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A HOST OF area residents took advantage of an invitation from the Michigan State Police post in Caro to celebrate the MSP’s 100th birthday during Saturday’s open house, which featured several vehicles and specialized MSP teams. Among them was the MSP Bomb Squad, which responds statewide to suspected explosive devices and weapon of mass destruction (WMD) incidents. The squad is an integral part of the Michigan Regional Response Team Network (RRTN), established to provide quick response capability in every region of the state to WMD/terrorism incidents, and responds to roughly 500 calls for service each year.

## Dumped: townships forced to scramble after Diva shuts down

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

A number of area residents who put their trash out for collection last week had to take it back to their homes temporarily after the company that provided waste removal services abruptly closed.

However, one by one, most of the affected communities have since arranged to work with new contractors.

In Tuscola County’s Columbia Township, for example, residents found themselves with no trash service on Tuesday, and not knowing who will provide that service now following the decision by the owners of Diva Disposal to shut down operations.

During a special meeting, township officials were able to work out an agreement with Emterra Environmental USA, which serves Canada as well as North America, to provide trash collection. According to Clerk Christine Kolar, Emterra will continue the same schedule as Diva Disposal,

with collection on Tuesdays.

Columbia Township wasn’t the only municipality scrambling to find a trash collection service.

In fact, five other Tuscola County townships – Novesta, Kingston, Almer, Fairgrove and Indianfields – along with the villages of Fairgrove, Gagetown and Kingston had been served by Diva, as were Huron County’s Brookfield, Hume and Chandler townships. The company’s closure also impacted some residents in Greenleaf Township in Sanilac County.

“While our township did not contract with them, several residents of the township did,” said Greenleaf Township Clerk Judy Keller.

Diva Disposal is owned and operated by Melanie and Ryan Radabaugh. They formed the

company in February 2009. The company was located in the former Amerigas facility at 6608 Lincoln St. in Gagetown.

“They didn’t say specifically why they went out of business. Just that they tried everything to continue to operate, but had to face reality that the business could not continue,” Kolar said.

Columbia Township has contracted with Diva Disposal for about five years. To pay for the service, each household in the township paid a \$90 special assessment, which did not cover the entire cost of the service.

Before contracting for weekly trash collection service, township residents took their trash twice a month to the site of the former Columbia Township dump on Hoppe Road. The former dump site became a transfer station where res-

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## Cass City pupil numbers finally holding their own

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

For the first time in at least a decade, Cass City School officials wrapped up the second of two annual enrollment counts without losing a student last week.

School Supt. Jeff Hartel reported the numbers Thursday, a day after school officials across the state conducted the annual fall count. In Cass City, the tally revealed 538 students in Young Fives through sixth grade, with another 445 students at the junior-senior high school for a total enrollment of 983.

“Which equals our winter count from last year, so we did not lose any kids,” Hartel said. “We are very pleased with that.”

Hartel noted the district did lose four kids – less than 1.5 percent – compared to last October, but last week’s numbers were still a relief, considering the annual enrollment decline of more than three percent local school officials have seen in each of the past several years.

In keeping with a budgeting approach of hoping for the best but preparing for the worst, Cass City Schools Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba built in a projected loss of 25 students when she prepared this year’s budget, which went into effect July 1. Now, however, instead of losing an estimated \$190,000 in state revenue, the district should collect \$190,000 or so more than they anticipated.

“It gives us some money to look at doing some work on the buildings,” Hartel said, referring to a number of needed equipment repairs and upgrades.

During the Cass City Board of Education’s Sept. 25 monthly meeting, Hartel offered a preliminary report on enrollment, which indicated Cass City’s student numbers are finally leveling off.

“If (these numbers) holds true,” he told the board, “this will be the first time we haven’t lost 25 to 30 kids in 10 years.”

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## Mother, two children seriously hurt in crash

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff’s deputies are continuing their investigation into a two-vehicle traffic crash that left seven people injured – three seriously – early Thursday morning in Novesta Township.

The injured include a Deford area mother and her children, ages nine and 13, all of whom remain hospitalized in serious condition.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Robert Baxter reported deputies were dispatched to the scene – Deckerville Road near Dodge Road – at 6:14 a.m.

“Weighmaster Deputy Herford and passersby rendered first aid until MMR (Ambulance) arrived,” Baxter reported.

The investigation remains open, Baxter said, but preliminary reports indicate a 41-year-old Deford woman driving a Malibu was traveling eastbound on Deckerville Road when she lost control of the vehicle.

“She had two children with her, ages 13 and 9,” he noted. “According to a witness, her vehicle went on the shoulder, then came back on the roadway sideways and was struck broadside by a pickup traveling westbound on Deckerville Road.”

The pickup was driven by a 25-year-old Decker woman and occupied

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## Jury exonerates doctor in “pill mill” case after four-week trial

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

After a nearly four-week trial, a Tuscola County Circuit Court jury exonerated a well-known urologist accused of running a “pill mill”.

The jury, composed of six men and six women, began deliberations last Wednesday and, later the next morning, returned verdicts of not guilty on all charges levied against Dr. Joseph E. Oesterling, 61, of Ann Arbor, who once served as chief of urology at the

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## Thumb Sobriety Court set to graduate 13

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thumb Regional Sobriety Court officials are gearing up to host their eighth graduation ceremony acknowledging 13 individuals who have successfully completed the intensive treatment court program.

The ceremony will take place Friday, Oct. 20, starting at 10 a.m. at the Tuscola County Courthouse (in the circuit courtroom) in Caro. A potluck will follow, and the public is welcome to attend.

With the latest class of “graduates”, more than five dozen people have successfully completed the unique program designed to end

the cycle of arrests involving individuals stopped while driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The initiative is unique in that it gives eligible offenders the help they need to get and stay sober.

“The Thumb Regional Sobriety Court is a specialized treatment court focused on improving public safety in Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties through intensive intervention in the lives of repeat drunken or drugged driving offenders,” explained Rebecca Martin, Thumb Regional Sobriety Court coordinator.

“The court, referred to as TRSC, first started operating with participants in January of 2014 and has now successfully graduated over 60 individuals,” she added.

The TRSC was established through a partnership of the trial court judges in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. The goal was to create a specialized central treatment court that could utilize tools outside of the traditional

fines and jail time to encourage repeat offenders to turn over a new leaf.

The Thumb treatment court was one of four pilot programs launched by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) in an order to bring sobriety courts to rural parts of the state on a regional, multi-county basis. The SCAO initially awarded \$255,000 in grant funding to establish the Thumb program.

“The 13 individuals recognized during this (upcoming graduation) ceremony have completed intensive court supervision, individual and group treatment, intensive drug testing, and 12-step meeting attendance,” Martin noted.

“This process aids in reducing recidivism while minimizing incarceration time, therefore reducing jail expenses to the communities. As a result, this provides these individuals with an opportunity to positively change their lives, improve personal relationships and

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New officers on duty...

THE CASS CITY Gavel Club recently elected officers for 2017-18. They are (from left) Secretary Tom LeValley, President Keith Czekai, Vice President Terry Czekai and Treasure Jim Hempton.

Driver pleads in crash that claimed man’s life

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Millington man has pleaded no contest to charges stemming from a one-vehicle fatal traffic accident that claimed the life of a Kingston area man last spring.

The defendant, Matthew C. Figard, 43, entered the pleas to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week.

The most serious charge, involving loss of life, carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,500 to \$10,000.

A third charge, homicide - manslaughter with a motor vehicle, was dismissed in the case.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was re-voked, and Figard was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

The victim, 41-year-old Dale D. Doss, was a passenger in a pickup driven by Figard when the March 30 crash occurred in Tuscola County’s Dayton Township, according to troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro.

Troopers were dispatched to the scene – Phelps Lake Road near Plain Road – at about 7:15 p.m., according to reports, which state officers discovered the pickup had been traveling west on Phelps Lake Road, left the north side of the roadway for unknown reasons, and struck two trees.

Figard, who was not wearing a seatbelt, suffered serious injuries and was transported to an area hospital. Doss, who was wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Student numbers level off

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Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which “blends” student counts conducted twice a year by districts; once in February and again the following fall. The state’s blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools’ foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. Cass City, for example, is slated to receive \$7,631 per student for the 2017-18 school year, a \$120-per-student increase compared to 2016-17. The district is also scheduled to receive an additional \$25 per high school student this year.

Over the past 15 years or so, Cass City officials have watched local student numbers fall by hundreds of youngsters – losing an average of 3.7 percent of the district’s student population annually since the 2005-06 school year, when the district boasted 1,500 students. In 2001-02, Cass City had more than 1,600 kids enrolled.

In contrast, school officials two years ago reported the then-latest enrollment dip that left the district with fewer than 1,000 students for the first time in memory.

Kingston Schools

Among other area districts, Kingston Community Schools Supt. Matt Drake reported a loss of about 12 students.

“We are 294 (students) in K-6 and 294 in our high school for a grand total of 588,” said Drake, who noted school officials based this year’s budget on a projected loss of 10 students.

A dozen students translates into roughly \$91,000 in state revenue for the Kingston School District, which is slated to receive \$7,611 per student this year – including the \$120-per-student increase promised by the state – plus another \$25 per high school student.

Mom, children seriously hurt

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by three children, ages four, five and nine.

No names have been released.

“The occupants of the Malibu were all severely injured, one being flown by FlightCare. The occupants of the pickup truck suffered minor injuries,” Baxter said. “The Tuscola County Sheriff’s Accident reconstruction team responded and the accident is still under investigation.

Cass City School officials were notified of the accident early Thursday morning, according to school Supt. Jeff Hartel, who said two of the children involved in the crash are Cass City students, in grades four and eight.

Hartel said school officials brought counselors in to both the elementary and junior-senior high buildings Thursday to talk to students shaken by the news.

“We’ve got some kids upset here,” Hartel added. “It’s a sad day.”



STATE REP. Dr. Edward J. Canfield, D.O. recently greeted Adrianna Jackson of Caro as his guest on the House floor. Jackson was awarded a scholarship at the Michigan State Fair, which celebrates the positive aspects of rural and urban agriculture, business and industry in Michigan.

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In Our  
OPINION...

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Editor

# Safety first when you’re in the field

Michigan’s bow hunting season is well underway and the regular firearm season is five weeks away, prompting Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officers to again remind bow and gun hunters to focus on safety as they pursue that trophy buck.

DNR officials urge archery hunters to keep the following safety tips in mind:

*\*Before you go out, inspect equipment, including your tree stand. If anything is worn, frayed, cracked or peeling, replace it or get it fixed. If using a compound bow or crossbow, make sure the cables and pulleys are in good working order.*

*\*When sharpening broad heads, be careful and take your time.*

*\*Practice tree-stand safety. Nearly every year, a Michigan hunter is killed or seriously injured because he or she fell out of a tree stand. The DNR recommends using a full-body safety harness to get into and out of your tree stand.*

*\*If using a tree stand, always use a haul line to raise and lower your gear.*

*\*Keep arrows in the quiver until you are ready to use them. A common injury is to stab or injure yourself or a hunting companion while carrying arrows in your hand or nocked on your bow.*

*\*Never take a shot at a deer that is beyond the maximum effective range at which you are comfortable shooting.*

*\*If you are successful, field dress your deer and cool its meat immediately. Michigan’s unpredictable weather means we sometimes have warm October days. Warm temperatures can cause the meat to spoil quickly.*

Gun hunters, meanwhile, should treat every firearm as if it’s loaded and to always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

Be certain of your target and what’s beyond it before firing. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt and be sure you have an adequate backstop. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Don’t run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm. Unload your gun before climbing a fence or tree, or crossing a ditch.

Never mix alcohol or any other mind-altering drug with hunting – it’s a recipe for tragedy.

Remember, all firearm deer hunters must wear a hat, cap, vest or jacket that includes hunter orange visible from all sides. Camouflage hunter orange is legal provided 50 percent of the surface area is solid hunter orange (exceptions are while hunting waterfowl, crow and wild turkey, and deer during the archery season).

All hunters should tell someone where they are going and what time they expect to return. This information is valuable in helping conservation officers or sheriff’s deputies to find you if you are lost.

Also, hunters are encouraged to carry a cell phone, a compass, a flashlight and other small safety items when in the woods. Your cell phone emits a signal that can help rescuers locate you when you are lost. Make sure before you leave for the woods each day your phone is fully charged. If you have a smart phone, download a compass and flashlight app.

We hope all area sportsmen will enjoy a memorable – and safe — hunting experience this year.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Lightning rods and shelters



October is a confusing month for a child, and a childhood memory of that month has always stayed with me.

In October, warm days tease of summer stretches ahead. Then, there are cold days when angry gray clouds hang low, hinting winter’s bite isn’t far away.

It was October when the lightning rod man came around. He carried lightning rods and cables in a dirty sack on his back. He also carried a shovel in one hand for digging fallout shelters back when the world was on the brink of annihilation. For two weeks in October 1962, the world seemed on the brink of nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

With lightning rods and fallout shelters, he came selling hope and fear — not in equal measure. I was 11 years old and scared of what I had seen on the news about nuclear war. The scenes from the documentary about the bombing of Hiroshima for history class were still in my mind’s eye.

Drills in schools of what to do in case of a nuclear attack were standard procedure back then. There was a film we were shown each year of how to “duck and cover and don’t look.” The film had sirens going off to signify an attack. When the sirens sounded, students were to duck under their desk, cover their heads, and not look at the nuclear flash.

Knowing what I know now about radiation, I think the directions should have also included duck, cover and kiss a certain part of the anatomy good-bye as well.

The lightning rod man talked to my parents for a long time about the benefits of lightning rods and about the importance of having a fallout shelter “during these uncertain times.”

To me, getting lightning rods and having a fallout shelter sounded like a darn good idea. My parents talked about the pros and cons of each for a couple of days. I’m not sure what the cost was, but to me at least protecting ourselves from radiation sounded like it was the way to go.

About a week later, the lightning rod-fallout shelter man came back to hear what my parents decided.

My jaw literally dropped. They picked protection from a God-made event instead of a man-made disaster. They only went with having lightning rods installed on top of the house.

I was stunned. Tears burned my eyes. Their explanation was, “Who wanted to live in a hole in the

ground for decades to avoid radiation?” Me! I was young. I had my whole life ahead of me. I could not understand their reasoning.

As I grew older and learned more about the lasting impact of radiation, I understood their reasoning.


In the early 1980s, the house I grew up in was struck by lightning. I guess the lightning rods that were installed did the job because the house survived.

With the threat of nuclear war now looming from North Korea, my parents’ decision and the man who sold lighting rods and fallout shelters is on my mind.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



A Bay County educator known for her commitment to help students succeed and for her leadership to expand and enrich the academic offerings at her school has been honored with an Excellence in Education award from the Michigan Lottery.

The award winner, Paula (Fluegge) Holland, teaches fourth- and fifth-graders in a split classroom at the State Street Academy in Bay City. The public school academy offers preschool through sixth grade programs and a special education program for students with special needs.

Winners of the weekly award receive a plaque, a \$1,500 cash prize, and a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One of the weekly winners will be selected as the Educator of the Year and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Holland said her favorite part of being an educator is helping to put students on a path to success in



school. “I truly believe that I am capable of improving students’ lives. Every school year, it is my personal goal to instill confidence and motivation into my students. I love it when former students come back and tell me that I’m the reason that they’re trying hard and doing their best in high school!”

She added that her own struggles as a young student and the difference teachers made in her life led her to a career in education. “When I was a young child in elementary school, learning was very hard for me. Reading was impossible until I had the teacher support that I needed. I never want students to feel incapable of learning, which is how I felt. I want them to know exactly what it feels like to ‘be smart.’ I know I am that teacher who can make that happen for them.”

The Excellence in Education award nomination for Holland described her as a dedicated educator who works tirelessly “to instill a love for lifelong learning in her students.”

“She starts her day at 5 a.m. to be in her classroom by 6:30 a.m. and stays until 5 p.m. every day. She also comes in to school on weekends on a fairly regular basis to make sure that learning is not just effective for her students, but fun!” the nomination said.

Holland graduated from Cass City High School in 2003. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Saginaw Valley State University. She has been an educator for eight years, all with the State Street Academy.

Paula will be featured in a news segment on WNEM on Thursday. Make sure to tune in.

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The Pinney Foundation is once again looking for worthy non-profit causes to help financially. Spokesman Dave Milligan says eligible organizations have until Friday, Oct. 27, to request grant money – in writing — from the local organization.

Call Milligan at (989) 670-4174 or (989) 872-2937 and he’ll be happy to walk you through the application process.

CALENDAR EVENTS

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- 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.
- Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

Thursday, October 12

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- 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.

Saturday, October 14

- Al-anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

Monday, October 16

- 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.
- 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.
- Soup Supper and Program sponsored by the Cass City Historical Society, 6 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City. Call the library for details 989-872-2856.

Tuesday, October 17

- 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.
- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
- 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.

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# Pair targeted by thieves now targeted by Sanilac drug team

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Sanilac County couple whose medical marijuana growing operation has been the target of thieves could face charges themselves.

That’s according to Sanilac County Drug Task Force Director Jim Johnson, who reported Friday that drug team officers executed a search warrant at the couple’s Maurer Road home in Minden Township in late September in order to determine if violations of the state’s medical marijuana laws – discovered during a separate criminal investigation last May – had been corrected.

“In May investigators observed violations of medical marijuana laws at a residential grow site (while) the drug task force was assisting the Sanilac County Sheriff’s Uniform Division on a breaking and entering complaint

at the same location on Maurer Road,” Johnson said. “The residents were advised of the corrected measure needed to be compliant with the current medical marijuana laws.”

Subsequent investigations resulted in the search warrant officers served Sept. 28, he noted.

“Drug task force Investigators found numerous violations — some of which were previously found in need of correction and not done — of the medical marijuana laws, including access by subjects not licensed to handle or use marijuana, along with a quantity of over 55 pounds of processed marijuana, much of it located in a freezer in the living room of the home,” Johnson said.

He added officers had previously been involved in criminal investigations at the same location in November of 2016 after the home owner/family filed a complaint involving robbery by gunpoint and the theft of medical marijuana.

Johnson said the violations discovered Sept. 28 resulted in the seizure of not only the processed marijuana, but also of 31 marijuana plants along with the growing equipment used to produce the marijuana.

“The 62-year-old male resident and 52-year-old female have not yet been charged with the related crimes,” he noted.

Johnson said four other adults from the Ubly and New Baltimore areas were found tending plants or in the growing area and could face charges of various criminal marijuana violations, pending review by the Sanilac County Prosecutor’s Office and lab analysis reports. “None of these four had any medical marijuana permits,” he added.

The case remains under investigation.

## Circuit court proceedings

### Defendants appear in circuit court last week

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

\*Scott A. Brown, 58, Flint, was sentenced to 330 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of no contest to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of a controlled substance June 19 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,426 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Derek W. Damm, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 366 days to 20 years in prison following his conviction on a charge of attempted home invasion, first degree, May 3 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

The defendant was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258.

\*Jeremy J. Pennington, 29, Millington, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to charges of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), and

maintaining a drug house July 11-12 in Millington Township; and to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence May 16 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

The jail time was deferred by the court, which placed Pennington on 36 months probation and ordered him to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,752 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

Eric M. McWethy, 42, Flint, pleaded no contest to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act, subsequent offense, by failing to update his address and/or failing to report an address where he intended to reside temporarily July 4 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$25,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Daniel M. Gilkerson, 73, Cliford, was sentenced to 30 days in jail (deferred) and 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under influence of liquor, third offense, May 6 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

\*Herbert G. Thayer, 48, Milan, Tenn., pleaded no contest to failure to pay child support between July 1, 2004, and Oct. 17, 2005, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$45,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Duane T. Winchell, 32, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of delivery/manufacture of marijuana Jan. 17 in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Daniel A. Nichol, 46, Whittemore, pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 27 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Melissa M. Sharkey, 37, Caro, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance (methadone) Sept. 22, 2016, in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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## Sobriety court to graduate 13

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Martin said the TRSC follows the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Best Practices as a guide for all aspects of the treatment court, including how to change behaviors.

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# Reporter's notebook

There's no going back

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



The brief loss of my cell phone at one of the busiest airports in the eastern United States (LaGuardia in Queens, N.Y.) recently prompted me to think long and hard about the panic that set in shortly after discovering it was gone – just as I was settling into my set on a jet that was scheduled to take off about 10 minutes later.

As I reported in this space a couple weeks ago, someone found my phone and promptly got it back to me courtesy of a Delta Airlines staffer. God bless 'em.

Aside from having to spend the money to replace the phone if it had been gone for good, the first thing that crossed my mind was the inconvenience of having to start from scratch with a new phone. But that wasn't my biggest fear.

Let's face it, the technology we've come to enjoy and rely on when it comes to instant communication has enslaved us.

Sure, there's little we can't accomplish in that arena – right now, no waiting — with our trusty cell phones, right?

Right. Until we can't use them, such as when our Internet service is on the fritz, or the phone dies and we don't have a charger handy. Then we're stuck with – gasp – the old-fashioned telephone. At least the old rotary dial was replaced with a few push buttons some years ago, making it easier to place a call, I suppose. Well, not really.

Unlike many young people these days, I also have a working knowledge of something known as a phone book.

But who would I call?

With the exception of a few numbers (the local schools, library, post office, etc.), I rarely pick up a phone book to search for a number for an area business. After all, isn't that what Google and GPS are for? Besides, how many folks do you know that still have a landline you can search for in a local or county directory?

Probably the same people who still unfold a paper atlas before heading out on a road trip.

The truth is, I haven't memorized a phone number in years, because I haven't had the need. Like most professionals, I have access to a slew of cell phone numbers – most of them stored in my phone because I use them regularly on the job – and they're all as close as a tap or two on my phone screen.

I can't imagine ever going back to landlines and phone books. That's the trap of technology, however. I mean, I can't begin to tally up the time I saved once I bought my first cell phone, compared to the old dial-and-hope-for-the-best handset setting on my desk back in the day.

The time savings multiplied when I jumped at the chance to get acquainted with a smartphone (okay, so it took my wife 10 years to convince me to give up my dandy flip phone. Don't judge).

The same goes at the Chronicle after we completed the transition to digital production from laying out the paper on dummy sheets with hot wax, hard copy and scissors. Thankfully, it took me slightly less than 10 years to get on board with that major change.

Of course, now we're at the mercy of computers and the Internet to get the paper published each week, but it still beats physically delivering pages to a printer.

Like computers and the Internet, cell phone technology is amazing, too, as long as it works.

And for as long as you can hang on to your phone.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Dr. Renee A. Maurer recently graduated from Life University with her chiropractic degree. Maurer, a 2005 graduate of Ubly High School, earned her Associates of Science Degree at Delta College, Saginaw, in 2008. She then moved to Atlanta, Ga., where she pursued a degree in chiropractic care. Maurer is the daughter of Dale and Rachel Maurer of Snover, and the granddaughter of Louis and Rosalie Walsh of Ubly and Bob and Selma Maurer of Filion.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

Roger Board, displays the plaque that this restored 1958 Dodge Coronet earned at the recent Mopar Nationals at Columbus, Ohio. The show is for Chrysler products nationwide. The Dodge earned third place in the Antique Class, originals, which includes all Chrysler cars 25 years or older and drew 3,371 entries. The car earned 73 points from a possible perfect score of 100 to win the honors. Board said that the car was completely restored at his Cass City dealership by Dave Martin, who handled the mechanical requirements, and Doug Caister, who handled the clean-up of the vehicle.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

An open house was held Sunday afternoon at Trinity United Methodist Church for Katie M. Mudge in honor of her 90th birthday. Many relatives and friends attended the affair, which was a surprise to Mrs. Mudge. She was the recipient of flowers and many gifts. Last Thursday, she was the guest of her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hollis and son Rick, for dinner at the Ubly Heights Country Club. The former Katie M. Towle, she was born Sept. 30, 1892, in Canton, Ohio, and at the age of one came to the farm

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Army Private John R. Gibson Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gibson of Pontiac, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training Sept. 8 at Fort Gordon, Ga. His last week of training was spent in guerrilla warfare exercises. During his guerrilla training, he lived under simulated Vietnam conditions for five days. He was taught methods of removing booby traps, setting ambushes and avoiding enemy ambushes. His wife Sue lives on Route 1, Ubly.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

A lovely wedding took place in St. Edward's Catholic Church at Kinde Tuesday morning when Mrs. Amelia Chapdelaine of Kinde, daughter of Louis N. Mosseau of Kinde, and Samuel E. Meagher of Cass City, son of Mrs. Gertrude Meagher, of Kinde were united in marriage. Rev. John Nagle, pastor, read the service.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lepla were surprised Sunday when twenty of their relatives, carrying well-filled baskets, came to take dinner with them. The occasion was Mr. Lepla's 70th birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lepla and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lepla and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sin Bardwell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Klinkman and family, Mrs. Geo. Barnes and Ernest Barnes; After the dinner, Mr. Lepla was presented with a pair of warm gloves, to which he responded wishing each one present a long life and as good health as he enjoys.

E5 Frank Mosher, who was stationed at Vietnam. Sgt. Mosher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mosher of Cass City.

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“Early detection is the key to survival. With regular screening, breast cancer is more likely to be detected at an earlier stage, when it is most treatable,” said Dr. Matthew Davis, Chief Medical Executive with the MDCH. “The five-year survival rate among women whose breast cancer has not spread beyond the breast at the time of diagnosis is 98 percent.”

It is recommended that women ages 20-39 receive a clinical breast exam every three years, and women 40 years and older receive a clinical breast exam and mammogram yearly for as long as a woman is in good health. Additionally, if a woman notices a lump or other change in her breast, she should have it checked by a doctor right away.

Although the incidence of breast cancer is highest among white women, breast cancer mortality rates are highest among racial minorities. African-Americans are more likely than Caucasians to die from breast cancer, partly due to a later stage at diagnosis. However, even at the same stage of diagnosis, African-American women show lower survival rates.

Nationally in 2008, women with a disability ages 50-74 reported a lower rate of mammography use than women without a disability of the same ages. Studies also show higher rates of death related to breast cancer among women with a disability, even when diagnosed at the same stage as women without a disability. Having regular mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer.

Some things can increase the chance or risk of breast cancer such as increasing age, personal history of breast cancer, family history of breast cancer and, in a few cases, breast cancer is inherited due to genetic factors. There are things women can do to lower their risk of getting breast cancer including limiting alcohol intake, being physically active and maintaining a healthy body weight.

The MDCH Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) provides breast and cervical screening and select diagnostic services to eligible women who otherwise would not have access to these services. Any Michigan woman, ages 40 through 64, can call 1-877-588-6224 to obtain a local phone number to talk to the BCCCP coordinating agency closest to her home. Each woman will be assessed for program eligibility based on age and income, and provided an appointment to a health care provider or clinic near her home.

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## Diva Disposal closes, townships scramble

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idents took their trash to a waiting truck, which then took the trash to a landfill.

While Columbia and Indianfields townships are now working with

Emterra for their trash removal services, three of the other Tuscola County townships – Novesta, Almer and Fairgrove, have contracted with Republic Services, a nationwide waste company. Officials in Kingston Township and

the village of Kingston are still in the process of finding a new contractor.

The service to Unionville Village residents has not been impacted because the village already contracts with Emterra.



TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff’s deputies have been busy polishing their life-saving skills. “Benjamin Franklin once said, ‘failing to plan is planning to fail’, so it is our annual first-aid/CPR/AED training,” explained Sheriff Glen Skrent, who noted the training also covers self-rescues, severe bleeding control and tourniquet use. (Photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department)



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# MSP post in Caro to launch “Angel Program” Nov. 1

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Starting next month, anyone struggling with drug or alcohol addiction – and who wants to seek help – will find a listening ear and a helping hand at the Michigan State Police (MSP) post in Caro.

In an effort to assist people struggling with addiction and reduce drug demand, the MSP has joined with nearly 200 police departments nationwide in the Angel Program, a pre-arrest diversion program that enables addicts to walk into a state police post and ask for help without fearing arrest or investigation.

It’s a different approach to a serious problem, an approach that targets vital treatment and compassion – rather than punishment – for people battling addictions, according to Community Service Trooper Mark Swales, who works out of the Caro post.

In the Thumb, the Angel Program will kick off Nov. 1 in the MSP Third District, which includes Caro as well as the Lapeer, Flint, Tri-City and West Branch posts.

Swales is recruiting volunteers interested in providing support to participants, including transportation to treatment.

Volunteers must complete an application, available from the post, and undergo training. They also must have reliable transportation, a valid driver’s license and live within one hour of the post, among other requirements.

The Angel Program, which is supported by the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI), was originally developed by the Gloucester (Massachusetts) Police Department in 2015 as a way to fight the war on drugs by doing something about the demand – not just the supply. The department’s plan was to assist drug addicts who seek help by placing them in a recovery program rather than face arrest and jail time.

Today, Swales said, the MSP has adopted that concept and is working to expand availability of the program across the state.

He explained the Angel Program will allow individuals struggling with drug addiction to walk into the MSP Caro post during regular business hours – Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. — and ask for help. They can also surrender drugs or drug paraphernalia at the post without fear of arrest, he said.

Swales acknowledged, however, that participation in the program does not nullify any valid arrest warrants that may be outstanding for individuals seeking help. In those cases, the prospective participant would face arrest.

Swales said he has no doubts about the need for the Angel Program in the Thumb, given the epidemic of addiction – especially involving heroin and opioids – that officials have seen destroy and end too many lives in the region. “There’s a need for it, but (it’s) really statewide and nationwide – this is a problem everyone is struggling with.”

In Michigan, overdose deaths are up 14 percent since 2013 throughout the state, where an estimated 21 million opioid prescriptions were filled in 2014 alone.

Swales indicated the Angel Program provides a specific path to potential recovery.

“Addicts (seeking help) don’t know where to go or what to do,” he said, adding participants, if accepted into the program, will be guided through a professional substance abuse assessment and intake process to ensure proper treatment placement.

An “Angel” volunteer, who is a member of the local community, will be present to support these individuals during the process – by listening to and engaging participants, providing resources and encouragement, and assisting with program paperwork — and to provide transportation to the identified treatment center.

*Editor’s note: More information about the Angel Program and the process involved in becoming a volunteer is available by calling the Caro post at (989) 673-2156.*

## County receives grant for new court

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program coordinator for what will be known as the 54th Circuit Mental Health Court.

“This award is made possible through the dedication and devotion to the community by our chief judge, Amy Gierhart, and through the co-operation of Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS),” Caister added. “The new mental health court (MHC) will work closely alongside TBHS in this venture to plan and develop a program that will improve the safety, health, and outcomes of those in our community.”

Caister noted the \$24,500 in funding represents “a planning grant with an option to become a fully functioning court for the remaining three months of the 2018 fiscal year.

“With the cooperation of TBHS, the MHC will develop a working treatment court program for an adult mental health population that will hopefully serve eight to 10 individuals through the circuit court,” she explained.

While a number of details must still be worked out in the coming months – projecting the long-term cost of and funding for the program, for example – Caister said the initiative will focus on the court’s partnership with TBHS, which will be providing counseling and case management services to individuals who are accepted into the program due to their involvement in various felony crimes.

“The initial goal,” she said, “is to help those who have mental health concerns (and) are getting into trouble.”

Mental health courts in Michigan have been established since the late 2000s, according to the SCAO, which funded eight pilot mental health court programs from fiscal year 2009 through fiscal year 2013.

In 2014, mental health courts expanded, totaling 20 active programs (17 adult and three juvenile), with several other jurisdictions in the planning stages.

Mental health court programs have reported favorable outcomes, according to SCAO officials, citing the Michigan Problem-Solving Courts Performance and Outcomes Report.

In addition, mental health court participants had a lower recidivism (repeat offense) rate 12 months after admission into the program, compared to comparison group members. The recidivism rate for the mental health court participants was four percent, compared to a recidivism rate for the comparison group of 22 percent.

Mental health courts are modeled after drug courts and were developed in response to the overrepresentation of people with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system. Mental health court diverts select defendants with mental illness into judicially-supervised, community-based treatment.

Defendants are invited to participate following a specialized screening and assessment, and they may choose to decline participation. For those who agree to the terms and conditions of community-based supervision, a team of court staff and mental health professionals work together to develop treatment plans and supervise participants in the community.

Tuscola County’s trial courts along with those in Huron and Sanilac counties entered into a partnership in 2013 to establish another problem-solving court — the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court — which utilizes a similar approach in providing assistance to repeat offenders convicted of alcohol- and drug-related driving offenses. The goal is to provide support that enables eligible defendants to overcome their addictions.



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**PRETTY IN PINK.** Trench workers Hank Janik (62) and Noah Zaleski (33) helped hosts Cass City defeat Vassar Friday, 34-22, on homecoming night.



**CASS CITY’S** Sayge Cuthrell (7) and Jalene Krol work together in Greater Thumb West action against USA.

Cass City spikers fold late in GTW showdown

Not so fast, Cass City. After completing round one of their Greater Thumb West volleyball schedule unblemished, Cass City suffered a 5-game defeat Thursday against visiting USA to kickoff round two in conference play. USA actually dropped the opening two games - 25-19 and 26-24 - but to the Patriots’ credit, regrouped and was able to join Cass City at the top of the GTW standings with decisions of 25-23, 25-15 and 15-9. “Of course we are all disappointed with the outcome of the game. USA was in a dire situation

and battled until the end. For them to come from behind and win three straight games says a lot about them. It is something Cass City has to decide to do as well,” said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell. After Cass City was able to control play in the opening games by digging up a variety of hard hit shots, the visitors used fast starts, jumping out to quick 6-1 leads, in each of their victories to overtake the Red Hawks. For Cass City, Sayge Cuthrell had 14 kills, 21 sets, four blocks and 23 digs to lead the way, while Lauren Dickinson had 13 kills and

31 digs, Kacey Haire had 13 digs, Bailee Ross, 19 sets, Konnar Warren, four blocks and Bailey Murphy, 32 digs. Missing from the stat sheet, but not from the coach’s eye was the play of Jalene Krol. “I commend Jalene Krol for her efforts on the net. She touched a lot of balls and really kept the pressure of the night under control. She had a really good week at practice and it showed,” Cuthrell said. “We need not look back, but rather forward. There is a lot of league play left with our goals in sight.”

Hawks secure playoff ticket

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Brendan Hamilton will never forget his 2017 homecoming night win. The Cass City senior running back rushed for 197 yards and four touchdowns Friday, leading the host Red Hawks to their fourth straight playoff appearance in the process. Vassar was the Red Hawks’ sacrificial lamb for their homecoming festivities, and surrendered 34-22 in Greater Thumb West action. Hamilton started his touchdown parade with a 65 yard gallop on the game’s third play. It didn’t take long for Vassar to strike back. A 15-yard strike from Vulcan quarterback Ricardo Macon to Steven Hecht on the next series of downs had the score even at 8-8 with 5:18 remaining in the initial quarter. That left time for two more Hamilton touchdowns. His second marker on the night – an eight-yard off tackle burst – benefited from a 60-yard run by full back Nick Perry. Leading 16-8, a Sandyn Cuthrell interception then set-up Hamil-

ton’s third score in the period, when he covered 55 yards moments later to end the scoring after 12 minutes of action. Hamilton would find pay dirt once more before the half. He scored on a one-yard plunge, while becoming a 1,000-yard rusher for the season. “Brendan hit his 1,000-yard milestone. I am so proud of his effort. This is a well-deserved honor. Hamilton is a tough kid who leads his team with his actions,” said Cass City Coach Scott Cuthrell. Nick Perry, who rushed for 159 yards on 20 carries, scored Cass City’s lone second half TD, while Cuthrell chipped in 54 yards rushing on nine carries and Luke Stern gained 53 yards on 10 totes. Defensively, Hamilton had 10 tackles for Cass City, while Stern recorded seven stops. Cuthrell added two interceptions to the team’s defensive effort. The Cass City victory assures a return trip to the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s playoffs for Coach Cuthrell. “Fourth year in a row playoff bound. It is a great accomplishment for these kids. Something our program is proud of,” he said.

Kingston stuns NCTL leaders

Kingston scored early and then held on late to deliver host Morrice their first gridiron defeat. With the 30-26 North Central Thumb League–Stars win Friday, Kingston improves to 4-2 in conference play and 5-2 overall. Morrice slips to 5-1 in the NCTL–Stars and 6-1 overall. They now share the league’s top spot with Deckerville, a team the Orioles toppled earlier in the year. “I am so proud of the effort our kids put on display. They were mentally ready for this game and left it all on the field. We will enjoy this win, but must get back to work on Monday and continue to get better each and every day,” said Kingston Coach Brandon Jones. A win this Friday at New Haven Merritt Academy – it kicks off at 4:30 p.m. - will secure the Cardinals a spot in the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs in Jones’ first year in charge. Kingston took a slim 6-0 edge into the second quarter against the NCTL–Stars leaders and then exchanged touchdowns, before set-

ting for a 22-12 cushion. Both schools found pay dirt to open the final half, but another Morrice marker late in the final quarter reduced the gap to just 30-26. Morrice would threaten again late before a Cardinal senior saved the day for the visitors. “Garrett Green had a game clinching interception,” Jones said. Quarterback Hunter James ran for one score and passed for three more TDs to lead Kingston. James was limited to just 30 yards rushing on 10 carries, but completed 7-of-14 passes for 120 yards. He also threw for a trio of 2-point conversions. Jack Green was James’ favorite target and hauled in four receptions for 71 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while Levi Cryderman had a 23-yard TD reception. Defensively, Brian Hobson was credited with 7.5 tackles, and a forced fumble, while Austin Ahern had 5.5 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and a fumble recovery to pace the visitors.

Red Hawk men win own invitational

If you missed the Cass City cross country teams Saturday in the recreational park, there’s no need to fret. You’ll have another opportunity to see Coach Jon Zdrojewski’s Red Hawks on their home course when they host the fast approaching Greater Thumb Conference League Meet. “We have only a few more meets left on our schedule as we wrap up the season. Next race for the Hawks is the Uby Invitational (Wednesday) which will give us a good look at the current No. 1 team in the region, Uby. Cass City will enter regionals as the 2nd seed,” said Zdrojewski, adding, “The race after that will again be in Cass City as we host the GTC Meet this year on Tuesday, October 17 with the women’s varsity race at 4:30 followed by the varsity men’s race, then a junior high race.”

Cass City was finally at full strength over the weekend and did not disappoint the home crowd, finishing first with 59 points ahead of runner-up and regional rival Deckerville with 70. The top 5 teams also had Mayville with 94, Almont, 95 and Sandusky, 120. Conditions were excellent at race time despite the rain early; however, Zdrojewski explained that times recorded on the local 5,000 meter course usually are not fast when compared to other venues. “This is typically a slow course with a lot of turns and a great variety of running surfaces from some gravel road to soft grass,” he said. For the champions, a trio of top 10 finishes paved the way. CarLee Stimpfel was the easy race winner with a blistering time of 16:35, while Zane Wright, back from a (Please turn to page 10.)



# Deckerville girls win

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hip injury, placed 5th individually, running a season-best time of 17:55 and Nick McArdle placed 10th in 18:29.

Next for the Hawks was Gabe Farver with a time of 18:57.

“Gabe ran a strong race and placed 15th by beating some of the same guys that have beaten him in previous races. I was encouraged by the strength of his race as we move toward league and regionals,” said Zdrojewski.

The final scorer for Cass City was Drew Markel (20:03) taking 32nd out of the 91 finishers.

For Kingston, they finished 8th in the team standings with 170 points, Aric Hobson was fastest with a time of 18:48, and was followed across the tape by teammates Brian Hobson (19:17), Morgan Green (21:01), Anthonius

Van Rijn (21:36) and Dakota Distelrath (23:02).

Turning to the women’s field, Deckerville proved best with 41 points. The Eagles were followed by Brown City with 72 points, Almont 81, Mayville 82, Cass City 93, Millington 131 and Ubly 157.

For the Lady Red Hawks, Mary Muter and Kacey Haire each collected medals to lead Cass City. Muter finished in 9th place out of 73 finishers with a time of 22:47. Haire finished in 24th place with a time of 24:09.

Hailey Beckrow was next for the home team taking 27th place with a time of 24:23. The 4th finisher for the team was Marla Muter taking 31st place with a new season record time of 24:52, and the final scorer for the ladies was Lauren Fernald taking 42nd place in 25:57.

Mayville’s Haley Rowbotham turned in a winning time of 20:56.



CASS CITY Royalty. Seniors Garrett Deitering, left, and Konnar Warren highlighted Friday’s halftime festivities in Cass City when the pair was announced the 2017 Red Hawk Homecoming King and Queen.

## NOTICE

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

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## Schneeberger's

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Nick Perry is Schneeberger’s selection for their “Athlete of the Week” award.

The Cass City senior fullback rushed for 159 yards Friday to help the Red Hawks improve to 6-1 overall and 5-1 in the Greater Thumb West.

More importantly, Cass City will make the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs for a fourth straight year following the team’s 34-22 victory over Vassar on homecoming night.

It’s no coincidence that Perry is a 4-year letter winner for Coach Scott Cuthrell.

The two-way starter, Perry has been a team leader throughout the season.

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Cass City at Reese	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Sandusky at Brown City	Brown City	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Harbor Beach at Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Caro at Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth
(8-man contest)				
Burton Madison at Akron	Madison	Madison	Madison	Madison
Deckerville at Peck	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Kingston at New Haven	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Owen-Gage at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
LAST WEEK	8 - 3	10 - 1	8 - 3	7 - 4
SEASON RESULTS	52-15 / 78 %	53-14/ 79 %	52-15 / 78%	50-17 / 75%

### VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held on:

**October 19, 2017 7:00 P.M.,**

at the Village of Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing a request by Jim Zyrowski, Ben’s Supercenter, for setback variances.

Fifteen (15) days Notice of the Hearing shall be made to the persons to whom real property within three hundred (300) feet of the premises in question is assessed, and to occupants of dwellings within three hundred (300) feet.

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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School 2017 Fall Sports Schedule

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VARSITY FOOTBALL		JV FOOTBALL	
DATE	OPPONENT	DATE	OPPONENT
8/25	CC 54; Flint Hamady 30	8/24	CC 20; Flint Hamady 0
8/31	CC 30, Ubly 16	8/30	Ubly 36, CC 20
9/8	CC 54, Brown City 30	9/7	CC 66, Brown City 0
9/15	CC 18, USA 14	9/14	USA 38, CC 6
9/22	EPB Lakers 20, CC 14	9/21	EPB Lakers 30, CC 28
9/29	CC 44, Bad Axe 8	9/28	Bad Axe
10/6	CC 34, Vassar 22	10/5	CC 28, Vassar 6
10/13	Reese	10/12	Reese
10/20	Caro	10/19	Caro
All Varsity Games begin at 7 p.m.		All JV Games begin at 6:30 p.m. except Caro - 6 p.m.	

CROSS COUNTRY		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/24	Birch Run Invite	4:15 p.m.
8/31	Brown City Invite	9:00 a.m.
9/9	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/16	Holly Invite	7:40 a.m.
9/21	Frankenmuth Invite	TBD
9/23	EPB Lakers Invite	10:00 a.m.
9/30	Wagener Park Invite (Harbor Beach)	7:30 a.m.
10/7	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
10/9	Mayville JH Inv.	3:45 p.m.
10/11	Ubly Invite	4:30 p.m.
10/17	GTC League	4:30 p.m.
10/21	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:00 a.m.
10/28-29	Regional @ Wagner	TBA

VOLLEYBALL (JV & VARSITY)		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/9	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/12	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.
9/14	USA	6:00 p.m.
9/16	Caro Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
9/16	Bay City Western (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/19	Reese	6:00 p.m.
9/21	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
9/23	Frankenmuth Inv. (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/23	USA Inv.	TBA
9/26	EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
9/28	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
9/30	Reese Invite (F)	TBA
10/05	USA	6:00 p.m.
10/10	Reese	6:00 p.m.
10/12	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
10/14	Mt. Morris Inv. (V)	9:00 a.m.
10/17	EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
10/19	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
10/21	New Haven Inv. (V)	8:00 a.m.
10/21	Caro (F)	9:00 a.m.
10/24	Caro	6:00 p.m.
10/30	Districts @ Harbor Beach	TBA

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/12	Vassar (no kick)	6:00 p.m.
9/19	Memphis (no kick)	6:00 p.m.
9/26	Reese (no kick)	6:00 p.m.
10/3	Harbor Beach (kick)	6:00 p.m.
10/10	USA (kick)	6:00 p.m.
10/17	Brown City (kick)	6:00 p.m.

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JR HIGH VOLLEYBALL	
DATE	OPPONENT
9/11	Vassar
9/13	Reese
9/18	Memphis
9/20	Harbor Beach
9/25	USA
9/27	Brown City
10/2	Vassar
10/4	Reese
10/9	Memphis
10/11	Harbor Beach
10/16	USA
10/18	Brown City
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public vendue, at the Tuscola County Circuit Court (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 2nd day of November, A.D., 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as follows:

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Said premises are situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, 670 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Southwest quarter (Southwest 1/4) of said Section 12, thence West along the 1/4 line 100 feet, thence South at right angles to 1/4 line 200 feet, thence East parallel with the 1/4 line 100 feet, thence North 200 feet to 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: September 27, 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 #476511F01

9-27-4

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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 Anthony Dickenson, a married man, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 6, 2011, and recorded on December 8, 2011 in Liber 1236 on Page 1213, and assigned by said Mortgagee 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 One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine and 97/100 Dollars (\$107,729.97).

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 October 26, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B:

A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 23; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds East, on the East line of said Section 987.01 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds West, on a line which is parallel with said 335.28 feet, measured at right angles, South of the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section, 1313.36 feet to a point on the West line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds West on said West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 335.29 feet to the Northwest 1/4 of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds East, on said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1313.9 feet to the Northeast corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds West, on said East Section line, 335.29 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: September 27, 2017  
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31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
File #443373F04

9-27-4

## Notice of Action Case No. 17-29969-CH

Plaintiff:  
Linda Tallman, Successor Trustee of The Bruce Tallman and Linda Tallman Revocable Trust dated September 11, 2002, 2227 N. Graf Road, Caro, MI 48723.  
Plaintiff Attorney:  
Duane E. Burgess (P30248)  
121 W. Grant Street, Suite 2  
Caro, MI 48723  
(989) 673-1990

Vs.

Defendant:  
Rex Hiser and Ann Hiser, husband and wife (both being deceased); Donald W. Minkler and Barbara Minkler, husband and wife (both being deceased); and any and all heirs-at-law, jointly and severally.

To: Rex Hiser and Ann Hiser, Donald W. Minkler and Barbara Minkler, and any and all heirs at law IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to determine that property should be solely in the name of the Plaintiff. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court address above on or before 11/01/2017. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint in this case.

Dated: September 22, 2017  
Judge Hon. Amy Grace Gierhart (P51305)

9-27-3

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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 Todd Ihrke and Melissa Ihrke, husband and wife, mortgagor(s), to U.S. Bank National Association as successor by merger of U.S. Bank National Association ND, Mortgagee, dated October 3, 2007, and recorded on October 11, 2007 in Liber 1132 on Page 241, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven and 50/100 Dollars (\$128,427.50).  
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 November 2, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 57 of Eno Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 2, page 39, Tuscola County Records.  
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: October 4, 2017  
For more information, please call:  
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Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
File #476162F01

10-4-4

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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 Raymond Ronteltap and Windy Ronteltap, husband and wife, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 9, 2007, and recorded on February 20, 2007 in Liber 1111 on Page 514, and assigned by mesne assignments to PennyMac Holdings, 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 One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Fifty-Four and 10/100 Dollars (\$124,054.10).

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 November 2, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, except a parcel of land described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 23; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West on the South line of said Section, 968.39 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West on said South Section line, 320.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 33 seconds East on the West line of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section, 680.25 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with said South Section line, 320.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 33 seconds West parallel with said West line of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, 680.25 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: October 4, 2017  
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Attorneys For Servicer  
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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 Carole A. Fritz, An Unmarried Woman, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 3, 2014, and recorded on September 5, 2014 in Liber 1314 on Page 763, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine and 90/100 Dollars (\$75,859.90).

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 November 2, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning 1,055 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4, of Section 20, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence West 188 feet, thence South 230 feet thence East 188 feet, thence North 230 feet to place of beginning, except easements, restrictions and rights of ways 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: October 4, 2017  
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File #475938F01

10-4-4

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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 Pearl A Dewar, an unmarried woman, and Dale Dewar, an unmarried man, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A. its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 7, 2011, and recorded on May 3, 2011 in Liber 1221 on Page 956, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment dated September 18, 2017, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One and 79/100 Dollars (\$59,721.79).

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 November 2, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point 2112 feet North of the Southeast corner of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence West 107.25 feet, thence North 105 feet, thence East 107.25 feet, thence South 105 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the Southeast quarter of said Section 30.

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: October 4, 2017  
For more information, please call:  
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
File #475229F01

10-4-4

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
MORTGAGE SALE –Lila M. Casteel, A Single Woman, granted a mortgage to American General Financial Services (DE), Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2004, and recorded on September 10, 2004, in Liber 1007, on Page 1275, and re-recorded on June 2, 2006 in Liber 1083, on Page 862, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee for Springleaf Mortgage Loan Trust 2013-3, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2013-3, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Three Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$85,003.86). 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan,

Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on November 2, 2017 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT THAT IS EAST ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE 1585.10 FEET AND SOUTH 03 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF BRAY ROAD SO CALLED 995.00 FEET THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 86 DEGREES 11 MINUTS 34 SECONDS EAST 346.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 12 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 396.52 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST TO THE CENTERLINE OF BRAY ROAD SO CALLED 407.03 FEET, THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE 375.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO HIGHWAY USE OF THE WEST 33 FEET THEREOF AS RECORDED IN TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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.

U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee for Springleaf Mortgage Loan Trust 2013-3, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2013-3 Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

10-4-4

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 Brian Hornbacher, a single man, mortgagor, to Independent Bank East Michigan, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 15, 2004, and was recorded on December 17, 2004, in Liber 1021, on page 406 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$13,895.54, including interest at 10.25% per year. 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 November 2, 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 Akron, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Land commencing 527 ft N of the W 1/4 post of Section 12, T14N, R8E, Akron Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, thence E 230 ft; thence N 211 ft; thence W 230 ft, thence S 211 ft to the place of beginning, Akron Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan. Subject to the Right-of-Way for Sheridan Road over the W'ly side thereof.

commonly known as 5810 Sheridan Road, Unionville, MI 48723  
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If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor 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 twelve (12) 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: September 29, 2017

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)  
Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee  
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219  
Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

10-4-4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The Estate of Marilyn Jean Morgan born November 13, 1928, died on May 6, 2017. Creditors are notified that any and all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to N.J. Vernon, trustee, within 4 months after the first date of this publication of this notice. Dated July 5, 2017. Please contact N.J. Vernon 3240 Juhl Rd., Marlette, MI 48453.

10-11-1



# Obituaries

## Richard L. Lorentzen

Richard L. Lorentzen, 67, of Clio, died Wednesday, October 4, 2017, after a courageous battle with CJD.

Richard was born December 29, 1949 in Cass City, to the late Donald R. and Helen G. (Steinmann) Lorentzen.

He married Nancy Johnson on July 18, 1980.

Mr. Lorentzen was a teacher with Beecher Community Schools for many years, and retired from Lakeville Community School in 2005. Richard was very involved in school athletics. He was the soccer coach with Mt. Morris Schools, and a track official for



cross country and track and field. Richard was a great sportsman and loved hunting and fishing. He enjoyed golfing and traveling. Richard was an avid reader and history enthusiast.

Surviving are: wife, Nancy Lorentzen; sons: Daniel (Jennifer) Lorentzen and Thomas Lorentzen; granddaughter, Evelyn Lorentzen; sister, Anne Lorentzen; brother, Donald Lorentzen; loving furry companions: Toby and Hans. Many other loving family members and dear friends.

Richard was also preceded in death by his brother, Charles Lorentzen.

Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial serv-

ice was held Monday, October 9, at the O'Guinn Family Funeral Home in Clio. Chaplain Todd Regester officiated. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Foundation.

Please sign our guestbook or share an online condolence with the family at [www.oguinnfh.com](http://www.oguinnfh.com).

Arrangements were made by O'Guinn Family Funeral home of Clio.

## June Striffler

June Rosetta Gilbert Striffler died September 30, 2017 at Johanna Shores, Arden Hills, MN.

She was born June 28, 1923 in Pontiac, MI.

She graduated from Cass City High School and then from North Central College in Naperville, IL with a B.A. degree in Education. She taught grade school for several years.

June was married to Russell C. Striffler on December 31, 1944. After Russell's graduation from seminary they served churches in Benton Harbor, MI. and Medford, MA. She was a loving mother of two children, June Ann Striffler Sand and David Russell Striffler.

During the 20 years June and Russell lived in Des Moines, IA., she was active in civic and educational activities. She was a member of P.E.O., A.A.U.W., Garden and Women's Clubs, Drake University Faculty Wives, and United Methodist Women.

They moved to Cedar Rapids, IA, where they lived for seventeen years. She continued to volunteer in similar groups and was employed by Cedar Memorial Funeral Home.

In 1987 June and Russell retired to Fairfield Bay, AR. They began their lifelong desire to travel internationally. After many trips to the European continent, they also traveled to Russia and China. She loved reading and her gardening.

In 2009 she and Russell moved to Minneapolis, MN. At the time of her death, she was a member of

Centennial United Methodist Church and Chapter DM P.E.O. in Roseville, MN. She was a loving and caring wife, excellent mother, gracious hostess and faithful friend. June and Russell celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve 2016.

June is survived by her husband, Russell, her daughter, June Ann Sand (David), her son David Russell Striffler (Marie), four grandchildren, Kristin Sand Berry (Tom), Maren Sand Bartel (Brent), Brandon David Sand (Natalie) and Matthew Striffler (Kristi). She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren, Katie Berry, Natalie Berry, Laken Bartel, Hudson Bartel, Dylan Sand, Keaton Striffler and Aly Rae Striffler and two step grandchildren Avery Dinh and Ethan Dinh.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Eliza Gilbert, her two sisters, Malvina Gilbert Howard Profit and Grace Gilbert Gorton.

Cremation services were held in Roseville, MN and burial will be in Cass City.

Memorials may be given to the P.E.O. Sisterhood or Centennial United Methodist Church in Roseville, MN. Russell can be reached at [juneruss1944@gmail.com](mailto:juneruss1944@gmail.com).

## Dennis Thick

Dennis Roger Thick, 74, of Gagetown died Sunday, October 1, 2017 in his home, following a long illness.

He was born December 22, 1942 in Salina, KS to David and Marjorie (Price) Thick.

He married Mary Lou Ehrlich March 23, 1963 in Pigeon.

Dennis graduated in the first class of Elkton Pigeon Bayport Lakers High School in 1961. He worked construction for many years. Dennis enjoyed fishing, especially Salmon and Lake Trout from Lake Huron. Dennis was a talented woodworker, building

bird houses, tables and chairs, and toy barns for the grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening with Mary Lou, building trellises for the flowers. He also enjoyed playing cribbage. Dennis was a former volunteer for the Elmwood Township Fire Department for about eight years.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; daughters: Deidra (Jon) Zdrojewski of Cass City, Lisa (Gary) Bradley of Cass City, Dawn (Joseph) Zaleski of Owendale and Robin (Sylvester) Goniwicha of Cass City; grandchildren: Brandon Vargo, Lauren Zdrojewski, Erin Zdrojewski, Kristen Bradley, Kelly (Adam) Garza, Kayla Zaleski, Eric Zaleski, Nick Zaleski, Kevin Goniwicha and Matthew (Stephanie) Goniwicha; seven great grandchildren; brothers: David (Linda) Thick of Caseville and Dale (Sandy) Thick of Romeo; sister, Carol (Art) Dronsella of Kilmanagh; brothers-in-law: William (Carol) Ehrlich of Gagetown and Richard (Jeannine) Ehrlich of Caseville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfurneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfurneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Sharon L. Wilson

Sharon L. Wilson, 59, of Knoxville and formerly of Cass City, passed away on October 2, 2017 surrounded by her loving family.

Sharon was an amazing person, wife, mother & Nana. She will always be remembered for her strong and loving nature.

Sharon is survived and will be

deeply missed by her beloved husband of 32 years, Jim Wilson; sons, Scott Pease and wife Heather, Tim Wilson and wife Katie; daughter, Stacey Klee and husband Josh; grandchildren, Layna, Cole, Brennan and Camdyn; mother and father, Clifford and Donnalee Steadman and other extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel on Saturday, October 14 at 12



p.m., with the Rev. Dr. Alan Smith officiating. Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel and Crematory is honored to serve the Wilson family and invites you to view and sign their online guestbook at [gentrygriffey.com](http://gentrygriffey.com).

Arrangements were made by Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel of Knoxville, Tenn.

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Worship Service 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: Phil Burkett • [www.casscitymc.org](http://www.casscitymc.org)

Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger

Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125,  
Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3422

Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.

Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)

Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe

Community Baptist Church

(Independent Fundamental)

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Deford Community Church

1392 N. Kingston Rd. | 872-4055

(1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.)

Sundays - 10 a.m.

Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

Pastor: David Cooper

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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m. •

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2-10-11-4

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Notices

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*Invites you to Movie Night  
October 14th at 7 p.m.*  
**"The Shack"**

5-10-4-2

**Orchard Bazaar  
Oct. 14**  
**8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**Sutton Sunshine Church**  
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Caro, MI 48723  
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5-10-4-2

**Rawson Memorial  
District Library**  
**Special Hours**  
Wednesday,  
October 11  
**Closed** 9 am - 5 pm  
**Open** 5 pm - 9 pm  
For Staff In-Service

5-10-4-2

**Cass City United Methodist Church  
Annual  
Bazaar & Lunch  
Sat., October 21  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**Lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
✦ Cookie Walk ✦ Straw Draw  
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HELP WANTED - Owendale-Gagetown Area School is currently accepting bids for snow removal. Bid deadline is 1 p.m. on October 20, 2017. Please send bids to 7166 Main Street, Owendale, MI 48754. 11-10-4-3

NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Board members present:** D. Strasz, Treasurer; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; R. Haines, Clerk; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee was absent. Order of Agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:** Water fountain doesn't work.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Motion by Goss, second by Strasz to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Goss to approve treasurers report. Motion approved.

**REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Reese Village Parks Contract payment. Nextera withdrew appeal. Denmark Township Water project bill to Gilford Township. Motion by Haines, second by Goss to approve payment of Water Project bill. Motion approved. Strasz abstain) No Reese fire runs for August. P.A. 116 agreement for R. and N. Sylvester. Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Strasz to approve P.A. 116 agreement. Motion approved. Quanicasssee Rd. bridge to be replaced in 2018. Land Plan zoning ordinance review. Mark Eidelson provided a quote. Motion by Goss, second by Strasz to accept Master plan and Zoning review per \$3800 quote. Motion approved. Proposed storage shed. Stockmeyer and Haines will come back with specs for shed. Stockmeyer will order sign "No cash on Premises".

**Treasurer:** Proposal to install security camera(s). Stockmeyer will research security companies for proposals.

**Clerk:** Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Goss to approve MTA Accounting conference for Strasz and Haines. Motion approved. Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Strasz to amend budget for insurance. New budget is \$4687.00. (money to come from Miscellaneous budget) Motion approved. Resolution to amend 2017-18 budget to increase attorney fees line item by \$30,000 (new budget \$38,000) presented by Stockmeyer, second by Strasz. Roll call vote: Strasz, yes; Stockmeyer, yes; Goss, yes; Haines, yes. Resolution adopted. Motion by Goss, second by Strasz to pay bills. Motion approved. New Election Equipment has been delivered.

**Trustees:** None

**Ambulance Representative:** Hand out from MMR. Township has been offered a free AED. Township will pay for wall mount.

**Fire Department Representative:** Reese; maintenance, new ladder. Fairgrove; 3 runs in last 2 months, in field training coming, need new gas detector.

**Zoning Administrator:** Written report presented.

**Public Comment:** Some residents not using the new garbage carts.

Motion by Stockmeyer, second by Haines to adjourn at 9:43 P.M. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert L. Haines  
Gilford Township Clerk

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NEW!!!

Beautiful two story brick home in Village of Cass City that is waiting for your furniture. Quaint and oh so comfortable, this home has many updates and features that you are looking for. NEW roof was just completed, privacy fence is partially new and completed. Newer furnace. Large living room features a gas fireplace and open staircase. Front porch is a favorite place to sit and relax and enjoy your morning coffee. The two car garage is insulated and has 220 electric. Never worry of losing power with the Generac generator ready to turn on automatically. 123-17-0055

PENDING!!!

MOTIVATED SELLER!!! Welcome Home! This beautiful 3 bed/2 bath home is waiting for you! It features a unique L shape living room, family room, dining room and a HUGE kitchen! Kitchen has a nice size island and a ton of cupboard space. New LP forced air furnace in 2017 and a Harmon Corn/Pellet stove to heat with. The home sets on just over 4 acres and it has a 40'x60' pole barn for your toys! Call for your personal showing today! 123-17-0027

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Get ready to lose yourself in this absolutely gorgeous Victorian home. 3 full floors of stunning wood work, stained glass windows, built-in cabinets, 2 fireplaces and the list goes on. 5 bedrooms, 2 baths and approx 4,466 sq ft. With this home you get the convenience of everything living in town has to offer out your front door, and the peacefulness of the country out your back door. Enjoying the 2.74 acres can also be done from inside or out. The home also features a beautiful sun room with new windows and covered porches on both the ground level and the 2nd floor. There is a full basement and a 2 car garage. 123-15-0059

SOLD!!!

Home has newer windows, and spray foam insulation. The kitchen, dining room and living room are all open. Master bedroom on main floor with 2 bedrooms, half bath and a playroom upstairs for the kids. All appliances to stay with the home. NGFA with central air. This house has it all. 123-17-0036

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Absolutely stunning home in Cass City features gorgeous woodwork, a chef's kitchen and high end throughout! It has a den, first floor laundry, a large dining room, and much, much more.

In town Ugly. 2 story brick home with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, full basement, large nice fenced backyard, full front porch to sit and enjoy the summer days. Priced to sell at \$39,900. T0809.

Walking distance to Cass City amenities! You will love the large living room with hardwood floor, cove ceiling and fireplace! Enjoy your morning coffee in the sun room leading to the deck and fenced-in backyard. Custom built-ins add to the charm! TCC1783

1995 Fairmont set up in Huntsville. Ready to move in condition, must see. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and laundry, also has a nice deck. 032-17-0046





IN KEEPING WITH tradition, area youngsters decorated dozens of pumpkins for display on the courthouse lawn for this year’s Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival, but they were all briefly dwarfed by Caro resident Dan Orton’s monster pumpkin (above), which weighed a reported 985 pounds.

## Jury exonerates doc after 4-week trial

**Continued from page one.**

University of Michigan Medical Center.

The Tuscola County Prosecutor’s Office charged Oesterling with running a criminal enterprise, five counts of delivery of a Schedule 2 controlled substance, and maintaining a drug building. If convicted, he could have faced up to 30 years in prison.

Earlier this year, Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese announced Oesterling’s arrest had capped a probe lasting more than seven months, conducted by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Tactical Diversion Squad and the Thumb Narcotics Unit into alleged over-prescribing practices at the doctor’s clinics in Caro, Saginaw and Mount Pleasant.

Oesterling specializes in urology, and the allegations included what Reese described as the alleged “massive over-prescribing of such substances as Norco (hydrocodone), methadone, amphetamines, phentermine, oxycodone and alprazolam (Xanax).”

Reese said the investigation was initially sparked by reports of suspicious activity reported by local pharmacists in the Tuscola County area regarding certain medical professionals who were believed to be over-prescribing medications to patients.

Oesterling became the focus of a multi-county investigation that came to a head in late October, with law enforcement officers executing several search warrants at multiple locations, including clinics, related to Oesterling and his practice. At that time police seized multiple electronic records, controlled substances and financial records.

The Tuscola County Prosecutor’s Office also instituted a civil forfeiture proceeding involving multiple items of personal and real property belonging to the physician, whose license to practice medicine was suspending pending a formal administrative hearing.

Oesterling’s practice included working out of the Caro Medical Group, 206 Montague Ave., in Caro, formerly known as Caro Family Physicians P.C.

When he joined Caro Family Physicians P.C. in the fall of 2014, the practice introduced him to the community via a Facebook post that described him as “a world-renown urologist with more than 30 years of clinical and research experience.”

“He (Oesterling) trained at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., before joining the staff at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. After serving as the chairman of urology at the University of Michigan for five years, he came to the Saginaw community and joined a practice with Dr. Joseph Aquilina in 1998,” the post read.

“Dr. Oesterling is the urologist who discovered the prostate cancer tumor marker, prostate-specific antigen (PSA), and has conducted extensive research in defining the role of PSA in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. He has lectured at numerous universities across the United States and has traveled to more than 75 countries teaching urologists about the latest advancements in the diagnosis and management of diseases related to the urinary tract.”

## Community expo on tap Thursday in Caro

The 12th annual Tuscola County Human Services Community Expo is being held October 12, from 10-1:30 p.m. at Colwood United Brethren Church, 1840 Colwood Rd. Caro.

The purpose of the Expo is to provide all area residents with an opportunity to learn about the local agencies and organizations. There will be a free food giveaway, but in order to qualify you must visit the exhibitor booths and complete an evaluation form at the exit. Lunch is also free and includes soup, sandwich and an assortment of other finger foods.

There are many prizes and goodie bags to give away, new this year are goodie bags for children ages 2-6. Cost is free.

For more information please contact Rachel Koepf at 989-673-2144 Ext.30325, or [greatstartuscola@gmail.org](mailto:greatstartuscola@gmail.org).

## News briefs

### Snyder appoints prosecutor

CARO – Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder recently announced the appointment of Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese to the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center (MIOC) for Homeland Security Advisory Board.

The 11-member advisory board makes recommendations regarding the MIOC’s privacy policy and management policies and procedures. The MIOC collects, evaluates, organizes and analyzes information and intelligence, passing it along to the proper public safety agencies to identify and address safety and security threats to the state.

“I thank Mark for his commitment to keeping Michigan safe and secure. I am confident his background will be a positive asset to this board,” Snyder said.

Reese, who will serve a four-year term expiring April 11, 2021, recently completed a one-year term in the role of president of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM).

He joined the Tuscola County Prosecutor’s Office in 1993, serving as an assistant prosecuting attorney through 1997, when he was named chief assistant prosecutor in 2000.

Reese was elected the Tuscola County prosecutor in 2001 and is currently in his fifth term in office.



Mark Reese

### MAEAP farms are recognized

THUMB — The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development’s Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) recognized 76 farms, including some from the Thumb, for implementing appropriate pollution prevention practices.

Among those farms recognized were: Peter Shupe Farm of Bad Axe; Depcinski Farms, LLC of Cass City; Roto-Z Dairy, LLC of Snover; and Mar-Ray Farm of Unionville.

MAEAP is a multi-year program allowing producers to meet personal objectives, while best managing both time and resources. The program encompasses four systems designed to help producers evaluate the environmental risks of their operation.

The program assists farmers to comply with state and federal environmental regulations and with Right to Farm practices. Technical assistance was provided by local Conservation Districts.

### Wage increase coming in ‘18

MICHIGAN — Starting the first of the year, minimum wage workers will earn a little more.

The state’s minimum wage will increase to \$9.25 per hour from \$8.90 per hour Jan. 1, 2018. The wage change is part of the Workforce Opportunity Wage Act, Public Act 138 of 2014 (Act 138).

In addition, the act provides for a “youth training wage.” Under the change, an employer will pay a newly hired employee ages 16 to 19 \$4.25 per hour for the first 90 days of employment.

The act allows an employer to pay 85 percent of the minimum wage to employees ages 16 and 17. That rate is \$7.57 per hour and will increase on Jan. 1, 2018, to \$7.86.

### DNR approves wildlife grants

MICHIGAN — The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently awarded \$998,000 worth of Wildlife Habitat Grants.

Among those awarded was the Fish Point Wildlife Association, in northwestern Tuscola County. The association received \$116,500.

The grant money went to various conservation organizations, units of government, landowners and nonprofit organizations for projects to be completed by Sept. 30, 2019. Funded projects include enhancement of large wetland complexes, winter deer complexes, mast-producing food sources, forest openings, oak savanna and small game habitat.

### “Made in Thumb” event on tap

CARO – The third annual Fall into Made in the Thumb Exposition will be held this month at the Polish American Club on M-24, just south of Caro.

The event, presented by the Mayville Lions Club, is set for Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend and meet and buy directly from up-and-coming entrepreneurs from the Thumb community.

The event is free. More information is available by visiting the organization’s Facebook page at Made in the Thumb Entrepreneurs Showcase.

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