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Lack of insurance puts an end to Pinktober

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Pinktober is no more.
The decision to abandon the popular celebration of supporting

breast cancer awareness and research has nothing to do with a lack of interest – either among organizers or the hundreds of people it drew to various events in Cass City.

In fact, concerns over liability are at the heart of the matter. Specifically, the Cass City Chamber of Commerce’s insurance carrier informed chamber officials that it will no longer insure Pinktober

events.
Although the chamber hasn’t served as sponsor of the celebration or been involved in the organization of activities associated with the observance, it has provided insurance coverage for the event over the past several years.

“As far as I know, they’re not going to have anything,” Cass City Chamber of Commerce Administrator Judy Keller said of what has become a familiar fall tradition in Cass City – the only community in the region to host such a celebration. “Our insurance company said we can no longer carry the insurance...because (Pinktober) is not a chamber-sponsored event.

“We have to do an audit every year, and they (insurance company) came back to us last year and said they can’t cover it anymore,” Keller added. “It’s not a chamber decision. It came from the insurance company. We didn’t have a choice.

“I don’t know – if another group that has insurance could take it on, then they could” host Pinktober.

Keller said the chamber spends more than \$1,000 a year for insurance coverage related to its own events, including the Cass City Freedom Festival and Christmas in the Village. Taking on Pinktober and its various activities would cost more, she noted.

Keller could not estimate how much more, but indicated it’s not a question the chamber intends to explore.

“If one of the other (organizations) wants to pick it up, that’s fine, but the chamber isn’t willing or able to pick it up,” she said. “The chamber needs to focus on business.”

The way Joey Kreeger figures it, Pinktober has been an effective tool in serving local businesses as well as promoting awareness of breast cancer and raising literally thousands of dollars donated to various causes, including the American Cancer Society.

“When was the last time you saw 700 people walking on our sidewalks?” Kreeger asked, referring to the estimated attendance during last year’s Pink-or-Treat activity, during which youngsters and their families are invited to “trick-or-treat” downtown, courtesy of the business community, volunteers and others.

“In my opinion, the Pink-or-Treat should be a chamber event,” said Kreeger who spearheaded the celebration about eight years ago.

Kreeger went on to recruit a small but dedicated group of volunteers who each organized different activities, and Pinktober blossomed into a month-long observance that has included fundraising events, contests and breast-cancer awareness promotions.

Those activities included a Pretty in Pink Girls Night Out, Pinktober Talent Show, Pink-or-Treat in the streets, the Glow 5K Run/Walk, a cutest kids contest, and Volley for Please turn to page 8.



THE FIRST TOTAL solar eclipse in 99 years to cross the US coast-to-coast — and the first to pass through any part of the lower 48 states in 38 years – was the center of attention in the Thumb Monday afternoon. The path of totality — where the light of the sun is completely blocked out by the moon — was 70 miles wide and stretched from Oregon to South Carolina, with the view from Michigan offering residents a look at the moon briefly blocking out roughly 75 percent of the sun’s rays. This photo was taken at the Chronicle’s office at the corner of Oak and Main.

Suspects plead in fatal overdose

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Two of three suspects charged in connection with the overdose

death of a Caro woman at an Elmwood Township residence last spring entered pleas during their appearances in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week.

Adam R. Maxson, 22, Cass City – the boyfriend of the victim, Emily Lynn Dennis, 26 – pleaded no contest to felony charges of delivery of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), inducing another person to deliver cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), and involuntary manslaughter.

The first two offenses each carry maximum penalties of up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine, while involuntary manslaughter is a 15-year felony.

Charges of delivery of a controlled substance – causing death; inducing another person to deliver cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams); and possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) were dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in Maxson’s case and his \$50,000 bond was revoked by the

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ATV crash claims life

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Gagetown resident Scott R. Woidan was scheduled to exchange vows with his fiancé, Christine Tate, also of Gagetown, this month. Instead, Woidan’s family buried him last week after the ATV he was operating collided with a deer.

The bizarre accident occurred during the evening hours of Aug. 13, about a mile south of Gagetown in Tuscola County’s Elmwood Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro were initially dispatched at about 10 p.m. to investigate a reported missing person.

During the course of the investigation, officials “pinged” Woidan’s cell phone – a process in which the approximate location of a cell phone can be located by utilizing multiple cell towers – which led officers to an area near Hobart and Cedar Run roads. Troopers located Woidan, 30, who was deceased at the scene, along with the deer.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Tuscola County Sheriff’s deputies, MSP Technical Services, Cass City MMR, Bartnik’s Towing and the Tuscola County medical examiner all assisted troopers at the scene.

Woidan, formerly of Cass City, was a 2006 Cass City High School graduate. A complete obituary is published in this week’s edition of the Chronicle.

Deford cyclist critically injured in deer collision

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

A Deford man was critically injured when his motorcycle collided with a deer early Thursday morning in Tuscola County’s Almer Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent reported officers could not immediately locate the victim, whose name has not been released.

Central dispatch received a 911 call at about 2:14 a.m. from someone advising they heard a loud squealing of a motorcycle near the intersection of M-81 and Colwood Road, Skrent reported, adding the caller also heard a loud crash, but assisting units were unable to locate an accident scene.

Later, at about 3:30 a.m., another 911 call came in reporting that a

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Village officials fill vacant council seats

by **Mary Drier**
Special for the Chronicle

Once again, the village of Cass City has seven representatives on its council.

Two trustees were appointed to the council by four of the five council members during a special meeting early last week. Selected were Nancy Barrios, who formerly served on the council, and newcomer Robert Piaskowski. They fill vacancies left by the resignations of trustees Steve Erickson in May and Mark Karwowski in June 26.

Barrios, who served on the council from October 2011 until 2016 when she launched an unsuccessful bid for a seat on the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, was appointed on a vote of three to one, with Trustee Tom Herron casting a no vote.

The council unanimously approved Piaskowski’s nomination. Both new trustees took the oath of office during the special session.

Others who vied for the trustee positions were Dan Delamater, Nancy Hrabcak and Eugene Wilson II.

Those who conducted the interviews and approved the appointments to the council were village President Carl Palmateer and trustees Marilyn Biefer, Tom Herron and Jenny Zawilinski. Trustee Mick Kirn was not able to attend.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, at the Cass City Municipal Building.

Damage minimal in Owendale plant fire

by **Mary Drier**
Special for the Chronicle

Although fire struck the BAMP Marketing and Consulting Inc. building in Owendale last week, it will be business as usual at the dry-edible bean processing facility, located on Vita Plus property at 3580 Fourth St.

Fire ignited in the storage facility’s conveyor system Aug. 14 at about 12:30 p.m.

“The fire damage was very minimal. It was contained to the shoot that was being repaired,” said Mike Eisengruber, who owns BAMP Marketing and Consulting Inc. “I want growers to know that we will be ready to handle the dry bean harvest.”

Investigators determined a weld-

ing accident started the fire. A local company was welding a shoot on the conveyor system of

the storage facility when the rubber liner inside caught fire.

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Tornado touches down near Kingston

by **Mary Drier**
Special for the Chronicle

Clean-up from the aftermath of last week’s storm is continuing in Sanilac County.

A tornado warning was issued late Thursday afternoon for southern Tuscola County and northern Sanilac County. Trained weather spotters took photos of funnel clouds, and on Friday the National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed a tornado did touch down.

“It was an EF-0 tornado (minor). The path was about 100-yards wide and about three miles long. Most of the damage was minor, with trees (and) wires (down), shingles blown off, and a camping trailer was damaged.” Please turn to page 11.



THE CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL class of 1952 recently gathered to celebrate their 65th class reunion. Members in attendance were (front, l-r) Jim McDonald, Judy (Dickinson) Eskilsen, Jane (McMiller) Turner, Shirley (Bukowski) Robinson, Dorothy (Butler) Sweeney, Lemoyne (Krohn) Hayes; (middle) Mary (McClore) Damm, Bonnie (Benkelman) McLemore, Bud Schneeberger, Wanalee (Morell) Hartel, Joyce (Lounsbury) Schad, Elaine (Weatherhead) Hendrick, Ed Nemeth, Dick Hendrick, Anna Mae (Doerr) Lowe, Bonnie (Kritzman) Hill; (back) Al Hutchinson, George Wilson, Bill Patch, Betsy (Thorpe) Mellendorf, Patty (Evans) Posluszny, Grace Ann (Graham) Lockwood (hidden), Ellen (Sickler) Beach, Dick Wallace, Dean Toner, Gerald Whittaker, Chuck Hartwick, Milt Phillips, Tom Schwaderer. Missing was Virginia (Schneeberger) Yokon.

Class of 1952 reunion recently held

The Cass City High School graduating class of 1952 held its 65th year reunion Saturday, Aug. 12, at Charmont Lanes. In all, 49 people attended with 30 being classmates. Joyce Schad of Lake City offered

grace before dinner. Dick Wallace was the emcee for the evening and read letters from classmates who were unable to attend. Coming the farthest to attend were Tom and Bonnie McLemore

from Houston, TX, Stan and Ellen Beach from Seminole, Fla., Grace Ann Lockwood from Huntington, Ind. and Blaine and Lemoyne Hayes from Circleville, Ohio. The next reunion will be held in 2019.



5 generations of Elfrieda Guinther-Bartnik’s family gathered recently, they are (front, from left), Elfrieda Guinther-Bartnik, great-granddaughter Hailey Guinther holding newborn Ryan Parr. (back) grandson Wendell Guinther and son Gerald Guinther.

It’s a girl!

Our little bundle of joy has arrived. Jeremy and Kayla Brown and big brother Calix of Cass City are ecstatic to welcome little Kairi LeeAnn into the world. She was born August 9, 2017 at 3:25 a.m. Kairi weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Kairi was also welcomed home by her grandparents Valorie and Dennis Brown, William Tune and Rebecca Rodger, and Teri and Buddy Rowles.



Kairi LeeAnn Brown



MEMBERS OF the Cass City High School Class of 1987 met for their 30th reunion Aug. 5 at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Pictured above are (front row, left to right) Patricia (Milligan) Miller, Tracy (Crawford) Abbe, Missy Fee, Lori Walker, Ken Pasanski, (back row) Paul Childs (class of ‘86); Laura (Gabler) Connolly, Christopher Pawloski, Douglas Caister, Mary Wilson-Piekacz, Tami (Mallory) Peplinski, Randy Guinther, Allen Burk, Virgil Peters, Dennis Hyatt, Deborah (Wutzke) Frank, Stephanie (Burns) Hutchinson, Alicia (Bliss) Miller, Michael Wallace and Chuck McPhail.

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In Our OPINION...

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Chamber should take another look at event

You may or may not have heard that Cass City’s “Pinktober; A Community with a Cause” event has been axed this year due to a lack of liability insurance which has been provided by the village’s chamber of commerce in past years.

Chamber officials say it was an insurance company decision – not a chamber decision – to no longer cover Pinktober because the event isn’t technically a chamber event.

Chamber officials have also indicated they don’t intend to make Pinktober a chamber-sponsored event, saying they want to focus more on supporting local businesses.

We believe the chamber board should take another look at this issue for several reasons.

Start with the fact that businesses in a small town need customers to survive, and while drawing crowds to the village in the name of Pinktober won’t guarantee sales, it will guarantee exposure to local merchants’ goods and services.

Isn’t that an effective way to support local businesses?

Pinktober has also provided a windfall of sorts for the chamber, in that a small group of very dedicated volunteers has done all the work – the organizing, making the necessary phone calls, and handling all of the fundraising required to make Pinktober one of the most successful, sustained activities in this community for the past seven years or so.

And let’s not forget what Pinktober is all about – supporting breast cancer research – to the tune of thousands of dollars each year – along with celebrating the lives of breast cancer survivors and honoring the memories of those who lost their battle to this dreaded disease.

It seems to us that demonstrating support for this sort of effort could shine only a positive light on our local businesses, although many of them already deserve a pat on the back for quietly joining others in making financial donations toward the cause.

It’s no secret Pinktober has been a huge success, including the popular Pink-or-Treat event that drew 700 or so people to the downtown area last year. That’s a testament to the organizers, all of the participating businesses, and to the willingness of a community to get behind an important cause.

It could also serve as a testament to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, if the board and administrator get on board with doing what it takes to keep this annual fall celebration going this year and for years to come.

It would be interesting to hear our business owners’ take on the predicament facing Pinktober organizers.

Hopefully, they will contact chamber board members and voice their opinions one way or another. If you agree that the chamber should stick with other avenues to support the local business community, fine. If you believe chamber officials should get behind Pinktober, let them know.

After all, it’s your dues that enable the chamber of commerce to exist.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Smashing the mirror and the stereotype



Finally the world is coming to its senses, and it’s about darn time.

“Allure”, the premier magazine about the latest on hair trends, skincare and makeup, is going in a new direction with its September edition. The powers that be at the magazine are taking a stand for mature women by calling for an end to the term “anti-aging”.

It was reported that the magazine’s editor Michelle Lee said that using the term “anti-aging” is reinforcing the message that aging is a condition that needs to be fought rather than one that happens naturally over time.

Finally, someone with a realistic view of life. I don’t recall what beauty product it was, but there used to be an advertisement with a woman saying that she wouldn’t age gracefully — that she would fight it every step of the way.

Whenever I saw that commercial, I would think to myself, “You can try to fight it all you want, honey, but it’s going to happen no matter what.” That thought was followed up with the recollection of a saying I once heard about not taking life so seriously because no one gets out alive.

Lee’s interview went on to say that we shouldn’t look at life as a hill that we start a free fall downward spiral from at age 35.

To reinforce the magazine’s new philosophy, actress Helen Mirren, 72, is on the cover sporting her natural hair color of white.

Article teases on the cover are: “The End of Anti-Aging. Our Call to the Industry”, “Seven Things That Get Better With Age”, and “Hot Dame! Helen Mirren is the Hero We Need”.

I admit I colored my hair for a while when I first started getting gray. At first, it was because my (former) husband wanted me to, even though he had a lot more gray in his hair and beard.


I tried being a blond for a while because I was supposed to have more fun, according to the commercials. That didn’t happen.

I even sported the “chrome dome” look when I lost hair going through chemo when I had cancer. I thought being bald would bother me psychologically. It didn’t. Mostly, I was just cold because I could feel every little breeze and draft.

As the years went by, some people started treating me like I didn’t matter. At first it bothered me. I took comfort when I realized the fact that what comes around goes around. It might take a few years, but it does eventually.

I’ve had many ups and downs in my life. I’m old. I’m slow. I have gray hair and wrinkles, which show I’ve lived, loved, lost and survived. I come to think of my mature looks as a gift because some folks don’t reach old age.

Because of that, I’ve learned to appreciate every day of growing older rather than running to the mirror to see if I need more lipstick.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

I’ll have more than one reason to celebrate come Sept. 14th.

Yes, it is true the date marks my 58th birthday. But much more important, the date has been set aside to honor the United Way of Tuscola County that surpassed the \$1,000,000 mark with their 2017 allocations.

Accordingly, the United Way Board of Directors cordially invites the public to attend their “UW Million Dollar Bash” at the Vassar Golf and Country Club to recognize this achievement. The evening will include appetizers, a putting challenge, balloon pop, live and silent auctions and other fun activities. All profits from the night will be used to help fund the group’s 2018 allocations. Individual tickets (\$30.00 each or two for \$50.00) can be purchased from any board member or by calling 989-325-1980.

Vassar Golf and Country Club is located at 3509 S. Kirk Rd, Vassar, and the event is slated from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

If you would like to be an Event Sponsor (\$500.00+), a Table Sponsor (\$250.00 - \$499.00) a Supporting Sponsor (\$50.00), or would like to donate an item for the “live” and “silent” fundraising auction, please call Jim Heiser at the number above.

Summer’s heat means bass fishing is hard to beat. Proof positive came last week with these catches at The Point – Cass City’s housing community near the corner of Division Street and Doerr Road.

At the left, is local resident Craig Retherford holding a beautiful 18 inch largemouth bass, while Clair Hosner, also of Cass City, is displaying his 19 inch catch.



The Tuscola County Sheriff’s Office warns area residents of a scam taking place in our neighborhoods.

Officials say a report from a Caro resident claimed a laptop was delivered to their home by FedEx, but they had no idea who ordered the computer. On the following day, someone allegedly representing FedEx came to the door and left a note saying it was a mistake and wanted the computer back.

The residents contacted Best Buy where the laptop was purchased and discovered someone had accessed their personnel information and ordered the computer with the resident’s credit card and address. The suspects then had the laptop sent to the residence so they could pick it up, pretending to be with FedEx.

Sheriff officials advise if this scenario happens to you, call 911 to report it. The scam, according to online research, has been happening in other areas also.

Plans are in the works for the fourth annual Knights of Columbus 5K Run & Walk. The event is scheduled for Sept. 16 and will start at the Our Lady Consolata Parrish parking lot – 4292 S. Seeger Street in Cass City.

The fundraiser will benefit the St. Agatha’s Food Pantry in Gagetown and Revive Ministries in Cass City.

To get involved please call (989) 872-4429.

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Wednesday, August 23
•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Thursday, August 24
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Monday, August 28
•Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. 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) 553-5932.
•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, August 29
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS
First Sunday:
•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.
First Monday:
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.
First Saturday:
•Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.
Second Monday:
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.
Second Tuesday:
•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
•Tuscola County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Second Wednesday:
•Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City (989) 872-4604 for take outs.
Second Thursday:
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Third Monday:
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.
Third Tuesday:
•Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.
Third Wednesday:
•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.
Third Thursday:
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, “Healing Together.” Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Third Friday:
•Senior Citizen Movies, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m.
Third Saturday:
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.
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Last Monday:
•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.
Every Monday:
•Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. 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) 553-5932.
Every Tuesday:
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
Every Wednesday:
•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
Every Thursday:
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Car hits buggy in Evergreen Twp.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A 73-year-old Snover woman was transported to a Saginaw area hospital following a collision involving a car and horse and buggy Friday afternoon in Sanilac County’s Evergreen Township.
Sgt. Ron DuBois of the Sanilac County Sheriff’s Department said the accident on Germania Road near Robinson Road was reported at about 4:35 p.m.
“According to Sanilac County Sheriff’s Deputy Otto Kutach, a one-horse buggy being driven by 77-year-old Eli Troyer of Snover was traveling southbound on Germania Road along with his passenger, 73-year-old Ida Troyer of Snover,” DuBois said. “A 74-year-old woman from Bad Axe, driving a 2016 Chevrolet Malibu, was traveling southbound, approaching the buggy.
“The operator reported not seeing the buggy until it was too late,” he said. “The operator applied the brakes, but was unable to stop and struck the rear of the buggy, and the impact threw both occupants off the buggy.”
DuBois noted Ida Troyer was treated at the scene by Cass City MMR personnel and then taken by LifeNet Helicopter to Covenant Hospital.
“The driver of the buggy and the driver of the car were treated and released by Bingham EMS and Sanilac EMS,” he said. “The horse died on scene from its injuries.”
DuBois did not release the name of the other driver pending completion of the investigation. He noted she was wearing her seat-belt.

Car-tractor crash leaves two injured

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a collision involving a car and a tractor early last week that left two motorists injured.
According to Sgt. Mike Moore, deputies were dispatched to Frenchline Road, near Germania Road, in Sanilac County’s Marlette Township at about 10:35 p.m. “A 2002 Ford Mustang being driven by a 32-year-old Sandusky man was traveling westbound on Frenchline Road when it collided with a John Deere tractor that was also traveling westbound. The John Deere tractor was being driven by a 26-year-old man from Marlette,” Moore reported. “Upon the (tractor) being struck, it left the roadway and overturned in a ditch. The accident caused substantial damage to both vehicles.”
Moore said the driver of the tractor was transported by Marlette EMS to Marlette Regional Hospital for treatment of his injuries, while the driver of the Mustang was taken to McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky for treatment.
Moore did not release the names pending further investigation of the crash.
The Marlette Fire Department and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted deputies at the scene.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear in court on charges last week

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:
*Casey J-Robert Mileski, 25, Conway, S.C., pleaded no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence May 23 in Vassar Township.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*Brent M. Rodriguez, 19, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to one count of criminal sexual conduct, second degree, stemming from an incident April 3, 2016, in Watertown Township.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$75,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*Robert A. Raney, 43, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 12 months probation following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, July 30, 2016, in Vassar Township.
He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.
*Daniel M. Gilkerson, 73, Cliford, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 6 in Koylton Township.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*Jason J. Periso, 32, Caro, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, May 1 in Caro.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*Amanda L. Ellison, 39, Akron, pleaded no contest to a charge of aggravated domestic violence June 25 in Akron.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*Shannon D. Wells, 37, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high blood alcohol content (BAC) of .17 or more April 29 in Arbela Township.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*David A. Pellecchia, 47, Sterling Heights, pleaded guilty to receiving or concealing stolen property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 March 7 in Vassar Township.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
*Justin L. Hess, 21, Reese, pleaded no contest to possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle Feb. 18 in Reese.
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Motorcyclist injured in collision with deer

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male subject had been discovered crying for help on Colwood Road near Deckerville Road.
“The caller reported that the subject was bleeding badly. He also found a dead deer and damaged motorcycle near the male subject,” Skrent said.
“The male subject was flown by LifeNet Helicopter to Covenant Hospital with life threatening injuries. His status was not being released by the hospital,” he added.
A preliminary investigation at the scene revealed the 49-year-old Deford man was southbound on Colwood Road, north of Deckerville Road when his motorcycle collided with the deer and he lost control.
“The driver was eventually thrown from the motorcycle,” said Skrent, who noted the man was not wearing a helmet.



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Reporter’s notebook

A little courtesy goes a long way

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I’m used to seeing a number of things when I visit a big box store; unusual fashion on display (by other shoppers), way too much skin on display (by some of those same shoppers), and 15 folks ready to check out and only one or two employees (apparently) available to man cash registers, for example.

It doesn’t surprise me when I happen upon what looks like a redneck family reunion taking place in the middle of aisle 3 or 4 or wherever, forcing everyone else to turn their carts around if they really want to pick up that can of tuna fish on their list today.

Am I the only one who takes a detour when I hear a really unhappy shopper berating a poor, obviously tired clerk for failing to take three cents off the price of their two-for-one bargain paper towels?

Don’t get me started on the individual backing up their motorized cart without paying any attention to what (or who) is behind them.

What I don’t see often enough is common courtesy, the sort of simple respect and friendliness that used to be commonplace, even if you were trying to get in and out of the store in 10 minutes.

I was buying groceries recently and was checking out when a couple came in behind me, set down the grocery divider bar and placed their items on the conveyer belt. At some point, a couple of their two-liter bottles of pop tipped over onto my carton of eggs. The lady immediately apologized and briefly opened the egg carton, saying she hoped she hadn’t damaged any.

The eggs looked fine from a distance, and I told them I was sure they were okay.

But as I said goodbye to them and went to leave, the gentleman tapped me on the shoulder, smiled and held out a business card, saying “If there’s any problem with those eggs, you come and see me.”

“I’m sure they’re fine,” I replied.

He repeated his offer, and I accepted the card, which read “White Barn Hay and Cattle Company, 2587 E. Dayton Rd., Caro. The name on the card was Frank J. Woechan (Head Hay Handler/Chief Cattle Chaser).

I just smiled at him, told him I would and was on my way.

Honestly, I didn’t even look at the eggs until I got home. One was slightly cracked, but the rest were okay and survived the trip, not to mention my technique of trying to carry 8 plastic bags into the house at one time, because I’d do just about anything not to make a second trip out to the car.

Frankly, I really wasn’t concerned about those silly eggs. Even if half of them were smashed, I wouldn’t have taken Mr. Woechan up on his offer.

His gesture was more than enough.

Maybe we could all follow Mr. Woechan’s example and take the time to show a little more common courtesy.

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NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

AUGUST 10, 2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members present. Order of Agenda was of approved.

Public Comment: Water fountain doesn’t work. Will residents be required to use new garbage carts? Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion, second by to approve minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion, second to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Reese Village Parks Committee to begin meeting again, requesting contract for funding. Motion, second to participate in meetings. Motion approved. Motion, second to accept Zoning Administrator letter of resignation. Motion approved. Motion, second to appoint B. Strasz as Zoning Administrator. Roll call vote: K. Houghtaling, yea; J. Stockmeyer, yea; A. Goss, yea; R. Haines, yea; D. Strasz abstain. Posted bridges and replacements from TCRG.

“O” fire runs for Reese.

Treasurer: None.

Clerk: 579 registered voters, down from +- 612 in 2013. 57 Absentee voters for this election. 130 total voters for the August 8 Special Election.

Motion, second to accept the Fairgrove Oil contract for 2017-2018. Motion approved. Motion, second to accept 2 year phone contract with AT&T. Motion approved. Motion, second to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved.

Trustees: None.

Ambulance Representative: 6 runs in May.

Fire Department Representative: Reese: Maintenance report, flags, training. Fairgrove, new breathing apparatus arrived.

Zoning Administrator: N/A

Public Comment: Could meetings start earlier? Should zoning job description be reviewed? Motion for adjournment called for at 9:00 P.M. by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert L. Haines
Gilford Township Clerk

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Jessie Joy Lynn Tuckey and Dustin Eric Mallory were married August 4, 2012 at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Pastor Jackie Roe officiated. The reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro. Jessie is the daughter of Jeffrey and Janice Tuckey of Cass City. She is the granddaughter of James and Wanda Tuckey of Cass City and the late Paul and Donna Heckroth of Deford. Dustin is the son of Renee and the late Brian Mallory of Gagetown. He is the grandson of James and Beverly Mallory of Kingston and the late Walton and Dolores Kuhl of Sebewaing.

Well done Laura Curtis, Cass City Schools’ first year music teacher. More than a couple of people commented after Friday’s football contest that it was nice to have the Red Hawk Marching Band remain in the bleachers for the entire game, instead of leaving at halftime as in previous years. Next Ms. Curtis, according to Matt Prieskorn, one of the Red Hawk fans to voice an opinion, is to get a pep band back at Cass City’s home basketball games.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

Dave Rabideau, of Cass City, takes a look at a 1956 Chevy Sedan. The Sedan was one of nearly 200 antique cars in Summer Mania’s Curtis Chrysler Classic car show on Main Street Friday night.

Ryan and Melanie Radabaugh of Burton announce the birth of their first daughter, Madison Kae. Madison was born June 28, 2007 at Genesys Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long. Her grandparents are Skip and Bobbie Churchill of Cass City, Willa Radabaugh of Caro, and Rick and Brenda Radabaugh of Chesaning.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

Kevin Shaw, an assistant sports information director/publications editor at Michigan State University, has been named director of marketing and public relations at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts. The appointment, which will begin immediately, was made by new Wharton Center Executive Director William Wright.

Born to Michael and Betty Mioduszewski of Dexter Aug. 15 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, a baby girl, Ely. She weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces. She joins 2 sisters, Melany and Cassey. Grandparents are Louis and Irene Mioduszewski of Cass City.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Lori Hyzer of Caseville has returned home after spending two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Geiger.

Navy Fireman Robert Jewell has received a letter of appreciation for the role he played in combating a fire on his ship. His brother, Richard Jewell, has reenlisted in the Navy for five more years. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Jewell of Detroit and Gagetown and attended Cass City schools before the family moved to Detroit. Robert Jewell received a letter of appreciation from the commander of the USS Ajax for his “outstanding performance of duty during a major casualty to No. 4 boiler (fire in the boiler air casing). “Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness,” the letter continued, “he controlled a major casualty by securing No. 4 boiler and minimizing damage, He rapidly identified the problem and carried out procedures which resulted in the orderly handling and control of the casualty, despite extremely adverse conditions and operational commitments.

Airman 1st Class David R. Johnson, son of Ray A. and Dorothy J. Johnson of E. Dayton Road, Caro, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Mrs. Arthur Little returned home Sunday after spending 11 days in San Jose, Calif., where she was a guest of her son, Bruce A. Little, and of Ms. Grace Mills. Her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Roberts of Center Line, met her at Metro Airport Saturday night.

Don Lorentzen and son Rick were in West Haven, Conn., last week. Rick Lorentzen will be living in Michigan and teaching Industrial Education in Flint’s Beecher High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beardsley visited her sister, Mrs. Sarah Collins, Saturday afternoon at the Casa Maria nursing home at Imlay City.

Anne Marie Lorentzen of Saginaw spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lorentzen.

Two area men participated in the recent military exercise “Brave Shield” in the California desert. One is Lance Corporal David L. Cooper son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cooper Sr. of River Road. His wife Judith is the daughter of Chester Kulinski of Lamton Road. A 1976 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Marine Corps in December. The other local participant was Corporal James H. Gilliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gilliam of Froede Road, Deford. He joined the Marines in July, 1975. The two men are members of the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, at Camp Pendleton, Calif. More than 25,000 U.S. servicemen participated in the 10-day exercise at the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Training Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif. The exercise was designed to provide joint training in tactics and techniques of desert warfare for all four of the Armed Forces. More than 7,500 Marines participated in the exercise

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Mr. and Mrs. David Loomis and sons enjoyed a camping trip north last week, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Loomis and family were weekend guests at the A. J. Murray home at Williamston and Mrs. Howard Loomis, who spent last week with the Murrays, returned home with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Albee and Mrs. Dick Albee spent the weekend in Detroit with Dick Albee, who flew to Detroit from Fort Knox, Ky., where he is stationed. They were Saturday night guests in the Lynn Albee home in Livonia and Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Dick Albee’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Hudson, in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morrison

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Miss Virginia Pearl Testruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Testruth, of Detroit became the bride of Pvt. Vernon Roy McIntosh, of Camp Grant, Ill., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. McIntosh, of Deford, Tuesday evening, Aug. 18, at seven o’clock in the Union Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. F. Schnute. The altar was decorated with baskets of gladioli.

Gordon J. Hartwick 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartwick, Deford, has enlisted for flight training in the U.S. Naval Reserve as an Aviation Cadet. Hartwick graduated from Cass City High School in 1939. While in school, he received an honor student pin, and letters in football, baseball, track and basketball.

Mrs. Charles D. Striffler, who has been the guest of her son, Kenneth Striffler, and her sister, Mrs. C. P. Miller, in Detroit, returned to her home here Sunday evening. Mrs. Striffler, Mrs. Miller, Stanley Striffler and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Striffler and son, Charles, spent from Friday until Sunday evening at Caseville.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

Four Cass City high school graduates, Norman McGillvray, Ray Yakes, and Harold Lee of the Class of 1914 and Howard Hoadley of the Class of 1915 are members of the Ambulance Corps No. 21 recruited at Flint and expect to leave with that company is this week to Chillicothe, Ohio.

One of the worst hail storms that ever visited this section of the state passed over Huron and southern Sanilac county about 2:00 o’clock Thursday afternoon doing untold damage to growing crops and livestock says the Deckerville Recorder. Hailstones measuring 5-1/2 inches in circumference are reported while others report them weighing eight ounces. Standing grain was laid flat and corn and beans were stripped of their foliage. The storm took a southeasterly path passing over the vicinity of Mills and striking the lake just north of Forester. In many places poultry and other fowl were killed and some farmers report scarcely a whole pane of glass left in their home.

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Fairgrove Township

Summary of Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2017 7:30 PM

The July meeting of the Fairgrove Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Keith Aeder on July 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM. Board members present were Aeder, Treasurer John McQuillan, Trustees Mike Day, Sexton Doug Foster, Zoning Admin Bruce Turner and Clerk Katie Gebhardt. Dennis Hadeway was absent – excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Day moved and Aeder supported to approve Junes minutes as presented. Passed. McQuillan moved and Day supported to approve July agenda as presented. Passed. Visitor comment opened. Visitor comment closed with no comment. SCBA Equipment Agreement: \$26,908.21. McQuillan moved and Day supported to approve the agreement and pay \$26,908.21 for the purchase of SCBA for Fairgrove Fire. Passed. State Election Grant Agreement – McQuillan moved and Aeder supported a motion to allow the Clerk to sign grant contract for voting system hardware, software, firmware with Michigan Department of State. Passed. McQuillan moved and Day supported to accept Sexton report as presented. Passed. McQuillan moved and Aeder supported a motion to accept the Police report as presented. Passed. 2 Special use permits for Nextera Energy for Met Towers. Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for August 22, 2017. Aeder moved and Day supported to accept financial report and presented. Passed. McQuillan moved and Day supported to accept and pay bills as presented. Passed.

McQuillan moved and Day supported to adjourn. Passed. Adjourn 9:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Gebhardt
Fairgrove Township Clerk

Rogue drone hampers FlightCare landing at scene of fatal accident

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro say a drone delayed the landing of a medical helicopter at the scene of a fatal traffic accident Thursday in Tuscola County’s Indianfields Township, and the operator could now face charges.

Troopers were dispatched to the scene of the crash – M-81 near Prospect Avenue – at about 4:50 p.m.

Rain was falling at the time of the accident, according to reports, which state the driver of a passenger vehicle was traveling west on M-81 and, due to speed and poor tire condition, the driver lost control on the wet roadway and entered the path of an eastbound pickup truck.

Troopers identified the driver of the passenger vehicle as Michael

T. Millerov, 49, of Grand Blanc. He was extricated from his vehicle using the Jaws of Life, and then transported to an area hospital by FlightCare Helicopter.

Millerov died a short time later as a result of the injuries he suffered in the crash. Troopers reported it appears he was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash. His passenger, a 19-year-old Akron man, suffered minor injuries and was treated at a local hospital and then released.

The driver of the pickup, a 26-year-old Clarkston resident, was not hurt, nor was his two-year-old passenger, who was properly restrained in a child restraint seat. The child was transported to an area hospital for evaluation and later released.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by Mobile Medical Response (MMR), the Caro Fire Department and deputies from the

Tuscola County Sheriff’s Office.

During the investigation, troopers noted, an unmanned aircraft (drone) was discovered to be flying over the crash scene as FlightCare was making its final approach to land at the accident scene. The helicopter crew was forced to abort its landing, which was then delayed while officers located the operator and secured the drone.

Troopers remind those operating drones to avoid flying in the area of traffic crashes, as many times helicopters are used to transport injured subjects from crash scenes.

Troopers said they will be preparing a report regarding the incident to be reviewed by the Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Suspects plead in Caro woman’s overdose

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court. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

One of Maxson’s co-defendants, Tyler J. Meffer, 23, Cass City, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), which is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine, and possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), a four-year felony also punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000.

A third count – delivery of a controlled substance – causing death – was dismissed. That offense carries a maximum penalty of life in prison or any term of years.

A pre-sentence investigation was also ordered for Meffer and his bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

The third defendant, Edward Dontae Forte, 37, of Saginaw, is awaiting his next appearance in court. Forte is charged with one count of delivery of a controlled substance – causing death, and one count of delivery/manufacture of heroin (less than 50 grams).

Deputies found Dennis deceased at about 12:20 a.m. April 20 at a home on Dodge Road in Elm-

wood Township. Investigators reported Dennis died of drug intoxication, but noted “the manner of death is indeterminable.”

Based on evidence collected by deputies at the scene, heroin was suspected to be the cause of the overdose, according to Tuscola County Undersheriff Bob Baxter.

Overdoses involving opioids have reached epidemic levels, prompting health departments to distribute Naloxone/Narcan, a drug used to reverse the effects of opioid overdoses. Tuscola County Behavioral Health System (TCBHS) is among the agencies that are making Narcan kits and instruction in how to use them available to the public free of charge.

An increasing number of overdoses in the Thumb has law enforcement officials and prosecutors concerned along with health officials, especially with reports of drug investigations involving the potent synthetic opioid fentanyl, and the even more powerful drug carfentanil surfacing earlier this year in Huron and Sanilac counties, respectively. Both drugs are known to be used to “cut” or mix with heroin before being sold on the street.

“It’s frightening right now. It’s absolutely frightening, what’s happening – and trying to get a handle on it,” said Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene.

“I’m not sure that we’ve faced a greater crisis, in recent memory, than this,” he added. “It’s (illicit drugs) taking lives in record numbers.”

In an effort to coordinate Michigan’s efforts to combat the ongoing opioid epidemic, Gov. Rick Snyder last week signed Executive Directive 2017-2, establishing the Council on Opioid and Prescription Drug Enforcement

(COPE).

The council, which was recommended by the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force, will address, develop and maintain relationships among local, state and federal agencies charged with enforcing the laws and regulations.

“We must ensure all partners are working together effectively if we are going to combat this epidemic and protect all Michiganders,” Snyder said. “This council will open up the lines of communication and allow for a better use of resources while working to reduce opioid abuse and prevent addiction from occurring in the first place.”

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley will lead the council, in conjunction with the directors of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the Michigan State Police.


The council will coordinate with the Michigan Attorney General’s Office, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, and other relevant agencies involved in the enforcement of laws and regulations related to opioids for their input and participation on this council.

“The opioid epidemic is destroying lives and families every day,” Calley said. “It is an emergency and we need to go above and beyond to combat it. I’m proud to lead this council and improve coordination among everyone involved so that we can save more lives and prevent addiction from occurring.”


Michigan has seen a dramatic increase in opioid-related deaths. From 1999-2015, more than 4,400 people have died from an opioid overdose, with more than 50 percent of those deaths occurring since 2010.

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News briefs

Dry bean day slated Aug. 24

HURON COUNTY — Huron County MSU Extension and the Huron County Bean Growers will host a free dry bean plot tour Thursday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m.

The plot is located on Minick Road, about a half-mile east of Parisville Road on the south side of the road. The event will start with a hot dog roast and ice cream.

Immunization clinic scheduled

HURON COUNTY — The Huron County Health Department, Bad Axe, will host an immunization clinic Saturday, Sept. 9.

To make an appointment, call (989) 269-9723.

Tree grant goes to Wisner Twp.

MICHIGAN — The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), DTE Energy Foundation, and ReLeaf Michigan recently awarded 29 organizations in the state with \$70,110 in funding to plant 750 trees in public spaces. Tuscola County's Wisner Township received \$1,000.

Playground upgrades slated

SANILAC COUNTY — Evergreen Park has some new playground equipment that was installed last month, thanks in part to a state grant.

Sanilac County has spent more than \$200,000 replacing playground equipment at three of its parks. The next upgrade project planned involves developing an online reservation and payment system.

Fair fun set in Sanilac County

SANILAC COUNTY — The Sanilac County Fair runs through Saturday, Aug. 26, when the featured entertainment will include a not only the standard car demolition, but also a combine demolition at 7 p.m.

Gate admission is \$15 per person which includes parking, grandstand shows and carnival rides.

Thursday, Aug. 24, is kids day with \$5 admission from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a peddle-tractor pull at 2 p.m. The grandstand show that night and on Friday is the Super Kicker Rodeo, with Dewayne Spaw also singing on Friday.

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SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff’s deputies are asking area residents to keep an eye out for a Ford New Holland tractor that was recently reported stolen from Rosseel’s Farm and Garden in Marlette Township. The tractor, described as a Super Steer model TN75S, blue in color with a gray frame and white rims, is believed to have been stolen between Aug. 11 and Aug. 16. Tips can be passed on to Deputy Ken Crase at (810) 648-2000 (ext. 636) or the detective bureau at (810) 648-8360, or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP.

Business as usual after Owendale plant fire

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“There is a rubber liner inside of the shoot so the beans don’t split when going through. The liner overheated when the shoot was being welded,” explained Eisengruber. “I was told that when the crew that was doing the welding went to lunch — that was when the fire started. It was Vita Plus workers who noticed the smoke and the fire and called the fire department.”

In addition to the Owendale Fire Department, the Elmwood and Winsor township fire departments responded as did the Caseville Fire Department with an aerial truck.

“I want bean growers to know that we will be ready to handle their harvest with business as usual,” said Eisengruber. “If they have any questions, just call.”

BAMP Marketing has been processing dry edible beans, including navy, black, pinto, kidney and

otoebo beans, for the past 14 years. Eisengruber has about 40 years experience in the promotion of dry edible beans. He is a field marketer in Michigan for the Hensall District Cooperative, located in Hensall, Ontario, Canada.

“Hensall transports sugar beets from Canada to Michigan Sugar’s Croswell plant. Then, the truck is washed out to transport beans from BAMP back to markets in Canada,” Eisengruber said.

No insurance, no Pinktober in town

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a Cure (hosted by the Cass City Junior-Senior High School volleyball team). In addition, a number of local businesses annually decorated their windows in a contest seeking the best breast cancer awareness message, and area kids – 150 last year – took part in their own poster contest, with their work displayed in the windows of empty businesses downtown.

The events proved not only popular, but also effective. For example, last year’s Pretty in Pink Girls Night Out alone generated nearly \$10,000.

A portion of the money raised each year was earmarked for the Love for Lexi Paying It Forward Fund, which was established in 2012 following the death of Alexis “Lexi” Jade Smith, the daughter of Heidi Hartwick of Cass City and Randy Smith. The youngster was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor earlier that same year.

The tragic loss prompted a small group of parents and others to establish a fund that would not only honor Lexi’s memory, but also assist other local families caring for a child diagnosed with cancer. The Cass City Lions Club also stepped in to help the group by handling the money donated to the group. Donations are now held in a fund through the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

“The community was amazing” in supporting Pinktober events, said Kreeger.

Unfortunately, she added, while the organizers/volunteers have always done their own fundraising, they never formed any sort of formal organization in order to carry

liability insurance – and none of the individuals involved can afford to take that responsibility on themselves.

“We already knock on doors and beg for so much. How can we ask for more, especially when I do, frankly, believe this should be a chamber event, and they should wholeheartedly embrace it more than they have?”

“This was just something I started from nothing, and it just felt good doing it,” Kreeger said. “I’m hoping there is (some way to continue Pinktober), because I think the community still deserves it.”

Regardless, she added, “We’re so thankful for all the years and participation. If (last year) was our last year, we did create something amazing, and we’re thankful for that.”

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THE 2017 Owen-Gage Bulldog football team members are: (front row, l-r) Michael Ray, Carl Steff, Cord Clarkson, Matthew Fritz, Andrew Partaka, Branden Fritz (back row) Coach Jim Wencel, Luke Retford, Brandon Binder, Boyd Evans, Clay Evans, Aaron Fahrner, Asst. Coach Hunter Champagne and Asst. Coach Dylan Fritz.

Bulldogs enter NCTL-Stripes Conference with low numbers

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

If the Owen-Gage football dynasty of late is to continue, Coach Jim Wencel will have to rely heavily on eight returnees during the 2017 campaign that kicks off Thursday at Burton Madison.

The Bulldogs have made six straight trips to the gridiron post season. In fact, since 2011, they have recorded at least eight wins in each season, while suffering no more than three losses. Last year,

Owen-Gage went 8-1 during the regular season, before being upset by New Haven Merritt, 52-14, in a pre-regional matchup.

However, gone from Owen-Gage's latest playoff roster are a trio of standouts in David Binder, Jacob Warack and Derek Vincent. They were the team leaders on both offense and defense a year

ago.

Making the rebuilding process more difficult in 2017, Owen-Gage is making the switch from the Mid-Michigan 8-man Conference to the NCTL Stripes Conference – a league that boasts powerhouse Bay City All Saints, Peck and Carsonville Port Sanilac.

Although the Owen-Gage roster

features just 11 players, it is loaded with several returning letter winners including Aaron Fahrner, Michael Ray, Carl Steff, Cord Clarkson, Matthew Fritz, Branden Fritz, Luke Retford and Brandon Binder.

Fahrner had a breakout season in 2016 at the quarterback position and Retford is one of the team's

hardest hitters and will be expected to carry the load for the Bulldog defense. Look for big contributions from linemen Michael Ray and Carl Steff if the Bulldogs hope to return to the playoffs in 2017.

As always, Wencel says, injuries will be a big factor on this year's team's success.

THE 2017 CASS CITY men's cross country team members are: (front row, l-r) Gabe Farver, Lucas Swiderski, Logan Severance, CarLee Stimpfel, Brandon Witherspoon, Drew Markel (back row) Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Jamison Kruse, Andrew Venema, Kevin Estrella, Hunter Caister and Zane Wright. Missing is Devon Koning, Nick McArdle and Race Woloshen.



THE 2017 CASS CITY women's cross country team members are: (front row, l-r) Kate Pohlod, Mary Muter, Marla Muter, Errienne Hoyt (back row) Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Harlie Mallory, Dakota Cook, Kacey Haire and Layna Mathewson. Missing is Lauren Fernald.

Cross Country teams loaded in Cass City

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

With the top two finishers from last year's Greater Thumb West (GTW) Cross Country League Meet returning for their senior year, it's little wonder that the Cass City men's team is the overwhelming favorite to snag their third straight conference championship.

Somewhat surprising, however, is that Coach Jon Zdrojewski believes his Lady Red Hawks also should be in the mix for GTW honors.

"We lost only one senior – Josie Loomis – so the ladies will be running with experience on their side," he said, adding, "I expect the team to be competitive in the league and also should have a good showing at regionals. Our goal for the season is to qualify for the State Finals by taking at least third place at (our) regional."

The Lady Red Hawks have six returning letter winners from last year. Layna Mathewson, Lauren Fernald and Mary Muter were all-conference performers in 2016, with Mathewson landing on the GTW second team and Fernald and Muter recognized as GTW honorable mention runners.

Also returning to help build this year's team around are Marla Muter, Kate Pohlod and Errienne Hoyt, while newcomers Kacey Haire, Harlie Mallory and Dakota Cook will give Cass City its biggest roster in recent years.

"Look for new addition junior Kacey Haire to be a factor in the team's success this year. She ran one race last year and finished top for the Red Hawks. This year she is planning to participate the entire season," said Zdrojewski noting Haire is a dual sport athlete and member of the volleyball team.

Turning to the Cass City men's team, CarLee Stimpfel and Zane Wright will lead a group of 10 re-

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ALYSON WALSH, Ubly, sold her pen of market hogs to Crop Productions Services (CPS) of Owendale at the Huron Community Fair. Representing CPS is Dan Mittlestat.



ANNIE WALSH of Ubly sold her 649 pound feeder steer to the Bad Axe Wal-Mart store at the Huron Community Fair.



CADENCE WALSH of Ubly sold his 693 pound feeder steer to Sue Smith of Farmer's Co-op - Kinde at the Huron Community Fair.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 25				
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Cass City runners expected to challenge for GTW honors

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turning letter winners this fall. Stimpfel is the defending Division 4 individual champion and school record holder, while Wright finished 31st at the 2016 State Finals – one spot from bringing home an all-state medal.

“We lost only senior Chase Winter from last year’s roster and have three freshmen and one sophomore joining the team,” Zdrojewski said.

Gabe Farver, Race Woloshen and Jamison Kruse return to the Red Hawk line-up after competing in last year’s State Final meet, while Kevin Estrella, Drew Markel, Logan Severance, Lucas Swiderski and Andrew Venema should all benefit with a year’s experience under their belts.

According to Zdrojewski, look for sophomore Drew Markel to step up his performances this year and freshman Nick McArdle will

be a very good addition to the squad.

Cass City kicks off its season Thursday at the Birch Run Invitational.

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Obituaries

Harold Rayl

Harold Leland Rayl, 90, of Cass City, died Saturday, August 19, 2017 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City. He was born December 31, 1926 in Almer Township, the third of ten children to Earl and Harriett (Childs) Rayl. He married Helen Aletha Warner March 12, 1948 in her parents' home in Deford. She died August 8, 2017.

Harold graduated from Cass City High School in 1945. His mother received his diploma as he was headed down to Detroit to enlist in the United States Army. Harold served our country as a military policeman in Italy during WWII. Following the war, he attended Detroit Bible Institute. Harold worked various jobs including the Form Gang that paved M-46 and for General Cable of Cass City. He retired in 1984 from Saginaw Steering Gear on disability due to brucellosis. Harold enjoyed playing guitar, ping pong and golf at every opportunity. He loved camping and time spent with his grandchildren. Harold's passion was to share God's love in everything he did and with everyone he met. He was always willing to follow Helen wherever she went. Together they were lay ministers throughout their marriage to many children and adults at home and in First Baptist Church of Cass City.

Harold is survived by his children: Rona (Jack) Hillaker of Cass City, Ruth (Ron) Shaw of Loveland, CO, and Lynn (Michael) Sherman of Cass City; grandchildren: Jandi (Ryan) Baker of Livonia, Jodi (Lance) Roark of Rockford, Tony Shaw of Lakewood, CO, Courtney (Sara) Shaw of Broomfield, CO, Mike (Britton) Sherman of Windsor, CO, and Tim (Sue) Sherman of Montrose, CO; great-grandchildren: Alex, Avery, Ella, Jude, Annie, Macy, Ava, Whitney, Antonio, Isabel, Evie and Vaughn; sister, Marilyn (Duane) Rich of Sandusky; brothers: Elmer (Donna) Rayl of Akron, Walt (Dee) Rayl of Marlette, Linel (Janet) Rayl of St. Helen and Archie (Sandy) Rayl of Grand Rapids; and many, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn (Doug) Stewart; brothers and sisters-in-law: Ed (Marion) Rayl, Arnold (Mattie) Rayl and Earl (Vernita) Rayl, Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 24, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Pastor David Hill of First Baptist Church of Cass City officiating.

Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Northwood Meadows.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Scott Woidan

Scott Robert Woidan, 30, of Gagetown, formerly of Cass City, died Sunday, August 13, 2017 in Elmwood Township due to injuries sustained from an ATV accident.

He was born June 22, 1987 in Saginaw to Scott Frank and Dawn (Crosby) Woidan.

Scott graduated from Cass City High School in 2006. He moved to Phoenix, AZ to attend the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and earned his motorcycle mechanics license before moving back home. Scott worked for Kan Rock Tire of Caro as a manager and later for Auto Zone in Caro. His passion for racing was frequently displayed at the Lucky Thumb Racetrack in Deford where he captured the audience with his need for speed. Scott shared his love of riding on his Yamaha Banshee with his daughter, Olyvia. He frequently played Xbox with his daughter, their favorite was Mario Kart. The two of them retained the same kindred spirit for adrenaline and action. The Flash and Batman were his favorite superheroes. He took great pride in teaching his nieces and nephews how to ride the quad and would jump at the opportunity to spend a day with others, enjoying the outdoors from the seat of his Banshee. Scott enjoyed sitting by the campfire, chatting with family, friends or anyone that would listen for that matter. He always had a story to tell and his sense of humor would never fail to make the conversation memorable. His smile would brighten the room and his sarcasm could make a stranger feel like they've known each other for years! Scott was an amazing father, committed fiancé, cherished son, treasured brother, fun loving uncle, and dear friend to so many.

Scott is survived by his daughter, Olyvia Sue; his fiancé, Christine Tate of Gagetown; his parents, Scott and Dawn Woidan of Deford; sisters: Heather (Jeremy) Forrest of Dorr and Tanya (Cory) Kulinski of Cass City; nieces and nephews: Taylor, Nick, Makena, Brayden, Madison and Parker; aunts and uncles: Shelly "Aunt Bobbi" (Dave) Bartnik, Renee Crosby, John Crosby and Ron Stolzman; grandparents: John (Dixie) Crosby and Jacqueline Roeske; cousins Matt, Mandi and Rachel Bartnik, Jake, Jessica and Julia Skinner, and Josh and Jeremy Crosby.

Scott was preceded in death by his aunt, Vicki Stolzman; grandfather Gerald Roeske.

A funeral service was held Friday, August 18, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City with Brad Speirs officiating. Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Scott were: Eric Bullock, Kyle Hartwick, Cory Kulinski, Josh Crosby, Greg Whitney, Duane Winchell, Jacob Skinner, Garrett Weichert, Brandon Leffler and Mika Little.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Cecelia Zuraw

Cecelia R. Zuraw, 96, of Bay City, was called home by her Heavenly Father on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at the Bay County Medical Care Facility surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Thanksgiving Day November 25, 1920 in Detroit to the late Felix and Martha (Haranda) Szymczak.

Cecelia married Walter A. Zuraw on October 9, 1943 in St. Mary's Church on 9 Mile. He predeceased her January of 1964.

She was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Rosary/Altar Sodality and was on the church prayer line. Cecelia in her early years helped her parents operate the 9 Mile Store in Pinconning. She, along with her husband, owned and operated Walt's Bar in Gagetown. Cecelia had an interest in music, especially polka music and played the accordion in her early years. Cecelia and her special friends would often go for lunch or rides to enjoy their company.

Her true passion was spending time with all of her family. Surviving are five children, Janet Bruessow, Patrick (Valerie) Zuraw, David Zuraw, Mary (Lester) Fritz and James Zuraw; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and three great great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Clara Zuraw, Helena Szymczak and Edward (Barbara) Zuraw; and nieces, nephews and many cousins.

She was predeceased by son, Thomas; son-in-law, Peter Bruessow; granddaughter, Peggy Smith; brother, Chester Szymczak; sister, Irene (Felix) Sobieray; in-laws Leo & Charlotte Zuraw, John Zuraw and Helen & Bernard Boensch. Grateful thanks to all the BCMCF Caregivers.

A Funeral Mass was held August 18, from Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Fr. Rick Filary officiated, with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Toni & Trish House or Brian's House and St. Agatha's Food Pantry.

Judith Anker

Judith Irene Anker, 72, of Cass City, passed away Wed., Aug. 16, 2017 at her home.

Judith was born April 22, 1945 in St. Clair, the daughter of the late Raymond and Dorothy (Chaffee) Lorf.

She married Lyle Anker in Caro on Nov. 13, 1965. She enjoyed walks with her kids, canvas cloth embroidery, making such scenes as cartoons and the nativity, she had an all-around artistic ability. She was an avid roller skater. She was past president of the Caro Eagles, and loved time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Judith is survived by her husband of nearly 52 years, Lyle, children, Rodney Anker, Ryan (Desiree) Anker and Dawn Belka; 4 grandchildren; and two sisters, Shirley Foster and Marlene Anger.

She was predeceased by a brother, Ronald Lorf and a sister, Gail Mo-sack.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held Sat. Aug. 26, at Thabet Funeral Home, 6255 Main St., Cass City, at 2 p.m. Rev. Paul Kruse of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Family and friends may start gathering at 1 p.m. Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

Tornado touches down in Thumb

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aged," said Meteorologist Alex Manion.

The tornado touched down near M-53 and M-46. At one residence, a camping trailer was picked up by the wind and smashed upside down on a neighboring yard.

"The tornado touched down 2.6 miles southeast of Kingston and 4.2 miles east of Kingston," noted Manion.

"All of the damage that was shown on televised news reports was in Sanilac County, just outside of our county," said Tuscola County Emergency Management Director Steve Anderson. "In our county, the only damage was in the Millington area at the high school with a downed tree."

Most of the property damage in Sanilac County was along Marton Road, and the camper trailer that was damaged was located off Harrison Road, Manion said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Fujita Tornado Damage Scale classifies tornadoes into the following categories: EF-0 (weak — winds of 65 to 85 mph), F-1 (weak — 86 to 110 mph), EF-2 (strong — 111 to 135 mph), EF-3 (strong — 136 to 165 mph), EF-4 (violent — 166 to 200 mph), and EF5 (violent — more than 200 mph).

Some Millington residents are still recovering from a tornado that caused extensive damage in July 2015. That same year, a tornado touched down Aug. 2 in the village of Owendale, causing damage to a couple of businesses in the downtown area and to the high school.

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MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Robert M Mercer and Lynette Dee Mercer, husband and wife, mortgagor(s), to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 23, 2006, and recorded on October 13, 2006 in Liber 1099 on Page 199, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JP-Morgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and 81/100 Dollars (\$68,811.81). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 14, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, lying Southwesterly of the bodies brain?, so-called, subject to right-of-way for Leix Road. And further subject to any matters pertaining to said land described herein.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: August 16, 2017
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #475428F01

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ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR COLLECTING A DEBT. IF THE DEBT WAS DISCHARGED IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THAT DEBT. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mort-

gagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MORTGAGE SALE – A mortgage was granted by: RAYMOND H. FOSHEE, JR. aka Raymond Foshee, a single man to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 27, 2002 and recorded April 16, 2002 in Liber 874 Page 347, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC, by assignment dated April 21, 2017 and recorded May 1, 2017, in Liber 1373 Page 669 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Three Cents (\$52,955.03) including interest 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M. on September 14, 2017 Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point that is North 230.1 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 410.87 feet; thence North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West 169.77 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 410.7 feet; thence South 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East 171.20 feet to the point of beginning. Right of Way for Washburn Road over the Easterly side thereof . The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 08/16/2017
Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
251 Diversion Street Rochester, MI 48307
248-853-4400
Our File No: 107676

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Elmer W. Nieman, and Gwendolyn Nieman, husband and wife, mortgagor(s), to ELGA Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2005, and recorded on October 28, 2005 in Liber 1059 on Page 804, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PHH Mortgage Corporation as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date

hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven and 63/100 Dollars (\$51,711.63).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 21, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 414.00 feet North of the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence North 220.00 feet; thence East 236.00 feet; thence South 220.00 feet; thence West 236.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: August 23, 2017
For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200
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File #475459F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Diane A. Labeau, A Single Woman, mortgagor(s), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 1, 2002, and recorded on March 8, 2002 in Liber 869 on Page 279, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Eight and 70/100 Dollars (\$44,138.70).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 21, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The North half of a parcel of land described as: Commencing 20 rods North of the Southwest corner of the West half of the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 17, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence North 297.00 feet thence East 40 rods

more or less to the East line of the West half of the West half of the Northwest quarter of said Section 17, thence South 297.00 feet, thence West 40 rods more or less to the place of beginning, being a part of the West half of the West half of the Northwest quarter of said Section 17, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: August 23, 2017
For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302
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31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #475452F01

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN A BANKRUPTCY, AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THIS DEBT, THIS NOTICE CONSTITUTES NEITHER A DEMAND FOR PAYMENT NOR A NOTICE OF PERSONAL LIABILITY. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Gregory M. Lasota and Angela R. Lasota to National City Bank dated June 7, 2006 and recorded July 10, 2006 in Liber 1087 at Page 734, Tuscola County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association S/B/M/T National City Bank by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$21,347.98. Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such sales for the County of Tuscola, Michigan at 10:00AM on September 21, 2017.

Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND KNOWN AS: BEING LOT NUMBER 6 IN MILLER SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN IN THE RECORDED PLAT/MAP THEREOF IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS PAGE 2 OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

Said property is commonly known as 5047 Millington Road, Millington, MI 48746. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person

who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS:

The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed.

Dated: August 17, 2017
Brock & Scott, PLLC
5431 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
PHONE: 910-392-4988
File No. 17-11694

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Michael C. Davis, a single man, mortgagor(s), to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Mortgagee, dated March 11, 2005, and recorded on May 24, 2005 in Liber 1039 on Page 1385, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on July 17, 2017 in Liber 1377 on Page 1261, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Eight and 64/100 Dollars (\$139,658.64).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 21, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Section 27 Town 11 North Range 8 East Com at a pt that is S 89 deg 56 min 13 sec E 3434.21 ft and N 00 deg 54 min 01 sec W 733.04 ft from W 1/4 Cor of Sec, th N 89 deg 56 min 14 sec W 80 ft, th N 43 deg 16 min 48 sec W 122.02 ft, th N 00 deg 54 min 01 sec W 521.90 ft, th S89 deg 44 min 32 sec E 162.27 ft, th S89 deg 44 min 21 sec E 162.34 ft, th S 00 deg 54 min 03 sec E 280.95 ft, th N 89 deg 44 min 21 sec W 162.34 ft, th S 00 deg 54 min 01 sec E 329.15 ft to POB. 3.24 A. (Parcel J-4 and Part of Parcel K-2)

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: August 23, 2017
For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #440122F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Todd D. Crosby and Krystal K. Crosby, Husband and Wife, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Executive Mortgage of Michigan, LLC., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 2007, and recorded on May 3, 2007 in Liber 1118 on Page 459-466 in instrument 200700895322, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Accociation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Nine and 07/100 Dollars (\$188,139.07).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 31, 2017. Said premises are situated in Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of section 21, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Junista Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as; Beginning distant South 00 degrees 00 minutes 57 seconds West, 178.61 feet, along the West Sectioin line from the West 1/4 corner of said section 21; thence from said place of beginning, South 89 degrees 59 minutes 03 seconds East 260.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 57 minutes West 300.00 feet; thene North 89 degrees 59 minutes 03 seconds West, 260.00 feet to said West section line; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 57 seconds East 300.00 feet, along said Section line to the place of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: August 2, 2017 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #409100F05

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OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Beverly A. Tyson, a single woman and Erma J. Smith, a single woman and Anthony L. Smith, a single man, mortgagor(s), to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 4, 2005, and recorded on February 14, 2005 in Liber 1027 on Page 871, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight and 81/100 Dollars (\$173,388.81).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 31, 2017. Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Described as beginning at a point on the North Section line that is South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 897.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence continuing along said North Section line, South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 315.39 feet; thence South 03 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West 233.18 feet; thence North 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West 324.51 feet; thence North 05 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East 233.00 feet to the point of beginning. Including that part used as Murphy Lake Road so-called. Being subject to the Restrictions, Easements and/or Right of Way of Record.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: August 2, 2017 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #469084F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Renton J. Hurley, a single man, mortgagor, to Independent Bank, mortgagee. The

Mortgage is dated July 3, 1997, and was recorded on July 21, 1997, in Liber 715, on page 1336 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$31,830.23, including interest at 8% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on August 31, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Wells, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Commencing at the SE corner, Section 29, T12N, R10E, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, running W 657.75 ft along the S line of Section 29; thence N 0°04' W 329.78 ft; thence E 658.32 ft, thence S 0°02' W 329.78 ft. along the E line of Section 29, to the point of beginning. Being part of the SE 1/4, Section 29, T12N, R10E, Wells Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan.

commonly known as 2975 Rossman Road, Caro, Michigan 48723 tax i.d. 022-029-000-2100-00

If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the Mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
Dated: July 28, 2017
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee - 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219, Bay City, MI 48707 (989) 892-4574

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them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on August 31, 2017 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29. TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, DENMARK TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY. MICHIGAN. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING ON THE WEST SECTION LINE AT A POINT 886.00 FEET SOUTH ALONG SAID LINE FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE EAST EXACTLY AT RIGHT ANGLES 225.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 150.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 225.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID-SECTION 29 AND THE CENTERLINE OF VAN BUREN ROAD; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID LINE 150.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
S20170614162539 FHLMC

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amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Erika Payea, a married woman, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Polaris Home Funding Corp., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 9, 2008, and recorded on May 12, 2008 in Liber 1149 on Page 401, and modified by agreement recorded on May 5, 2015 in Liber 1329 on Page 188, and assigned by mesne assignments to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two and 44/100 Dollars (\$63,752.44).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 7, 2017.

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Kingston Days fest on tap Aug. 24-27, everyone is invited

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The annual celebration of Kingston Days runs from Thursday, Aug. 24, through Sunday, Aug. 27.

Kingston Days is a celebration of community and a homecoming for those who return to participate in the event.

“The main thing is we want to make the car cruise bigger and better than ever. Outside of that, all of the traditional events are back this year,” said Kingston Days Co-Chair Daniel Copeland.

Thursday's events kickoff with a used book and video sale from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Kingston High School Library, and will continues from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and the annual 5K run at 7 p.m., sponsored by Marlette Regional Hospital, with registration at 6 p.m. at the Wesleyan Church. For more information, call (989) 860-6411.

On Friday, there is a community picnic at 6 p.m. in Memorial Park. The meal will be provided and participants are asked to bring a dish to pass. At 7 p.m. is the car cruise, with registration at 6:45 p.m. at the high school. For more information, call (989) 551-0228.

Also scheduled is music in the park by Autumn Gold.

There is a full day of activities for the whole family Saturday, starting with a car show at the high school. To register call (989) 673-2402.

There is a three-on-three basketball tournament at 9 a.m., with a \$50 registration fee, and a five-on-five tournament (registration is \$100). Call (989) 872-0023 to register. At 10 a.m. there will be a free candy drop, followed by a "best pie" contest at 11 a.m. at Beagio's.

"For those who are hungry there will be sloppy joes and nachos available in the park. They are a fundraiser for the event," explained Copeland, noting the food will be available from noon to 2 p.m., and again from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The activities will continue with a parade at noon and a "superhero" bike decorating contest with free ice cream at the Methodist Church. To register for this event, call (989) 860-6411.

Other Saturday events include: children's activities in the park at 2 p.m., bingo from 5 to 7 p.m., open mike night at 6 p.m., a street dance from 8 to 11 p.m. on Fisher Street with a DJ, followed by fireworks at dusk.

On Sunday there will be an outdoor church service at 9 a.m., with worshipers asked to bring their own chairs. There will also be a memory walk at noon starting at Beagio's. Memorial bags are \$3 each and include balloons.

Copeland said, adding more information is available by calling (989) 551-0228.

Finally, there will be mud volleyball. More information is available by calling (989) 551-9861.



THE TUSCOLA County Sheriff's Department Marine Patrol was out recently with a volunteer dive team for exercises the department hopes it won't need to put into practice. "We have obtained an updated side scan sonar through federal dollars. They set out dummies on the bottom of the bay to test how the scanner displayed and for the recovery team to find the dummies," Sheriff Glen Skrent explained in a Facebook post. "The marine patrol reminds boaters that a life jacket is worthless if it's not on you," Skrent added. (Photos courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)

Early beet harvest is approaching

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

With the sugar beet harvest scheduled to start at the end of the

month, there is a flurry of activity at Michigan Sugar factories in the Thumb.

The finishing touches are being put on upgrades and seasonal hiring for the 2017 sugar processing campaign is underway.

"Michigan Sugar Company is making progress on numerous capital projects being installed throughout the cooperative. Upgrades are being made to all facets of our business, including additional ventilation equipment, a new pulp press, a new first carbonation tank, new packaging equipment, a juice softening system and much more," said Ray VanDriessche, Michigan Sugar Company's director of community and government relations.

"We appreciate the support we receive from our board, shareholders and many other partners as we continually reinvest in our facilities."

Among the upgrades in the works are additional ventilation being installed at the piling grounds in the Ruth area, a new pulp press and first carbonation

tank is being installed in the Sebewaing factory, and a juice softening system and new packaging equipment are going into the Crosswell factory.


The company's capital investment for 2016 and 2017 is estimated at \$25 million.

Because sugar beets like hot days, cool nights and moisture, the wet summer hasn't had the same impact on beets that it's had on some of the other crops.

"In general, a minor percentage of the overall acreage was lost or damaged by the heavy rains, but obviously some growers were impacted more severely in those areas that received the heaviest amount of rain," said VanDriessche.


"We did not test for sugar when we pulled our first sample. The current estimated tonnage is 29 tons per acre. This estimate will adjust accordingly as we pull additional samples."

According to VanDriessche, the early harvest is expected to begin the last week in August.




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