citizens, three days per week; Millington, 50 seniors, two days; Marlette, 30 meals, three days, and Peck-Brown City, 40 meals, three days a week.

The Cass City site, if there is one, has yet to be selected but will probably be a church, "as barrier free as possible," Cassie said.

There hasn't been a demand for the service in Cass City, he explained, but there have been inquiries about whether such a program exists. If one did exist, he has no doubt there will be enough eligible persons wanting to take advantage of it. The only eligibility requirement is that recipients be 60 or older.

It costs TACA about \$2.50 to prepare a meal. The average donation per person is about 50 cents. (Federal requirements prohibit making strong appeals for donations. About all that is allowed is placing of a canister.)

So that the Tuscola county millage doesn't support residents of other counties, Sanilac and Huron counties will be billed for those residents who eat at the Cass City meal site.

Passage of the millage will allow expansion of the transportation program, particularly to carry senior citizens to the meal sites.

The final new program will be expansion of the meals-on-wheels program in Cass City and establishment of such a program in Deckerville.

The Cass City program, presently funded by donations, serves 10-12 persons at a time, who receive a hot lunch two, three or five times a week. Hills and Dales General Hospital prepares the meals, and many recipients are recently released patients who aren't capable of yet preparing

their own meals.

Passage of the millage will allow roughly doubling of the program to serve persons within 10-12 miles of Cass City with a hot lunch and cold dinner five days a week and possibly seven.

**MILLAGE DEFEAT**

What happens if the millage proposals are defeated?

The first question that will then have to be answered is whether the Tuscola and Sanilac county boards will continue to contribute their \$20,000 and \$17,000 respectively to TACA.

"Logic says there will be some cuts," Cassie said. Because of federal aid cutbacks, he said the biggest cutbacks will have to be in those areas that receive the greatest share of funding from Washington, the meal program and transportation.

**ELECT**



**Sally Wood**  
Democrat  
Kingston  
Township  
Treasurer  
Aug. 5, 1980  
Paid by Candidate.

## Huron offices boast bountiful supply of primary candidates

Huron county voters will have a more than ample supply of candidates for county offices to choose from when they go to the polls Tuesday, Aug. 5. All the candidates running are Republicans, five for

register of deeds, three for sheriff, two for county clerk and two for prosecuting attorney.

The only countywide candidate with a free ride is treasurer Arnold Schweitzer of Owendale.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Francis Holdwick of Harbor Beach is the incumbent, having been appointed in February to replace the late Lorraine Maurer. She had worked in the office since June, 1978, and became deputy register of deeds in January, 1979.

Her challengers are Ronald Good of Sebawaing, a farmer and member of the Owendale-Gagetown School Board for 15 years; Robert W. Hobkirk, Bad Axe, a surveyor and farmer; Joseph McArdle, Pigeon, owner and operator of Joe's Refrigeration in that community, and Larry Schmitt Sr., Bad Axe, a farmer and field superintendent for the Tri-County Public Service Agency, a federally-funded employment program.

**SHERIFF**

Richard V. Stokan, 40, of Bad Axe, was first elected sheriff in 1972, after having been a deputy for seven years.

His opponents are Herbert Williams, 36, a former Bad Axe police officer with 7½ years' experience in law enforcement, now a self-employed truck driver, and Donald L. May, 41, Port Hope, a sheriff's department employee for 8½ years until he resigned in January, citing differences with Stokan. He was a sergeant at the time.

**COUNTY CLERK**

Edward Swackhamer is retiring after 33 years as county clerk, though he is now running for county commissioner from the Harbor Beach area.

Seeking to replace him are Helen Lemanski, 48, Port Austin, who has been deputy county clerk since 1953, and is secretary of the county Republican Committee, and Warren J. Krohn, 47, Elkton, certified assessor for Meade township, Huron County Sheltered Workshop board member and a former county commissioner.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

Peter Burns Capling decided not to seek re-election. Running for the Republican nomination are Karl Kraus, Caseville, and John Neeb II, Bad Axe. Kraus, 34, has been in private practice in Bad Axe

for six years. A graduate of Michigan State University, he received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1971. He was an assistant prosecutor in Genesee county from then until entering private practice. Neeb, 31, graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1972 and received his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing in 1978. He has been in private practice in Bad Axe since then. Before entering law school, he worked for Active Industries, Elkton, and Hamill Manufacturing, Bad Axe.

**COUNTY BOARD**

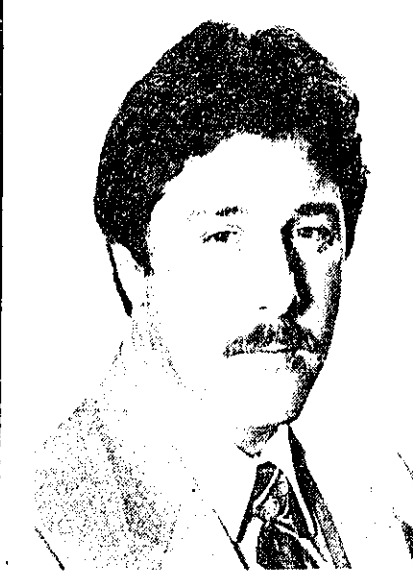
In District 1, Brookfield, Sebawaing and most of Fair Haven townships, Bruce Kuhl is unopposed for re-election. In District 2, which includes Grant, Sheridan and Bingham townships, William Nugent is unopposed for re-election.



**RE-ELECT  
Lawrence  
R. Smith**  
County Clerk

58 years of age  
1 Term County Clerk  
Over 13 years City Clerk  
Member Sanilac Disabled Veterans  
Member American Legion  
Veteran of World War II  
Sandusky Lions Club  
Member Baptist Church  
Widower with 4 children  
Amputee of right leg

Paid for by Smith for County Clerk Committee



**Elect  
ROBERT F.  
EIGNER**  
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR  
**SHERIFF**

**Bob Represents**

- \*Protection of Life and Property
- \*Good Administration (Streamlining)
- \*Better Personal Communication Between The People and The Sheriff's Dept.
- \*The Rights of Each Individual
- \*Enforcement of Laws
- \*Safety
- \*A Young Leader With Enthusiasm and Initiative To Do The Right Job For The People of Tuscola County.

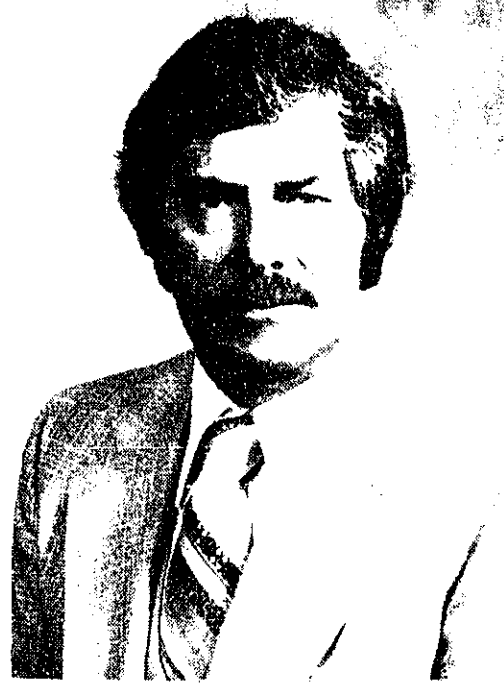
Allow me to represent the people of Tuscola County with my concept of fairness for everyone. Then we can get back to basics, law and order for the people by a person who cares for (you) the people.

Paid For By The Committee To Elect Robert F. Eigner Sheriff, 3177 N. Van Buren, Fairgrove

**A LIFE TIME  
RESIDENT**

**A FULL-TIME  
REPRESENTATIVE**

**A REPUBLICAN**



**KEITH MUXLOW**

**FARM BACKGROUND**

**PROVEN LEADERSHIP**

**LIFE-TIME RESIDENT**



Keith Muxlow with Sebawaing sugar beet farmer Stan Gettel

Keith Muxlow has farmed for 25 years. He knows the problems of farming. He supports the Farmland Preservation Act. Farmers deserve to have property tax relief. He also wants adequate funding for MSU Co-operative Extension and Ag research. We need a farmer representing us in Lansing.

Keith Muxlow has an excellent record of public service. He's served in the Army, Mayor of Brown City for eight years. He has been active in the Co-operative Extension Service, Brown City Public Health Center. He has also helped set up an industrial park in Brown City, providing jobs to the area.

Keith Muxlow is not a newcomer. He grew up in the Thumb, earned a living farming. Muxlow is responsible to his community-giving time unselfishly to make the Thumb a great place to live. He'll be the best representative for the Thumb, because he knows and relates to people.

**MUXLOW**  
For **STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

**REPUBLICAN-VOTE AUG. 5**

Paid for by Citizens for Muxlow, Brown City, MI. 48416

U.S. egg production, totaling 69.1 billion eggs, was up three percent in 1979.