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## Public meet set on medical marijuana proposal

by Tom Montgomery Editor

The businessmen hoping to establish a medical marijuana growing operation in the Millennium Industries building in Cass City are inviting the community to a public meeting to discuss their proposal and ask for residents' input.

The meeting is slated for Tuesday, June 26, starting at 7 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall on Weaver Street, just north of Main Street.

Millennium Industries representatives Gary Vollmar and Gus Ploss have already taken their case to Cass City Village officials on

three occasions in an effort to explain their proposal to create a medical marijuana growing operation in an unused, 25,000-squarefoot area inside their Millennium Industries factory at 6285 Garfield Ave.

Most recently, the pair attended the May village council meeting, but the response hasn't been what Vollmar and Ploss had hoped for. Two trustees have indicated they're opposed to the plan, and a third suggested that the businessmen address the community directly via a public forum or by providing citizens with an information package of some sort.

Vollmar has indicated failure on the part of the village to support the plan could result in the loss of factory jobs downs the road.

We need some feedback. We have a couple of other options if you don't approve this," Vollmar told the council last month. He and Ploss say the Millennium building is underutilized and in need of repairs, including a \$500,000 roof. But with fuel system demand shifting to electric systems (Millennium engages in the design, development, manufacture and distribution of automotive fuel systems and engine component parts) and employment numbers shrinking, keeping the doors open at the 120,000square-foot facility may be in jeopardy.

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**MICHIGAN STATE Police (MSP) investigators say they believe a Caro man** was distracted when he failed to stop at the intersection of Mertz and Sanilac roads in Tuscola County's Fremont Township and collided with a MSP patrol Tahoe early last week. Neither driver was seriously injured. See story, page 4.

## **Prosecutor: no charges**

Former Ubly official cleared of wrongdoing

## New state budget to fund county projects

by Tom Montgomery Editor

The Michigan Legislature last week approved two bills that will fund the state for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, including several projects that will benefit Tuscola County.

"Rep. (Dr. Edward J. "Ned") Canfield and I went to bat for Tuscola County residents and we were able to secure funding for some muchneeded projects in the area," said Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville).

Green represents Michigan's 31st District, comprised of Tuscola, Bay and Lapeer counties, while Canfield (R-Sebewaing) represents the 84th District, which covers Tuscola and Huron counties.

The two legislators say they were able to negotiate funding for improvements to the Tuscola County Fairgrounds, including \$250,000 earmarked for a new community center at the site of the fairgrounds in Caro. The community center will be open to the public year-round and will be used to host community events. Residents will also be able to rent the hall for private occasions.

The budget also provides \$25,000 for renovations to the county fair grandstand.

"There have been some safety concerns surrounding the grandstand

in recent years," Canfield noted. "These renovations will alleviate those concerns and provide a safe environment for families to enjoy the fair and other community events."

The Thumb area legislators also confirmed funding measures for the Caro Center and the Tuscola Medical Care Community.

The Caro Center has been providing care to residents for more than 100 years and is one of the area's major employers. The site is home to

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by Mary Drier **Special for the Chronicle** 

The investigation into alleged misuse of funds by a former Ubly Village member has been completed without charges.

The Michigan Attorney General's office turned a complaint against former Ubly Village President David Jaroch over to St. Clair County Prosecutor Michael D. Wendling to review for possible charges, and Wendling deter-

mined the allegations were unfounded.

The investigation stems from a disagreement last October over money spent on a section of sidewalk allegedly without council approval.

"I have reviewed the information and made the ultimate decision on it. We did not file charges on the matter," said Wendling. "We reviewed the evidence that was provided by the investigating agency. We felt it did not meet the statute they were requesting a charge for, so there are no charges being filed.'

Jaroch says he learned the case Please turn to apge 8.

### New trial dates set for suspect in break-in and armed robbery

### by Tom Montgomery Editor

The trial dates for a Flint man charged in connection with a break-in and double homicide at a residence in Sanilac County's

Greenleaf Township last year have been rescheduled.

The trial for Preston Xavier Jack, 30, was slated to get underway



**Preston Jack** Tuesday, June 26, in Sanilac

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**TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff's Department De**tective Sgt. Jim Hook (above) will be taking cyber forensIcs courses at the National Computer Forensics Institute, which was opened by the U.S. Secret Service to train law enforcement in how to address cyber and digital component crimes.

## Tuscola County sheriff targeting cyber crimes

### by Mary Drier Special for the Chronicle

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department is incorporating a tool into its new criminal investigation arsenal in an effort to foil technology savvy criminals.

Cyber threats, cyber breaches and hacks are all constantly in the news, and to keep pace with those cyber threats, Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent is sending a staff member for special training in those areas

"There is a need for staff to be trained in cyber forensics," Skrent said. "Unlike the shows you see on TV, in today's age of rapidly developing technology, it's not always a drop of blood or a strand of hair that solves a crime. Instead, our nation's law enforcement is relying on digital evidence — whether (it involves) a debit card purchase that was made, a geolocation signal that was detected or a text message that was sent.

"The added layer of complexity posed by the digital age influences nearly every crime our law enforcement officers face today," Skrent added. "This makes it incredibly important that we ensure our U.S. Secret Service officers can effectively collaborate with their state and local counterparts to advance their mutual goals in solving crimes in every jurisdiction.'

In 2008, the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services teamed up with the U.S. Secret Service to open a facility - known as the National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI) - to train law enforcement to address cyber and digital components of crime at the state and local levels.

Since opening, NCFI has trained more than 6,000 state and local officials, according to Skrent.

Tuscola County commissioners approved sending Detective Sgt. Jim Hook to the institute for cyber training.

The training is free and everything except for the wages is included and (provided) by the Secret Service. The flights, hotel, per diem is paid for," said Skrent.

## State's first West Nile virus activity in the books for '18

Now that warmer weather is here, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reminding residents that the best way to protect against West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses is to prevent mosquito bites.

The first West Nile virus activity for the state was recently confirmed in mosquitos collected in late May in Saginaw County.

People who work in outdoor occupations or like to spend time outdoors are at increased risk for West Nile virus infection from mosquito bites. Adults 60 years old and older have the highest risk of severe illness caused by West Nile virus.

"Use insect repellent to prevent mosquito bites when outdoors,' said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "It only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to cause a severe illness, so take extra care during peak mosquito-biting hours, which are dusk and dawn.'

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people who contract the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

As summer temperatures rise, mosquitoes and the virus develop more quickly so it is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites as the weather warms.

Symptoms of West Nile virus include a high fever, confusion, muscle weakness and a severe headache. More serious complications include neurological illnesses, such as meningitis and encephalitis.

Last year, 40 residents were diagnosed with West Nile virus in Michigan, with one death reported. Nationally, there were 2,002 human cases of the virus and 121 deaths reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include:

\*Use EPA-registered insect repellents with one of the following ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol and 20undecanone. Follow the label instructions and apply as directed. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

\*Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.

\*When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, light colored long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Dress young children in clothing that covers their arms and legs and cover cribs, strollers and baby carriers with mosquito netting.

\*Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Use bed nets when sleeping outdoors or in conditions with no window screens.

\*Once a week, eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding around your home, including water in bird baths, abandoned swimming pools, wading pools, old tires and any other object holding water. For more information about West Nile virus activity in Michigan and/or to report sick or dead birds, visit the website Michigan.gov/westnile.

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Cdc.gov/westnile.

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### **Fairgrove Township Summary of Meeting Minutes** May 21, 2018 7:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Trustee Dennis Hadeway and Mike Day, Treasurer John McQuillan, Clerk Katie Gebhardt, Supervisor Keith Aeder.

Visitors Present: Matt Simerson – Akron Police, Doug Young - Fairgrove Fire, Carl Childs - Planning Commission.

Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Day moved and Hadeway supported to approve April minutes. Passed.

Hadeway moved and Day supported to approve May agenda. Passed.

Aeder moved and Hadeway supported to move forward with work on Van Geisen and Ringle Rd. Passed. McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported to accept report as presented. Passed.

McQuillan moved Day Supported to accept Police report as presented. Passed.

Hadeway moved Day supported to accept financial report as presented. Passed.

Aeder moved McQuillan supported to pay bills as presented including ordinance fines for Akron. Passed.

Day moved Hadeway supported to adjourn. Passed. Adjourned 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Katie Gebhardt Fairgrove Township Clerk





## *Attend marijuana plan meet, share your view*

Cass City residents have been invited to an informational meeting next week to discuss a proposed medical marijuana growing operation in the community.

*The public forum is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, starting at 7 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall.* 

We encourage residents to attend this meeting for a couple of reasons.

First, while the decision on whether or not to allow this operation within the village limits rests squarely on the shoulders of the local village council, our elected officials – to their credit — have expressed a desire to hear from their constituents. And this is a great opportunity to voice your opinion.

Secondly, this is an important issue. Although legal in Michigan, the use of medical marijuana remains an emotionally and politically charged topic that has its supporters and opponents, both with arguments worth hearing.

It's also important to invest a little time in some independent research to test those arguments.

In a nutshell, Millennium Industries representatives Gary Vollmar and Gus Ploss have approached the Cass City Village Council with a request to establish a medical marijuana growing operation in an unused, 25,000square-foot area inside the Millennium Industries factory at 6285 Garfield Ave.

Vollmar and Ploss have outlined a comprehensive plan which, they say, would ensure the proposed operation would be housed in a state-of-the art, secure facility with H/Vac to control any odor, have 24/7 security with camera monitoring, and utilize a hydroponic system, with the final product transported to an independent licensed provisioning center by an independent licensed transporter.

We believe there are legitimate uses for medical marijuana, based on reports and studies conducted by various medical organizations.

Keep in mind, too, that what is being proposed here would not involve customers lining up at Millennium's doors.

At the same time, we're convinced the medical marijuana law voters approved in 2008 was poorly written and is being abused. We also find it a stretch to suggest, as some proponents have, that medical marijuana will somehow have a significant impact on this nation's opioid epidemic, which involves much more than simply selecting the most effective and safest option to address pain management.



As a writer, the power of the pen has granted me access to some wonderful adventures.

I've gotten to tour and write about fabulous historic homes in the Thumb, and have written about some awesome people who ended up becoming friends. A recent feature story I did brought back a piece of

my childhood. Doug and Chris Deming opened Cornerstone Venture LLC and its Sportsman's Haven Museum in downtown Sebewaing. The business and museum are located in the former Myers and Riedel building, which was built in 1863, at 4. N. Center St. It's open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I wrote a story about the store's opening.

Along with the many well-organized antiques and historic hunting and fishing displays in the museum, the business features an old fashioned penny candy counter. However, the candy is sold by the quarterpound, half-pound and pound.



### Editor,

Here's how bad our legislators are, Democrats and some Republicans:

When there is a shooting at a school, they can't seem to get to a microphone fast enough to start preaching gun control. But when President Trump wants to get rid of all these bad immigrants, you get Democrats establishing sanctuary cities and putting road blocks and keeping ISIS from gathering them up. These immigrants kill more Americans than these school shootings.

Anyone can see what kind of hypocrites they really are. These mayors in the sanctuary cities, and the judges that are protecting them, should be deported with the MS13 members because with these stupid policies, they've got blood on their hands.

If there is any politician out there that thinks this is a bad idea, then I'd like them to let Huron and Sanilac County be a proving ground for this. I'll prove to them that they are all wrong. Instead of raising the age for retirement, lower the age to work.

There is a lot of jobs out there that a 15-year-old can do. I'd like to see our governor and legislators pass a law today giving people 15 years old and up the ability to get a job in these factories on their summer break.

These factories in Ubly have help wanted signs up all the time. These kids would learn how the world functions when they get a paycheck and the government takes part of their paycheck away.

I truly believe they would learn good work ethics plus they can help their parents financially for their college education, instead of just running the streets and getting into trouble.

Robert Peruski

The Demings asked me what candy I remembered best from my childhood. Back in those days, getting a "piece" of candy was a special treat and kind of a big deal. The first candy I remember buying was a chocolate-covered cherry.

There used to be a store in beautiful downtown Colling. One day, for some reason, my father had business there that didn't involve driving a tractor to the elevator next door to the store. Whatever it was that he had to do, it took longer than he expected. I was sitting in a hot 1950 Chrysler, and I was just tall enough to see outside of the side window. Because it was hot and taking my father longer than he anticipated, he took pity on me and gave me a nickel to get some candy.

That was the first time I tasted chocolate-covered cherries. It was the best thing I had ever tasted.

I still remember going into the dimly-lit store with its squeaky wooden floors. I was so excited because it was such a rare treat to get candy, much less to be able to make the decision myself to choose what I wanted.

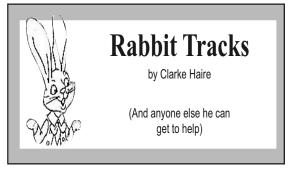
Although the Cornerstone Venture and its Sportsman's Haven Museum doesn't carry chocolate candy because the store doesn't have air conditioning, they have plenty of other candy.

They have peppermint candy like my grandfather used to carry in his pocket to give us grandkids, and root beer candy shaped like barrels. I really liked those because my parents didn't waste money on items that were not necessities, so root beer candy was the closest I got to having a "sarsaparilla soda."

I bought a bag of the store's candy. As I sampled the candies, I remembered my childhood, including my grandfather's peppermints and sucking on root beer barrel candy on warm summer days.

And, the store's prized antique display is the "Blue Line Dairy Bar" sign that used to hang over a malt shop on Union Street. It was a popular hangout in the 1950s and 60s, and the site of many first dates for teens throughout the Thumb area.

The Demings plan to offer ice cream, shakes, malts, and banana splits soon. And I'll be in line for another memory.



Here are a few tips from our friends at the Tuscola County Humane Society, who say steps can be taken to help your pet feel more comfortable and ease fears during stormy weather.

According to the group's latest newsletter, create access to a "safe" place such as a cozy bed that protects on one or more sides; there are herbal treats or tablets such as "Rescue Remedy", all designed to

Financial incentives are another factor in the equation.

Vollmar has implied that failure to approve the medical marijuana operation could result in the loss of existing factory jobs stemming from the cost of facility repairs/maintenance combined with an under-utilization of space at Millennium. If approved, however, Vollmar says the operation would not only make it possible to upgrade the existing building, but the new business would also increase tax revenues and spur economic growth in the community.

Those are legitimate points. But economics should not be the only factor village council members consider before making a final decision.

As we've already noted, the fate of this proposal will ultimately be decided by the men and women this community entrusted to make decisions that will benefit the greatest good in Cass City.

We hope citizens will take an active role in the process by ensuring their voices – for or against – are heard during next week's public meeting at the VFW hall.

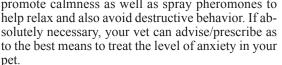
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We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.



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For the fourth time in five years, the Cass City Lady Red Hawk varsity basketball team will have a new coach. At the helm during the 2018-19 season will be last year's assistant Coach Justin Ketterer.

Helping Ketterer on the sidelines will be Jon Ligrow. He was the district's freshman girls' coach during the 2017-18 campaign. The new coaches have been hard at it lately, taking the Lady Red Hawks to a 2-day tournament over the weekend in Marlette and helping with the Thumb Pride Basketball Camp in Cass City that is taking place this week in the high school gym.

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The Buckley Junior Golf Tournaments are scheduled to begin Friday, June 29, at Verona Hills Golf Club in Bad Axe. The annual outings promote the game of golf to a wide range of youngsters in the Thumb and will take place at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City on Thursday, Aug. 2.

Other tournament sites throughout the summer include Century Oaks (Elkton), Ubly Heights (Ubly), Bird Creek (Port Austin) and Scenic Golf Club (Pigeon).

To sign-up, or for more information, contact the courses listed above.

Golfers ranging from 9 years old and younger to teenagers are welcome.





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### Wednesday, June 20

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. •Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

### Thursday, June 21

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

Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497

•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Saturday, June 23 •Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

Monday, June 25 •Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319. •AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m. •Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no

meetings July, August, December).

•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259. •Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

### Tuesday, June 26

•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.

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Saturday: •Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC

NCC at 989-872-1800. First Sunday:

•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering

### First Monday:

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

### Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m. •VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

### Second Tuesday:

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### Second Wednesday:

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

### Second Thursday:

•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### Third Monday:

•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-

### Third Tuesday:

•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121

## **Elkton woman faces charge of** heroin delivery in traffic stop

### by Tom Montgomery Editor

Business is brisk in the war against illicit drug trafficking in Huron County, where Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported deputies arrested a 23-year-old Elkton woman last week on a felony charge of heroin delivery.

Officers arrested the suspect Tuesday at about 11 p.m. following what Hanson described as a "series of events" during a drug investigation.

"Our deputies took Katelyn Taylor into custody...after a traffic stop on the north side of Bad Axe," Hanson reported. "She was then lodged in our jail on a \$10,000 cash bond.

"Search warrants were obtained

for her vehicle and phone, which were both seized, along with over \$700 in cash, around \$900 worth of heroin and prescription pills," the sheriff said. "Child Protective Services assisted in finding placement for the night for a small child who was with her at the time of arrest, and court action was expected to take place on that child's custody

"A third person in the vehicle, a 23-year-old Elkton man, was taken to our jail on unrelated court proceedings," Hanson added.

Taylor was formally arraigned last Wednesday and her bond was reduced to \$10,000 (10 percent). "Our office was assisted throughout this investigation by the Bad Axe City Police and it will continue. Further charges are being considered," Hanson said. "This investigation is also the third drug investigation that our office has been involved in over the last seven days, where arrests have been made for serious drug crimes."

Hanson reminds residents that they can call in tips regarding illegal drug activity to their local police or the sheriff's department during regular business hours at (989) 269-6500, or to Huron County Central Dispatch's nonemergency number anytime at (989) 269-6421. "Confidential callers can use our TIPS Line of (989) 269-2861. We're also available on Facebook through our drug task force page," Hanson noted.

## **Troopers:** distracted driver failed to stop, collides with patrol unit

### by Tom Montgomery Editor

Michigan State Police (MSP) investigators say a distracted driver failed to stop at an intersection in Tuscola County's Fremont Township and collided with a MSP patrol Tahoe early last week.

Neither driver was seriously injured in the crash, which involved a trooper from the MSP post in Caro and occurred at about 4 p.m. at the intersection of Mertz and Sanilac roads, according to Special First Lt. David Kaiser, public information officer, MSP Third District Headquarters, Flint.

"The driver of a 2004 Nissan

Quest, travelling east on Sanilac Road, failed to yield right-of-way to a MSP patrol Tahoe travelling south on Mertz Road. The trooper was unable to avoid a collision with the Nissan," Kaiser reported. "The driver of the Nissan, identified as a 22 year old Caro man, was transported by ambulance to an area hospital for minor injuries," he said. "The trooper, from the Caro Post, was transported by ambulance to an area hospital for minor injuries."

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, said Kaiser, who did not release any names.

"A preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of the Nissan looked away from the roadway to retrieve an item from the passenger seat of his vehicle. It is believed that he failed to stop for the red signal at the intersection of Mertz Road and Sanilac Road," Kaiser said. "The crash remains under investigation.'

Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and Mobile Medical Response.

"MSP reminds motorists that reaching for items within the vehicle is a form of distracted driving. Please pull over to a safe location to retrieve items inside your vehicle," Kaiser said.

### Circuit court proceedings

## Several appear on felony charges

costs and fines totaling \$2,085.

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

\*Randy J. Aldridge, 43, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to a charge of domestic violence Feb. 25 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

\*Wyatt Martinez, 24, Reese, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and placed on 24 months probation following his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, delivery/manufacture of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, and tampering with evidence July 27 in Gilford Township. He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,644. \*Ryan P. Cadroy, 30, Millington, pleaded no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder last November in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

pleaded no contest to charges of aggravated stalking Sept. 3-21 in Denmark Township, and to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer - causing injury Sept. 22 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual of-(one fender prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was revoked and

•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Binghan St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

### Third Wednesday:

•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

### Third Thursday:

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information,

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Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### Third Friday:

 Senior Citizen Movies, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m. Third Saturday:

•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803

### •Fourth Monday:

•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).

•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

### Fourth Wednesday:

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church. Last Monday:

•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

### Last Wednesday:

•Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Every Monday:

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319. •AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more

information, call (989) 553-5932.

### Every Tuesday:

•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

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

### Every Wednesday:

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal. Every Thursday:

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

### Every Saturday

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

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was revoked and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Anton J. Szep IV, 27, Saint Clair Shores, was sentenced to 93 days in the county jail following his pleas of no contest to attempted maintaining a drug vehicle, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and impaired driving Dec. 14 in Arbela Township.

\*Robert D. Proctor, 39, Reese,

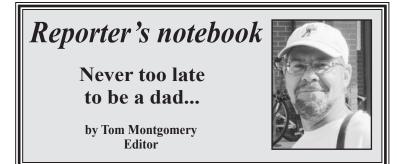
the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Shane K. Orton II, 44, Caro, pleaded no contest to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) April 3, 2017, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



He was also ordered to pay court



It's ironic that most of us wouldn't hesitate for even a second to pick up a \$20 bill laying on the street, and yet we regularly waste something much more valuable every day without even batting an eye: time.

How valuable is time? Well, you can't buy it.

## Nope, doesn't matter how filthy rich you are; when your time is up, it's up. I think some lyrics from the old Kansas tune, "Dust in the Wind," may have said it best: "Nothing lasts forever but the earth and sky...It slips away...And all your money won't another minute buy." I'm not sure if it's age or sobriety – probably a combination of the two

but I think more and more about time these days, especially when Father's Day rolls around each year.
 Specifically, I can't help but think about the time I've wasted in this

life, time I should have invested in my family but didn't. Time that, if I had spent more wisely, would enable me to feel more worthy of the Father's Day attention my family lavishes me with each year.

I'm a people watcher – always have been – and I always feel a bit envious when I see a dad playing ball with his kids, or congratulating them after watching them act in their first school play, or just sharing an ice cream cone on a warm summer's day.

Those are the sorts of things I can't remember doing much of when my kids were growing up. But I wish I had.

I suppose I could blame my frequent emotional/physical absence by attributing it to the time it took to build a career, or financial struggles, or the pressure and drive to be successful no matter the price.

And, I could certainly blame a lot of it on the years I spent swimming in a bottle, because alcoholism is a selfish mistress who will steal every moment of your time if it can.

In the end, however, those are all excuses for not embracing the right priorities in life. Jobs, houses, money, etc., don't last. Memories do, especially memories of time spent together with your children, teaching them, encouraging them, assuring them. Loving them.

That's what counts, and when you look back and come up short, there's no escaping regret.

Not much of a legacy, right?

But I've been fortunate enough to learn that as long as you've got a breath left, there's still time to grab ahold of some real priorities and put them into action in your life and the lives of your kids, even if you don't feel worthy of a second (or third, or sixth) chance.

Of course, it's easy to focus on the negative – and the past.

I'm in my 50s now, but that hasn't prevented me from putting a great deal more effort into being a dad, even though my kids have long since left the nest and are raising their own families. I want to be around them, listen to their struggles, encourage them and, of course, tease them whenever the opportunity to presents itself.

When they think about me, I hope my kids see a man who treasured watching them grow up into the fine adults they've become, who always worked hard to support his family, who loves his children unconditionally (even though I often fail when it comes to showing it), and whose over-the-top sense of humor – even the avalanche of "dad jokes" they've endured over their lifetimes — is proof positive that a good laugh is often just the right medicine.

More importantly, I hope they see me as an example of hope — that no matter how badly you've screwed up in life, it's possible to start again and try to make things right if you're willing to pick up your faith, roll up your sleeves and put everything you have into it.

As a dad, that's a legacy I can live with.





by Tina Pallas

### 5 YEARS AGO (2013)

THE ELKLAND Township Fire Department recently conducted its monthly training session, utilizing a couple of houses in the Cass City area. Dallas Leal, a relatively new volunteer with the department, practiced exit strategies fire fighters use to quickly escape burning buildings.

Kristie L. Karr recently graduated magna cum laude from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing. She is the daughter of Leslie Karr and Barbara and Patrick Graham of Cass City. She graduated from Cass City High School in 2008. Karr is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society of Nursing and has accepted an RN position with Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

### 10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Cass City Lions Club members recently presented 4 local students with \$1,000 scholarships. Club Treasurer Eric Brown presents checks to Meleah Auten, Ashley Hutchinson, Danielle Delamarter and Stephanie Healy.

When most people hear the word "contractor", they think of a profession not necessarily too glamorous. With Cass City contractor Ray Hendrick, those kinds of things are what he likes the most. "I like to get all done and look back and see perfection," he said. 'The artwork of the finished product is what I really like." Hendrick has been a contractor since 1971 and has owned his own business for the last 19 of those 37 years. He has a crew of one other man and together they do everything on a project. "We do everything. Well, I don't do cement work, Hendrick said.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Erla entertained at a family reunion at their home Saturday, June 12. About 100 friends and relatives attended to greet the Erlas' son, Rick Erla of San Francisco, who arrived home June 8. Rick remarked about all the changes in Cass City and the area. It was his first visit in 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hanby of Grand Haven spent a few days with his mother, Lillian Hanby, and Mary Anners of Santa Clarita, Calif., returned to her home in California after spending a week with her mother, Lillian Hanby. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward of Coral visited Mrs. Hanby from Tuesday through Thursday last week. Bob Wischmeyer was named Lion of the Year during a June 15 meeting of the Cass City Lions Club, held at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Wayne Dillon presented the award during the meeting, which included installation of officers for the coming year. Winners of the first Thumb National Bank Senior Shoot Out, held Monday at Rolling Hills Golf Course, are Jack Chambers, Gene Konieczny, George Rees and Ed Fritz. Representing the bank were Mike LaPage, Colleen Langenburg and Jeanine Comment.

### planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bartle and grandchildren Carolyn and Paul Tuckey spent from Thursday until Saturday at Houghton Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey spent the weekend at Houghton Lake and their children returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArthur had as dinner guests Father's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McArthur. Three birthdays were also celebrated, the 80th birthday of Stanley McArthur, the birthday of Robert McArthur, which was June 22 and the 13th birthday of David McArthur, which was June 10.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Pvt. John D. Fortson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton A. Lane, Cass City, recently completed seven weeks of advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga. The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualified him as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman. He was taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad. Fortson entered the Army last February. He completed his high school education through the General Educational.

The Cass City Lions and Lioness Clubs held joint installation ceremonies Saturday at the Ubly Heights Country Club. Past District Governor Marion Markewicz of Croswell installed officers of both clubs. Lions Club officers are: President, George Heins Jr.; first vice-president, Jim Guinther; second vice-president, Ken Maharg: third vice-president, Don Erla; secretary, Ron Keegan; treasurer, Bob Copeland: lion tamer. Bob Green, and tailtwister, Jim Kritzman. The "Lion of the Year Award" was presented to Tom Herron for outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to Lionism

Bryan Warju has received his associate degree in civil engineering from Kirtland Community College in Roscommon. He graduated May 19 with a 3.06 average and is now working for United States Testing at a nuclear power plant in Clinton, III. Bryan is the son of Jacqueline Warju of Cass City and Ron Warju of Fairgrove. He is the grandson of Beatrice Little of Cass City.

### 75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Edward Knyzewski, stationed at Camp Toccoa, Georgia, received a medal as an expert on the machine gun. He has a record of 227 out of a possible 250 points. His rifle marksmanship is 193 out of a possible 210. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Knyzewski, Sr.

Mrs. Robert C. Brown and Mrs. Robert Kilbourn took Staff Sgt. Robert Brown to Detroit on Sunday. From there, Sgt. Brown returned to his station at Walla Walla, Washington. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Kilbourn spent Sunday night at the Herbert Aldrich home in Pontiac.

Lt. Ferris Kercher writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kercher, from Iceland: "I have just received your letter of May 27; also got one from Ollie, who is now out of the Army. Last night a Sgt. Hoffarth called me and said he met you in Idaho. I believe the Ahrs are his grandparents. He's coming over to see me some of these days. It's a small world, isn't it? I just got some Chronicles but have not had time to read them as yet."

Matt Anthony Myslakowski, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myslakowski, Route 1, Cass City, recently inducted into the U.S. Navy, has been assigned to the U. S. Naval, Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., where he is now undergoing a period of recruit training. He will be given eight weeks of instruction stressing physical conditioning, the fundamentals of seamanship, and an indoctrination into Naval customs and procedure. Upon completing recruit training he will be granted a nineday leave, after which he will be assigned to a Navy service school for specialized training, or be sent directly to active duty at sea or at a shore station.

### 100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Following the exemplification of the initiatory degree at Tyler Lodge, F. A. M., Mondayevening, the members in attendance numbering about 50, adjourned to the dining room where a light luncheon was served. After the cigars, Chas. Travis called the craft to order and introduced Rev. J..W. Hamblin as the first speaker. Mr. Hamblin, who closes his pastorate here next Sunday and leaves for Santa Fe. New Mexico, to preach in the First Presbyterian church in that City, spoke of the pleasant associations in Cass City and the many happy occasions enjoyed with members of the fraternity here. In closing, he presented Dr. I. D. McCoy with a beautiful Masonic ring as a remembrance from the members of Tyler Lodge. Dr. McCoy responded in a happy vein and in his address related an incident at the beginning of his Masonic career which brought down the house. The doctor and Mrs. McCoy and little son left Cass City Wednesday morning to visit at the McCoy parental home in Emlenton, Pa., and next week he will enter the Medical Officers? Reserve Corps, having recently received his commission as First Lieutenant. Following Lieut. McCoy's response, Mr. Travis again took the floor and in a neat little speech presented Roy. Hamblin with a gold Waldemar chain and knife. Fred Striffler and B. S. Ransford, members of the Caro Masonic lodge, were present and brought the delightful session to a close with short speeches. Dr. L. E. Aldrich of Camp Custer whose wife was formerly Miss Ora McKim of Cass City, became a captain on June 21 and has been assigned to the 337th Infantry. He is in charge of the dental outfit of that regiment and as such will go overseas.

Tuscola County Campus Life Benefit Auction

June 23, 2018 Bidding begins at 9 a.m.

## NEW LOCATION: Caro AYSO Soccer Complex



### 35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Mrs. Jim Young and daughters Lori and Barbara of Caro were breakfast guests Tuesday of Mrs. Young's mother, Mrs. Marion Whitefoot.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wills of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Chloe Ann, to Paul Valentine of Fostoria. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dane Valentine of Fostoria. Chloe Ann is a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School and has attended Spring Arbor College. She is employed by Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, as a computer operator. Paul is a 1976 graduate of Mayville High School. The couple has planned a July 23 wedding.

Mrs. Marcia Schember of Cass City and Lyle Schember of Allegan announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Sue, to Paul De Grandchamp of Mount Pleasant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul De Grandchamp of Mount Pleasant. A July 23 wedding is

### 50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Little received announcement of the birth of a son, Karl Sanford, June 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Albertson of Ypsilanti. Mrs. Albertson is the former Margaret Ann Little, granddaughter of the Arthur Little. Danny Richard Curtis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curtis of Flint, was baptized Sunday morning at the Lutheran Church. Sponsors were Judy Parker of Avoca and Gary Rusch, also of Avoca. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zell entertained at dinner following the services. About 30 relatives attended.

After a 10-minute fight, Bob White landed this 19-inch bass. The fish weighs two pounds, 14 ounces. Bob was fishing the South Branch of the Cass River with a nightcrawler harness on a sixpound test line. The catch was made Tuesday, June 11, at about 7 p.m.

Graduated from Ferris State College in Commencement ceremonies Sunday was Bonnie Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler of Cass City. Miss Butler acquired an associate of applied science degree in dental assisting. She finished her course in December and has been employed in Caro. A 1965 graduate of Cass City High School, Miss Butler will be married in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church July 6.

Mrs. Sandy DeWar, Chronicle reporter, left Friday for the summer months, due to her daughter's scheduled heart operation in Ann Arbor. Her son Chuck attended Willis Campbell Elementary School while they were in Cass City. Larry Werner of Bay City, student at MSU, is reporter for the summer.





## **County projects funded in state's new spending plan**

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several abandoned buildings that have been deemed a safety hazard for workers and patients alike. Legislators approved \$3 million for the destruction of the old buildings and to make room for new construction.

"Many of these buildings are sitting vacant, have no practical use and are full of hazards like asbestos," Green said. "Last year, Rep. Canfield and I were able to get funding to ensure the Caro center stays in Tuscola County. With that measure complete, we are now working to get these old buildings torn down and get the new facility built so employees can continue serving residents."

The Tuscola Medical Care Community received \$300,000 for a new walkway for patients to use. The walkway is also open to the public and will provide an outdoor area for residents and patients to enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise.

Green, Canfield and Bob Wilson of the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance all lauded the budget.

"Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance fully supports the Legislature utilizing these funds to support the expansion of trails in Michigan," Wilson said. "We know that trails are the number one recreational need in the state and they are economic drivers for local communities."

Green said he was happy to see his colleagues support these measures and thanked those who helped bring these issues to the legislators' attention.

"One of my biggest priorities as a legislator has been using taxpayer dollars responsibly," Green said. "These measures provide recreational opportunities for residents while also improving access to health care and securing numerous jobs. I want to thank my colleagues for recognizing the importance of these projects to the communities in my district."

Canfield agreed.

"I want to join Senator Green in expressing my sincere gratitude to my colleagues for approving these measures," he said. "These projects are major improvements for our districts and will greatly improve the lives of area residents."

Aside from local projects, Green indicated the new budget will benefit Thumb residents in a number of other ways, including more money for schools.

"For eight years now, the Legislature has approved a balanced budget ahead of schedule," he said. "The negotiations were tough, and I don't support every item in the budget, but my colleagues and I worked hard, put our differences aside and came up with a product that invests in our state's key needs, saves money for a rainy day and will benefit Michigan's hardworking taxpayers."

The School Aid (K-12) budget invests \$14.8 billion into Michigan schools, which Green called the largest investment in the state's history.

Schools will see a foundation allowance increase of between \$120 and \$240 per pupil, and skilled trades programs will see \$40.9 million to prepare workers for high-demand jobs, he said.

"The 2018-2019 budget also increases funding for our state's aging roads and bridges," Green added. "For years, Michiganders have been saying the state's crumbling roads and bridges are a priority. My constituents and residents from all over the state have made it clear that we need to do better — and this budget puts us in a position to do so. The appropriations in this budget increase the total new investment in our roads to \$2.4 billion since 2017."

Green said he was also happy to announce funding to attract more agriculture jobs to the state.

"I have always been an avid proponent of Michigan's agriculture industry," Green said. "This budget includes a \$5 million investment aimed at bringing more food processing plants to the state. Four years ago, I worked to secure funding that brought in a pork processing plant, along with nearly 1,000 jobs to the state of Michigan. It is my hope that we can continue to attract companies in the food processing industry and provide jobs for Michiganders."

Also included is money to hire more state police troopers, more corrections workers and more conservation officers.

The Legislature increased revenue sharing for local governments to spend on their needs, increased funding to further improve sexual assault programs on our state's campuses and boosted Pure Michigan tourism promotion funding by \$1 million, according to Green.

The budget invests another \$58 million in school safety initiatives such as OK2SAY, increases the state's rainy day fund to \$1 billion and invests more than \$80 million to protect the Great Lakes and natural resources.

"One of my biggest priorities as a legislator has been using taxpayer dollars in a fiscally conservative, efficient manner," Green said. "This budget ensures funding for essential state programs and services, pays down debt, invests in our state's future and ensures that the state lives within its means like so many hardworking families across the state."

The fiscal year 2018-2019 budget is awaiting Gov. Rick Snyder's signature.

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 ✓ Help Veterans manage PTSD.

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Join us June 26 at 7 p.m. for more information

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"The evidence is overwhelming that marijuana can relieve certain types of pain, nausea, vomiting and other symptoms caused by such illnesses as multiple sclerosis, cancer and AIDS or by the harsh drugs sometimes used to treat them. And it can do so with remarkable safety. Indeed, marijuana is less toxic than many of the drugs that physicians prescribe every day." - Dr. Jocelyn Elders MD, **Former US Surgeon General** 

## THE BOTTOM

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Medical Marijuana is an opportunity for America to wean itself from dangerous and addictive painkillers while growing the economy and providing JOBS.

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- ✓ For more information please contact Corey Ploss: plosscorey@gmail.com.

Informational Meeting June 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall

## Novesta Township Board Meeting

has been rescheduled to

## July 9, 2018

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the

Cass City Gun Club 2676 Englehart Road, Cass City, MI 48726 Pennie Rienas, Novesta Township Clerk



## **News briefs**

## YFC auction set June 23

CARO – The annual Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ (YFC) Tuscola County Benefit Auction will held Saturday, June 23, starting at 9 a.m. at the Caro AYSO Soccer Complex.

Proceeds from the event benefit Tuscola County Campus Life Ministries.

To donate or participate, contact Christine Harbin at (810)417-2227 or Bluewater Thumb YFC at (989) 453-3239. More information is available by logging on to website bluewaterthumbyfc.org or Facebook at Bluewater Thumb YFC.

## Seniors invited to TRIAD

HURON COUNTY – Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson is inviting seniors to participate in TRIAD program activities.

"TRIAD is a senior program though our office of over 20 years, which involves seniors being able to interact with members of our office, generally through roundtable discussions every other month at the Bad Axe Senior Center. Meetings are held at 3 p.m. on the first Monday of those months," Hanson explained.

"These hour-long meetings normally consist of a guest speaker from a governmental agency speaking about their agency's function and how it relates to seniors," he added. "There have also been other speakers from organizations of special interest to seniors.

"At least one of the six meetings per year is held off site in order to conduct a tour or demonstration. Last year this actually happened twice, with a ride on a sheriff's office patrol boat and a tour and demonstration of Huron County Central Dispatch," Hanson said. "Weather permitting, for the August Meeting, our patrol/rescue airboat will be demonstrated."

Seniors interested in finding out more about the TRIAD group are invited to call the sheriff's department during regular business hours at (989) 269-6500.

## Be a "Senator for a Day"

LANSING, Mich. — State Sen. Phil Pavlov (R-St. Clair Township) is sponsoring a "Be a Senator for a Day" summer reading contest in coordination with most local libraries in the 25th Senate District, which is comprised of Huron, Sanilac and St. Clair counties and the northeast corner of Macomb County.

The contest begins Friday, June 15 and runs through Friday, Aug. 10, and is open to all first through fifth graders who have completed their local public library's summer reading program.

Students may be enrolled in any public, private or home-based school. Once students have completed the summer reading program, they may fill out a contest entry form at their participating local public library branch.

One winner from each branch will be selected as a "junior senator." The junior senators along with their parents will be invited to Lansing for a tour of the state capitol, mock committee hearings and a pizza party with Pavlov.

## **Recycling guidelines change**

CARO — Due to the new bale specifications from the plastic mills, Tuscola County Recycling will no longer take plastic bottles that are smaller than five ounces. The change mainly concerns smaller-sized pill bottles.

## County has gifts for moms

TUSCOLA COUNTY - Great Start Tuscola has created special gifts for mothers and their newborns.

When your baby arrives, call the Tuscola County Health Department at (989) 673-1720, and leave your name and phone number to schedule the pick-up of a gift bag filled with diapers, resources, book, sleep sack, baby bath, lotion, pacifier, a toy and more.

## Public meet set on medical marijuana plan

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"The landscape is changing. Small communities are dying," Vollmar said. "We will find a place, but we would like to keep the jobs here. I believe it is an economic decision, not a moral decision."

"We were a little disappointed with their (council's) response," Ploss later commented. "We thought they would take some kind of action, but they didn't, and then turned it back on us. I think they would like us to get a feel if the public is receptive to the project or not."

That's the motivation behind organizing the upcoming public meeting, according to Vollmar, who said Friday he anticipates a good turnout. The goal, he explained, is to detail what the medical marijuana growing operation would entail, as well as how marijuana is being used to successfully treat individuals suffering from chronic conditions – and why allowing the business to operate would benefit the local economy.

"We don't want it to be a divisive issue," said Vollmar, who indicated he and his partner are not interested in forcing the issue and can pursue other options if necessary.

"I think what we're after is...to have a business venture that makes sense for everyone," he said. "I'm originally from Cass City and have a desire to see Cass City – if not grow – at least have opportunities for young people.

"I think what we need to do is educate people," added Vollmar, who said the meeting will include information he and Ploss have compiled while studying the benefits of medical marijuana and discussions they've had with patients who have reported success in using the drug to treat various symptoms.

Vollmar and Ploss, who estimated their initial investment at \$1.5 million, stressed their operation would involve growing marijuana for medical use only.

They say if the grow operation were allowed to move forward in the unused section of the plant, the electrical, heating and cooling, as well as other much needed upgrades would also help the manufacturing side of business in the main part of the facility.

Vollmar said Millennium officials are now utilizing about 50 percent of available plant space. The addition of the medical marijuana operation would put the remaining space to good use and add 30 to 40 full-time employees, he added.

The workforce at Millennium Industries currently numbers about 110 employees, "and we'd like to see that grow to 200, quite frankly," Vollmar said.

According to village Manager Debbie Powell, the village does not have an ordinance for the proposal, meaning moving forward would require approval of a new ordinance.

The process would take time, starting with asking the village's legal counsel to draft such an ordinance, followed by reviewing the document during a regular monthly meeting, Powell said, adding the council would then host a public hearing a month later and could then act on the ordinance. If approved, the new law would go into effect 30 days later, she noted.

The proposal set forth by Vollmar and Ploss is for a Class C operation, which would allow for the growing, cultivation, and curing of up to 1,500 plants. If approved, the main goal of the facility would be to grow and process marijuana for medical use and medical research.

"It will be very well controlled," said Vollmar, who along with Ploss describe their proposed operation as a state-of-the art secure facility with H/Vac to control any odor. It would have 24/7 security with camera monitoring, utilize a hydroponic system, and the final product would be transported to an independent licensed provisioning center by an independent licensed transporter – there would be no direct retail sales.

In 2008, Michigan voters approved the medical marijuana act by a margin of 63 percent to 37 percent.

While voters supported the measure, however, a number of law enforcement and other criminal justice officials in the Thumb say the law is confusing and is being abused.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene has cited the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) position paper last year opposing legalization of recreational marijuana use in Michigan, saying that while the state's medical marijuana law was promoted as necessary for end-oflife situations and grave illnesses such as cancer, AIDS and glaucoma, what Michigan received 'was a confusing, contradictory, litigious and poorly written ballot initiative (that) has taken years to understand what it means with considerable negative consequences experienced by those on all sides of the issue.

"The whole medical marijuana scheme was obviously a bill of goods," said Reene, who cited statistics that show, for example, that the bulk of individuals with medical marijuana cards are classified as having "severe and chronic pain". In contrast, the percent of patients with cards and suffering from AIDS in 2015 was .38. Cancer patients made up 4.47 percent of the total number of cardholders, and glaucoma, 1.45 percent.

## Food assistance available

To ensure children have access to well-balanced meals throughout the summer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education, is participating in the 2018 Summer EBT for Children (SEBTC) program.

Funded through a grant from the U.S Department of Agriculture, the program helps WIC-eligible families feed their children nutritious meals during the summer months when school meals are not readily available.

Eligible students from 16 school districts throughout the state, including the Tuscola Intermediate School District, will receive \$30 worth of nutritious food per month for the three months of summer. The program began June 1 and benefits expire Sept. 3.

SEBTC Bridge Cards and program materials have been mailed directly to families selected to participate. The card comes pre-loaded with a food package that families can redeem at any WIC-authorized store. The food package contains nutritious items such as milk, eggs and fresh fruits and vegetables.

For more information about the SEBTC program, visit Sebtcmi.com, or contact the SEBTC help desk at 888-265-3291.

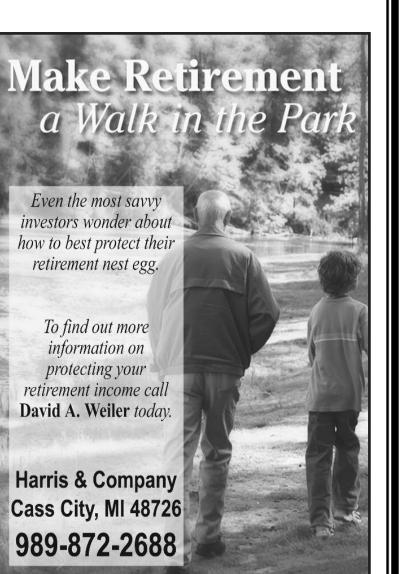
## Hazardous waste collection

HURON COUNTY — The HHW (household hazardous waste) collection that was canceled in April due to inclement weather has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 14.

Registration is necessary. Call the MSU Extension - Huron County Office at (989) 269-9949 by Thursday, July 5.

For a complete list of acceptable items or more information, call the MSU Extension office.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



Mental Health Is Just As Important As Physical Health!

A distinction is often made between mind and body. However, when considering mental health and physical health, the two should NOT be thought of as separate.

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CASS CITY Rotarians and friends of Rotarians were busy last week sprucing up Rotary Park in anticipation of the club's Music in Rotary Park summer concert series, which is scheduled to get underway Friday, June 29. Pictured above are (top photo, from left) Jim Kranz, Amy Peters and Debbie Powell, (above left) Kevven Dorland and (above right) Dave Milligan and Debbie Powell. (Photos courtesy of the Cass City Rotary Club)



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## No charges in Ubly probe

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had been closed more than a month ago after he was contacted by the media for comment.

"I'm disappointed in the fact that I wasn't contacted during any of this. I only knew what was going on from what I read in the newspaper. I read there is an investigation going on, and then (the) state police show up a few months later asking questions for five minutes. That is the only contact," said Jaroch.

"I want to thank the newspaper for covering this. All of the information that I've gotten about this and what is going on has been from the paper. It's not fair to the person being charged to not be kept informed and have to learn about what is happening by reading the paper."

The investigation started when a sidewalk expense was called to the attention of the Ubly Police Department, which turned the investigation over to the Michigan State Police to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest.

The charge that had been investigated alleged "the unauthorized use of public funds or inappropriate use of funds."

MSP Detective Jeff Hook conducted the investigation, and he forwarded his findings to Huron County Prosecutor Tim Rutkowski, who in turn forwarded the information to the attorney general's office because he is related to one of the council members.

"Once we reviewed the case, there wasn't any evidence of personal enrichment, or personal benefit to the person (Jaroch) who made the decision," said Wendling. "There was no unlawful benefit. It was a decision in the course of management.

"The only real question was did he have authorization to make that decision? Whether he did or didn't, it isn't a criminal matter. It is an internal political matter."

The controversial sidewalk is less than half a block long, located along Garfield Street between Main and Bingham streets. There is a sidewalk in front of the bank and its parking lot, and to the north there is a driveway. From that driveway to the corner is where the new sidewalk was added. That new section of sidewalk benefits pedestrians walking back and forth from the park, so they don't have to walk in the street.

When concerns were raised, Jaroch explained he had told the village's department of public works supervisor that a sidewalk "would be nice" to have along Garfield Street.

The sidewalk was subsequently installed, and a council member questioned spending roughly 224 on a sidewalk — 4,000 in all with the cost of sand.

Because of the brouhaha over the sidewalk, Jaroch resigned in March. "I'm glad this is over, but I'm disappointed because the village was in the process of doing a lot of different projects that were started but stopped, and we lost some really good council members during this.

Jaroch's resignation was followed by resignations submitted by some other council members.

"And, we have a new DPW supervisor now. That last one retired quickly and unexpectedly with two weeks' notice," Jaroch said. "There is rebuilding to do. There is not much experience left on the council, and there are a lot of ins and outs to learn."

### Suspect has new trial dates

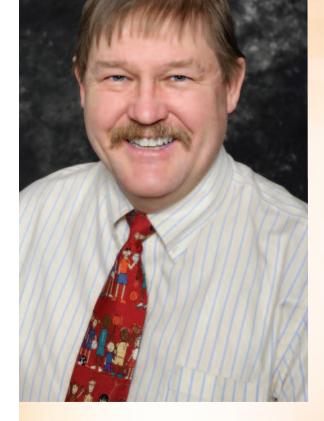
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County Circuit Court. However, the court and attorneys are still waiting for DNA results related to the case, prompting officials to move the proceedings to Tuesday, Sept. 18, with a final pre-trial hearing scheduled for Monday, Aug. 13, according to Lucy Higgins, circuit court administrative assistant. Higgins noted four days have been set aside for the trial.

Jack was arraigned on a host of felony charges following the Nov. 19 crime in Greenleaf Township that left two other Flint men dead from gunshot wounds.

Investigators said the motive behind the break-in was the planned robbery of a medical marijuana growing operation at the residence.

The double homicide investigation unfolded after the man targeted in the home invasion placed a 911 call to Sanilac Central Dispatch at about 5 a.m., saying three males had just broken into his home in the 4300 block of Holbrook Road and shot him in the leg. Gun fire was returned, according to reports, who stated one of the suspects was found at the residence deceased and the others fled on foot. Investigators subsequently discovered a vehicle in a ditch at Holbrook and Germania roads. Inside the vehicle was a black male from the Flint area, deceased with a gunshot injury. Law enforcement officials said the vehicle had been reported stolen from the Flint area last October.



## MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!

## Dr. Robert Van Howe

Dr. Van Howe is seeing patients patients at Thumb Pediatrics in Cass City and Millwood Street Primary Care in Caro. Jack and a co-defendant, Stephen V. Shimmel, 47, also of Flint, were subsequently captured and charged with two counts of assault with intent to commit murder, conspiracy to commit assault with intent to murder, armed robbery – causing serious injury, two counts of assault with intent to rob while armed, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, first degree home invasion, possession of a firearm by a felony, receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Hours later, Shimmel took his own life, with Biniecki reporting the defendant hung himself inside a single-occupant cell in the upper level of the county jail.

Jack, who underwent a forensic psychiatric evaluation earlier this year and was deemed competent to stand trial, remains incarcerated at the Sanilac County Jail without bond.

## **NOVESTA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Is accepting bids for Lawn Mowing - Trimming and General Upkeep of the Novesta Township Cemetery Any interested party please send bids by July 6th to: **Novesta Township P.O. Box 40 Deford, MI 48729** (Liability insurance required)

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# CHRONICLE SPORTS

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### 2017-2018 GTC Golf All Conference

East Division:	League ChampionSandusky	
<u>Individual</u> First Team:	Ben Jones Mitch Conley Jake Uhl Parker Marks Marshal Holt	Sandusky Brown City Ubly Sandusky Sandusky
Second Team:	Blake Badger Jared McPhail Ethan Roggenbuck Blake Kartanys Garrett Kuntz	Ubly Brown City Sandusky Sandusky Brown City
Honorable Mention:	Owen Woody Levi Block Justin Briolat Mark Vaerten David Sorenson Melvin Gunther	Harbor Beach Ubly Ubly Brown City Ubly Brown City
West Division:	League Champions:	Bad Axe & Lakers
<u>Individuals</u> <u>First Team:</u>	Colby Meeks Sam McAlpine Brady Krohn Oliver Pikisch Brandon Hazard	Bad Axe Bad Axe Laker Vassar Laker
Second Team:	Brady Rosental Ian Hubbard Adam Reinhardt Logan Hook Landon Ferris	Laker Vassar Laker Vassar USA
Honorable Mention:	Nathan Pobanz Nick McAlpine Clark Weiner Tyler Bismack	Laker Bad Axe Bad Axe Bad Axe



**HELEN STEVENS MEMORIAL POOL swimming instructor Claire** Kausch returned to work Monday to the delight of several area youngesters. The Cass City Village Pool closed for cleaning and temporary repairs earlier this month.

## **Cass City pool open for business**

As promised, temporary repairs allowed Cass City officials to reopen the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool in time for the start of swimming lessons Monday.

"The water isn't green and no one has complained about cuts or scrapes on the bottom of their feet," lifeguard Tara Nicholas said Monday morning following a swim class session.

Although band aid repairs allowed the park's crown jewel to open for the 42nd year, additional maintenance needs, according to Village Manager Debbie Powell, could total more than \$100,000, "more than the small village of Cass City taxpayers can bear."

Still, several free swim days are planned for this summer, starting Friday. The complete list of free swim dates are:

Friday, June 22: Saginaw Bay Underwriters [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm] Tuesday, June 26: Cass City Oil & Gas [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm] Friday, June 29: Cass City Mis-

sionary Church [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm]

Tuesday, July 3: Medilodge of Cass City [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm] Friday, July 6: Farm Bureau Insurance - Reggie Ignash [1-

4:45pm & 7-9pm] Saturday, July 7: Farm Bureau Insurance - Reggie Ignash [12-7pm]

Sunday, July 8: Farm Bureau Insurance – Reggie Ignash [1-5pm] Wednesday, July 11: Thumb Bank [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm]

Saturday, July 14: Kranz Funeral Home [12-7pm]

Wednesday, July 18: Dairy Farmers of America [1-4:45pm & 79pm]

Friday, July 20: Cass City Missionary Church [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm]

Tuesday, July 24: Biddinger, Bitzer, & Estelle, PLLC [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm]

Thursday, July 26: Walther Farms [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm]

Friday, July 27: Walther Farms [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm]

\*\*\*Saturday, July 28: Harris & Company [12-9pm] (Extended Hours)

Thursday, August 2: Revive Ministries [1-4:45pm & 7-9pm] Tuesday, August 7: Hills & Dales

General Hospital [1-9pm]

Thursday, August 9: Thabet Fu-

neral Home [1-9pm] Friday, August 10: Family First Primary Care [1-9pm]



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### John Crouch

John Daniel Crouch, 68, of Cass City, died following a brief illness, Saturday, June 16, 2018 in his home in Cass City.

He was born October 26, 1949 in Pontiac to John Sanford and Norma (Davis) Crouch. John graduated from the Detroit School of Business with a Bachelor's degree. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969 where he served in Vietnam as a sergeant. During his time there, John was tasked with being a tank gunner, searching for I.E.D.s or improvised explosive devices and setting booby traps. Following his service time, he worked on the assembly line for Pontiac Motors until retiring after 30 years. He enjoyed playing the alto-saxophone and adding to his gun collection. Time spent with his grandchildren was important to him, especially fishing with them on his boat. He always made sure they had a new bike to ride every summer.

John is survived by his daughter, Lissa Crouch of Cass City; three step children: Sammy Joe (Kristin) Miller of Boiling Springs, SC, Tammera (Nick) Herfy of Hazel Park and Rachel (Nino) Boubacker of Warren; grandchildren: Jonathan, Cody, Alex, Acer, Alicia, Lissa and Matthew; brother, Tom (Debbie) Crouch of Argentine; niece, Tammy (Chris) Crouch-Taylor of Holly; nephew, Chad (Leah) Crouch of Holly.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City. The funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City with Brad Speirs officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for John will be his grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project. Military honors conducted by Cass City V.F.W. Post #3644 and the United States Army. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING **ON PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018, at \_\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock p.m., at

Cass City Public Schools Michigan, the Board of Education of Cass City Public Schoolswill

hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2018-2019 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2018-2019 budget until after a public hearing. A

copy of the proposed 2018-2019 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is

available for public inspection during normal business hours at Cass City Public Schools .....

Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a

subject of this hearing.1

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Secretary

## Cass River Paddle and

### by Mary Drier **Special for the Chronicle**

Efforts are continuing to secure recognition of the Cass River as a recreational and tourism gem in the Thumb.

This year, the seventh annual Cass River Paddle and Relay Swim will wind its way through Tuscola County to Frankenmuth Saturday, June 23

The event, which includes paddle boarding and swimming along the Cass River, is free and designed to show off the beauty of the Cass River and its various recreational opportunities.

Currently, there are 13 launch sites along the river for kayaks and canoes. A launch site in Cass City is under consideration as well.

Last year, the grassroots group Cass River Greenway organized a clean-up effort along a six-mile stretch of the river, from the Cass City Village Wastewater treatment plant downstream towards the city of Caro. To-date, about 45 miles of the river has been cleaned up. Volunteers remove tires, furniture, truck, car and farm parts, cans, bottles and more from the river.

The goal of the Cass River Greenway is to clean up the waterway as well as expand recreational opportunities. The group is in the process of working with the National Park Service to have the Cass River designated as a water trail.

Another effort to draw attention to the Cass River is a documentary being done by Cass City area outdoors columnist Tom Lounsbury of Cass City, who has been documenting multiple trips down the river in segments. The first leg started from the Elmwood Bridge south of Cass City and ended at Chippewa Landing, south of Caro. Another segment started at Caro's Indianfields Park, with the destination of Frankenmuth and stops in the Vassar and Tuscola area. Another segment started at the M-13 Boat Launch and concluded at Wickes Park in Saginaw.

Anyone interested in participating in the Cass River Paddle and Relay Swim event can register and learn more by calling (989) 652-9941, or by e-mailing Lori Payne at Lpayne@bavarianinn.com.



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Saginaw 6150 Bay Rd. 989-791-1234

Sandusky 989 W Sanilac Rd. 810-648-2404



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ees. One dollar spent locally generates twice as much income for the local economy.

Michigan has nearly 1,600 dairy farm families who care for over 428,000 cows.

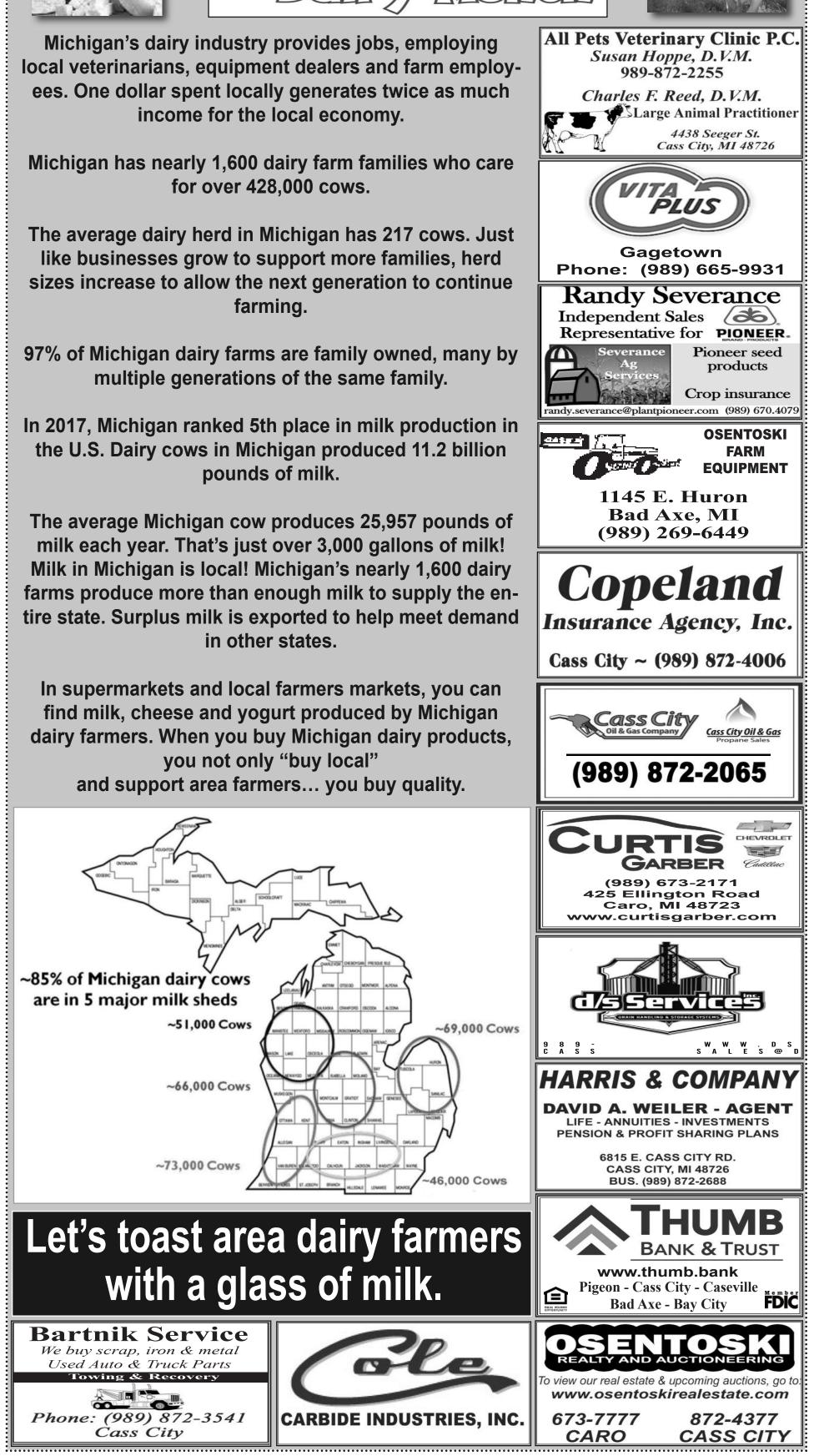
The average dairy herd in Michigan has 217 cows. Just like businesses grow to support more families, herd sizes increase to allow the next generation to continue farming.

97% of Michigan dairy farms are family owned, many by multiple generations of the same family.

In 2017, Michigan ranked 5th place in milk production in the U.S. Dairy cows in Michigan produced 11.2 billion pounds of milk.

The average Michigan cow produces 25,957 pounds of milk each year. That's just over 3,000 gallons of milk! Milk in Michigan is local! Michigan's nearly 1,600 dairy farms produce more than enough milk to supply the entire state. Surplus milk is exported to help meet demand in other states.

In supermarkets and local farmers markets, you can find milk, cheese and yogurt produced by Michigan you not only "buy local" and support area farmers... you buy quality.





Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement ATTN PUR-CHASERS:

This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on June 28, 2018. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Phyllis Fagan and Jordan Fagan, Wife and Husband Original Mortgagee:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Mr. Cooper Date of Mortgage: September 21, 2015 Date of Mortgage Recording: September 30, 2015 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$126,481.86 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

A parcel of land in the West onehalf of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as: To Fix The Point Of Beginning Commence at the East onequarter corner of said Section 23; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West, on the East and West one-quarter line of said Section, 3,759.29 feet to the Point of Intersection of said one-quarter line with the centerline of Relocated Buell Lake Road; thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, on said centerline, 157.67 feet to the Point Of Beginning of this description; thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, on said centerline, 109.24 feet to the intersection of said centerline and the West oneeighth line of Section 23; thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, continuing on said centerline, 16.87 feet; thence North 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds West, 219.22 feet to a Point which is approximately 7 feet, South 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East, from the water's edge at the Southeasterly Bank of the Cass River, thence North 37 degrees 51 minutes 28 seconds East, on a transit line which is approximately parallel to said water's edge, said transit line is for surveying and description purposes only and it is the intention of this description to include all land to the water's edge of the Cass River, 134.63 feet to a Point which is approximately 15 feet, South 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East, from said water's edge; thence South 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East, 252.53 feet to the Point Of Beginning.

Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 111057 **5-30-4** 

Notice of Foreclosure by Adver-

NOTICE is hereby given pur-

suant to MCL 600.3212, that the

following will be foreclosed by

a sale of the mortgaged prem-

ises, or some part of them, at

public auction at the place of

holding the circuit court within

Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM,

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):

Mitchel K. Ill and Deborah L.

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Sys-

Foreclosing Assignee (if any):

LakeView Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: January 17,

Date of Mortgage Recording:

Amount claimed due on date of

Description of the mortgaged

premises: Situated in Township

of Arbela, Tuscola County,

Michigan, and described as: Part

of the East One-Half (1/2) of the

Northeast fractional One-quarter

(1/4) of Section four (4), Town

ten (10) North, Range seven (7)

East, described as: Beginning at

a point on the centerline of

Barkley Road, which is South

24 degrees 58 minutes 31 sec-

onds East, 971.48 feet from the

intersection of the centerline of

Barkley Road and the North line

of Section four (4), said point

being East 1,334.26 feet from

the North One-quarter (1/4) cor-

ner of said Section Four (4);

thence along said centerline

South 24 degrees 58 minutes 31

seconds East, 250.0 feet; thence

East 465.0 feet to a traverse line;

thence along said traverse line,

North 31 degrees 48 minutes 30

seconds West, 266.67 feet to its

terminus; thence West 430.0 feet

to the point of beginning, said

parcel includes all that land em-

braced by the traverse line and

the centerline of Perry Creek

on June 28, 2018:

Ill, husband and wife

February 18, 2014

notice: \$168,722.73

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tisement

on June 28, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul Riggs, a married man and Danyell C. Riggs. his wife, as to Loan Modification Agreement recorded 4/30/2015 in Liber 1328 Page 1148

Original Mortgagee: Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC

Date of Mortgage: August 26, 2004

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 17, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$69,458.09

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 10 and the West 49.5 feet of Lot 9, Block 11 of Assessor's Plat of the Village of Akron, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page(s) 78, 79 and 80, now being pages 28B, 29B, and 30B of 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; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: May 30, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1351951

5-30-4

North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: June 6, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1352901

6-6-4

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rose D. Denniston aka Rose M. Denniston, unmarried, to PNC Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 16, 2016 and recorded July 28, 2016 in Liber 1355, Page 1143 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen and 60/100 Dollars (\$48,616.60), including interest at 3.49% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 5, 2018. SAME PROPERTY CON-VEYED BY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 648, PAGE 553, OF THE TUS-COLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN 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, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: June 6, 2018 File No. 18-006583

6-6-4

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rodger D. Buckley, a/k/a Rodger Buckley, a single man and Jessica R. Reif, a/k/a Jessica Reif, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2013 and recorded February 13, 2014 in Liber 1301, Page 770, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Fifteen and 77/100 Dollars (\$65,015.77), including interest at 3.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is MCL later; unless or 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: 05/30/2018

and the side lines extended to the centerline of Perry Creek. Excepting therefrom any portion of the above-described property lying within or beneath the waters of Perry Creek.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: May 30, 2018

Trott Law, P.C. 1351989

5-30-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 5, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Russell Hoard Jr., a single man Original Mortgagee: Mayville State Bank

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The First State Bank

Date of Mortgage: February 11, 2008

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 19, 2008

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$108,218.75

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The East 290 feet of the West 590 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; Except the East 150 feet of the North 350 feet thereof. Also, including the East 25 feet of the West 300 feet of the North 474 feet of The Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, also including the East 35 feet of the West 275 feet of the North 249 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 10 Said premises are located in the Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

SITUATED IN TUSCOLA COUNTY. STATE OF MICHI-GAN, TO WIT: COMMENC-ING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 21, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHI-GAN; THENCE SOUTH 1075.79 FEET ALONG THE **CENTERLINE OF FRANKEN-**MUTH ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 40 DEG. 19' WEST 236.50 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF FRANKEN-MUTH ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 40 DEG. 19 WEST 245.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 49 DEG. 41' WEST 180.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 40 DEG. 19' EAST 245.0 FEET PARALLEL TO THE CEN-TERLINE OF FRANKEN-MUTH ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEG. 41' EAST 160.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR FRANKENMUTH ROAD ALONG THE SOUTHEAST-ERLY SIDE THEREOF. SUB-JECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, LEASES AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, ALL LEGAL HIGH-WAYS, ALL RIGHTS OF WAY, ALL ZONING, BUILDING AND OTHER LAWS, ORDI-NANCES AND REGULA-TIONS, ALL RIGHTS OF TENANTS IN POSSESSION, AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS NOT YET DUE AND PAYABLE. BEING THE

within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 5, 2018.

Said premises are located in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

Land situated in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows: Lot(s) 5 and 35 and the West half of Lot 6 and 36, Block 4 of The Plat of Village of Vassar according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 93 and Liber 1 of Deeds, page 143 of 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, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: June 6, 2018 File No. 18-006963

6-6-4





Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 19, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Donald F. Ashton and Margaret M. Ashton, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety

Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, A Subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): CIT Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: April 27, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 26, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of 1353806 notice: \$109,098.24

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, FORECLOSURE Town 11 North, Range 11 East,

Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; running thence East 178 feet; thence South 209 feet; thence West 178 feet; thence running North 209 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; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: June 20, 2018 Trott Law, P.C.

6-20-4

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tracy L. Bennett to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 24, 2004, and recorded on July 2, 2004, in Liber 999, Page 56, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 30, 2017 and recorded December 11, 2017 in Liber 1387, Page 751, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred and 72/100 (\$39,300.72) including interest at the rate of 6.50000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mort-

## LIMITED TAX PLEDGE NOTICE

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the Board of Education of Cass

City Public Schools, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties, Michigan.

At said meeting, the Board of Education will consider for approval its proposed State Aid

Note (General Obligation - Limited Tax). The proposed State Aid Note (General Obligation -

Limited Tax), if issued, will contain the limited tax full faith and credit pledge of Cass City

gaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on July 19, 2018 Said premises are situated in the Township of Ellington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 17, town 13 north, range 10 east, thence 326 feet east to the place of beginning of this description; thence 221 feet east; thence 300 feet south; thence 221 feet west; thence 300 feet north to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 2640 LAZELL RD, CARO, MI 48723 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from

the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 20, 2018 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Specialized Loan Servicing LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Case No. 18MI00376-1

6-20-4

## **VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN**

The 2017 Village Water Report is ready for your review.

If you are interested in reviewing it contact Robert McCreedy at 989-665-0127.

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Thank you, Village of Gagetown



Public Schools, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties, Michigan.

DATE OF MEETING: June 25, 2018

PLACE OF MEETING: Cass City Jr/Sr High School Board Room 4868 Seeger St. Cass City, MI 48726

7:00 o'clock, p.m. HOUR OF MEETING:

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

989-872-2200

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Emily Lasceski, Secretary **Cass City Public Schools** Board of Education





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## Volunteers wrapping up village's quilt honoring Shaw

### by Mary Drier Special for the Chronicle

The finishing touches on the village of Cass City's unique contribution to the Thumb Area Quilt Trail have been completed following several days of hard work by volunteers.

Three Cass City area women took a special interest in the quilt program this year because the village was approved to be part of the quilt trail, which winds its way through the Thumb. And because the quilt has a special meaning to the community.

Among those who helped work on the quilt were Dottie Scollon, Nancy Barrios and Marlene Donaldson.

"Our quilt is almost done. There is still a section about the size of a bath towel that still has to be painted. It's fun to work on them, but I'm stiff this morning from climbing up and down," Scollon commented Saturday morning after working on the quilt all day Friday.

"It's a lot of work. It cannot be done all in one day," she noted. "The pattern has to be drawn on and then painted twice."

The quilt design for Cass City is called "Up, Up and Away" in honor of Cass City native and former NASA Astronaut Brewster H. Shaw, who graduated from Cass City High School in 1963. Shaw joined the U.S. Air Force in 1969 and later was selected to join the astronaut corps, piloting the STS-9 Skylab, Orbiter Shuttle Atlantis in 1985 and the Columbia Space Shuttle in 1989.

This isn't the first time Scollon has contributed her time and skills

to the quilt trail. She and her son, John, participated in making a quilt for a barn they own.

"We put a quilt up on the barn on our farm on Schwegler Road three years ago. It was the first time that the person whose barn the quilt was going on helped design and paint the quilt," said Scollon. "It was a nice adventure.

"Our quilt was done in June, but Kappan (Tree Service) wasn't able to put it up until October. That was the year that we had that big storm come through that did all the damage in the area."

Kappen Tree Service volunteers its time, equipment and staff, including a cherry picker, to mount the blocks. Most of plywood quilt blocks measure eight feet by eight feet.

The Tuscola Technology Center in Caro offers its facilities for the project. Students and community volunteers paint the quilt blocks, with 15 to 18 squares completed each summer.

When Cass City's quilt block is completed, it will be placed on the village's DPW building so it faces the main park.

The push to build and paint this year's quilts started last week. Currently, there are 86 quilts along the trail. The route runs through Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

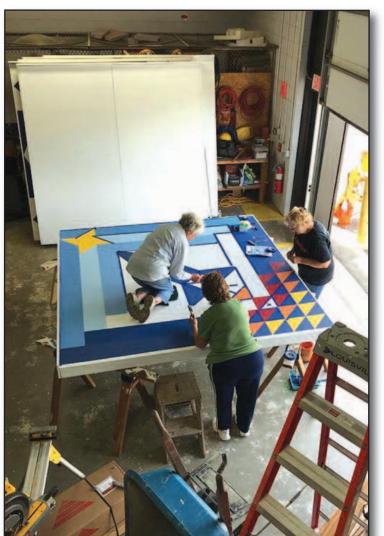
By the time this year's quilt campaign is done, there will be 100 quilts in all. The local quilt trail started in the fall of 2013, when the committee started to meet, and the first quilt blocks were placed in 2014.

"There have been people from all over come to Michigan to see the quilt trail. Even people who live in the Thumb are traveling to different parts of the area to see the quilts," said Pamela Stillwell-Binder, president of the Thumb Area Quilt Trail.

The trail has helped to boost agritourism because it draws people to the area as well as getting those who live in the area to explore the back roads and communities in the Thumb.

According to Stillwell-Binder, the quilt committee, which designs and places the quilts, likes to see quilts placed in small towns, but generally there isn't a suitable location, so it is exciting to have one in the village of Cass City.

For more information about the Thumb Area Quilt Trail, or a map detailing where they are located, visit the website www.thumbquilttrail.com. The group also has a Facebook page.





CASS CITY'S quilt design (foreground) is called "Up, Up and Away" in honors of Cass City native and former NASA Astronaut Brewster H. Shaw, who grew up on an area farm and graduated from Cass City High School in 1963.





IT TAKES A couple of days and several volunteers to draw out and paint a plywood quilt block measuring eight feet by eight feet. Among the volunteers who helped with the village of Cass City's were (above, from left) Dottie Scollon, Marlene Donaldson and Nancy Barrios.

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