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## Victim recovering

# Pair charged after stabbing in village

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A late-night confrontation between two acquaintances in Cass City turned violent last Wednesday in Cass City, with one of the men allegedly stabbing the other multiple times.

Both the attacker and his girlfriend were subsequently arrested and charged in Tuscola County District Court. The victim, meanwhile, was transported to a hospital where he underwent surgery and was reportedly listed in stable condition.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene issued a news release regarding the incident Friday, stating Cal Bradley Richards, 31, Cass City, was formally arraigned on several charges, including assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm, both felonies punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years, and up to 10 years in prison, respectively.

Richards also faces charges of tampering with evidence and lying to a peace officer involved in a violent crime investigation, which carry maximum penalties of up to four years incarceration.

Richards' bond was set at \$500,000 cash. A preliminary examination in his case has been scheduled for Monday, Aug. 6, at 8:30 a.m. in district court.

Also charged in connection with the investigation was Ashley Elizabeth-Michelle Smith, 31, who faces five counts of lying to a peace officer involved in a violent crime investigation.

Smith, whose bond was set at \$25,000 cash, was also scheduled for a preliminary examination Aug. 6.

Investigators identified the victim only as a 37-year-old Cass City man.

The confrontation took place just after 11 p.m. in the area of Pine and Brooker streets. "It actually occurred out in the street," said Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes, who said the assault was not a random act of violence. "They knew each other. They live a block apart."

Investigators are still working on determining the motivation behind the attack, according to Haynes.

"The 'why' part has been troubling," he said, adding it appears the suspect (Richards) felt the victim had allegedly taken something that belonged to him some months ago.

Haynes said police believe alcohol was involved in the confrontation, which escalated to a point in which Richards pulled out a small folding knife with a three- to four-inch blade and stabbed the victim multiple times in the upper torso – in front and behind.

Both the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted the Cass City Police Department at the scene.

Haynes noted Cass City Police Officer Kevin Jimkoski is the lead investigator in the case, and anyone with information related to the assault is encouraged to contact him at (989) 872-2911.



## A Little Library...

**CASS CITY'S Jim Baker, who along with his sons constructed the Cass City Rotary Club's Little Free Library, cuts the ribbon during last week's dedication ceremony in Deford. Also pictured are (from left) Rotarians Carrie Luana, Bert Althaver, Dave Milligan, Val Hartel and Keven Dorland. See story, page 11.**



# Sanilac Co. man found dead, his wife charged

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A 64-year-old Sanilac County man is dead and his wife is behind bars on a \$1 million cash bond after being charged in his death last week.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department investigators were calling the death of Richard Rager "suspicious" after officers discovered his body Wednesday while conducting a welfare check at a residence in the 4500 block of Cooper Road in Sanilac County's Marlette Township.

Investigators reported their suspicions were confirmed later in the week.

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki said Friday that the death has been ruled a homicide.

"The victim, who has been identified as 64-

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Donna Rager

# School delays lay-off after union protest

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A teachers union representative's protest prompted the Cass City Board of Education to temporarily delay the lay-off of an instructor during a regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The dispute arose after school Supt. Jeff Hartel asked the board to approve a resolution laying off teacher Ron McCollum as a result of a proposed downsizing in the district's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for the 2018-19 school year.

"Currently, our number's at 26 (students), which doesn't give us enough to have two sections," Hartel said of the program that

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by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials are hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst.

That's the philosophy behind various emergency drills the Cass City hospital has organized over the years in an effort to rehearse emergency response protocols and procedures. And it's the motivation behind an upcoming exercise.

In an effort to keep employees, patients and visitors safe, Hills and Dales General Hospital will be conducting an active shooter drill Tuesday, Aug. 7, at about 1 p.m.

"The drill will take place on the second floor of the hospital, also known as the medical/surgical floor, said Danielle Blaine, community relations director for the hospital. "Hills and Dales will remain open during this time and will provide all normal services."

"We want to make the community aware of the drill so that they are not alarmed or confused about what is happening and can plan accordingly for their appointments, though there will not be any disruptions to patient care," Hills and Dales President and CEO Jean Anthony said. "We know that seeing the police at the hospital can be concerning, so we want the public to know about the drill."

The active shooter drill will involve the Cass City Police Department and Tuscola County Emergency Services Coordinator Steve Anderson.

"The purpose of the drill is to practice staff response in the event that there was an active shooter," Blaine explained. "We've never done an active shooter training and know the importance of hav-

ing our staff prepared. The hospital continues to focus on patient safety, as well as the safety of employees and visitors, and this drill is just one more way to do this.

Similar exercises are being conducted at healthcare facilities across the state, according to Blaine, who said the local police department along with Anderson will be providing Hills and Dales with valuable feedback to consider and incorporate into the hospital's emergency preparedness plan.

Craig Bellew, vice president of Outpatient Services and Hills and Dales Safety Committee member, added, "Hills and Dales has always worked diligently on patient safety, and the safety of the hospital in its entirety."

"In the world we live in today, we can never be too prepared for a situation like this. While we hope that we will never encounter an active shooter, we want to make sure we are prepared if we do," Bellew said.

"This drill will provide the op-

portunity for our staff members to go through the motions of what they would do and it will also allow us to make changes if needed. This is especially important with the newly renovated areas of the hospital."

Anderson, who is also a Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy, agreed preparation is a key to reacting to active shooter situations, which have occurred in small towns and urban areas alike across the nation.

"I think it kind of opens people's eyes," Anderson said. "A lot of people have the mentality that it's never going to happen 'here.'"

Details of the scenario planned next month at Hills and Dales won't be released ahead of time, but Anderson said the organizers will be simulating shots fired utilizing blanks, and a moulage team is being brought in to apply mock injury make-up to the "victims".

"It's going to be a realistic scenario that could easily happen at a hospital," he added.

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# It's only a drill

## Hospital gearing up for "active shooter" exercise

# Co-defendant in Quaker Maid burglary enters plea

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

One of two local residents who were formally charged in the break-in of the Quaker Maid Dairy Store in Cass City in February, and the attempted break-in of the same business a month later, has entered pleas to three felony charges.

RC L. Smith, 43, Cass City, appeared last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court, where he pleaded no contest to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and possession of burglar's tools – both felonies punishable by up to 10 years in prison – and larceny of \$1,000 to \$20,000, which carries a maximum penalty of up

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# Kingston announces honor roll

The following students have been named to Kingston High School's second semester honor roll, they are:

### 7th Grade

Cortney Acker\*, Logan Cloyd, Emily Coffey, Ethan Green\*, Ethan Harrington, Deirra Jenkins, Madison LaFond, Lawson Lyons, Emily McGee, Aryanna Miller\*, Ashley Miller, Brooke Retan, Stefanie Robinson, Autumn Russell, Conner Seaman, Wesley Sholes, Riley Smith, Rachel St. George\*, McKenzie Taylor\*, Destiny Traster, Hunter Trovillion, Leah Westover, James Wilson, and Coryn Zyrowski.

### 8th Grade

Madison Coyer, Joseph Cryderman, William Cumper, Collen Dibble\*, Gaven Dibble\*, Joshua DuRussell, John Egan, Kristen Ensign, Carter Geister\*, Marica Haag, Zachary Hayost, Isabel Hurd, Summer Jenkins, Alex Kotsch, Madilyn McMaster, Kali Norris, Owen Phillips, Jacob Rayl\*, Angel Shiel, Nicholas St. George\*, Ethan Ulewicz\*, Skyler

Waite, Brooklyn Walker\*, and Libbie Whitmore

### 9th Grade

Thomas Barrett, Hailey Bitterle, Jason Dibble, Kealsie Dinsmore, Katelyn DuRussell, Elanor Gaiser, Colten Gildner, Morgan Green\*, Rayann Harp, Kayla Hobson, Hannah James\*, Paige Klupp\*, Lillian LaFave, Joslyn Lupa, Dustin Peter\*, Ella Retan\*, Alexandra Sherman, Jessica Stoll, Makayla Thompson, Olivia Ulewicz\*, Trayton Wenzlaff\*, Madison Wieland, and Samantha Wood\*

### 10th Grade

Anna Ahern\*, Elissa Bicego\*, Danielle Crisman, Jake DeLong, Collin Geister\*, Caleb Goss, Johnathan Green\*, Katelyn Iseler, Aaron Koehler\*, Payton Kolacz, Anastasia Krych, Jalen Little Thunder, Ryan McGarvie\*, Braden Mosher, Wren Murdoch, Isaac Muxlow\*, Evan Neff\*, Madison Nickens, Tristen Skinner, and Joseph Snover\*

### 11th Grade

Sophia Allen, Maisey Bigelow,

Gerilyn Carpenter, Cheyenne Claypool, Nathan Cloyd, Brian Colton, Randy Crisman, Levi Cryderman\*, Ashtian Davis, Kendra DeLong, Jamie Dibble, Jillyan Dinsmore\*, Dakota Distelrath, Kerra Elling, Connor Henry, Hunter James, Lilliana Kakowski, Lily Lyons\*, Camryn MacGuire\*, Carley Smith\*, Colton Stadler, Morgan Tallieu\*, Gunnar Thompson, Amira Varvel, Emily Warrington\*, and Roman Wood

### 12th Grade

Mariah Andrews\*, Dezerick Carter, Abigail Chappel, Grace Dinsmore\*, Kasia Giddings, Garrett Green\*, Emily Hetzer, Noah Hetzer, Riley Kinel, Hailey Kowalski, Juliana Krych, Courtney Mallory, Samantha Moore, Madisyn Pennington, Hara Pohlod\*, Zachary Rayl, Daniel Schwarck\*, Caitlyn Sherman\*, Jada Shiel, Madisyn Spencer, Quinlan Western, Alayna Iams\*, and Cassidy Zyrowski\*  
\*Denotes all A's

## Wife charged

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year-old Richard Rager, underwent an autopsy Friday afternoon and the preliminary results confirmed the ruling," Biniecki said. "The 54-year-old female suspect in the case was arrested Wednesday, following the sheriff's office detective's response to the residence, and was arraigned Friday afternoon in 73A District Court in front of Magistrate Myla Ford," he added.

Biniecki identified the suspect – and spouse of the victim – as Donna Rager, who was arraigned on felony charges of homicide – open murder, tampering with evidence, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and concealing the death of an individual.

She remains in custody on a \$1 million cash bond, and her next court appearance is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31.

## Defendant pleads

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to five years incarceration and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

Under a plea agreement, prosecutors agreed to dismiss charges of conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, attempted breaking and entering, larceny in a building and conspiracy to commit larceny in a building.

In addition to the charges stemming from the Quaker Maid burglary, Smith was convicted of being an habitual offender (having two previous felony convictions), which could provide for even stiffer penalties when he is sentenced.

In the meantime, a pre-sentence investigation was ordered in his case, bond was continued at \$8,000 and Smith was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

Smith's co-defendant, Sonya L. Teller, 45, of Cass City, faces the same charges as Smith. Her case is scheduled to go to trial Tuesday, July 31, in circuit court, although she could also enter into a plea agreement with prosecutors before then.

Teller, who shares a residence with Smith in Cass City, also faces a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses in a separate case.

The investigation unfolded after police were alerted to a "smash and grab" burglary at Quaker Maid during the early morning hours of Feb. 26. Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes reported the suspects allegedly used a blunt object to smash the glass in the front door of the business, then entered the building, grabbed an unknown amount of cash and fled.

About one month later, during the early morning hours of March 27, business owner Kareem Khoury discovered a second burglary attempt, although the culprits were unable to gain entry through a glass door before fleeing the scene.

Haynes lauded Officer Ken Miller's work on the case, noting his efforts in obtaining enhanced digital images of the suspects from a surveillance camera marked a turning point in the investigation.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## A few simple tips to cut energy bills

Blistering temperatures this summer have area residents not only feeling the heat, but also digging deeper into their pockets to keep up with monthly energy bills.

The good news, according to Michigan Agency of Energy (MAE) officials, is customers can trim those bills a bit if they simply make an effort to be "summer wise" about their energy use as temperatures climb.

"There are many practical ways to cut your energy usage while also staying cool in the summer months," says Anne Armstrong Cusack, executive director of the Michigan Agency for Energy. "If everyone does just a little bit, it will make a big difference in demand for power, lessening the strain on utilities to meet high demand on the hottest days."

Moderating usage will be important as demand for electricity is expected to increase in Michigan, according to MAE's Summer Energy Appraisal.

Even if the weather is near normal for the summer, electricity usage is expected to rise about 1.5 percent compared to a year ago. The report projects that residential electricity usage increasing 2.7 percent, with industrial sector usage up 1.5 percent and commercial usage, up 0.6 percent.

Electricity use in Michigan traditionally climbs along with summer temperatures, according to annual figures tracked by the federal Energy Information Administration (EIA), which also reports that nearly 60 percent of homes in the state have central air conditioning, with more than 20 percent using a window or wall unit.

EIA officials note that 56 percent of household energy use is air conditioning and space heating.

To keep a lid on bills this summer, the MAE offers these 10 simple tips:

- \*Check with your electric or natural gas utilities about energy waste reduction programs.
- \*Sign up for a budget billing plan that can spread out your peak energy bills throughout the year.
- \*Install a programmable thermostat and save an estimated 10 percent annually on cooling and heating.
- \*Seal air leaks to make your home more comfortable.
- \*Use a ceiling fan to lower your home's temperature by up to four degrees.
- \*Keep area around air vents clean. Blocked vents make air conditioners work harder.
- \*Unplug cell phones, TVs, video games, and other devices when not in use so they don't continue to use energy in standby mode.
- \*Close window curtains and shades during the day to keep the heat from the sun outside.
- \*When possible, use big-energy items such as electric ovens, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, and other large appliances or office equipment in the early morning or late evening. Shifting the time of use will reduce the potential stress on Michigan's electric system at peak times.
- \*Schedule a home energy assessment to determine energy usage, where energy is being lost, and problem areas to fix.

Want more ways to save? Log on to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) website and click on the "Consumer Information" link to learn about using energy wisely, available energy assistance and weatherization programs, and preparing for and surviving power outages.

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

No lip service here



I totally love a wide variety of music, and desperately wish I had a voice that could carry a tune rather than sound like a screeching owl.

I enjoy attending lip sync contests, so I have attended several. I guess that is why I'm so totally blown away by Facebook posts featuring people lip syncing.

I enjoy seeing the postings of police officers breaking it down to songs. The first such video I noticed about a year ago was one of a deputy singing along with Taylor Swift's song, "Shake it Off." The guy was even asked to be on the television show Good Morning America.

Since then, there have been many more such postings here and there. Now, the gauntlet has been thrown down in the form of a lip sync challenge to those who wear brown and blue uniforms. One by one, various police departments across the nation have accepted the challenge.

One of the departments that took on the challenge was the Slidell Police Department. They did an amazing performance of Dirty Dancing's "Hope you had the time of your life".

As I watched and enjoyed a couple more law enforcement agencies do amazing lip syncs, I decided I would like to see departments in Tuscola and Huron counties join in on the lip sync, so on Facebook I issued a challenge to them.

Shortly after that, Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent posted this on the department's Facebook page:

"I keep getting requests for our agency to join the lip sync contest," he wrote. "A local funeral home called me to thank whoever the deputy was that assisted them spontaneously during a funeral procession. The deputy had not been called there but when he saw that people were disrespecting the process he became involved and directed traffic.

"I told the staff that my feeling is that these small things that assist the community are what brings us respect and admiration," Skrent continued. "It isn't about making a lip sync video and expecting the public to support us.

"I can't even add up all the times I have heard one of our staff giving some money to someone in need, helping handicap persons cross a busy street, chang-

ing a tire for someone etc., etc., etc." In my opinion, truer words were never spoken... and they aren't lip service.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Rain or shine, the 10th Annual Cass River Clean-Up day is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 18th, in our area.

Cass City Village Council Trustee Nancy Barrios says the 2018 Clean-Up project picks up where it ended last year, and moves west to Hurds Corner Road. The site host this year is Kappen Tree Service at 2799 Hurds Corner Road, Cass City, she said, adding, light refreshments will be available at 8:00 a.m. and the first 50 volunteers will receive a 2018 Cass River Clean-Up shirt. The event is generally completed by noon.

As a reminder, volunteers must be able to bend, lift and maneuver on uneven surfaces. Please wear comfortable clothing (no flip flops) that can get wet and soiled. Also, Barrios encourages helpers to bring their own life vest, and waders or shoes. Safety orientation begins at 8:30 a.m.

For more information call Barrios at 810-358-5755.

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I wouldn't want my Wolverine pal Jim Hillaker to miss out, so please make sure to let him know there's a golden opportunity to meet Michigan State University's Sparty just around the corner.

In Bad Axe, Sparty will visit the Huron County fairgrounds on Monday, July, 30. The MSU mascot is scheduled for a meet and greet at the 4-H building from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Actually, you can spend the day there, Jim, as the 4-H building opens at 11 a.m. to view exhibits, while vendors will provide fun engaging educational activities from noon to 2 p.m.

What the heck, take the Superintendent at Cass City Schools along for the ride.

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I attended the Bob Hirn Estate Auction Saturday just south of Cass City. It was a huge sale that lasted over eight hours, with two separate auctioneering booths running simultaneously most of the afternoon.

The crowd in attendance was estimated at over 500 and of that total, to my surprise, over 1/3 of the bidders were Amish.

People came from near and far, said auctioneer Marty Osentoski, because of the variety of items Bob had and as a tribute to the Hirn family.

Hope you enjoy the collage below from the sale.



## Letters to the Editor

### Let's consider proposed medical marijuana plant

Editor,

Considering the proposal at hand – regarding the proposed marijuana growing facility – I think perhaps the smart idea would be to get some opinions from our local police force. I'm sure they can explain some of the pluses and minuses of such an endeavor. Hopefully, they have an unbiased opinion on the topic. Also, our town could use some money pumped into streets, the pool, etc.

So, I ask the council/powers that be, are you going to have your minds made up again and not vote for what the taxpaying citizens of this community want? I realize it could open somewhat of a "can of worms", but as with laws/ordinances, with some good forethought and insight into this, and ideas from the citizens, and voted upon, it could be a safe, great, wonderful, healthy windfall to this village and the county, which cannot stand to lose any more jobs.

I say healthy because, to me, this medicine is way better than any opiate. Some say that corporate pharma is trying to oppose such alternatives to their addictive cash cow. That may be true, and I think the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) and some companies and doctors realize they may have made mistakes in the past.

On the subject of CBDs (cannabidiol, a naturally compound in the cannabis plant) and alternatives to opiates, such as kratom, they need to be more fully utilized, in my opinion. I am no expert on this, so maybe someone with more knowledge could step up and inform all of our voting public.

I want to say that I do respect Mr. Schneeberger's Please turn to page 7.

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## Reporter's notebook

Spam a big pain;  
dangerous, too!

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



The Internet has certainly made my work as a journalist easier, but it's also created some annoying tasks.

For example, I spend far too much time sifting through my email accounts at both work and home, separating the junk or "spam" from the legitimate notes, news releases, photos, etc., although "spam catcher" programs have slowed down spammers a bit.

It isn't uncommon for me to receive a couple hundred unsolicited emails over the course of a weekend.

I don't know about you, but I follow some basic rules when it comes to dealing with spam.

First, if I don't know you, or your subject line has nothing to do with an agency or topic I'm familiar with — or otherwise raises my suspicion — your message is going into the dumpster. The same goes for folks who try to scam me (my first recommendation to most of these morons is to learn how to spell and maybe try to use a little punctuation now and then to throw me off).

Most of the time, I just answer spam in my head and then delete, as in:

\*"Is your wardrobe ready for fall?" Ummm...I guess so.

\*"Try sobriety today!" Done.

\*"Your urgent attention is needed (thanks) — Omar." Sorry, Omar, deadlines are calling my name.

\*"Sell your timeshare! Did you even use it this year?" Nope. Didn't get my yacht out, visit our summer place in the Hamptons, or get back to the islands this year, either.

I once tried to get a better understanding of spam and how it works by searching the Internet, but my eyes glazed over while working my way through the second sentence (pretty much the same way they do when my computer-guru son insists on explaining anything high-tech to his old man).

"Email spam, also known as junk email or unsolicited bulk email (UBE) is a subset of electronic spam involving nearly identical messages sent to numerous recipients by email. Clicking on links in spam email may send users to phishing websites or sites that are hosting malware. Spam email may also include malware as scripts or other executable file attachments."

Thanks for nothing, Wikipedia.

By the way, spam was named for Spam luncheon meat via a Monty Python sketch in which Spam is depicted as ubiquitous and unavoidable.

Unfortunately, email spam is not only a pain in the butt, it can also be dangerous.

I'm not talking scams or viruses here.

Case in point: I occasionally receive invitations from various legitimate dating agencies offering me a free weekend to search for "my match". I've even received a couple emails from one infamous website that caters to married folks looking to, shall we say, expand their relationship horizons — in secret. "Life is short. Have an affair," the emails state.

Yeah, right. If I were to ever even think about having an affair, life would be short alright.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2013)

The grand opening of the VIP Salon's new coffee shop took place last Thursday. Tyler Perry was in attendance at the ceremonies promoting, selling and penning his signature on his newly published book that offers a kid friendly look into Cass City and its past.

Ryan Douglas Symonds and Julie Provins would like to announce their engagement. Ryan is the son of Carol Ann Hewitt of Cass City. Julie is the daughter of Grant and Mary Provins of Mentor, Ohio. The couple will be married in November.

Overall cavy showman and senior cavy showman were awarded to Libby Venema and her market rabbits. Venema is the daughter of Martin and Lisa Venema. The rabbits were sold for \$160.

Grand champion pen was awarded to Mackenzie Chateuvert and her market duck. Chateuvert is the daughter of Nickolas Kloss. The ducks were sold for \$220 to Mayville State Bank.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Cass City track coach Scott Cuthrell announced last week that 2 of his Red Hawk thinclads have earned 2008 Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA) Academic All State honors. Named to the Division 3 MITCA first team as juniors were Jennica Richards and Lukas Varney. Cuthrell said that both Red Hawks "placed in the top 8 in the state finals meet and maintain a GPA of 3.5 or better." According to the MITCA, Richards, placed 8th in the 100-meter hurdles, and has a 3.979 GPA, while Varney, who finished 5th in the 1,600-meter run, has a 3.947 GPA.

Lee and Bonnie Sweet of Deckerville, Michigan, recently held a dispersal sale of their entire herd of Angus cattle. They donated lot number one, a yearling, registered Angus heifer, Sweet Design Frontier 703, to the Paul DeLong Memorial Scholarship of the Thumb Jackpot Educational Program and the Michigan Angus Auxiliary Junior Scholarship Program.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Leann Deering received 1st Place Medium Weight honors for her steer at the Tuscola County Fair last week. Chemical Bank of Cass City bought the animal from the Cass City 4-Her for 91 cents a pound.

Born to Debb and Gary Leasher of Mt. Pleasant, a baby girl, Devon Marie, July 12 at Central Michigan Community Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 1/2 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Keith and Norma Rabideau of Gagetown, and paternal grandparents are William and Mary Leasher of Mt. Pleasant.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Amy M. Kostanko, daughter of John and Asteria Kostanko of Kingston, was recently promoted to her present rank while serving with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan. The 1990 graduate of Kingston High School joined the Navy in June, 1990.

Kate DeLong, Cass City 4-H'er, earned Reserve Champion Home Grown and Reserve Champion Pen honors. Her Reserve Champion Home Grown sheep sold for \$1.70 a pound to Vita-Plus, and her pen was purchased by Cass City Oil and Gas for \$1.30 a pound.

Marie Russell, Cass City, earned the Grand Champion Individual and Grand Champion Home Grown awards for her sheep. Beagio's of Kingston bought the animal for \$3.75 a pound.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Renee Hugo celebrated her ninth birthday Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hugo. Her guests were Jenny Gonzales of Mt. Clemens, Jen-

nifer Hoard and Beth Bonkowski of Cass City. The girls enjoyed a scavenger hunt, also a pond party and pajama party.

Josephine Bartnik of Cass City was the winner of the quilt raffled by the Elmwood Missionary Circle during sidewalk days last weekend in Cass City. The raffle was a highlight of the quilt show.

Marine Cpl. Philip M. Jerome, son of Tom and Nancy Miller of Krueger Road, Snover, has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank while serving with Third Marine Division in Okinawa. He received the accelerated promotion in recognition of outstanding performance, duty proficiency and demonstrated professional abilities. The 1981 graduate of Sandusky High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1981.

Marine Sgt. Benjamin R. Finley, son of Betty and Raymond Finley Sr. of English Road, Kingston, has reported for duty at Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, N.C.

Randy Ferris was named to the dean's list for the past quarter at Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio. A senior, he will graduate in August. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Ferris of Cass City and a 1980 graduate of Cass City High School.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Murphy and sons, Scott and Patrick, attended the Tiger-Angels baseball game in Detroit Sunday and were callers at the William Evo home in Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Mari, to Kenneth Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe of Snover. Miss Butler is a 1975 graduate of Cass City High School and her fiancé is a 1976 Cass City graduate. She is employed with Walpole and Holmes, attorneys, in Caro and he is a tool and die apprentice at Walbro Corporation in Caro. The couple plan to be married Dec. 9.

William S. VanAllen of the U.S. Navy was recently promoted from the rank of seaman to boatswains mate third class. The sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas VanAllen of 6386 Severance Road, Cass City. He is now serving as assistant craft master on an 85-foot missile retriever stationed at Point Mugu, Calif.

Helen Collins of Rochester and Mrs. Delbert Gracey returned home from a two week trip to Fort Collins, Colo., where they visited Miss Vicky Collins. While there they visited President and Mrs. Gerald Ford's home at Vail and were at Aspen. They drove to the top of Mount Evans and Pike's Peak, through Royal Gorge, Mesa Verde National Park and went to the Indian Cliff dwellers where they went through their dwelling and also went to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Missouri.

Steven W. Batts, Paula D. Decker and Beth A. Shagene, all of Cass City, and Gregory J. Downing of Gagetown have been named to the academic honors list at Ferris State College for the winter and spring quarters. Roy P. Pierce and David M. Romig made the list for the winter quarter and Karen S. Krug was named for the spring quarter. All are from Cass City. To be named to the honors list at the Big Rapids school, a student must earn at least a 3.25 grade point average (B+) and carry at least 14 credit hours for the quarter.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Mr. and Mrs. William Berlin of Detroit announce the engagement of the latter's sister, Miss Monica Lutzen, Detroit, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Lutzen, Detroit, to Ernest E. Bouck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck, Cass City. The couple will both begin their senior year at Central Michigan University in the fall. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rockwell of Snover, a son, Rodney An-

drew, Tuesday, July 16, at Caro Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, and five ounces. Mrs. Rockwell returned from Saginaw General Hospital Tuesday.

William Kitchin of Van Dyke Road is the owner of a 30-year-old Christmas cactus, which blooms in the summer. According to Kitchin, the plant belonged to his wife's stepmother before he acquired it.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1943)

At a church ceremony somewhere in Australia at eleven o'clock Saturday morning, June 26, Miss Ena Esther Ashmore, daughter of Mr. John Ashmore of Australia, became the bride of Sgt. Robert Knight, son of Mrs. Edward Knight of Cass City. The bride wore a lavender frock and carried a bouquet of sweet peas. Her bridesmaid was Mrs. Grace Howard of Australia. Sgt. Knight's best man was Sgt. Wilbur Gilligan, Madison, Wis. Sgt. Knight is a member of a United States Army quartermaster unit now at an Army training camp in Australia.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson placed the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award that America can give a soldier for conspicuous gallantry in action, upon Sgt. Maynard H. Smith of Caro. The presentation was made at a U.S. air station in England Thursday morning, July 15. Sgt. Smith saved the lives of six crew-mates on a Flying Fortress raid of St. Nazaire, France.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Walrod, LeRoy Armstead, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Armstead and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hazard and family celebrated the birthdays of Mr. Walrod on July 19, Mr. Hazard July 16, and Mrs. Armstead whose anniversary is July 22, with a potluck dinner at the State Park. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Walrod and Mrs. Armstead and son, Erwin, called on their aunt, Mrs. Mary Ellen Cobb, at Caseville. Mr. and Mrs. L. Hazard and family and nephew, Donald Lackie, of Detroit, visited Mr. Hazard's sister and family of Caseville. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Armstead and family visited their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Simmons, and family, east of Caseville.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1918)

George E. Moore of South Windham, Maine, has been inducted into the Spruce Division of the United States Forestry Service and is now stationed at the Vancouver Barracks, Washington. Mrs. Moore and son, George Everett, came Friday night to remain with the former's mother, Mrs. Isabella Miller, during the war.

James Doerr met Capt. Ernest Perkin, a former resident at Cass City, while on liberty making a return trip from Washington to Quantico, Virginia. They had both been in the same camp but had never met before. Capt. Perkins expects to go across with the machine gun sections. At the present time he is an instructor in a gun school. Capt. Perkins wished to be remembered to "all the Cass City folks."

About 40 friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ball in Ellington township Tuesday evening in honor of their son, Wm. H. Ball, who leaves today with the Tuscola county contingent for Camp Custer. The party was a complete surprise to the young man who was presented with a complete soldier's kit as a remembrance from his many friends. Ice cream and cake were served and all spent a pleasant evening together.

Russell Gillies was presented with a Masonic ring at a luncheon and short program which followed the special session of Tyler Lodge Monday evening at which time he received the Master Mason's degree. Mr. Gillies left Wednesday morning to begin training in the U. S. Navy.

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**IT'S OFFICIAL** — a Cass City area barn was selected to be featured on the cover of the 2019 Barn Quilts Calendar. The barn is owned by William and Andrea Shagene, 6760 N. Cemetery Rd. (Photo courtesy of Terry Klein)

## National spotlight

### *Shagene barn quilt selected for cover of 2019 calendar*

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

A Cass City area barn is in the national spotlight. The barn, owned by William and Andrea Shagene, 6760 N. Cemetery Rd., was selected to be featured on the cover of the 2019 National Quilt Calendar because of its unusual quilt sign.

"The quilt sign that is on this barn is the largest barn quilt square in Michigan. It is 16 by 16. Plywood sheets are painted with a variety of quilt designs and placed on barns as part of the Thumb Quilt Trail in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties," explained Thumb Quilt Trail President Pamela Stillwell-Binder, noting the other 99 quilts on the trail measure eight by eight feet.

The quilt came to the attention of Author Suzi Parron, who publishes the National Quilt calendar, when a photographer submitted a photo of it to her.

"Because I have written two books on barn quilts, I have plenty of photos. On a whim, I posted a note a few years ago asking for photos to be submitted for the upcoming calendar," Parron recalled. "The response was so amazing that I now do that every year."

"Terry Klein, who photographs the barn quilts in the Thumb area, has contributed for a few years now."

The name of the Shagene quilt is "Roll Away Fly Away." According to Parron, there were a variety of reasons the Shagene barn was selected for the cover of the national quilt trail calendar.

"The cover photo needs to be one that has a lot of visual impact — a large beautiful barn photographed nicely on a beautiful day," she said. "It is a stunning barn quilt. As soon as I saw that photo I knew it was exactly right."

"The photographer used just the right angle to show the unique character of the barn, and because the barn quilt is larger than most, it really stands out."

Residents can order a copy of the 2019 Barn Quilts Calendar by visiting the website [www.barnquiltinfo.com/store](http://www.barnquiltinfo.com/store). The calendars are \$12 each.

This is not the first Cass City area quilt to receive special attention recently.

Earlier this month the village of Cass City hosted a celebration recognizing the 100th quilt on the Thumb Quilt trail, mounted on the village DPW building.

The quilts are designed and painted by several volunteers.

### *Contamination issues hinder recycling move*

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

The planned relocation of Tuscola County Recycling from 1123 Mertz Rd. to a site less than a mile away has hit a snag.

The issue involves contamination at the former Riverview Auto and Recycling site, which had operated as a salvage yard since the early 1980s.

Answers are being sought as to why the problem wasn't discovered and addressed before county officials agreed to purchase the property. At the time of the purchase in early 2017, it was believed there were no issues.

As a result of the reported contamination, there have been meetings involving county officials, the county's attorney, the former owner of the salvage yard, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) officials, and AKT Peerless Environmental Services, which conducted the environmental study of the property.

"It (some contamination) was missed. We want to know why, and what is going to be done," said Tuscola County Administrator/Controller Mike Hoagland.

Barrels with contamination were discovered and, along with more than a dozen other areas of contamination, need to be cleaned up before the recycling center can be relocated.

Previous DEQ findings indicated areas of contamination that did not come to light before the agreement to purchase the property.

"The purchase agreement on the property said the site would be cleaned before the county took it. An environmental study (was) done and our attorney helped with the deal that said the site was clean," said Tuscola County Chief Accountant Clayette Zechmeister, who coordinated the last county meeting in the absence of the county controller. She noted the county will be seeking an independent counsel as the issue moves forward.

Initially, the county had a difficult time finding contractors willing to take on small projects to fix up the 7,000-square foot building for recycling operations. So, it was decided the county's building and grounds department would handle some of the work, while contractors would be hired to take care of the technical work.

In April, commissioners approved Keys' bid of \$19,642 for steel \$8,150 for masonry work. The contract for roof replacement went to Rickwalt Building Solutions, LLC, for \$26,505, and the contract for plumbing/mechanical work was awarded to Burkhard Plumbing and Heating for \$28,794. Now, all of that is on hold.

The next meeting of the commissioners has been rescheduled to 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 31.

Although the current recycling center is on a site totaling just one acre, it handles a significant amount of recyclables according to a 2017 report, which revealed the center's mission has kept some 1,460,011 pounds — 730 tons — of recyclable material out of landfills.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Pre-Test** for the Tuesday, August 7, 2018 Special Election has been scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elkland Township Fire Hall, Cass City, Michigan.

The Public pre-test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and tabulators that will be used to tabulate the ballots of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.


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# Letters to the Editor

## Let's consider medical marijuana proposal

Continued from page three.

opinion on the subject. Sometimes people are led down the wrong path into temptation.

Please, the citizens of this town, let bygones be bygones and let's move forward to the future before the opportunity is not there. Respectfully, a soon-to-be-

former resident,

Brian Seeley  
Cass City

## Kevin Daley deserves area residents' vote

Editor,

The values and foundation of Tuscola County lie in our agricultural roots and heritage. I grew up on a family farm right here in Tuscola County, and understand from firsthand experience, the requirements of having to be on call and available 24/7 to deal with every aspect of farming.

Whether it's tilling and grooming ground, planting, harvesting, cultivating, cutting, hauling, birthing or repairing equipment, the obligations and work of farming require commitment, dedication, planning and old-fashioned hard work.

Kevin Daley is a fifth-generation farmer who, along with his wife, Deb, has nurtured the values of hard work, commitment to com-

munity and strong family values.

Having lived and raised my family in the rapidly expanding Lapeer County area for nearly 37 years, I came to know, serve and work with individuals who contributed to the success of the county. Kevin Daley was one of those people. He served in local government as a trustee, planning commission member and Arcadia Township supervisor for many years. He went on to serve six years as a state representative.

He is a Farm Bureau member, Right-to-Life member, serves on Lapeer-Tuscola Habitat for Humanity, is a board member on the Human Development Commission (serving Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties), third degree Knight and active

member of Immaculate Conception Church along with many other civic and charitable organizations.

Kevin believes and supports local government and is pro-job, pro-life, pro-2nd Amendment and is supported and endorsed by Congressman Paul Mitchell, among others.

Kevin has an unfaltering commitment to public service, common-sense family values and the hard work it takes to get the job done. Elect someone who is involved in, serves and knows our county. Make your vote count for Tuscola County. Elect Kevin Daley to represent us as our state senator.

Nancy Barrios  
Cass City

## Elect Matt Bierlein state representative

Editor,

Senator Mike Green's son, Phil, is following in his father's footsteps and running for his first elected office – that of state representative. What Phil has going for him is his father's name recognition, and the icon GREEN election signs made popular by his dad, Senator Mike Green. But remember - you're not voting for his dad.

What Phil Green doesn't have is experience. He's a courteous, re-

spectful young man who can call his dad to find out what to do, or how to handle an issue. But, what we don't need in Lansing is a nice young man in training. What we need is a seasoned representative who can do the job.

Matt Bierlein has not only served Tuscola County residents as a county commissioner since 2012, he has also earned the trust, reputation and skills that allowed him to be selected to serve as the 110th president of the Michigan Associ-

ation of Counties. Matt has the hands on, tried and true, experience and knowledge required to serve Tuscola County residents as our state representative.

When you go to the polls Aug. 7, don't vote based on the color of a sign. Vote for the person who is best equipped to serve Tuscola County residents.

Vote Matt Bierlein for state representative.

Nancy Barrios  
Cass City

## LARA expands use of medical marijuana

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

As the Cass City Village Council continues to wrestle with whether or not to allow a medical marijuana growing plant to operate inside a factory in the local industrial park, Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) officials recently expanded the scope of illnesses that qualify for cannabis use.

There are now nearly a dozen more illnesses that qualify individuals to obtain a Michigan Medical Marijuana Program Registry Identification Card.

The new medical conditions added to the physician certification form in the updated application packet include arthritis, autism, colitis, inflammatory bowel disease, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), Parkinson's, rheumatoid arthritis, spinal cord injuries, Tourette's Syndrome and ulcerative colitis. Those conditions qualify for a medical marijuana card immediately.

"This just shows there is a need for what we want to do," said Gus

Ploss, president of Millennium Industries Sales and Marketing, who along with the company President Gary Vollmar have been trying to convince Cass City officials to allow development of a medical marijuana growing operation within the company's factory at 6285 Garfield Ave.

"To me, this is just the beginning of the medical benefit...of cannabis," Ploss added.

He and Vollmar have presented their proposal to use 25,000-square feet of unused space at their facility for a Class C operation – allowing for the growing, cultivation, and curing of up to 1,500 marijuana plants — to the council three times since April. And, they hosted a public forum last month to solicit public input.

During the forum, the majority of the roughly 80 people in attendance expressed support for the venture.

To legally use medical marijuana, a person must apply for and obtain a card issued by a licensed medical physician.

Aside from pain management, proponents of medical marijuana say the drug helps with ALS, can-

cer, glaucoma, Crohn's disease, nausea, seizures, acquired immune deficiency, hepatitis C, and many other illnesses.

In June, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the first prescription drug made from marijuana to treat epilepsy.

"As more research is done with cannabis, there could be more illnesses helped," said Ploss. "The list of medical issues cannabis helps keeps expanding."

The laws regulating medical marijuana changed last year. There are licensing procedures for growers, processors, transporters, testing facilities and dispensaries.

If a special-use permit is approved by the village council, Millennium Industries would develop a state-of-the-art secure facility with H/Vac to control any odor, and 24/7 security with camera monitoring. The mature marijuana plants would be transported to an independent licensed provisioning center by an independent licensed transporter, and the facility would not be a direct sale operation that would draw customers.

## Johnson: remember to "move over" in traffic

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson is reminding motorists to follow Michigan's "move over" law that protects the lives of emergency responders who have stopped their vehicle on a roadway.

"Twenty-four hours each day, emergency personnel are on duty working to protect us from harm," Johnson said. "We ask motorists

to return the favor — and follow the law — by moving over a lane when they see police and fire vehicles, ambulances, tow trucks or other emergency responders stopped on the road or the edge of the road."

Michigan's Emergency Vehicle Caution Law, which went into effect in 2001, requires that when

drivers see a stationary emergency vehicle or tow truck pulled over with its flashing, rotating or oscillating lights on, passing motorists must move over at least one lane or two vehicle widths. If moving over cannot be accomplished, motorists must slow down and pass with caution. Violators face fines or jail.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Number one cause of law enforcement deaths is traffic accidents.

A report cited by the Pew Center revealed that each year, six to eight fire rescue and emergency medical service personnel are killed in or near moving traffic, as are 10 to 12 police officers.

The Emergency Responder Safety Institute estimates that a tow operator is killed every six days in the United States while providing roadside or towing services.



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## News briefs

### Caro company bags grant

LANSING — The Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development recently voted to approve Food and Agriculture Investment Fund grants for five food and agriculture projects in Michigan, including one in the Caro area.

Quality Roasting, LLC, of Caro, will receive a \$75,000 performance-based grant to support the construction and operation of a new 33,000 square-foot soybean processing facility in Indianfields Township.

Quality Roasting is a joint-venture formed by Quality Roasting, Inc. (QRI) and the DeLong Co. Inc. (DeLCo) to process soybeans into crude soybean oil and Exceller Meal, an expelled high bypass soybean meal that uses no chemicals or solvents in the manufacturing process. Quality Roasting will utilize roughly 2.2 million bushels of soybeans, or about two percent of Michigan's annual soybean yield. The project will require a \$10 million investment and is expected to create eight jobs.

The grant-funded projects are designed to help grow companies focused on processed fruit, dairy, and soybean operations, as well as support the expansion of consumer-demand driven, value-add Michigan products.

"Michigan's place as a national leader in the food and agriculture industry is undeniable," said Gordon Wenk, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Not only do we produce some of the most diverse and highest quality products, but we're also quick to adopt new technology and respond to consumer trends around the world. These grants are an effective way of accelerating development and creating jobs that may otherwise take years or not happen at all."

### Lock in winter fuel prices

LANSING — Michigan's propane customers are advised to lock in fuel prices now, well ahead of the heating season, says the Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE).

"While U.S. propane stocks are slightly higher than last year's levels at this time, they are 27 percent below levels seen in 2016," said Anne Armstrong Cusack, MAE executive director. "It is wise to sign contracts soon — instead of waiting until the winter when demand is higher. Acting now can result in significant savings."

More than eight percent of Michigan households use propane as their primary heating fuel, and the state leads the nation in total residential propane consumption.

### 2018 National 4-H Congress

MICHIGAN — 4-H Congress November 23 to 27 in Atlanta, Georgia! Michigan 4-H youth ages 14 to 19 are invited to apply for this year's National 4-H Congress, scheduled for Nov. 23-27 in Atlanta, Ga.

During this capstone leadership, citizenship and community service event, 4-H youth from across the country come together to experience an exciting program featuring educational, service and leadership opportunities as well as local cultural tours and experiences, and presentations by community leaders, speakers and educators.

The exact cost will be determined based on the number of delegates and airfare, but it's estimated it will be roughly \$1,500 per youth. Fees include registration, hotel, airfare and most meals.

For more information, contact Patti Errer, Huron County 4-H program coordinator, at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609) or email [errerpatt@msu.edu](mailto:errerpatt@msu.edu) before Wednesday, Aug. 1.

### Special meet for site plan

CASS CITY — The Cass City Planning Commission will host a special meeting today (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. to review the site plan for a proposed grocery store.

### Kingston Days Aug. 24-26

KINGSTON — The Kingston Days celebration is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Aug. 24-26, but there is plenty to do until then.

Kingston Days T-shirts are on sale now for \$15. The shirts are available at the Kingston Corner Store, the village hall, Tri-County Bank and Kimberly's Styles.

Proceeds from the sales go to help support the festival.

### Tuscola "night out" on tap

CARO — Tuscola County's annual "Night Out" event will get underway at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.

The three-hour event will be at a new location this year — 1085 E. Caro Rd., in the parking lot of the former Farmer Jack's, which is adjacent to Walmart in Caro. In past years it was held in the parking lot at the Tuscola Technology Center/Highland Pines School.

The free, family-friendly event features fire and police department equipment and demonstrations along with displays and information.

The evening gives citizens the chance to interact with local first responders. Those attending will see police cars, fire trucks, ambulances and equipment demonstrations. Free food will also be available while it lasts.

The event is hosted by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, Caro Fire Department, Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department, and the ACW-Unionville Fire Department.

In addition, Camp 911 will be taking place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 2-3, at Highland Pines School, 1381 Cleaver Rd., Caro. The free, two-day safety camp is for kids ages five to 10 years old.

Registration is necessary. Forms can be found on the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department's Facebook page.

### Senior lunch, seminar set

UBLY — The Human Development Commission (HDC) will host a "lunch and learn" seminar for seniors Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ubyly High School.

There will be a lunch, informational workshops on nutrition, elder law, Medicare/Medicaid and more. There will also be prizes awarded.

Pre-registration is required. Call HDC at 1-800-843-6394 for more information.

### HHW recycling is available

CARO — The Tuscola County Recycling Facility will host a household hazardous waste and latex paint collection Saturday, Sept. 8, at 1123 Mertz Rd., (M-24).

Collection is done by appointment only. Call (989) 672-1673 for more information.

This collection is for toxic, poisonous, flammable, caustic, latex paint, oil-based paint, pool chemicals, pesticides, herbicides and mercury.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

## Tuscola County Animal Shelter re-opens, search on for director

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Although the Tuscola County Animal Shelter still doesn't have a director, the facility is back in operation following a brief closure.

"The shelter opened (last week) Tuesday with its regular hours," said Tuscola County Chief Accountant Clayette Zechmeister, who coordinated the last county meeting in the absence of the county controller. "There is enough staff now to operate the shelter while a director is being sought."

"We will be scheduling interviews to fill that position soon,"

Zechmeister added.

Tuscola County is in the process of transitioning from contracting with Sanilac County for animal control services to operating its own independent shelter. In the process, Tuscola County officials have faced some minor issues.

For example, the shelter closed July 13 because there were not enough personnel to fully operate the facility at the time. The glitch stemmed from the resignation of a newly-hired shelter director.

In the meantime, the shelter's other positions have been filled. The full-time person, Tyler Ray, was hired along with Kristina Beckman, who is part-time.

Beckman took care of the ani-

mals housed in the shelter over the weekend, according to Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting.

Until a director is hired, Building and Grounds Director Mike Miller will serve as interim director of the animal shelter.

Tuscola County commissioners decided to take over management of the local shelter because the contract they've had for the last 14 years with Sanilac County's Animal Shelter Director James Matson ended when he retired in June.

The shelter is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. More information is available by calling (989) 672-3863.

## Naloxone doses in high demand

Naloxone has been in high demand across Michigan over the past three months, with the state's pharmacies dispensing 3,174 orders between April and July 1.

"The addiction epidemic continues to impact every community in our state, and I'm glad that Michiganders are taking preventative action in having naloxone on-hand to prepare for potential overdoses," Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said.

"While we have made progress, we have a long way to go and equipping people with naloxone is a great step. Together we can continue to fight this epidemic and ensure more second chances and fewer funerals."

This increase is more than double the number of orders filled in the prior reporting quarter.

Of those orders filled, 1,068 were under a standing order by MDHHS Chief Medical Executive Dr. Eden Wells, with the remaining 2,106 orders filled through prescriptions from physicians. Between January and April 1 of this year, 1,462 orders were filled; 468 through the standing order and 994 through other physician prescriptions.

"This increase illustrates the importance of the standing order and ready access to naloxone," Wells

said. "In the case of an overdose, seconds count. Those in danger of an opioid-related overdose or their loved ones need immediate access to this life-saving drug."

The standing order, in effect since May, is part of the state's strategy for addressing the opioid epidemic in Michigan that came out of a special task force created by Gov. Rick Snyder and chaired by Calley.

The order allows registered pharmacies to dispense naloxone to those at risk of an opioid-related overdose, as well as family members, friends and other persons who may be able to assist a person at risk of overdose. Registered pharmacies are required to track the amount of naloxone dispensed and report these numbers to MDHHS on a quarterly basis.

More than 60 percent of the state's 2,797 pharmacies with controlled substance licenses in Michigan are registered to dispense naloxone under the standing order for a total of 1,690. Since May 2017, pharmacies across the state have dispensed 10,328 orders of naloxone; 3,374 through the standing order and 6,954 through prescriptions from physicians.

Similar to the rest of the nation,

Michigan has seen a dramatic increase in opioid-related deaths. From 1999 to 2016, 7,300 people have died from an opioid overdose with more than 60 percent of those deaths occurring since 2010.

Previously, naloxone was available only to individuals who received a prescription from their doctor. In recent years, law enforcement and other first responders have increased their capacity to administer naloxone to address opioid overdoses — the majority which occur due to prescription painkillers, fentanyl and heroin.

Through the standing order, individuals can receive naloxone from a registered pharmacy without having to see a healthcare provider. People who obtain naloxone from pharmacies also receive information on steps for responding to an opioid overdose and important information about where to go for further treatment.

Calley says the state is using every available tool to combat the opioid epidemic. The collaborative efforts of state agencies amplifies Michigan's efforts related to prevention and treatment of patients, education of health professionals and enforcement of over-prescribers.

hope

Anxiety disorders are the most common mental health concern in the United States. An estimated 40 million adults in the U.S. (18%) have an anxiety disorder. Meanwhile, approximately 8% of children and teenagers experience an anxiety disorder. Most people

develop symptoms before age 21. Anxiety disorders are a group of related conditions, each having unique symptoms. However, all anxiety disorders have one thing in common: persistent, excessive fear or worry in situations that are not threatening. People typically experience one or more of the following symptoms:

#### Emotional symptoms:

- Feelings of apprehension or dread
- Feeling tense or jumpy
- Restlessness or irritability
- Anticipating the worst and being watchful for signs of danger

#### Physical symptoms:

- Pounding or racing heart and shortness of breath
- Sweating, tremors and twitches
- Headaches, fatigue and insomnia
- Upset stomach, frequent urination or diarrhea

Different anxiety disorders have their own distinct sets of symptoms. This means that each type of anxiety disorder also has its own treatment plan. But there are common types of treatment that are used:

- Psychotherapy, including cognitive behavioral therapy
- Medications, including anti-anxiety medications and antidepressants
- Complementary health approaches, including stress and relaxation techniques

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THE CASS CITY 10u all-star softball team has enjoyed plenty of success during the summer. Posing with their trophies from the Vassar tournament are: (front row, l-r) Skylar Ignash, Rylie Ligrow, Brianna Mckee, Mia Caister, Ellie Ross (middle row, l-r) Brynn Pallas, Shayler McIntyre, Grace Rockwell, Kylee Kelly, Kylie Mckee Rylee Bliss (back row, l-r) Coaches Kelli McIntyre, Reggie Ignash and Earl Mckee.

## Annual youth tourneys set

The annual "Cass City Fun in the Thumb" youth baseball tournaments are slated for this weekend in the recreational park and surrounding area.

Now in its sixth year, the 2018 summer classic will feature 29 teams from all parts of the Thumb, and beyond, challenging for bragging rights in the 8-and-under (8U), 10-and-under (10U), 12-and-under (12U) and 14-and-under (14U) brackets.

The tourney action starts Friday with an 8u contest at 6 p.m. and continues Saturday and Sunday with play in the 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u divisions.

"This is the most teams that we've ever had," reports Cass City Little League President Troy Perry.

League officials expect approximately 2,000 visitors for the three day fundraiser, which is expected to raise proceeds in the

neighbor of \$5,000 for the local youth program.

Also, the "Cass City Fun in the Thumb - Home Run Derby" is back and is slated for Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

"Kids can register anytime, all day long, for the Home Run Derby," said Perry. For more information on the weekend happenings, call Perry at 989-670-6810. The complete schedules appear at the right.

### 8u schedule

<b>Friday, July 27th</b>	North Field 6:00pm	Cass City vs Marlette
<b>Saturday, July 28th</b>	North Field 8:30am	Mayville vs Sandusky
	South Field 9:00am	Saginaw vs Reese
	North Field 10:15am	Kimball vs Mayville
	South Field 10:45am	Sandusky vs Saginaw
	North Field Noon	Reese vs Cass City
	South Field 12:30pm	Marlette vs Kimball
	<b>(Single elimination tournament)</b>	
	South Field 2:00pm	7 <sup>th</sup> seed vs 2 <sup>nd</sup> seed
	North Field 2:00pm	6 <sup>th</sup> seed vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> seed
	South Field 3:45pm	5 <sup>th</sup> seed vs 4 <sup>th</sup> seed
<b>Sunday, July 29th</b>	North Field 11:00am	7 <sup>th</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> winner vs 6 <sup>th</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> winner
	South Field 11:00am	5 <sup>th</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> winner vs 1 <sup>st</sup> seed
	North Field 1:00pm	Final

### 10u schedule

<b>Saturday, July 28th</b>	Field 1 8:00am	Cass City vs Deckerville
	Field 2 8:00am	Caro vs Marlette
	Field 1 9:45am	Kimball vs Reese
	Field 2 9:45am	Richmond vs Bad Axe
	Field 1 11:30am	Brown City vs Cass City
	Field 2 11:30am	Davison vs Richmond
	Field 1 2:00pm	Deckerville vs Kimball
	Field 2 2:00pm	Bad Axe vs Caro
	Field 7 2:30pm	Reese vs Brown City
	Field 1 4:00pm	Marlette vs Davison
	Field 2 4:00pm	Kimball vs Cass City
	Field 7 4:30pm	Caro vs Richmond
<b>Sunday, July 29th</b>	Field 1 9:00am	Reese vs Deckerville
	Field 2 9:00am	Marlette vs Bad Axe
	Field 6 9:00am	Brown City vs Kimball
	Field 7 9:00am	Davison vs Caro
	Field 1 10:45am	Reese vs Cass City
	Field 2 10:45am	Marlette vs Richmond
	Field 6 10:45am	Brown City vs Deckerville
	Field 7 10:45am	Davison vs Bad Axe
	Field 7 1:00pm	Pool A#1 vs Pool B#1

### 12u schedule

<b>Saturday, July 28th</b>	Field 6 8:00am	Cass City vs Sandusky
	Field 7 8:00am	Bad Axe vs Hawks
	Field 6 9:45am	Cass City vs Hawks
	Field 7 9:45am	Sandusky vs Bad Axe
	Field 6 12:30pm	Cass City vs Bad Axe
	Field 7 12:30pm	Sandusky vs Hawks
<b>Sunday, July 29th</b>	Field 6 1:00pm	#1 seed vs #2 seed

### 14u schedule

<b>Saturday, July 28th</b>	H.S. Field 8:00am	Cass City vs Deckerville
	Field 5 8:30am	Bay County Blue vs Caro
	H.S. Field 9:45am	Bay County #3 vs Marlette
	Field 5 10:15am	Reese vs North Branch
	H.S. Field 11:30am	Deckerville vs Bay County Blue
	Field 5 Noon	Cass City vs Caro
	H.S. Field 1:30pm	Reese vs Marlette
	Field 5 2:00pm	Bay County #3 vs North Branch
	H.S. Field 3:15pm	Caro vs Deckerville
	Field 5 3:45pm	Cass City vs Bay County Blue
	H.S. Field 5:00pm	North Branch vs Marlette
	Field 5 5:30pm	Reese vs Bay County #3
<b>Sunday, July 29th</b>	H.S. Field 11:00am	Pool A #1 vs Pool B #2
	Field 5 11:00am	Pool B #1 vs Pool A #2
	Field 5 1pm	Final

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## Huron County 4-Hers vying for Ambassador positions for 2018-19

Four 4-H Cloverbuds recently took part in the Huron County 4-H Ambassador interviews and a dinner at held at the Huron Expo Center (fairgrounds) in Bad Axe.

The young ambassador candidates interviewed were:

\*Ava Morell, the daughter of Darren and Jaclyn Morell of Ubly, and Ed and Shelda Crosby. The eight-year-old attends Laker Elementary School and is a member of Growing Go-ers 4-H Club.

\*Sydney Protzman, the daughter of Carrie Lewis of Elkton and Nick Protzman of Caseville. She is seven years old, attends Laker Elementary School and is a member of the Laker 4-H Club.

\*Eliannah Shupe, the daughter of Christopher and Angelique of Elkton. She is seven years old, home schooled and is a member of Boots and Bling 4-H Club.

\*Ethan Yackle, the son of Kyle and Vicki Yackle of Pigeon. He is also seven years old, attends Cross Lutheran School and is a member of Country Kids 4-H Club.

This year's announcement of the 2018-2019 4-H Cloverbud Ambassadors is scheduled to take place Monday, July 30, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hagen Show Barn/Arena after the 4-H Club Explosion during the Huron Community Fair.



PICTURED ABOVE are the 2018-19 4-H Cloverbud Ambassador Delegates (front row) along with the 2017-18 4-H Ambassadors (back row). They are (front row, from left) Ethan Yackle, Sydney Protzman, Ava Morell, Eliannah Shupe, (back row, from left) Clara Tait, Dori Battel, Evelyn Daskam, Royce Daskam and McKenzie Stomack.

## Hospital gearing up for drill

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"We are thankful the police department and emergency manager have agreed to assist us with our drill," said Bellew, who noted once the exercise has been completed, members of the hospital administration and employees, and emergency response officials, will participate in a debriefing and create an action plan based on what they learn during the exercise.

# Obituaries

### Charles Carpenter

Charles William Carpenter, 81, of Deford, passed away on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Covenant Medical Center – Harrison in Saginaw.

Charlie was born July 22, 1936 on the family farm in Caro, the son of the late Merrill & Alice (Cutler) Carpenter.

He graduated from Caro High School with the class of 1954 and later attended Michigan State University for an agricultural short-course.

He was united in marriage with the former Marilyn Cargill on September 19, 1959 in Marlette.

Charlie was drafted to the U.S. Army in 1959, where he was stationed in Germany, serving until his honorable discharge in 1962. Upon his return from the service, he and Marilyn moved to Deford and spent the remainder of his life there. Charlie was a lifelong farmer and farrier and served as a weighmaster at several stockyards in the Thumb area. He always enjoyed being around children and he adored his grandchildren. Charlie was a 4th generation horseman and was a charter member of the first horse club in Tuscola County. He could also be found at several coffee groups around town where he enjoyed socializing and reminiscing. Charlie was a great story-teller to anyone willing to listen, as he believed some stories were worth repeating.



Left to cherish his memory are his wife of fifty-eight years, Marilyn Carpenter of Deford; three children and their spouses, Carrie & Darren Oxford of Parrish, Florida, Julie & Brian Moore of Deford and Mike & Tracy Carpenter of Caro; six grandchildren and their spouses, Jessica & Jason Schmidt of North Branch, Nicholas & Kristin Moore of Saginaw, Andrea Oxford and her fiancé, Drew, of St. Petersburg, Florida, Ryan Oxford and his special friend, Becky, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Stephanie Carpenter of Davison and Mandy Carpenter of Caro; six great-grandchildren, Madelynn, Braelynn, Abigail, Lennon, Kaitlynn and Jacob; sister- and brothers-in-law, Jean & Ron Weirauch of Flushing and Lee Cargill of Wesley Chapel, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by his sisters-in-law, Alberta O'Dell and Patricia Cargill.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 22, at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro with the Rev. Brad Speirs officiating.

Burial followed at the Indianfields Township Cemetery on Walk Road in Caro.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Tuscola County 4-H.

The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts, and prayers online at [www.RansfordCollon.com](http://www.RansfordCollon.com).

### Larry Peters

Larry Virgil Peters, 80, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Thursday, July 19, 2018 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born September 9, 1937 in Tyre, the fifth of nine children born to Virgil and Sophie (Konkel) Peters. He married Harriet Marie Young April 28, 1967 in Verona.

Larry graduated from Cass City High School in 1955. He worked in his father's sawmills in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Larry served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea and later in the Merchant Marines patrolling the Great Lakes. He delivered snack foods and pizzas to various area bars and party stores. Larry owned and operated a carwash in Cass City. He was well known for the huge rocker chair that he built, that sits in his yard. Larry enjoyed supporting the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. He loved to tinker with his collection of antique cars.

Larry is survived by his wife, Harriet; brothers: Dwaine (Helen) Peters of Cass City and Randy (Julie) Peters of Sherwood; sister, Mary Lou Kerr of Bay City; sister-in-law, Judy Peters of Allegan; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Ron Peters, Gordon Peters, LaVerne Peters and Roger Peters; and sister, Patricia Kelley.

A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, in Elkland Township Cemetery. Military honors were conducted by Cass City V.F.W. Post #3644 and the U.S. Army.

Memorials may be made to Cass City V.F.W. Post #3644. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneral-home.com](http://www.kranzfuneral-home.com).

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### July 12, 2018- MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board members present:** D. Strasz, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor. A. Goss, Trustee and K. Houghtaling, Trustee were absent. Order of agenda approved with addition of opening new bank account.

**Public Comment:** Cemetery looks good. Are cemetery records being updated? (yes)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion by J Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to approve minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by R. Haines, second by D. Strasz to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

#### REPORTS:

**Supervisor:** Reese 2 medical runs. TDM might begin garage project this week. Nextera has submitted documents for 4 wind turbines in Gilford Township.

**Treasurer:** Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to open a new checking account with Chemical Bank for Pegasus Wind project expenses. Motion approved.

**Clerk:** Election Commission Meeting called to order. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to approve nomination of C. Haines, R. Haines, D. Hawley, B. Hickey, C. Hickey, B. Houghtaling, J. Janson, D. Peyok, L. Schmidt, R. Spencer, and L. Wehrman as Election Inspectors, with J. Janson and L. Schmidt serving on the Receiving Board, and B. Hickey as Chairperson for the August 7 Primary Election. Motion approved. Public Accuracy Test to be held on July 30, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at Gilford TWP. Hall. Motion by D. Strasz, second by J. Stockmeyer to pay bills. Motion approved.

**Trustees:** N/A

**Ambulance Representative:** 6 Runs in May.

**Fire Department Representative:** N/A

**Zoning Administrator:** Residents came to Hall complaining about illegal animal in Gilford.

**Public Comment:** When garbage is picked up they sometimes knock the recycling bins over. August 8, 2018 public Hearing for Pegasus wind project.

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to adjourn at 8:16 P.M. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted:  
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10AM 4-H Dog Show (Park & Pavilion area)

1PM-6PM 4-H Goat Check-In

2PM-4PM 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, and Poultry Check-In

5PM-6PM 4-H Feeder Check-In & Weigh-In

6PM-7PM 4-H Beef Check-In & Weigh-In

6PM-8PM 4-H Dairy Cattle Check-In

6PM-8PM 4-H Goat Weigh-In

7PM-8PM 4-H Sheep Check-In & Weigh-In

**7PM 4-H & Open Talent Show and Crowning of Tuscola County Fair Royalty**

*Sponsored by: Crosswinds Energy Park*

**Monday, July 23rd**

NO CARNIVAL RIDES – LIMITED FOOD VENDORS - \$5 Admission/ Age 11 and older at the Grandstand

9AM-Noon 4-H & Open Horticulture & Floriculture Check-In & Judging

9AM-Noon 4-H & Open Foods Check-In & Judging

9AM-Noon 4-H & Open Crop Check-In & Judging

9AM 4-H Horse Show

9AM 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

10AM 4-H & Open Dairy Cattle Show

1PM 4-H & Open Sugar Beet Judging

5:30PM 4-H Small Livestock Exhibitor Meeting (Small Stock Barn)

7PM 4-H Food, Art and Photography Auction (Livestock Pavilion)

**8PM Comedy Show Featuring Tuscola County 4-H Alumni Melissa (Hecht) Hager & Special Guest, Nationally Touring Comedian, Andy Beningo**



**COMEDY NIGHT**

8:00PM

\$5.00 admission (under 10 Free)

Family friendly!



*Sponsored by: Frankenmuth Credit Union, Thumb Cellular, Podunk Auto Parts and Zellinger Wool Co.*

**Tuesday, July 24th**

CARNIVAL OPENS AT NOON – PAY ONE PRICE \$11

NOON-6 PM - KIDS' DAY (14 & Under)

ADMISSION \$9.00 UNTIL 6:00 PM

9AM 4-H Horse Show

9AM 4-H Swine Show

9AM 4-H Poultry Showmanship (Judging tent)

Noon-6PM Kids' Day Activity Tent (outside Community Building) - Free T-Shirts to first 800 kids in line w/paid admission. Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus

5PM 4-H & Open Sheep Show

**7:30PM Thumb Pickup and Tractor Pulls <http://tupa.org>**

*Sponsored by: Steiner Tractor Parts, Northstar Bank, United HealthCare, and Crosswinds Energy Park*



Join us for **CHRISTMAS IN JULY!**

**\$5 MONSTER TRUCK RIDES** from ATR Motorsports

**TUESDAY, JULY 24** only from noon to 6pm.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Tuscola County Christmas for Kids 2018 Campaign and receive a **FREE Monster Truck Ride!** Located at grandstand entrance.

*\*Must pay Fair admission.*

**Wednesday, July 25th**

CARNIVAL OPENS AT NOON – PAY ONE PRICE \$11

9AM 4-H & Open Beef Show

9AM 4-H Horse Show

10AM 4-H and Open Goat Show

1PM 4-H Feeder Beef Show

6PM 4-H Small Livestock Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest (held at the Rabbit Judging Tent)

**7:30PM Super Kicker Championship Rodeo**

[www.superkickerrodeo.com](http://www.superkickerrodeo.com)

*Sponsored by: RAM, Moore Motors, Brentwoods Graphics, MMR and DTE Energy*

**Thursday, July 26th**

CARNIVAL OPENS AT NOON – PAY ONE PRICE \$11

**SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY (62 & Over) and HEROES' Day (Veterans and Emergency First Responders with valid ID) – FREE FAIR ADMISSION (must pay \$11 to attend Grand Stand Event)**

9AM 4-H Horse Cloverbud & Fun Show (open to Tuscola County 4-H horse members only) - Awards Ceremony to Follow

9:30AM 4-H & FFA Small Livestock Sale

11AM 4-H & FFA Large Livestock Sale (immediately following the small livestock sale but not prior to 11:00 am)

2-4 pm Women's Life-Caro #879, Quarter Mania/Bingo in Community Bldg.

*Sponsored by: Fischer Senior Care & Rehab Center*

**7:30PM Super Kicker Championship Rodeo**

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**Friday, July 27th**

**7:30PM Monster Mega Truck Event – ATR MOTORSPORTS**

[www.ATRMotorsports.com](http://www.ATRMotorsports.com)

\$5.00 monster truck rides before/after show

*Sponsored by: Michigan Sugar, Tri-County Equipment, Chemical Bank and Barnum's Bug Barn*

**Saturday, July 28th**

CARNIVAL OPEN FROM NOON UNTIL 11:00 PM /PAY ONE PRICE \$11

11AM Large Livestock Cloverbud Show

**7:30PM Unique Motor Sports Scramble - No spectators allowed on infield <http://unique-motor-sports.com>**

*Sponsored by: Nextera, Agri-Valley Services & Thumb Cellular*

**Sunday, July 29th**

6AM-10AM All Exhibits Released



**"Corn is Everywhere"** educational display and **Miracle of Life chick hatching display in the Community Building!**

**DAILY ADMISSION**

**Sunday:** Free Admission

**Monday:** \$5.00 Grandstand Only

**Tuesday through Saturday:** **Carnival Opens Noon Daily - 11PM**

**PAY ONE PRICE - \$11**

Admission, Parking, Grandstand AND Unlimited Rides

**Tuesday:** **Kids' Day**

**\$9.00 - 14 & Under**

12PM - 6PM: Carnival Opens at Noon

**Thursday:** **Seniors 62 & Over, Veterans & Emergency First Responders with I.D. GET IN FREE!** (Excludes Carnival Rides & Grandstand)



\*\* Commercial Buildings are open 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm Monday thru Saturday\*\*

\*\* There Will Be No Refunds on Tickets Sold Children not meeting ride height requirements admitted free.

Located in the Heart of Caro, MI (Entrance on M-81, next to Pizza Hut) 188 Park Drive, Caro, MI 48723

Look for our complete schedule of events online at [www.tuscolacountyfair.org](http://www.tuscolacountyfair.org)

\*Schedule is subject to change.