

From the Tuesday, January 7, 2003 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

HERSCHER -- A single mother of two died mid-afternoon Monday when her car was broadsided by a pickup truck on Illinois 115 at Lehigh Road. Kankakee County Deputy Coroner Bob Gessner pronounced Amanda Jo. Walthers, 20, of Herscher, dead at the scene of the 2:20 p.m. accident. It was the second wreck to occur on county road 7000W, in the space of an hour. A 1:20 p.m. collision at its intersection with Illinois 102 injured a Wilmington woman and a Bolingbrook couple. Coroner James Kelly said Walthers was eastbound when her vehicle was struck broadside by a large pickup truck being driven southbound on county road 7000W by Robert W. Treadway, 56, of Manhattan. State police said Treadway failed to stop at the Illinois 115 stop sign. He was cited for disobeying the sign, plus for an unspecified violation of a driver's license restriction. Police said a railroad signal was also damaged during the incident. A funeral home had not been designated for Ms. Walthers at presstime.

From the Wednesday, January 8, 2003 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

HERSCHER -- Amanda Jo "Mandy" Walthers, 20, of Herscher, died Monday (Jan. 6, 2003) from injuries sustained in an auto accident. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the Hertz-Thoma Funeral Chapel, Kankakee, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday. Rev. Scott Paisley will officiate. Burial will be in the Bonfield Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. Ms. Walthers worked as a computer operator at the Sears Warehouse in Manteno. She was born Aug. 3, 1982, in Kankakee, the daughter of Terry and Judy Scott Walthers. Surviving are two sons, Justin and Simon, both at home; her mother of Herscher; her father and stepmother, Terry and Donna Walthers of Kankakee; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Angie and Sam Bradley of Bonfield, Susan and Scott Campbell of Kankakee; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Ed and Laura Walthers of Flint, Mich., Terry Walthers of Herscher; two stepsisters, Kelly Green of Kankakee and Terry Ann French of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; paternal grandfather, Charles Walthers of Thorp, Wis.; special friend, Patrick Boudreau of Essex; 10 nephews and five nieces; and several aunts and uncles. Her maternal grandparents, Edgar and Phyllis Scott; and paternal grandmother, Lela Walthers, are deceased. She enjoyed chatting on the Internet.

From the Friday, January 10, 2003 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

HERSCHER -- Services for Amanda Jo "Mandy" Walthers, 20, of Herscher, were held Jan. 10 at the Hertz-Thoma Funeral Chapel in Kankakee. Rev. Scott Paisley officiated. Ms. Walthers died Jan. 6, 2003. Burial was in the Bonfield Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dennis, Nick and Tom Patchette and Mark, Terry and Glenn Scott. Honorary pallbearer was Melissa Menard.