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## Reene: pot legalization in Michigan terrible idea

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

With a vote that could legalize recreational use of marijuana in Michigan just weeks away, Thumb area prosecutors, law enforcement officials and concerned citizens gathered in Frankenmuth last week in an effort to share a united message: Recreational marijuana is terrible for Michigan.

"It is important to note and recognize the efforts to legalize recreational use of marijuana is simply and totally and completely, all about money. Certain parties want to make it while turning a blind eye to all the negative consequences associated with such a step," said Tuscola County Mark Reene, who headed up a list of speakers representing prosecutors, police officers and others.

Last week's news conference at the Bronner Performing Arts Center, organized by the Prosecuting

Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), was one of six meetings held across the state to address the marijuana initiative, labeled Proposal 18-1.

Michigan voters will decide the issue during the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election.

Officials voiced a lengthy list of concerns, from the marijuana industry targeting youth with mari-

juana-laced "edibles" such as candies and snacks, to increased driving-related accidents and fatalities, to the lure legalizing marijuana would have on various criminal elements, including organized crime.

A combined statement from the state's prosecutors described the potential effect of legalization as "profoundly negative and signifi-

cant. It will compromise the welfare of our children, safety on Michigan roadways, the quality and productivity of our workplaces and even our healthcare system."

"The only thing here that can be a sales pitch (in favor of legalization) is there's going to be revenue generated," said Reene, a member and past president of PAAM.

However, he added, tax revenue raised by the sale of marijuana will be greatly outweighed by the costs of dealing with the consequences of making marijuana more readily available.

The Michigan State Board of Canvassers earlier this year approved the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol's petition

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PEYTON PETERS (far left) and sisters Addy and Dori Battel (at right) helped connect children with their food by sharing the story of maple syrup production with elementary students from across the county during the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Project RED (Rural Education Day) Thursday at the fairgrounds in Caro.

Peters is the daughter of Rick and Karen Peters and helps her parents run Rick's Sugar Bush and Supply northeast of Cass City on M-53. She is a member the Tuscola Technology Center FFA chapter and is also a junior at Cass City High School.

Addy and Dori, the daughters of Sue and Bob Battel, represented Cass City FFA and Battel's Sugar Bush. (Photo courtesy of Sue Stuever Battel)

Weekend crash claims life of Caro woman

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported a Caro woman died in a one-vehicle traffic crash Sunday morning.

Deputies responded to the scene - near the intersection of Deckerville and Orr roads in the Caro area - at about 5 a.m., according to Tuscola County Undersheriff Bob Baxter.

"Deputies indicate a 27-year-old female driver from Caro lost control and left the roadway, striking trees and rolling over. She was ejected from the vehicle and died," Baxter reported.

The name of the victim was not immediately released. The accident remains under investigation.

Proposed soybean plant clears hurdle in township

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

A decision regarding Quality Roasting LLC officials' plans to build a multi-million-dollar processing facility in Tuscola County's Indianfields Township is

expected to be made next month. The company wants to construct a \$10 million facility at the southeast corner of M-81 and Dixon Road to process locally grown soybeans into feed for dairy cattle, and which can also be further processed into oil and biodiesel

products. The Indianfields Township Planning Commission, in a vote of three to two, recommended having the township board approve the company's request for rezoning. To have the project move forward, the township board would

have to approve the rezoning request for the 17-acre site. Part of the proposed site to the north is zoned commercial and the back part is zoned residential, so the site would need approval to be rezoned industrial.

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QDMA takes aim at deer APRs in the Thumb again

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A plan under consideration by the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC), if successful, would change the definition of a legal buck for hunters in the Thumb area.

A proposed mandatory antler point restriction (APR) plan was the focus of discussion during a public informational meeting that was scheduled to be held Tuesday this week at 6:30 p.m. at Uby Heights Golf Course.

According to Chad Stewart, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) deer, elk and moose management specialist, the mandatory APR proposal targets Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties along with Lapeer County and St. Clair County.

"The proposal for APRs in five counties in the Thumb was received

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## Road work, pool plans dominate meeting

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Repairs and maintenance of village streets and to the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool dominated much of September's regular monthly meeting of the Cass City Village Council.

Marcus McNamara, project manager for the Spicer Group, presented a Transportation Asset Management Plan during Monday's 70-minute meeting, outlining the need for strategically-guided spending in the future for village roadways, including a pavement surface evaluation rating (PASER). The one-10 condition survey gives new road construction a 10, while failed paved roads are rated one. Ratings are also associated with treatment alternatives. For example, a balanced approach that

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## Schools eyes sport rules adjustment

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City School officials will be considering a proposal that would enable homeschooled students to participate in the district's athletic programs, provided they attend a certain number of classes.

The Cass City Board of Education briefly discussed the idea during a monthly meeting Monday night.

"Right now, clearly there's no path for them to do that," school Supt. Jeff Hartel said of homeschooled students participating in sports, citing Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) rules related to the amount of time student-athletes must be in a school classroom.

At this time, Hartel explained homeschooled students can't attend public schools and take what are termed core classes - English, math, science and social studies - although they can enroll in electives such as band, physical education, foreign languages, etc.

Hartel said the plan under consideration in Cass City would offer homeschooled students the opportunity to enroll in two core classes along with three electives, which would put them in school for five-sevenths of the school day and meet the minimum MHSAA requirements to participate in athletics.

The issue came up as part of a clarification on the difference between co-curricular and extra-curricular.

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THE THUMB Hunters for APRs (antler point restrictions) has spearheaded a proposal that, if approved by the Michigan NRC, would prohibit deer hunters in the Thumb from harvesting bucks with fewer than four points on one side starting in 2019. (Photo courtesy of the Michigan DNR)

# Reene: No to recreational pot legalization

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to place an initiative that would legalize marijuana use for adults on the November ballot.

If approved by voters, Michigan would become the first state in the Midwest with a recreational-use cannabis law.

The initiative would:

\*Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.

\*Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.

\*Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.

\*Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10-percent tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.

\*Change several current violations from crimes to civil infrac-

tions. Of the handful of states that have passed recreational marijuana the standard legal amount allowed is one ounce, according to Reene, who pointed out the amount allowed under the Michigan initiative is ten times that amount.

Amounts aside, Reene and his fellow prosecutors and law enforcement officials say the marijuana produced today is far more potent than that used by people years ago.

"It's really apples and oranges. This (marijuana) is processed in such a way that you have elevated THC levels that create a very big risk," Reene said. "It's absolutely addictive, and the strong THC content contributes to that."

And, marketing of recreational marijuana is mirroring that seen decades ago with big tobacco companies," he continued. "You have (marijuana-laced) gummies, lollipops, sodas – things of that sort, all directed at and targeting youthful individuals."

To-date, marijuana has been legalized in nine states, although the

federal government still classifies the drug as illegal. In 2012, Colorado and Washington state became the first states to vote to legalize marijuana for recreational purposes. Since then, seven more states and Washington, D.C., have followed.

Voters in two other states rejected legalization in 2015, with residents in Ohio soundly defeating its proposal by a margin of 63.65 percent to 36.35 percent.

Reene and other Thumb prosecutors and law enforcement officials say the numbers – statistics related to traffic accidents, marijuana use, etc. – in those states since legalizing recreational marijuana use are disturbing.

For instance, both Colorado and California experienced 100-percent increases in marijuana-related traffic fatalities after legalizing recreational and medical marijuana, respectively. The percentage of traffic deaths related to marijuana doubled in Washington State the year retail sales were allowed, and in Colorado, marijuana is now involved in more than one of every five deaths on the road.

Statistics also show drug and narcotics crime is up. For example, those types of crimes have increased at a rate of about 11 percent annually in Denver since legalization.

PAAM officials say that, while it's unclear if legalization has caused that increase, it does contradict promises from pro-legalization advocates that legalization reduces crime rates.

Since Colorado legalized marijuana about four years ago, regular use of the drug among youth ages 12 to 17 has been both above the national average and rising faster than the national average. Comparatively, Colorado teens use marijuana at a rate 50 percent higher than the national average, according to PAAM.

The figures speak for themselves, according to Reene, who said the bottom line is that if voters support legalization of recreational marijuana use, more kids are going to become addicted to the drug and lose out on their futures, more people are going to die on the state's roadways, crime is going to rise, and the healthcare system is going to suffer.

"If this was some sort of panacea, wouldn't everybody be doing it?" he added. "If you just look at the facts. Anytime you make something more accessible, it's going to be used more."

"There is no way – no way possible – that good things will flow from this. None," Reene said.

## Our sincerest thanks

The family of Cindy Opanasenko would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Joe Leeson and the Gavel Club for the park bench placed by the pool in her memory. It is the perfect place as the pool and the life guards were a large part of her life. Cass City was the perfect community for her. Cindy had many friends in the fire fighters, village workers and citizens. Thank you to all that donated to make this memorial a reality.



Maryann Opanasenko, Lori Simpson, Danny Opanasenko and Suzy Rockwell



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OPINION...**

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## Failing septic systems threaten groundwater

*Most homeowners don't give much thought to their septic systems until they can't flush their toilets, but the implications of ignoring septic systems reach far beyond inconvenience and a hefty repair bill.*

*Michigan marked SepticSmart Week last week, but the recommendations state officials are promoting bear repeating any time of the year, considering the thousands of residents in rural areas, including many in the Thumb, who don't have access to municipal waste systems.*

*In fact, more than 1.3 million homes and businesses in Michigan depend on septic systems to treat wastewater.*

*If not maintained, septic systems can fail, contaminating groundwater and harming the environment by releasing bacteria, viruses and household toxics into local waterways. Proper septic system maintenance protects public health, the environment and saves the homeowner money by avoiding costly repairs.*

*State and federal officials offer the following simple tips for homeowners:*

*\*Protect It and Inspect It: Homeowners should generally have their system inspected every three years by a qualified professional or according to their state or local health department's recommendations. Tanks should be pumped when necessary, typically every three to five years.*

*\*Think at the Sink: Avoid pouring fats, grease and solids down the drain. These substances can clog a system's pipes and drain field.*

*\*Don't Overload the Commode: Only put things in the drain or toilet that belong there. For example, coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, cigarette butts and cat litter can all clog and potentially damage septic systems.*

*\*Don't Strain Your Drain: Be water-efficient and spread out water use. Fix plumbing leaks and install faucet aerators and water-efficient products. Spread out laundry and dishwasher loads throughout the day, as using too much water at once can overload a system that hasn't been pumped recently.*

*\*Shield Your Field: Remind guests not to park or drive on a system's drain field, where the vehicle's weight could damage buried pipes or disrupt underground flow.*

*Pump your Tank: Routinely pumping your tank can prevent your septic system from premature failure, which can lead to groundwater contamination.*

*\*Test Your Drinking Water Well: If septic systems aren't properly maintained, leaks can contaminate well water. Testing your drinking water well is the best way to ensure your well water is free from contaminants.*

*The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) SepticSmart Program educates homeowners about proper septic system care and maintenance all year long. In addition, it serves as an online resource for industry practitioners, local governments and community organizations, providing access to tools to educate clients and residents. Additional information can be found at [www.epa.gov/septic](http://www.epa.gov/septic).*

*For more information on septic systems, SepticSmart Week, or tips on how to properly maintain your septic system, visit the website [www.michigan.gov/deqonsite-wastewater](http://www.michigan.gov/deqonsite-wastewater).*

# Drier Humor

by Mary Drier  
Great minds think alike...



Although I wasn't exactly a stellar student, I held my own in most of my classes.

I took three years of Latin and one year of Greek, so there aren't too many words that I can't figure out what they mean. I excelled in literature and, did okay in grammar, but spelling is a whole other story.

Although I'm a writer, I'm terrible at spelling. I thank God each day for spell check on my computer as I work.

I always thought not being able to spell very well was because I'm part of the segment of the population where phonics wasn't taught. So, I have some major issues with the way words are spelled. Why on earth is there a "u" in the middle of trauma? And how does physiology and all those other "phy" words make the sounds of "s"?

I agree with Mark Twain's quote: "ours is a mongrel language." He said that English is "borrowed, stolen, smouched from every unwatched language under the sun."

Twain also said, "I don't see any use in having a uniform and arbitrary way of spelling words. We might as well make all clothes alike and cook all dishes alike. Sameness is tiresome; variety is pleasing."

So true. So true, Mr. Twain.

Twain and U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt agreed with Andrew Carnegie's effort to try to get government and the world to simplify the spelling of 300 common English words. They believed English could be a universal language used around the world if only English was easier to read and to write. They supported phonetic spelling.

They believed the spelling of some English words was too complex and should be changed. It was their contention that: the word "bureau" could much more easily be spelled if it was written as "buro." The word "enough" would be spelled more phonetically as "enuf," just as "though" could be simplified to "tho."

In order to have their plan recognized, a list of 300 words was developed. Roosevelt sent the list to the government printing office and ordered them to use it.

Roosevelt, who was reportedly a bad speller also, embraced the idea, but the change was met with resistance by newspapers and especially members of Congress - probably because they had not been consulted or thought of it themselves. With public sentiment against him and a great deal of ridicule, Roosevelt rescinded his order.

I personally and wholeheartedly agree with Twain's quote, "Anyone who can only think of one way to spell a word obviously lacks imagination."



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Deputy Steve Anderson, who also serves as coordinator of the Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management, recently played a key role in helping Hills and Dales General Hospital officials organize a successful "active shooter" drill at the hospital.

Now, officials at the Cass City hospital are returning the favor.

"On Sept. 26 (today), Steve Anderson will be using our Baker building to conduct police training for officers. He said that they will be there from around 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., running two training sessions. They will post (signs at) the site so that the public knows that it is a drill," said Danielle Blaine, the hospital's community relations director.

"After we conducted our active shooter training here, Steve inquired if they could use the Baker space to practice in a setup with classrooms. We happily agreed to let them use the facility," Blaine added.

Hospital officials earlier this year announced they had decided to accept Baker College officials' generous offer to donate the school's Cass City campus property, including the 13,816-square-foot building, to Hills and Dales.

The newly-named Hills and Dales Regional Educational Center and Corporate Services building will be used to house some of the hospital's non-clinical staff, including its finance department. Officials also plan to utilize the former Baker campus' larger conference rooms for meeting space and education training sessions.

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Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds motorists that the Driver Responsibility Fee Law's elimination on Oct. 1 wipes clean only those fees from a driving record. License suspensions not related to Driver Responsibility Fee must still be cleared up before a person's license will be reinstated.

"We strongly encourage people who lost their license to unpaid driver fees to make sure they know if they're eligible to get their license back before heading to a Secretary of State office," Johnson said. "Know before you go and avoid the frustration of having to make additional trips."

The Secretary of State's Office is mailing letters ahead of the Oct. 1 deadline to advise affected motorists of the status of their driving record. The letters inform affected residents if they are eligible for license reinstatement or if there are other issues that must be taken care of, such as paying off tickets owed directly to local court, before they visit an office. Individuals whose license has been expired for more than four years will need to pass a written knowledge test and a road test before their license will be reinstated.

With the elimination of the fees, about 305,000 motorists will be relieved of Driver Responsibility Fee debt that caused hardship. Changes to the law also permitted about 27,000 motorists to have their fees immediately waived this year because they had enrolled in a qualifying payment plan before Feb. 1. Another 13,500 were granted relief because they had participated in a workforce development program.

As a state representative in 2003, Johnson voted against Driver Responsibility Fees. As secretary of state, she has pushed for repealing the Driver Responsibility Fee law, successfully advocating that lawmakers eliminate the most common fees in 2011, create a community service option for certain fees in 2015 and begin phasing out all Driver Responsibility Fees.

More information may be found at [www.michigan.gov/driverresponsibility](http://www.michigan.gov/driverresponsibility).

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Did you know the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that private industry workers received an average of 15 paid vacation days after five years of service in 2017? Also the number of vacation days rises slowly with time, with workers receiving an average of 17 days off after 10 years and 20 days of vacation after 20 years.

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Sara Sakon has been appointed to the Cass City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board. She is a Commercial Loan Officer at the Cass City Chemical Bank office. Sakon will fill a vacant position on the DDA board with a term ending May 1, 2022.

Also, Sakon has been appointed to fill a vacant position on the local Economic Development Corporation board. Once again, her term ends May 1, 2022.

Stop by her Main Street office and congratulate the Northwood University graduate.

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Time's running out to register to vote in the Nov. 6 general election, with a deadline set for Tuesday, Oct. 9. Among the questions facing voters is the legalizing of recreational marijuana use.

Registered voters must be all of the following: a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, a resident of Michigan and a resident of the city or township where you are applying to vote.

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## Wednesday, September 26

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

## Thursday, September 27

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

## Saturday, September 29

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

## Monday, October 1

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. 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.
- 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.

## Tuesday, October 2

- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
- 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.

# Health officials keeping close tabs on meningitis in Thumb

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Health officials are continuing to monitor cases of viral meningitis reported recently in some Thumb area schools.

"Tuscola County has had two cases of viral meningitis reported. Both cases were in children," said Ann Hepfer, who serves as health officer for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments. "They have recovered from the illness."

It isn't unusual for cases of viral meningitis to crop up this time of year.

"This is not uncommon to see cases as kids are back in school and spending time in closer quarters with each other," said Hepfer.

One student in the Caro Community School District and another in the Millington School District contracted the illness. In addition, cases have been reported in the

Frankenmuth and Clio school districts.

"Viral meningitis is the most common type of meningitis. It is often less severe than bacterial meningitis and most people get better on their own," explained Hepfer. "Babies younger than one month old and people with a weakened immune system are more likely to have severe illness from viral meningitis."

"Anyone can get viral meningitis," she said. "It is spread from close contact with a person who has viral meningitis. You may become infected with the virus that made that person sick."

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a person is not likely to develop meningitis because only a small number of people who get infected with the viruses that cause meningitis will actually develop the infection.

Initial symptoms of viral menin-

gitis are similar to bacterial meningitis. Bacterial meningitis is usually severe and can cause serious complications, such as brain damage, hearing loss, learning disabilities or death.

Symptoms in babies include fever, irritability, poor eating, sleepiness or trouble waking up from sleep, lethargy or lack of energy.

Common symptoms in children and adults include fever, headache, stiff neck, sensitivity to bright light, sleepiness or trouble waking up, nausea, irritability, vomiting, lack of appetite, and lethargy.

"It is always very important to see a healthcare provider right away if you think you or your child might have meningitis," Hepfer noted. "A doctor will determine if you have the disease and the type of meningitis, and the best treatment."

# Huron County couple expected to face animal cruelty charges in case

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies are seeking charges of animal cruelty against a county couple that allegedly left a dog alone for days without food and water.

That's according to Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who reported officers were dispatched to a vacant Hume Township residence early last week after a concerned citizen requested that deputies check on the dog.

Officers arrived at the home and found a pit bull in a fenced in area with dirt in its food and water bowls, according to Hanson. "It was also apparent that no one had been around for some time," he said. "The dog had no license tags

on it and the owner was not known, so a decision was made to seize the dog and take it to the Thumb Animal Shelter near Elkton."

Two days later, deputies located a 34-year-old female from the Port Austin area, who along with a 39-year-old man are believed to be the dog's owners.

"While speaking with her about the last time she checked on the dog, she told the deputy it was on the day before, not knowing that the dog had been taken the day before that to the animal shelter," Hanson said. "Between that statement and others, as well as what the concerned citizen reported, it appears it may have been several days since they last fed or watered the dog."

"Every year our office and the other county law enforcement agencies respond to cruelty and neglect complaints involving pets," the sheriff said. "These complaints involve not having basic shelter, not providing basic essential care, dogs locked in vehicles with no ventilation on hot days and just plain abandoning an animal altogether."

"Pet owners are encouraged to treat their pets humanely or risk being criminally charged. Huron County law enforcement does take these types of issues very seriously."

Dog owners unable to take care of their pets are asked to find a suitable home or contact the Thumb Animal Shelter at (989) 375-4204 for advice.

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Delanie S. Koteles, 23, Flint, pleaded guilty to charges of retail fraud, first degree, and conspiracy to commit retail fraud, first degree, July 14, 2017, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*James M. Domanski, 51, Caro, pleaded no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) June 5 in Caro.

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

\*Karri J. Sutphin, 34, Mayville, pleaded no contest to two counts of child abuse, second degree, be-

tween Oct. 1, 2017, and May 11, 2018, in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$200,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Robert A. Cook, 50, Gageton, pleaded no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer and one count of domestic violence June 18 in Gageton.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*John A. Hamilton, 30, Caro, was sentenced to 270 days in the county jail following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and no contest to attempted fleeing and eluding a police officer April 22 in Caro.

He was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,808.

\*Christopher G. Ramirez, 41, Fenton, pleaded no contest to delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams) and breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Feb. 13, 2013, in Vassar.

In separate cases, Ramirez also entered pleas of no contest to two counts of delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams) June 24, 2015, in Caro, and March 12, 2012, in Caro, and to conducting a criminal enterprise between Nov. 15, 2011, and Nov. 13, 2015, in Caro.

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## Reporter's notebook

### All hunters' rights at stake

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



**\*Why is the DNR not letting me hunt what I want on my land?**  
 "Michigan's deer herd belongs to the citizens of Michigan and they have entrusted the DNR to manage the herd for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations."  
 —Michigan DNR FAQs

The Michigan DNR's response to that question makes perfect sense to me. What doesn't make sense is allowing a group of hunters to supersede that decision-making process and force everyone in their region to follow their rules.

That's the case with a proposed mandatory antler point restriction (APR) proposal before the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) that, if approved, will require deer hunters in the Thumb (Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer and St. Clair counties) to pass on bucks that have fewer than four points on one side.

In short, APRs are a management tool used to advance a particular age class of bucks to the next age class (for example, protecting 1.5-year-old bucks in order to advance them to the 2.5-year-old age class). Quality deer management has several definitions and is largely open to interpretation by each individual hunter, but it typically incorporates habitat management, adequate antlerless harvest to achieve a balanced ratio of bucks to does and protection of young bucks from harvest.

Sounds logical enough. However, those goals may or may not be met via mandatory APRs. In fact, DNR studies have revealed a very mixed bag of results, which can be found on the agency's website.

In the meantime, I have to wonder how many hunters — particularly those enthusiastic but inexperienced sportsmen as well as those who don't have access to their own land — are going to put their firearms in a closet and leave them there rather than spend money on a license and then have to watch a dandy six-point buck pass by their stand.

That scenario flies right in the face of DNR goals relating to maintaining license fee revenues and encouraging more residents to get — and stay — involved in hunting in Michigan, doesn't it?

And what about the implications of chronic wasting disease (CWD)? Kingston's Bob Walker brought up some good points in his "letter to the editor" published in the Chronicle last week:

"Part of the Michigan DNR disease response plan for dealing with this horrific disease is the elimination of APRs in a CWD-positive area. Previous studies have concluded that younger bucks carrying the disease into older age classes is a perfect storm for spreading CWD," Walker said.

For its part, the DNR supports voluntary implementation of APRs on private land and only recommends mandatory implementation if there is a clear majority (66 percent or more) of support within the hunting community.

However, the decision to establish mandatory APRs is solely in the hands of the NRC — a seven-member public body whose members are appointed by the governor — based on the responses of 2,000 or so surveys sent out across the region.

That's about as fair as allowing one group of hunters to dictate the "quality" of buck everyone can and cannot shoot.

As far as I'm concerned, Walker was spot on in his closing statement: "If you want to practice APRs, do it voluntarily on your hunting grounds."

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Fred Ruggles and his crew were busy piling and packing tons of corn silage on his beef cattle farm just east of Kingston Thursday morning. Ruggles estimated the mound would total roughly 3,000 tons of feed, enough for his 1,200-cow herd for a year.

Decker area youth Alan Leslie and Becca Leslie enjoyed plenty of success during this year's fair in Sanilac County.

### 10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Seniors Bradley Haag and Jenica Richards were announced Cass City's 2008 Homecoming King and Queen Friday night during halftime of the Red Hawks' gridiron victory over guest Reese.

Lee Hutchinson of Cass City has been named to the dean's list at Kettering University for the 2008 spring/summer semester. A mechanical engineering major, he is the son of Brian Hutchinson and Carol Kroetsch, both of Cass City. Students placed on the dean's list at Kettering have earned a minimum weighted grade average of 92, with no grades below 85, and have earned at least 16 credits.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Navy Constructionman Larry D. Ussery, son of Linda E. Ussery, Cass City, recently returned from a 7-month Indian Ocean and Mediterranean deployment with Naval Mobile Construction Bat-

alion One, Gulfport, Miss.

### 35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Blame it on the computer, but Ugly school bus driver Leonard J. Schumacher finally found out last week he finished 15th in the national school bus "roadeo" July 26 in Cincinnati, Ohio. That meant he did better than 100 other drivers. Schumacher, of Wheeler Road, Ugly, scored 541 points out of a possible 650, only 22 away from the fifth place trophy. The first place driver scored 605. The 130 drivers came from 30 states.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy returned home Sept. 14 from an eight-day vacation trip. They visited Niagara Falls and in New York state spent four days with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Terwilliger. Tuesday, Sept. 12, they visited the Cathedral of Tomorrow near Akron, Ohio, and at Toledo called on a cousin, Mrs. Clifford Crabtree. En route home they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolz, at Willis and the Theo O'Dells at Milan.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Blades and sons returned to their home in Dearborn after spending the weekend of Aug. 24 with their grandmother, Mrs. Sam Blades. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Blades and children returned to their home in

Livonia after spending the weekend and Labor Day at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Blades.

### 75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Tyo entertained at dinner Sunday evening to honor Myron Spencer, who left Monday for Chicago, where he begins training in the Air Corps. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maharg, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fuester, and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Spencer. Cards provided entertainment for the evening.

### 100 YEARS AGO (1918)

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dugald MacNiven near Shabbona at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 17, when Susan Trollope, a successful Sanilac county teacher, and Lloyd Moyer of Brown City were united in marriage. The Rev. Thompson of Shabbona M. E. church officiated, the ring service being used. They were attended by Miss Irene Moyer and Newton Moyer, sister and brother of the bridegroom. A dainty lunch was served after which the party left amid showers of confetti and rice. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer will spend their honeymoon at Niagara Falls, Rochester and other points and will be at home to their friends the second week of October, at the groom's farm near Brown City. They have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends for their future welfare and happiness.

## Kingston Cardinals

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**SIXTH GRADERS** in Ron Woloshen's class at Cass City Elementary School recently welcomed guest speaker Kevin Daley, who gave a presentation in celebration of Constitution Day. Daley is a former state representative and candidate for the 31st District Michigan Senate seat.

## QDMA takes aim at APRs in Thumb

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last year in early October from two local deer groups. These two groups have since consolidated, at least on this issue, to the title Thumb Hunters for APRs," Stewart said.

"The Department overall supports voluntary APRs, but recognizes the formalized process to implement APRs in the state. This group has brought forward a proposal in line with our current APR initiation guidelines," added Stewart, who noted public meetings such as the one held this week in Ubyly are among the final items to be completed before a survey moves forward to gauge support for the proposed regulation change.

The deer hunting groups spearheading the proposal are the Thumb Area Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) and the Blue Water Branch of QDMA.

"The proposal seeks to require that all antlered deer harvested in those five counties have at least four antler points on one side," Stewart explained. "The restriction will be considered for implementation starting with the 2019 deer season. Antlerless deer regulations within the proposed area would continue to be determined by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources."

Whether or not the NRC gives final approval to the plan will depend on the results of a survey scheduled to go out in December. Stewart estimated roughly 2,000 surveys will be mailed to a random sample of hunters who indicated on the 2017 DNR deer harvest survey that they hunted deer in one of the five counties.

Under guidelines adopted by the NRC, mandatory regulations proposed by sponsoring organizations will be implemented only if a clear majority of 66 percent of survey respondents supports the proposal in question.

The NRC is expected to take action in the spring after the survey results are in. If the commission green lights mandatory APRs, a pilot program lasting typically five years is implemented.

If approved, the APR restrictions would not apply to those participating in special hunts held in September for Michigan youth and disabled veterans.

Dan Snyder, a St. Clair County resident and president of the Blue Water QDMA, says one of the primary goals of the mandatory APR proposal is to protect a minimum of 50 percent of young bucks – 1 1/2-year-olds – in an effort to increase the percentage of more mature bucks (2 1/2 years of age and older) in the deer herd.

At the same time, QDMA officials encourage hunters to harvest more does in order to establish a healthier buck-to-doe ratio, he said, adding mandatory APRs is a sound management tool because it promotes a healthier deer herd.

"This is not a trophy management program. This is not a buck program," Snyder said.

"All we're trying to do, ultimately, is increase the hunter experience. That's what it boils down to."

And, it works, according to Snyder, who cited what he described as a very successful mandatory APR program implemented in a 12-county region in the northwest

Lower Peninsula several years ago. Since then, hunter support of the effort has reached 77 percent, prompting state officials to make the APR restrictions permanent there.

In 2013, Snyder said, hunters harvested more eight-point bucks in that region than anywhere else in the Lower Peninsula.

Asked about the mandatory aspect of the QDMA plan, Snyder pointed out that regulations regarding seasons, bag limits, etc., are nothing new to Michigan sportsmen, who are required to follow regulations set forth by the DNR. "This is just on a little higher, larger scale," he said.

Tom Lounsbury, an outdoor columnist and avid Cass City area hunter, acknowledges the value of voluntary quality deer management efforts, but says the QDMA plan under consideration – the third effort of its kind focusing on a region that includes the upper Thumb – goes too far by forcing the desires of a select group of sportsmen on all hunters.

"Let them (hunters) make their own choice," said Lounsbury, who played a key role in the formation of the United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA), serving as the grassroots organization's president since it was formed to oppose the first proposed mandatory APR plan in the Thumb about 16 years ago.

The latest plan is simply another attempt by QDMA members to trample the rights of thousands of hunters in an effort to secure bigger racks on their own lands, according to Lounsbury.

"They're claiming it's (about) getting a healthier deer herd, but it is pure trophy management," he said.

Lounsbury questions the mandatory APR plan's goal of protecting 50 percent of immature bucks, citing DNR harvest figures that he says show the percentage of 1 1/2-year-old bucks harvested and checked in the upper Thumb has decreased from 86 percent in 2004

to 41 percent last year.

"We already have that (desired) percentage of bucks. They (hunters) already have, through voluntary APRs, achieved that," he added.

USA members have also questioned concerns related to whether or not limiting the young buck harvest could play a role in the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD), a fatal neurological disease that affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and moose. There is no cure.

The disease was first discovered in Michigan in a free-ranging deer in May 2015. More than 31,000 deer have since been tested for CWD, and 60 cases have been confirmed in six Michigan counties: Clinton, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent and Montcalm.

"The impacts of APRs on disease management are largely unknown," Stewart said. "The (DNR) does have concerns about the potential that APRs may play in exacerbating the spread of the disease, (but) it is important to point out that CWD has not been identified in any of the five counties where the APR proposal is being considered."

Should the plan be implemented in the Thumb, it's uncertain how the potential discovery of a deer with CWD in the region would affect the rules.

"Our response to an APR regulation with CWD in the immediate and affected areas has not yet been determined," Stewart said.

"I suspect a lot would depend on the overall management direction and objectives we are seeing in that area, as well as the scope of CWD we are finding. In short, there's no simple answer to this question as the body of research is not clearly defined on these two topics existing together."

Landowners unable to attend Tuesday's meeting still have an opportunity to offer their input by emailing their comments on the proposal to DNR-wildlife@michigan.gov.

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**BECAUSE OF ALL the tires and other heavy items found in the Cass River during a clean-up day organized in August, volunteers returned this month to finish the job. Above, Cass River Greenway members and volunteers Russ Fall of Vassar, Jim Hartwig of Frankenmuth and Tom Soule of Gagetown were among those who helped.**

## Cleaning up

### *Volunteers return to the Cass River for a second day this year to collect tires, trash*

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The latest effort to clean up a section of the Cass River turned out to be a two-day job.

The Cass River Greenway (CRG) clean-up of the river started Saturday, Aug. 18, and volunteers returned again this month to finish the job of removing all of the trash that was collected.

This year's effort focused on a four-mile section of the waterway, starting at Elmwood Road and going west of Hurds Corner Road. In 2017, volunteers met at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant to clean out about a four-mile section of the river that borders the Dean Little residence.

"Saturday, Sept. 15, was 'National Clean-Up Day' and volunteers from the Cass River Greenway came together to complete the phase two of the Cass River Clean-Up Project," said Cass City Village Trustee Nancy Barrios, who has participated in

past CRG projects.

"Volunteers from Cass City, Gagetown, Mayville, Vassar, Frankenmuth, Grand Blanc, Fenton and as far away as Oklahoma joined forces to retrieve 86 tires and a truckload of metal and debris that had accumulated along the four-mile stretch of the Cass River."

Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell participated in the river clean-up for the first time this year.

"I was really surprised at the number of tires that were found," she said.

For 10 years, CRG members and volunteers have worked to remove trash and other debris from the river. During that time, the waterway, downstream of Bridgeport to Cass City, has been covered.

During last year's effort, there was some discussion of developing a canoe launch site at the wastewater treatment plant south of Cass City, but the idea met with some opposition, so nothing was done.

Barrios was one of those who supported development of the proposed launch site.

Cass City could piggy back on what has been done in other areas along the river, suggested Barrios. "What a vibrant opportunity to bring people to Cass City — with a simple rustic launch site...to promote Cass City to visitors and residents as well," she said.

CRG volunteers estimate that, to-date, more than 700 tires, two engine blocks, a cast-iron stove, an axle with antique wheels attached, car doors and hoods, several 50-gallon drums, orange road barrels, an iron tractor wheel, a picnic table and countless lawn chairs have been removed from the Cass.

And there is still several more miles of the river that need attention.

CRG members have some live cams along the Cass River Water-trail in the lower Cass River that have been completed and are online for viewing at [www.cassriver-watertrail.com](http://www.cassriver-watertrail.com).



**SEVERAL dozen tires were removed from the Cass River during the clean-up of a four-mile section. Volunteers estimate more than 700 tires have been collected and removed over the past decade.**

### *Proposed plant clears hurdle*

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"During the public hearing, concerns and questions (were expressed) about traffic flow, noise and lights," said Scott Rabe, CEO of Quality Roasting LLC.

Company officials explained they utilize a solvent-free process that involves only heat and pressure.

It was pointed out that there are about 10 homes within 500 feet of the proposed site, and 94 homes within one-half mile, which could be affected by noise, dust, odor and lights.

"Those concerns were addressed, and the commission agreed to recommend to the township board that they approve our request," said Rabe.

The township board is scheduled to meet Monday, Oct. 8, starting at 6:30 p.m.

During soybean harvest, which lasts for about three weeks between September and November, there would be about 50 trucks per day going to the facility. After that, traffic would consist of roughly 10 trucks per day.

If the proposed factory is approved, it would generate about \$500,000 in revenue for area farmers, another \$30,000 in property taxes for the township, and employ eight people.

"Michigan has 428,000 cows and has about 96 million bushels of soybean production annually. It is the perfect area for us to develop a third processing center," said Quality Roasting Assistant Manager Erin Davis.

Quality Roasting currently has two locations in Wisconsin. "In Tuscola County, 3.67 million bushels of soybeans are produced, and the factory would need about two million," Davis noted.

If approved, the facility would include a processing building with an office, truck scale, 145-foot soybean storage bins and finished product storage. The operation would be 24/5 — Sunday evenings through Friday evenings.

## News briefs

### *Red Hawk store up, running*

CASS CITY — The Cass City School District's online Cass City Spirit Store is up and running.

Click on the link to place an online order at <https://casscity.revtrak.net/spirit-items/#/list> or go to the schools website and click on the "our district" tab and choose Spirit Store.

### *Finance meeting scheduled*

KINGSTON — The Kingston School District will host a financial aid night for seniors and their parents. The event is slated for Wednesday, Oct. 3, starting at 6 p.m. at the high school.

The first hour will be a financial aid presentation. Parents and students are then invited to start or complete your FAFSA with assistance following the presentation.

More information is available by contacting Shelly Blatt via email at [sblatt@kingstonk12.org](mailto:sblatt@kingstonk12.org).

### *MSP Citizens' Academy set*

CARO — The Michigan State Police Post in Caro will host its Citizens' Academy Tuesday, Oct. 2, through Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

The seven-week lecture-based academy is designed to give citizens the opportunity to become familiar with the mission and operation of the state police, understand the procedures troopers follow, increase their awareness of law enforcement's role in the community, and get to know personnel at the Caro Post.

Individuals who are interested in attending should contact Trooper Nicole Dhooghe of the Caro Post to receive an application. You must be 18 or older to apply and applications will be accepted until Friday, Sept. 28. For more information or to register, call (989) 673-2156.

### *Assessment increase coming*

CASS CITY — Novesta Township residents will pay a little more for garbage collection services next year.

There will be a three-percent increase per household. The bill will increase to \$185.15 per household for the year.

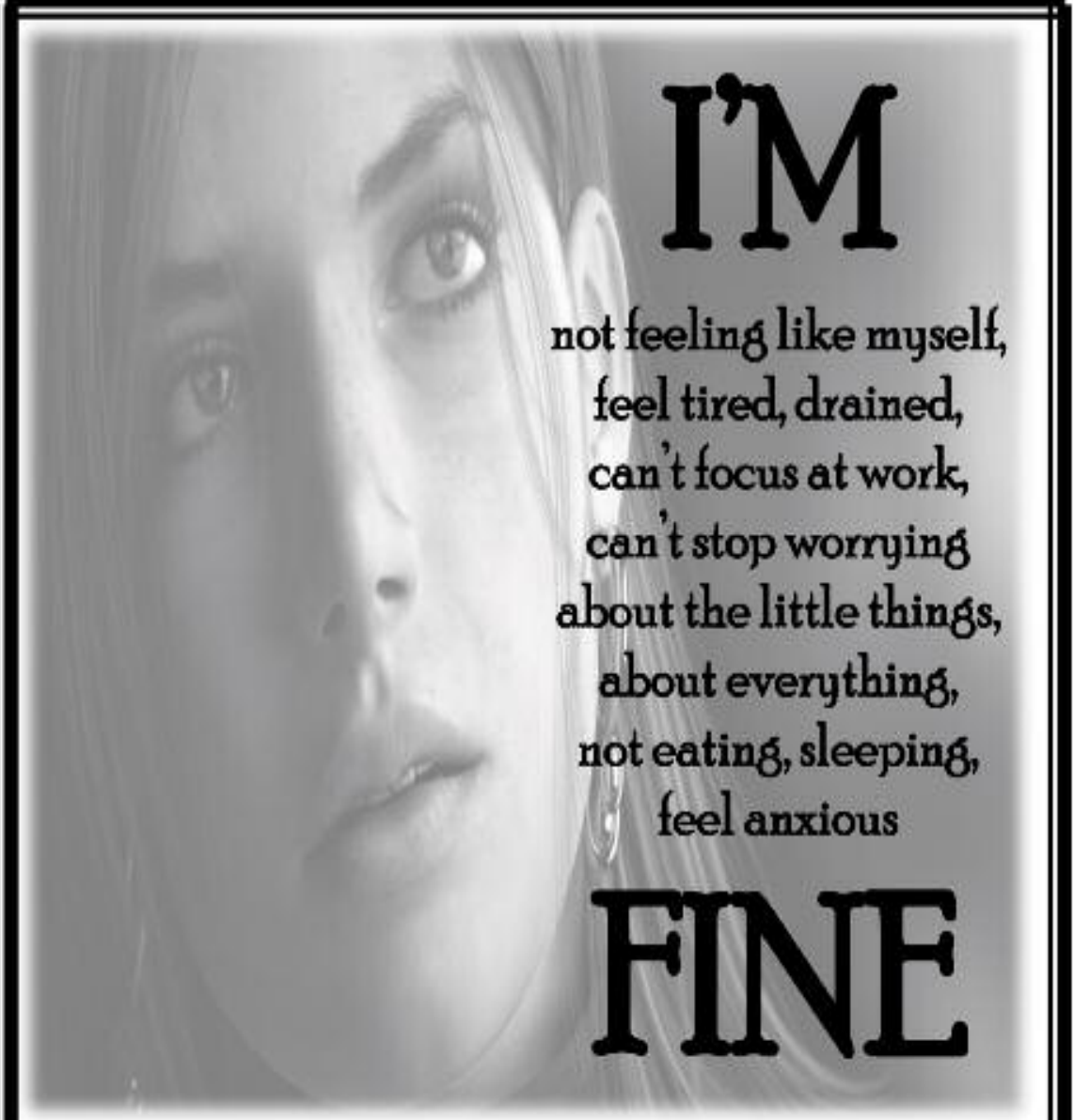
Township officials have also announced the winter millage tax rates: operational millage at 1.3619, road millage number at 1.9754 and a second road millage at 1.

### *Novesta burial costs going up*

CASS CITY — The Novesta Township Board recently approved an increase cemetery rates.

The cost for a township resident burial site will increase from \$200 to \$400, and the cost for burials and other services will increase by \$50. Kingston Halloween hours set

KINGSTON — The Kingston Village Council recently set this year's trick-or-treat hours at 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31.



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# Alaska Inside Passage adventure trip of a lifetime

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It was the trip of a lifetime. My wife, Deb, and I have talked for years about doing something really special for one of our wedding anniversaries, but never really got around to any serious planning until we hit our 36th last year.

February is a lousy vacation month for both of us, given our work obligations, so we decided to dig deep into our bucket lists and began planning, researching (and saving for) something special this year: an Alaskan cruise.

Late last month, we boarded the 1,000-foot Norwegian Pearl in Seattle, Wash., to begin our seven-day adventure, which would cover some 4,200 miles round trip

through Alaska's Inside Passage. The ship was small as cruise ships go, accommodating about 2,000 passengers and another 1,500 crew, but it offered most of the amenities (a dozen restaurants, several bars/lounges, pools, hot tubs, a theatre with live entertainment every night, bowling alley, etc.). We were impressed, largely because the friendliness of the staff was topped only by the lengths which they go to maintain everyone's health by keeping every restaurant squeaky clean – and every diner's hands clean by manning each entryway with someone ready to apply anti-bacterial spray on everyone's hands, always accompanied by a smile and sometimes a song, too.

The buffets were wonderful and varied, and we were no strangers

to them (I'd like to think our willingness to climb stairs offset some of those extra calories).

Out on the decks, the alcohol flowed freely, and I'll admit it was a bit overwhelming at first for this recovering alcoholic. It goes without saying, however, that staying sober was worth the adjustment.

Anyway, we spent our first full day at sea, steaming towards Juneau in a ship with engines boasting 80,000 horsepower.

We arrived the next day, and while the mountainous terrain was already impressive as we neared the city, Juneau was even more picturesque, at first appearing to be a small, quaint town in the shadow of the 3,576-foot Mount Juneau.

The weather was typical Alaska – a low cloud deck and light rain

(Juneau typically receives 90-plus inches each year), with temperatures in the low 60s, comfortable for a pair of Midwesterners but not so much for the guests hailing from the South.

Although its population is relatively sparse (30,000-plus), Juneau, the capital city of Alaska, is the second largest city in the United States by area and the second largest in Alaska after Anchorage. Our guides noted Juneau's population increases by roughly 6,000 people a day from visiting cruise ships, May through September.

The mountains are breathtaking and there's plenty of wildlife, although we didn't see any bears. On the other hand, brilliant orange/red sock-eye salmon were in the streams, and bald eagles, with a population roughly equal to the number of residents in Juneau, seemed to be everywhere as we headed for the Mendenhall Glacier, about 20 minutes from downtown.

The Mendenhall Glacier, which has been gradually retreating, is one of 38 glaciers that flow from the 1,500-square-foot mile expanse of snow and ice known as the Juneau Icefield.

Although Juneau is part of the Alaskan mainland, the rugged (and icy) terrain surrounding the city means there is no road network out of town. In other words, Juneau is landlocked, prompting one of the guides to point out, "The only ways to get to Juneau are by plane, boat and birth canal."

It doesn't take long, after getting your firsthand view of the Mendenhall Glacier, to accept the fact that no camera is going to do this natural wonder justice.

We were then whisked off to Auke Bay, where we boarded a jet-powered catamaran. We were promised views of humpback whales along with other wildlife, and we weren't disappointed, especially when it came to the five or six humpbacks we spotted surfacing and diving against a majestic backdrop of snow-capped peaks.

Again, no camera could do the

Stairs" to the summit of Chilkoot Pass. Others chose the longer, less steep White Pass Trail. Both trails led to the interior lake country, where stamperders could begin a 550-mile journey through the lake systems to the Yukon River and the gold fields.



**THE AUTHOR and his wife in front of the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau, Alaska**

We again returned to our ship and headed for Glacier Bay. Comprised of 3.3 million acres of mountains, glaciers, forests and waterways, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve is among the world's largest protected natural areas.

There, we spent the better part of a day cruising an area where just 250 years ago Glacier Bay was all glacier and no bay, with a massive river of ice a hundred miles long and thousands of feet deep occupying the entire bay. U.S. Wildlife Service guides boarded the ship and turned it into a classroom of sorts, explaining how glaciers form and gouge out lakes and bays, and how changes in climate have impacted them over the years.

It was a chilly 46 degrees, but we spent a few hours on the top deck, taking it all in. The view was worth every shiver, and we were fortunate enough to hear a small rumble of thunder at the Margerie Glacier, where we witnessed the ice formation "calving". Calving is when chunks of ice break off the at the end of a glacier and tumble into the water, adding to the collection of small icebergs floating in the waterway.

On our return trip, we spent a few hours guiding ourselves on a tour of Ketchikan, an island community located about 700 miles northwest of Seattle that is accessible only by sea and air.

Ketchikan has the world's largest collection of standing totem poles, found throughout the city, but it was the town's other title — Salmon Capitol of the World — that caught my attention. Ketchikan was named after Ketchikan Creek, and

the salmon were literally stacked up in this small waterway like cord wood (you'd have to love fishing like I do to understand the frustration of not having a fishing rod and license in my possession).

Located in the heart of the Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan obviously is another Alaskan mecca for sport fishermen, adventurers and history buffs. I was also thrilled to learn it's also homeport to at least one of the crab boats featured on the popular television series Deadliest Catch — the Time Bandit, which was docked right next to our ship when we arrived.

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**ALASKA'S GLACIER Bay, pictured above in a photo shot earlier this month, offers visitors spectacular views of various glaciers.**



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**THIS WAS the view from a rear car during the trip through White Pass in Skagway, Alaska**

sights justice, although I gave it my best shot.

We returned to the ship for the cruise north to Skagway, where we explored White Pass and the Yukon Route via bus and then aboard a train that traveled on a narrow track, with steep cliffs on one side and nothing on the other side except nearly 3,000 feet of empty space (at the point where we started our trip en route back down to Skagway).

The guides talked about the discovery of gold back in 1896. The news spread by wildfire and dreams of riches ended badly for many men and horses alike, a fact that isn't surprising, given the steep terrain at White Pass, where the trek to the Klondike began.

Some prospectors chose the shorter but steeper Chilkoot Trail. We were told the authorities at the time required each person making the journey to carry a ton of supplies with them up the "Golden

the salmon were literally stacked up in this small waterway like cord wood (you'd have to love fishing like I do to understand the frustration of not having a fishing rod and license in my possession).

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**A HUMPBACk whale dives in Auke Bay, Juneau, Alaska.**



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AT THE starting line for Cass City at the Frankenmuth invite are, from the left, Brandon Witherspoon, Hugh Walker, Gabe Farver, Drew Markel, and Nick McArdle.

## Gusa girls lead Ubly over the weekend

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

The Ubly girls and Mayville boys recorded first place team finishes Saturday at the Laker Cross Country Invitational.

The Lady Bearcats turned in a winning score of 32, and were followed in the team standings by Millington 87, Owen-Gage 95, Cass City 102, Mayville 111, Kingston 114, and North Huron 126.

Haili Gusa was clocked in 19:56 and Josie Gusa in 20:45 to pace the champs, while Shelby Messing completed the 5,000 meter race in 22:15 for Ubly, who also had Grace Conley and Andrea Grifka with times of 22:32 and 23:50, respectively.

For Owen-Gage, Madelyn Haldane was fastest with a time of 22:19. Other Lady Bulldog scorers, and their times, included Allison Haldane (24:11), Katriana Curtoys (24:30), Libby Ondrajka (24:41) and Carley Haldane (26:24).

Closer to home, Riley Copeland was the 8th runner to the tape, out of 64 finishers, and led Cass City with a new personal record of 22:18. Next for Coach Jon Zdrojewski's Lady Red Hawks was Marla Muter. She finished in 24th place with a time of 24:06 and was followed by Madi Ware in 26th place with a new personal record of 24:20. Rounding out the point winners for Cass City was Mary Muter and Mia Wright with times of 25:03 and 30:54, respectively.

"We have missed Mary as she has been out with an injury since after the first race of the season. She took 32nd in the race, as she ran conservatively in her first race back. I look forward to having her complete her third season as a varsity athlete," Zdrojewski said.

For the Kingston girls, Emily Warrington was first to the tape with a time of 22:30, while Danielle Crisman (23:58), Brooklyn Walker (23:59), Eugenia Alvarez (32:19) and Misty Smith (33:22) round out the Lady Cardinal scorers.

Mayville's Haley Rowbotham was the women's medalist with a time of 19:45.

Turning to the men's competition, the Wildcats edged Cass City 35-51 for top team honors, while Deckerville 75, EPBP 83, Peck 129 and Ubly 134 complete the rankings.

The winners had Wyatt Emmons finish second individually with a time of 17:46. James Maddocks, with a time of 18:06, and Jerry Gilbert, with a time of 18:06, had top 10 showings over the weekend, while Travis Katz (19:06) and Greg Goodfellow (19:32) completed a balance effort by Mayville.

For Cass City, Nick McArdle was the meet medalist, topping the field of 67 finishers with a time of 17:40.

"Nick will win more races as he moves through his career and this was a great place for that to start, he has two more full seasons left to continue to improve as a runner and he has set himself some high goals," said Zdrojewski.

Drew Markel was the second finisher for the Red Hawks, taking 7th place and setting a new personal best time of 18:32, while Gabe Farver took 13th and was followed closely by Brandon Witherspoon in 15th. Hugh Walker was the final scorer for the team, taking 23rd, as all five scorers collected medals on the way to a runner up team finish, according to Zdrojewski, adding, the sixth finisher for the Red Hawks was Tristan Swiderski taking 30th place in a new personal record of 20:19 competing in his first var-

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## Kingston suffers first gridiron setback

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Host Deckerville scored in each quarter Friday to knock Kingston from the unbeaten ranks in front of an overflowing crowd on the Eagle's Homecoming night. More importantly, however, the 38-20 decision came during the North

Central Thumb League Blue opener for both schools.

"I'm obviously disappointed with the outcome of the game. We didn't do anything well enough to beat a good Deckerville team. We need to improve in all aspects of the game, and that includes coaching. This loss could end up being a good thing for us, but only

time will tell. I'm excited to see how the guys respond Friday for (our) homecoming," said Kingston Coach Brandon Jones.

Quarterbacks Hunter James and Isaac Keinath exchanged long touchdown runs in the initial quarter, before Carlos Ibarra broke loose for a 71 yard gallop that put the hosts in front 16-8 entering the second quarter.

James opened the scoring on the game's first possession when he scampered 41 yards to pay dirt. Cardinal Aaron Koehler made a one-handed highlight film grab for the points after and with just 44 seconds removed from the game clock the visitors led 8-0.

Deckerville would answer with Keinath's first touchdown moments later. Actually, 33 seconds later, as the Eagle signal caller found the end zone on his own 40-yard jaunt and after Derek Snyder added the points after the game was tied.

Snyder gave Deckerville a golden opportunity to pad its margin before the break as he picked off a Kingston pass to foil the Cardinals' next series of downs after moving into Eagle territory.

However, the Kingston defensive

— led by Aaron Koehler with 8 tackles, including two tackles for loss, and one interception and Connor Henry with 7.5 stops — proved up to the test and got the ball back on downs for the Cardinals without any damage, this time.

But when Kingston fumbled away its chance to go on top, Deckerville made the visitors pay for the miscue with Ibarra's long TD run. Both teams added solo touchdowns in the middle quarters and when the smoke cleared, the Eagles led 32-20 with 12 minutes remaining. The Cardinals wouldn't get any closer on the night.

Kingston piled up 300 yards of total offense in defeat. James was 9-22 passing for 122 yards and added 131 yards rushing on 21 tries, with the one early marker. Lane Torrey rushed for 30 yards on eight carries, with two TDs and hauled in five passes for 68 yards. Koehler added four receptions for 54 yards.

Ibarra led all rushers with 193 yards on 23 carries, while Keinath chipped in 127 yards on 15 totes. They each scored twice for Deckerville.



KINGSTON quarterback Hunter James heads for a first quarter score Friday.



CASS CITY'S Alex Perry is off to the races against Vassar.

## Cass City cruises to victory

Oh, how the once mighty have fallen. After winning the Greater Thumb West championship in 2015 behind the arm of gunslinger Tyler Humpert, Vassar has slipped to the bottom of the league standings in 2018.

Cass City kept the Vulcans winless Friday with a 54-12 thrashing.

"It was a good win and now we need to get ready for a very fast and explosive offense with Bad Axe. I'm proud of my players as they are playing as a team sharing the same goal," said Cass City Coach Scott Cuthrell.

The Red Hawks have a high-powered offense of their own and it wasn't tested in the team's week five victory.

Alex Perry led the winners with 129 rushing yards on seven carries, scoring four TDs, Luke Stern chipped in 119 yards rushing and one score and Sandyn Cuthrell had 107 yards rushing on two totes, each resulting in touchdowns.

Defensively, Stern had eight tackles, Noah Zaleski had seven and Hank Janik, six, for Cass City.

The Red Hawks also had Zaleski with two fumble recoveries and Bryce Fernald with an interception.

### FOOTBALL STANDINGS

#### Greater Thumb West

Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	3	0	4	1
EPBP	2	1	4	1
Bad Axe	3	1	3	2
USA	2	2	2	3
Reese	1	2	2	3
Caro	1	2	2	3
Vassar	0	4	0	5

#### North Central Thumb Blue

Team	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	1	0	3	2
Mayville	1	0	4	1
Peck	1	0	4	1
Kingston	0	1	4	1
North Huron	0	1	3	2
Dryden	0	1	2	3

# Big week ahead for Red Hawk spikers

USA proved to be in a league of their own in the Greater Thumb West volleyball wars last week when they knocked off visiting Cass City in four games.

With decisions of 25-16, 25-12, 23-25 and 25-15, the Patriots take over sole possession of first place in the conference title race, while Cass City joins Caro and Reese with one loss in the GTW – all delivered by state-ranked USA.

Coach Amy Cuthrell's Red Hawks face off with Caro and Reese in this week's action.

"We are going into a big week for league contention, so we will need to maintain focus and attempt to get everyone firing at the same time. These players are a great group and understand the importance of each and every game," she said.

As usual, Rylee Zimmer led USA with 26 kills and three blocks, while Nichole Schember added 64 assists and Grace Williamson, 16 kills.

For Cass City, Hailey Beckrow had 11 kills and Kelly Ziegler, 62

digs.

"It was not the performance I had hoped for, however I saw some good things and we will focus on simply getting better. Hailey Beckrow was incredibly effective and is getting better each week. Kelly Ziegler is the best libero I have seen so far this season. She is aggressive and fearless. I was very proud of their efforts," Cuthrell said.

### FRANKENMUTH INVITE

Cass City visited Frankenmuth over the weekend and advanced into the gold bracket with a 2-6 record.

The Lady Red Hawks started slow Saturday, bowing to Midland 25-19 and 25-15 and to Flint Powers 25-13 and 25-21. Cass City then defeated Swartz Creek 25-11 and 26-14 in the team's final pool play contests.

In gold bracket action, Cass City gave #1 seed Walled Lake Northern all they could handle in losses of 26-24 and 25-15.

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Capac at Ubly

Caro at Reese

USA at EPBP

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LAST WEEK

SEASON RESULTS

8 - 4

38-16 / 70%

10 - 2

41-13 / 76%

10 - 2

36 -18 / 67%

9 - 3

40 -14 / 74%

## Ubly wins

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sity race.

"You will recognize his name as a star wrestler for the Red Hawks who was running to stay in shape and was finally convinced to compete," he said.

The next three finishers for Cass City came in rapid succession with Vaughn Severance taking 33rd, Race Woloshen taking 34th and Logan Severance taking 35th. Logan Severance posted a new personal record of 20:41.

### FRANKENMUTH INVITE

Earlier in the week, Cass City traveled to Frankenmuth Thurs-

day and returned home with a pair of Top 10 team finishes at the mega meet, won by the Yale boys and Frankenmuth girls' teams.

As expected, times on the hilly, wet course resulted in slower than usual times for many of the 200+ runners.

For Cass City, McArdle was first to the finish line for the Red Hawks taking 18th place of the 112 finishers, and Markel was next for the team taking 38th. He was followed closely by Brandon Witherspoon in 48th place and Gabe Farver who took 51st. The final scorer for the team was Hugh Walker taking 76th.

Yale had the two fastest times on the day courtesy of Matthew McClelland with a time of 17:09 and Hunter Richards with a time of 17:31.

For the Cass City women's team, Copeland was the first, taking 19th place out of 94 finishers, while Marla Muter was next for the team taking 51st. She was followed closely by Madi Ware in 59th and Janelle Hartwick taking 61st in her first Varsity race as a Red Hawk. The final scorer for the team was Layna Mathewson taking 67th.

"All (Cass City) athletes ran their slowest times of the season as the course was very wet and runs through the woods which were very muddy and slowed everyone down as they entered that area," Zdrojewski said.

Gabbie Michael, Frankenmuth, was the only woman runner to break the 20-minute mark and handed in a winning time of 19:36.

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### Varsity Football

DATE	OPPONENT
8/23	Montrose 48, CC 22
8/30	CC 42, USA 24
9/7	CC 40, Marlette 14
9/14	CC 36, EPBP 12
9/21	CC 54, Vassar 12
<b>9/28</b>	<b>Bad Axe (Homecoming)</b>
10/5	Caro
<b>10/12</b>	<b>Reese</b>
10/19	Ubyly

*All Varsity Games begin at 7 p.m.*

### JV Football

DATE	OPPONENT
<b>8/22</b>	<b>Montrose</b>
<b>8/29</b>	<b>USA</b>
9/6	Marlette
9/13	EPB Lakers
<b>9/20</b>	<b>Vassar</b>
9/27	Bad Axe
<b>10/4</b>	<b>Caro</b>
10/11	Reese
<b>10/18</b>	<b>Ubyly</b>

*All JV Games begin at 6:30 p.m.*

### Cross Country

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/20	USA Invite	
8/23	Birch Run Invite	4:15 p.m.
8/30	Brown City Invite	9:00 a.m.
9/8	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/15	Holly Invite	7:40 a.m.
9/20	Frankenmuth Invite	TBD
9/22	EPB Laker Invite	10:00 a.m.
9/29	Wagener Park Invite (Harbor Beach)	7:30 a.m.
<b>10/6</b>	<b>Cass City Invite</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
10/8	Mayville JH Inv.	3:45 p.m.
10/10	Ubyly Invite	4:30 p.m.
10/16	GTC League @ Marlette	4:30 p.m.
10/20	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:00 a.m.
10/27	Reginals @ Shepherd	TBA
11/3	State Finals @ Brooklyn	TBA

### Volleyball (JV & Varsity)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/24	Bad Axe Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/25	Bad Axe Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/6	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/8	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
<b>9/11</b>	<b>Bad Axe (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>9/13</b>	<b>Vassar (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/15	Caro (V)	6:00 p.m.
9/15	Caro (JV)	9:00 a.m.
9/18	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/22	Frankenmuth Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/22	BC Central Invite (JV)	8:00 a.m.
9/25	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
<b>9/27</b>	<b>Reese (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10/2</b>	<b>EPB Lakers (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/4	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/6	USA Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
10/9	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
<b>10/11</b>	<b>USA (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/13	Mt. Morris Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
<b>10/18</b>	<b>Caro (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/20	Marysville Invite (V)	TBD
10/20	Cros-Lex Invite (JV)	TBD
10/23	Reese (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/29	Districts (V)	TBA

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### FRESHMAN Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Bad Axe Invite	9 a.m.
9/6	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
<b>9/11</b>	<b>Bad Axe</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
9/15	BC Central	8 a.m.
9/18	USA	6 p.m.
9/22	USA Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/25	Caro	6 p.m.
<b>9/27</b>	<b>Reese</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
9/29	Reese Invite	8:30 a.m.
<b>10/2</b>	<b>EPB Lakers</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
10/4	Bad Axe	6 p.m.
<b>10/11</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>10/18</b>	<b>Caro</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
10/20	Caro Invite	8:30 a.m.
10/23	Reese	6 p.m.

### Junior High Football

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/11	Capac (no kick)	6:00 p.m.
9/18	Memphis (no kick)	6:00 p.m.
<b>9/25</b>	<b>Harbor Beach (no kick)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/2	Ubyly (kick)	6:00 p.m.
<b>10/9</b>	<b>Caro (kick)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/16	Bad Axe (kick)	6:00 p.m.

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Sunday: 8:00 a.m.  
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## School eyes rule change

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ricular activities related to discipline, and why athletes are not allowed to play when they break certain rules, while members of the band, for example, don't appear to receive the same punishment.

The difference, Hartel explained, is athletics are not tied to specific classes or grades. In the band member example, he said, student musicians – who also face some form of discipline for breaking the rules – must still perform in a concert or at half-time because they are receiving a grade for their participation.

Turning to Cass City students' scores on the latest round of standardized testing, the board acknowledged the local students' performance as well as the efforts of teachers, administrators and all school personnel in supporting the district's overall success.

Hartel lauded all school personnel, from bus drivers and food service workers to para-professionals and educators. "It's everybody, but obviously the teachers and administrators are the 'front line' people," he added.

The results of the SAT college entrance exam taken by last year's high school juniors – now seniors revealed the Cass City High School Class of 2019 posted the highest composite score among all neighboring school districts in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

The district's younger students also flexed some academic muscle on the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) – taken last spring, with local students topping both county and state average scores in nearly every subject and category. Overall, Cass City's combined scores were ranked first among Tuscola County's nine public school districts.

### In other business

In other business Monday, the board:

\*Approved an interest rate bid of 3.126 percent from Raymond James and Associates Inc. for the district's first round of voter-approved construction bonds totaling \$2.575 million.

Cass City received a whopping eight bids in all, according to district Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba, who announced a windfall of \$166,000 in the process thanks, in part, due to conservative budgeting in terms of the interest rate school officials originally anticipated paying.

The bonds are the first of three sets school officials will finalize over the next three years and use to pay for a variety of upgrades and repairs district-wide. Voters approved the funding via an extended millage extension that will generate a combined \$8.68 million.

The bond approved Monday will pay for heating/cooling and security upgrades in the junior-senior high school building next summer.

In other financial matters, Zimba presented revised budget figures from 2017-18 that showed the district ended the last fiscal year with an excess of \$175,601 in revenues over expenditures, boosting the general fund balance to just over \$2 million, an amount equal to nearly 20 percent of the general fund budget.

\*Accepted "with regret" the resignation of Dave Sanders, who has worked as a bus driver, mechanic, groundskeeper and transportation director during his seven-year tenure with the Cass City Schools.

\*Approved a request for the high school band to perform on a Sunday – during the annual Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Parade, Sunday, Oct. 7.

\*Acknowledged a thank-you note from Mark Zmierski, Tuscola County Veterans Affairs director, lauding the school staff for its support during a recent Vietnam veterans' pinning ceremony.

## Cass City approves plans for village road repairs

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contains a wide variety of fixes gives roads needing crack and seal work a PASER rating of between six and seven, while roads needing reconstruction have an optimal PASER range of one to three.

Cass City has just over 20 centerline miles of road, with 18.58 miles of paved, non-federal-aid eligible roads and 1.24 miles of federal aid roads (Seeger Street). Only seven-tenths of Cass City roads were rated in good condition, while 5.41 miles were rated as fair and 13.71, as poor. The current average PASER rating for village streets is 4.1.

The next step to implement the Transportation Asset Management Plan calls for annual minimum expenditures of \$250,000 to \$300,000 to keep up with the deterioration of roads and to realize a minor reduction in poor roads after 10 years.

"Asset management plans provide transparency to the public and improves public confidence," McNamara said, adding, "MDOT is on track to require an approved asset management plan on file for ACT51 distributions."

The Spicer Group, which rated all village roads in less than one day using a windshield survey method, has collected about \$20,000 in fees so far.

"Seems expensive for money we don't need to spend," Trustee Tom Herron said. "We have people in the community who can do some of the work."

Turning to the village pool, repairs to the 42-year-old structure were approved.

Three bids were received to remove roughly 7,000 square feet of existing concrete around the pool, explained Trustee Rob Piaskowski, noting the low bid from Lubeski and Son Excavating, Ubyly, was selected to remove the cement at a cost of \$6,000.

Also included in the pool renovation project was replacement of the 7,600 square feet of concrete. Ryan Cumper, Cass City, was selected to perform the work at a bid price of \$4.25 per square foot for a total cost of about \$32,300.

Last month, village officials gladly accepted a generous \$200,000 donation for renovations and repairs to the recreational park's crown jewel. The contribution was given by Duane Chippi in memory of his late wife, Janice, and many believe that without the monetary gift, the pool doors might have closed for good.

The Chippis, named the Cass City Chamber of Commerce 2018 Citizens of the Year, both grew up in the area and married in 1954. They moved to town in 1961 and went into business, working together to build Cass City Oil and Gas into the successful business it is today. Janice Chippi passed away Nov. 13, 2017, following a battle with cancer.

Although private people, the Chippis will always be known for their philanthropy, as a bronze plaque will be placed at the pool in their honor.

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# Obituaries

## Hugh Sefton

Hugh Michael Sefton, 87, of Snover, passed away with family by his side Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at Stonegate Village Assisted Living in Sandusky. He was born August 24, 1931 in Detroit, son of the late Lee and Marie (Trudeau) Sefton. Hugh graduated from Marlette High School with the Class of 1948. He married Juanita Morse December 3, 1950 in Cass City and they raised their family in Oxford. They were married for 47 years until her passing in 1997.



Hugh retired from Skilled Trades at General Motors Corporation in 1993.

He married Margaret Milligan September 9, 2006 in Decker and they were married for 12 years.

Hugh attended Decker Methodist Church. He loved spending time with family and friends and enjoyed golfing, camping and all sports.

Hugh is survived by his wife, Margaret Sefton of Snover; one daughter, Susan (Richard) Hipkins of Millington; two sons, Michael (Deborah) Sefton of North Branch and John (Laura) Sefton of Mayville; Margaret's daughters, Sally (Dan) Arnold of Howell, Kathy Brauer (Gary) of Denver, CO and Sandy (Matt) Werner of Pentwater; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lois Sugden of Cass City and Catherine (Ron) Hogue of Fostoria; one sister-in-law, Helen Sefton of Kingston; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Sefton; two brothers, Joseph and Leroy Sefton; and one sister, Marian Hendrie.

A funeral service was held Monday, September 24 at Marsh Funeral Chapel Marlette with Pastor Susan Platt officiating.

Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in North Branch.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stonegate Village Assisted Living.

You may share an online condolence with the family at [www.marshfuneral.com](http://www.marshfuneral.com).

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel of Marlette.

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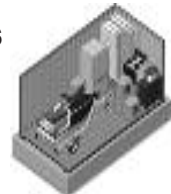
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Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018  
Time: 6:45 pm

Location: Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems  
1332 Prospect Avenue, Caro, MI 48723

### PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET

Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection at the above address and at 323 North State Street, Caro, MI 48723. Oral or written comments may be presented in person at the hearing on Thursday, September 27, 2018 or mailed to the above address and received in writing by 5:00 pm, Thursday, September 27, 2018.

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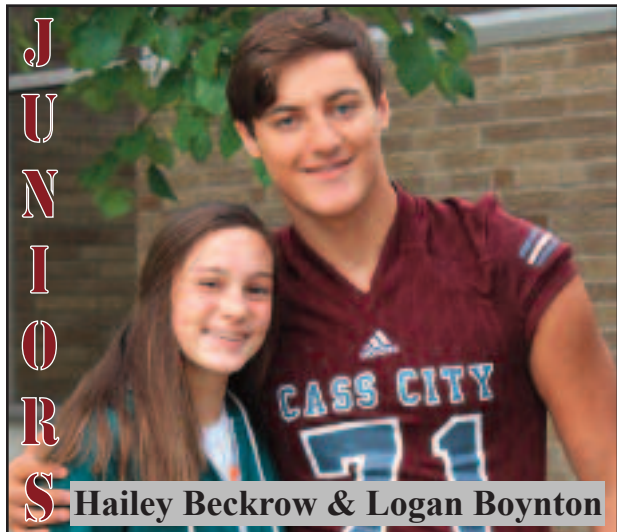
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