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Tractor accident leaves several hurt

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A farming-related accident about two miles northeast of Cass City sent three people to hospitals last Wednesday morning.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, the Elkland Township Fire Department and two MMR Ambulance crews were dispatched to the scene – a corn field just south of Milligan Road, one mile east of Schwegler Road – at 9:20 a.m.

Sheriff Glen Skrent said the initial reports indicated a 17-year-old was trapped between two tractors.

"A subject was operating a tractor and reported the brakes went out near a group of people taking a break. The tractor was unable to stop and struck another tractor," Skrent said. "One victim was struck and injured and was eventually airlifted out from the scene by LifeNet helicopter."

Two others, a 16-year-old and a 22-year-old, were transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City for treatment, according to Skrent, who noted others at the scene reported suffering minor injuries but refused treatment.

The names of the victims were not released.



DaVita officials will close dialysis center

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The DaVita - Cass City Dialysis center at 6757 Main St. will soon be closing its doors and referring patients to other facilities.

"We recently made the difficult decision to close Cass City Dialysis effective July 26 after exhausting all other options that would keep the doors open," said DaVita Communications Manager Courtney Culpepper.

"In the weeks ahead of closing, we are working with each patient to find the best treatment option for their continued care at neighboring dialysis centers," she added.

Nationwide, 37 million patients suffer from chronic kidney disease and more than 726,000 have end-stage renal disease. Kidney disease is ranked as the ninth leading cause of death in America. Each year more than 100,000 Americans begin dialysis to treat end-

stage renal disease.

For those suffering from chronic kidney disease, dialysis acts as an

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FORMER Cass City resident Glen "Mic" Miracle, who will be awarded NASA's Exceptional Public Service Medal in September for his work in support of the Kennedy Space Center communications team, recalled standing just 100 yards away from the runway where the Space Shuttle Columbia was scheduled to land Feb. 1, 2003. Instead, damage to the ship during its launch resulted in the Columbia disintegrating as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven crew members. "That was one of the bad days" on the job, commented Miracle, who is pictured above during what he called one of his best days; posing with the late John Glenn – the first American to orbit the Earth – during a terminal countdown demonstration test in 1999.

Telling NASA's story

Space agency to honor Cass City grad, "miracle" worker

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It's no secret Cass City is proud to call itself home of a former astronaut in Brewster H. Shaw Jr., a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel and veteran of three Space Shuttle missions.

What many Thumb area residents probably don't know is the story behind the significant contributions another Cass City native

has made to the space program over the past three decades.

In fact, NASA officials say Glen M. "Mic" Miracle has proven himself to be a true "miracle worker" over and over in his ongoing quest to upgrade the space program's ability to share its story with the American public.

NASA officials plan to honor Miracle by presenting him with an Exceptional Public Service Medal during the 2019 NASA Kennedy

Space Center (KSC) Honor Awards Ceremony Sept. 10.

The award recognizes Miracle's "innovative contributes that reinvigorated and refocused KSC TV and Press Site capabilities, creating a new, unique environment for telling the NASA story."

Miracle says he's always had an interest in electronics and technology, as well as space exploration. He recalled being thrilled when his parents gave him a reel-to-reel

tape recorder one Christmas when he was a youngster. He also enjoyed projects involving construction.

While those skills and interests would serve him well in his career working for NASA as an employee of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) Federal Data Solutions, they aren't what lead him to his current

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Hog wild! Local teen looking forward to showing pigs at the fair



by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Marissa Petiprin Ball loves pigs.

The Cass City High School junior says raising swine has been a passion since a friend introduced her to showing pigs back when she was a seventh grade student.

"She really got me interested in pigs and (taught) me how to show them," said Petiprin Ball, who recalled her first experience showing took place a few years ago as the Tuscola County Fair was approaching and the Cass City FFA Chapter needed someone to take the reins in the swine competition.

"I instantly fell in love with pigs. Just to me, the personality pigs can have. They're one of the smartest animals on the spectrum. They have the mindset of a toddler, but they can really problem

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138th Tuscola County Fair set to get underway Sunday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Tuscola County tradition dating back nearly 140 years returns next week when the Tuscola County Fair kicks off Sunday, July 21, and continues with a full week of fun family activities, 4-H events and more through Saturday, July 27, at the fairgrounds in Caro.

The 138th annual fair week again promises a full slate of events for all ages, with admission at \$12, which includes parking, grandstand entertainment and unlimited rides (Tuesday through Saturday).

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CASS CITY High School junior Marissa Petiprin Ball greets her pigs – "Peppa" and "Bubba Swinestein" – at her family's Owendale area residence, where she's been raising and training the animals in preparation for this year's Tuscola County Fair. She is among dozens of area youth whose livestock will be auctioned off Thursday, July 25, at the fairgrounds in Caro.

County cyber security system proves effective against attack

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The security system in place to protect Tuscola County records and other information has proven itself to be effective, but a recent incident that tested the system cost a county employee his job.

When it comes to cyber security, a system can be targeted by hackers from the outside, or a mistake by an employee can make the system vulnerable, according to Tuscola County Information System (I.S.) Chief Information Officer Eean Lee, who reported on an incident involving an IS employee that could have compromised the county's computer system, leaving it open to malicious cyber attacks.

"He made a grievous mistake that could have compromised the county," Lee told Tuscola County commissioners during a recent meeting, noting the security systems in place detected and stopped an attack. "The employee was terminated. We cannot have that employee on the team," Lee added.

Although the county's computer system was targeted, no information was leaked. When the issue was detected, an incident response team immediately took action to protect the county against the

threat.

However, addressing the situation cost the county between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

Lee said the county's cyber security system is constantly fending off attacks.

And, although some hackers are retiring and have even publicly announced their retirements, there are others who will take their place, he added.

Commissioners approved Lee's request to immediately post the IS job opening.

The county's I.S. Department primarily deals with computer applications, evaluating the county's computer equipment needs and recommending changes in hardware or software. The department is also responsible for the control and integrity of all data files received, processed and produced, and of ensuring proper network backups.

In the early 1990s, the county started embracing computer technology as a way to save on manpower and record space. However, the state has regulations on record retention that technology cannot circumvent.

County Clerk Jodi Fetting said that while computer storage has greatly helped her department as well as others, the state still requires certain records be kept for-

ever, which requires significant physical space — and space is becoming a critical issue.

In about a year or less, record storage will reach "critical mass" in her department, Fetting said.

While some county departments' files can be purged after a certain number of years depending on state statute, other files cannot be purged ever.

"There are several files that are eight to 10 inches thick, and there are (case) files that have 15 volumes," Fetting said, referring to the need for more storage space.

In other business, commissioners discussed another job opening — this one created by the retirement of longtime former 71-B District Court Judge Kim Glaspie.

Glaspie's official retirement date was June 14, but his last day on the bench was May 13.

It is up to the governor to appoint someone to fill an open judicial position, according to Court Administrator Sheila Long.

Since Glaspie's retirement, Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart has been handling district court cases two days a week, with visiting judges handling cases the other three days, Long reported.

In order to cover the costs of visiting judges, the court budget had to be adjusted by \$10,000.

Renovations will close Cass City Village offices for 2 days this week

Cass City officials are in the process of renovating portions of the village municipal building in conjunction with a six-year capital improvement plan for the local government offices, which will be closed two days this week to enable crews to wrap up the project.

This year's work will include im-

provements to the lobby area of the municipal building and new carpeting in the council chambers, according to Village Manager Debbie Powell.

"Renovations will include new work stations for village staff, a fresh coat of paint and replacement of the carpeting. There will

be directional signage for the 'village of Cass City' and 'chamber of commerce', with additional signage for the 'cashier'," she explained, adding, "The renovation will improve function, provide a cleaner public space and refresh the dated appearance of the village offices."

Officials earlier this year approved spending up to \$26,000 on the upgrades, with the local chamber contributing roughly \$2,300.

The work was scheduled to get underway over the weekend, with completion at the end of this week.

"The painting of the lobby will be done during the weekend," Powell noted Friday. "The new carpeting for the lobby and council chambers will be installed on Monday and take approximately three days, July 15-17. The new village work stations are expected to arrive on July 17, for installation on Thursday and Friday, July 18-19. When the furniture is installed, it will require closing the lobby of the municipal building as it will be an active construction zone.

Although the municipal building lobby will be closed Thursday and Friday, the village staff will be available to answer phone calls, Powell said.

"The public may call the main number (at) 989-872-2911 or the non-emergency number for the police department, 989-673-8738 for service," she added. "The drop-off box located at the front of the building will be available for payments — this will be the only way payments are accepted those days as the village cashier work station will be dismantled and new modular furniture installed."

The village offices will re-open Monday and it will be business as usual, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"The village asks the public for their patience during the renovation and transition," Powell said. "It will be very nice when it's done."

"More capital improvements are planned for subsequent years; some are facility or technology related and others are more cosmetic," she said. "We are having problems with lighting and electrical ballasts; leaky windows; our HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system; and there are more walls to paint, along with the need for upgraded equipment for meeting presentations in the council chambers."

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce office is located inside the municipal building and will also be inaccessible Thursday and Friday. However, residents will still be able to contact the chamber administrator by calling (989) 872-4618.

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In Our OPINION...

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Beware of swine flu risk around livestock

A fun summer tradition for families is visiting county and local fairs, but health officials remind everyone about the potential for swine at these events to carry influenza viruses that can make people sick, and to take some simple precautions.

Swine influenza is a respiratory disease in pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that regularly circulate among swine. Swine influenza viruses do not usually infect humans, but human infections have been reported.

When influenza viruses spread from pigs to people it is called a variant influenza virus. In 2018, 17 people from six states, including three from Michigan, were sickened by variant influenza viruses after having direct or indirect contact with swine at fairs and exhibits. Since 2010, there have been 466 confirmed cases reported nationally. These infections and related hospitalizations have mostly been among children; however, all age groups have been affected.

Spread of the virus from a pig to a person is thought to happen in the same way that human flu viruses spread — mainly through droplets when infected pigs cough and sneeze. In a few cases, a person infected by a pig has then spread the virus to another person. People cannot get swine influenza from eating properly prepared pork or handling pork products.

“All swine, even those that appear healthy, have the potential to carry influenza virus,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. “Washing your hands thoroughly before and after being around swine protects both you and your family from the risk of influenza virus, and also helps keep the swine healthy.”

Symptoms of swine influenza in people are similar to those of seasonal flu viruses and can include fever, sore throat and respiratory symptoms such as cough and runny nose and other symptoms such as body aches, vomiting or diarrhea. The incubation period is most commonly a few days but may be up to 10 days. Illness may last a week or longer.

Sometimes swine influenza causes severe disease even in healthy people, such as pneumonia which may require hospitalization, and in rare cases, death. Those at higher risk of developing complications include children younger than five years of age, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women and people with certain chronic health disease, such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, weakened immune systems and neurological conditions.

Currently, there is no human vaccine for swine influenza and the seasonal flu vaccine will not protect against it; however, antiviral drugs, such as Oseltamivir and Zanamivir, are effective in treating it. Early treatment works best and may be especially important for people with a high-risk condition.

Persons who become ill with influenza-like illness after exposure to pigs should check with their doctor and ask about being tested for influenza. High-risk persons should contact their doctor as soon as possible. Also contact your local health department to report the illness.

For more information, contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development at 800-292-3939.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Weed, flower or wine?



One man’s trash is another man’s treasure. That is so true of dandelions.

In the world of vegetation, dandelions are the most misunderstood and one of the most important. They are much more than a hindrance to a groomed lawn look.

Dandelions are the first spring food for bees and butterflies, and benefit some of Mother Nature’s other creatures — including humans.

Although dandelions have been called a weed, they are actually related to flowers. I don’t remember any more what my mother said, if they are related to sunflowers or asters.

When it comes right down to it, dandelions are an herb, and for centuries have been used for medical purposes. My mother and grandmother swore by dandelions as the universal food and cure-all. They grew up during tough times and in the era of “waste not, want not.”

My mother enjoyed the exploits of outdoorsman and early health food advocate Euell Gibbons, who scoured for natural food in nature, most of which involved finding edible weeds.

Dandelions are supposed to contain compounds with curative properties. They are supposed to help with indigestion, kidney stones, infections, some cancers, as well as joint and muscle pain and aches. It has been found to be a high-nutrient antioxidant, according to some reports.

Depending on what is done with them, dandelions can be made into a salve for dry hands, made into soup, tea and jelly, used in muffins, and pickled. They can also be made into vinegar, developed into rubber, and much more.

Dandelion leaves are high in vitamin A, vitamin C and iron, with more iron and calcium than spinach.

Pretty much every part of the dandelion can be eaten. The leaves can be used in salads. They can be gently fried with bacon and eaten that way. And the flower can be coated with egg, dipped in flour and fried.

Some have used dandelion roots as a coffee substitute.

While talking to a friend about the dandelion column, she said her parents were dandelion lovers as well. According to her, her parents would have her and her siblings collect them from along the roadside and dash into people’s yards to collect the yellow heads, which she found to be very embarrassing.

While my mother looked at dandelions as a food


source, my father had other ideas. Although he wasn’t a drinker, he loved making wine. He used dandelions as well as clover blossoms to make wine. He had made wine for several years when one batch of dandelion wine went awry. Something went wrong with the fermenting process, and the wine keg blew up. It took out all of the windows in the barn where he was making it. The blast was felt by several neighbors as well.

It seems dandelions aren’t just good for bees and for food; they are for memories as well.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



I visited a pair of Thumb water attractions Sunday and here’s the report.

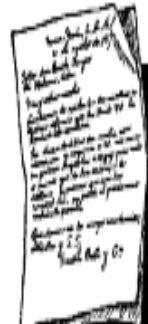
First-up was Lake Huron in Caseville. Most of us know that the water levels on the Great Lakes are higher than usual this year, but perhaps you didn’t know what follows.

After grabbing a donut at Walt’s Restaurant — highly recommended if you haven’t tried one of their homemade treats — Karen (my wife) and I hit the downtown area marina. There we found the water covering the sidewalk leading to the break wall that extends out into Saginaw Bay and is bordered on one side by the Huron County Park.

On the other side of the pier are boat slips for sail boats. At least that was the case in years past. This summer the area was void of any boats. Then on our way back home, we made a quick stop at Sleeper State Park. There we found the beach nearly non-existent.

After our trip to the lake shore, we decided to take a kayak trip down the Cass River. Launching at Evergreen Park on M-53, we worked our way to the local walking trail bridge just west of Cemetery Road.

The trip took about four hours. And while Lake Huron’s water level was as high as I can remember, that wasn’t the case for the Cass River, as several sections required us to exit our boats to navigate shallow water.



The Cass City Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer’s name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won’t be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

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

Janet Lamb, Caro, was the big winner of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce raffle held during the Freedom Festival. Or was she?

Chamber Administrator Judy Keller reports that \$1,310 worth of ticket were sold to help support the festival’s fireworks show. She also says the second place winner was Heidi Hartwick, Cass City.

Vassar Township is going to pot. Once the home of a pair of commercial medical marijuana businesses, officials there gave conditional approval to three more facilities at a recent board meeting.

That action has me wondering about the local medical marijuana shop proposed by businessman Gary Vollmar that I support. Sure could use the jobs and tax revenues it would create, in my opinion.

With harvest time just around the corner and more than 16 different commercially produced varieties, you’re sure to find a favorite Michigan grown apple. Did you know, Michigan produces more than 900 million pounds of apples per year? So it’s no wonder why apples are Michigan’s largest and most valuable fruit crop.

Additionally, the state average harvest is about 25 million bushels and there are more than 11 million apple trees in commercial production, covering 35,500 acres on over 800 family-run farms.

Here is some more agriculture trivia. Michigan’s 2019 winter wheat production is forecast at 36.8 million bushels, according to the latest United States Department of Agriculture news release, that also reports the Michigan winter wheat yield is forecast at 75 bushels per acre, down one bushel from the previous year but up one bushel from the June 1 forecast.

Oat yield in Michigan, meanwhile, is forecast at 67 bushels, up four bushels from last year. As of June 30, thirty-five percent of the crop was headed, compared with 63 percent last year.

Over in the Deford area, Editor Tom Montgomery says his garden is ready to explode and hasn’t needed much additional watering this summer. If the cucumbers he shared with the office staff Monday are any indication, good fortunes are soon to follow.

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Wednesday, July 17

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

Thursday, July 18

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Friday, July 19

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

Saturday, July 20

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

Monday, July 22

•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.
•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
•Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.

Tuesday, July 23

•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.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Saturday:

•Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

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

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Monday:

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

Third Tuesday:

•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

Third Wednesday:

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

Third Thursday:

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Third Friday:

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

Third Saturday:

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

Fourth Monday:

•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
•Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.

Fourth Wednesday:

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

•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.

Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

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

Last Wednesday:

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

Every Monday:

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

Every Tuesday:

•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.

•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.

Every Wednesday:

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

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

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Suspect in Vassar shooting faces several felony charges

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Bay City man is facing multiple felony charges after allegedly shooting another man in Tuscola County during what Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies described as a reported domestic-related incident in Vassar July 4.

Deputies arrested Trevor James Payne, 21, following the shooting. He was later arraigned by a Tuscola County magistrate on one count each of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault). The most serious charge, assault with intent to murder, is punishable by up to life in prison

or any term of years.

The defendant also faces four felony counts of possession of a weapon in the commission of a felony, which carries a mandatory minimum prison term of two years.

Bond in the case was set at \$100,000 (10 percent), and Payne's next court appearance was scheduled for today (Wednesday).

According to investigators, deputies were dispatched to a Vassar Township residence at about 11:30 p.m. to investigate a reported shooting stemming from a domestic dispute involving a husband and wife who were entertaining family and friends during the July 4 holiday.

A family friend is alleged to have

retrieved a 20-gauge shotgun pistol from his vehicle and fired one shot at the husband, Trevor Betzing, who suffered a gunshot wound to the head. Betzing, a military veteran, survived but remains hospitalized.



Trevor Payne

Initial reports indicated Betzing was allegedly assaulting his wife, but Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said it's believed there was no active assault taking place at the time Payne allegedly shot Betzing.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Richard A. Coon, 21, Deford, pleaded guilty to a charge of creation/delivery of a controlled substance March 26 in Almer Township, and no contest to one count each of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence June 22 in Novesta Township.

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

*Amanda L. Lapeer, 39, Cass

City, pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 28 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Roland W. Pyles, 38, Mayville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 10 in Dayton Township.

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

*Phillip D. Borgerding, 39, Caro, pleaded no contest to

charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence April 18 in Caro.

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

*David M. Muz, 68, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 3 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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- ~ Changes in movement (less activity or agitation)

CAUSES Depression does not have a single cause. It can be triggered by a life crisis, physical illness or something else - but it can also occur spontaneously. Several factors may contribute to depression:

- ~ **Trauma.** When people experience trauma at an early age, it can cause long-term changes in how their brains respond to fear and stress. These changes may lead to depression.
- ~ **Genetics.** Mood disorders, such as depression, tend to run in families.
- ~ **Life circumstances.** Marital status, relationship changes, financial standing and where a person lives influence whether a person develops depression.
- ~ **Brain changes.** Imaging studies have shown that the frontal lobe of the brain becomes less active when a person is depressed. Depression is also associated with changes in how the pituitary gland and hypothalamus respond to hormone stimulation.
- ~ **Other medical conditions.** People who have a history of sleep disturbances, medical illness, chronic pain, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are more likely to develop depression. Some medical syndromes (like hypothyroidism) can mimic depressive disorder. Some medications can also cause symptoms of depression.
- ~ **Drug and alcohol abuse.** Approximately 30% of people with substance abuse problems also have depression. *Source: NAMI*

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Reporter's notebook

These kids are the cream of the crop

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



After sending our young college interns to cover the 4-H and FFA small and large livestock sales at the Tuscola County Fair for years, the job has been mine again since 2016 or so, largely because the journalism intern market is lean these days.

Honestly, I can't say this is an assignment I always look forward to tackling, but I'm glad I did when it's all said and done.

Don't get me wrong – covering the sales isn't as easy as it used to be (couldn't be age, right?). After all, it involves spending several hours trying to keep track of dozens of young people with their homegrown birds and animals, not to mention buyers' names and prices as each entry is placed on the auction block and sold to the highest bidder, all the while taking photos of as many local kids as possible.

The task is made easier by the folks in charge of the Tuscola County Fair, who always do an outstanding job of providing a great venue and volunteers to ensure the annual livestock sales run smoothly.

You're welcome to see for yourself – this year's 4-H and FFA livestock auctions are slated for Thursday, July 25, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The most fun, for me, is watching all of these young people proudly display months of hard work in front of an appreciative, supportive audience. You only have to glance at the livestock – everything from rabbits to lambs to steers – to conclude these animals have been well cared for. The kids have also obviously spent many hours working with their livestock, which is why it isn't uncommon to see a youngster all of about three or four feet tall leading around a 1,200-pound steer with ease and confidence.

It's impressive because these young people didn't get to the auction ring by sitting on their backsides, playing video games and texting their friends non-stop. They earned what they've achieved, including well-deserved praise and a nice paycheck, through hard work, dedication, drive and perseverance.

I don't know about you, but these are the sort of people I would like to deal with years down the road, whether they pursue careers in medicine, business, agriculture, education or any other field that requires an honest to goodness long-term work ethic and attention to detail.

I'll tell you about another group that feels the same way: many of the folks you do business with year in and year out – local banks, insurance agencies, auto dealerships, agribusiness firms and others, not to mention friends and neighbors, all of whom demonstrate a deep sense of appreciation for these kids by spending a few hundred to several thousand dollars during the livestock auctions.

They don't have to, but they do, which is why you might consider businesses that are actively involved at a county fair the next time you go to open a checking account, buy a new truck or take out a new insurance policy on your property. That goes for auctioneers, too, considering all of the auctioning services are donated.

But I digress.

Of course, Tuscola County hasn't cornered the market on outstanding young people who seem to blossom in 4-H and FFA programs. You'll find the same sort of hard-working youths in Huron and Sanilac counties and beyond.

And you might be surprised to find some of these kids working in areas that take them beyond the barnyard to outdoor and indoor laboratories where they're digging deep into the mysteries of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Just ask members of the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club, who have repeatedly showcased their model rocketry skills in national competitions.

Regardless of whether these young people are blasting off, tending and caring for hogs, or focusing their energy on crop science, as far as I'm concerned, they're all among the cream of the crop in what could certainly mean the difference between a very promising and a very disappointing generation.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Members of the Cass City community gathered last Wednesday at Rawson Memorial District Library to wish Tyler Perry good luck on the next chapter in his life. Perry will depart for Las Vegas Aug. 22 to begin his internship with the Friends of Israel (FOI), a Christian ministry organization that seeks to build connections with Jewish people as well as communicate Biblical truth about Israel and the messiah. State Rep. Terry Brown and Jim McLoskey, district representative for Senator Mike Green, were on hand to present Perry with certificates of achievement for his work in Cass City and Tuscola County.

Grand Champion Market Beef, Overall Showman and Senior Showman honors were awarded to Clay Daily, son of Greg and Linette Daily, at the Tuscola County Fair. His Grand Champion Market Beef was sold to Poet Biorefining of Caro, Chemical Bank and Farm Depot for \$4,000.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Lindsey (Hendrick) Brinkman recently graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in elementary education. Brinkman, a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School, has accepted a position with the North Saginaw Charter Academy as a fifth grade teacher. She is married to Joel Brinkman and is the daughter of Chuck and Kelli Hendrick, and the granddaughter of Janice Winter and the late Marv Winter, and Doris Hendrick and the late Earl Hendrick.

The Lake Huron Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America has presented the "Silver Beaver" award to Dean Avery of Caro. The council, which covers 19 counties in northeast Michigan, bestowed the recognition at its annual volunteer dinner at Camp Rotary in Clare. Avery is among 7 longtime Scouting volunteers to receive the award. Avery is the second generation of his family to receive the "Silver Beaver" award, his father Gary Avery, scoutmaster of Caro Troop 570, received the distinguished service award in 1995.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly attended a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lawson at the Caro K of C Hall Saturday evening. Miss Mary Kay Hunt and Michael Lawson were married at the Free Evangelical Church in Cass City Saturday.

A 1992 graduate of Cass City High School recently walked away from Northwood University with a two-year associate of arts degree. Melanie Churchill earned an advertising management degree as a magna cum laude honors student at the private college in Midland. Churchill works at the Tuscola County Advertiser as an advertising sales representative. She plans to stay working in her field, but is uncertain about whether she will change employers.

The Hawks are the 1994 6th-8th grade girls' softball champions, with a 7-1 record. They are Leah Shagene, Coach Tim Jewett, Missy Jewett, Melanie Nizzola, Wendy McClorey, Megan Romstad, Coach Shelda Rea, Kristy Ryan, Jennifer Eyer, Andrea Rea, Janis Mastie, Jamie Englehart, Rachel Hoard.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Green, Doris Hurd and Kathy Cummins were Thursday night supper guests at the home of Russell and Connie Bradley. Later, Mr. and Mrs. John Panasiki and family, and Mrs. Jack Viney and family came for ice cream and cake in honor of Brad Bradley's birthday and the others whose birthdays are in July: Margaret Panasiki, Janice Viney and Todd Lynch.

Relatives celebrated the birthday of Barbara Craig with a brunch Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig. Guests along with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Craig and Barbara, were Mr. and Mrs. Ron

Decker of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. John Starman of White Pigeon, Mrs. M.B. Auten, Mrs. Hazel Barnes, Mrs. Al Tropp, Mrs. Lucile Miller and Mrs. Paul Craig.

Anna Koepf of Cass City was honored on her 81st birthday Sunday with a picnic luncheon at Indianfields Park, Caro. Thirty-nine family members and friends attended from Cass City, Millington, Reese, Caro, Deford and Snover. Mrs. Koepf received cards and gifts. Her son John Koepf, Cass City, his wife Barbara and family, surprised Mrs. Koepf with a birthday cake and ice cream last Thursday before leaving for an Upper Peninsula vacation. Mrs. Koepf has two other sons, Bernard Koepf of Caro, and John Koepf of Cass City, who attended the party.

Jack Krug visited an old chum, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carpenter at their summer home near Cass City Sunday. The two men met by chance at the Rolling Hills Golf Course. The men had not seen each other for 45 years.

Navy Seaman Recruit Thomas J. Sontag, son of Morris and Patricia Sontag, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields. Their studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Suzanne Drohn, whose marriage to Larry McKee will take place Aug. 4, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous bridal shower Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Earl McKee. Guests were present from Detroit, Sterling Heights, Gagetown, Pontiac and the Cass City area.

Born July 16 in Bay Medical Center, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bean, a 7-1/2 pound daughter, Fawn Angel. Mother and baby came home Friday. The new baby joins a brother and two sisters at home.

Mrs. Esther McCullough and Catherine MacGillvray returned home Friday evening from a trip to California. They left July 11 and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris and Eleanor Kercher at Sacramento. Other guests during their stay there were Gerald Kercher of Connecticut who left there to attend an Air Force reunion in Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Carol Kercher from Squaw Valley, Lake Tahoe, and Fr. Peter Pijnappels of Colfax, Calif., formerly of Cass City. The women visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kercher in Squaw Valley and Gerald Kercher's son Andy who was at Squaw Valley.

Wendy Ware of 4653 Hospital Drive, Cass City, has been named to the dean's list for the second semester at Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor. A minimum grade point average of 3.5 is needed in order to be named to the list. Wendy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Ware.

Thomas P. Flannery, Decker, has completed a course in basic electronics and has been awarded a diploma by the National Radio Institute of Washington, D.C.

Walter G. Szostak of Kingston, has been named to the dean's list at Delta College for the spring semester. To be named to the list, students needed a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Brian Dale Wissner, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wissner, was baptized in the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday, July 13. Mrs. Wissner and son are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Laurie, while her husband is in Vietnam. Sponsors at the service were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wissner and Miss Jane Laurie was a witness.

Lyle Truemner of Cass City placed first in Thunder Road's short track race Saturday night.

Jean E. Butler, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Fred Neitzel of Cass City, is among students who have reserved housing in Delta College's dormitories for the fall semester. Miss Butler is enrolled at Delta on a general academic curriculum.

Those from Cass City who attended a bridal shower in Caro Friday evening for Miss Pat Gardiner were Mrs. Elsie Anthes, Miss Shirley Geiger, Mrs. Roy Anthes, Mrs. Jack Esau and daughters, Mary Beth and Anne. The shower was held at the home of Mrs. Lucille Bush. Her sister, Mrs. Barton Beecher of Bad Axe, was co-hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ackerman and family of Flint spent Tuesday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Archie Ackerman, and were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jewell of Cass City in the evening.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

A farewell party was held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Robinson, three miles east and one and a quarter miles south of Cass City, honoring their son, Jack D. Robinson, of Saginaw who left Wednesday to enter his country's service. He is a volunteer and will enter the air corps. His wife and two-year-old daughter will make their home during his absence with Mrs. Robinson's brother in Saginaw. A large service cake centered the table at the family dinner Sunday and Jack was presented with a purse of money. This is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson to enter the service. Pfc. Lance Lane Robinson is with the Ordnance Corps in India. Pfc. Kenneth Guy Robinson is in the Aviation Corps in England and Pvt. Ralph Roland Robinson is at Camp Roberts, California, serving in the infantry.

Miss Florabelle Wright received letter from Sgt. Roland Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright and grandson of Mrs. Wm. Wright, now somewhere in France. He has attained the rank of sergeant and is also platoon leader and head machine gunner of his company. He sleeps in a fox hole with only a German blanket over him and has for a partner a Chinese boy from Brooklyn. He says he is all right and in the best of health.

Mrs. Howlett and son, John, were at the Wilson cottage from Wednesday until Friday when they went to spend a few days with Mrs. Levi Bardwell in Cass City, who returned to Oak Bluff with them on Monday for a few days.

E. B. Schwaderer is one of 89 Michigan Holstein breeders recently admitted to membership in the Holstein-Friesian Association of America by unanimous vote of the board of directors. The national Holstein association is the largest dairy cattle recording organization in the world. Its total membership now numbers more than 34,000 cattle breeders.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Mr. and Mrs. John Holcomb and daughter, Dorothy, attended the Phillips family reunion held Wednesday at the home of Mr. Holcomb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holcomb of Shabbona. Seventy-five or eighty persons, all relatives, sat down to a dinner which for variety and elegance beggars description. A fine entertainment was provided during the afternoon. Those present from other localities were Chas. Phillips of Minnesota and Prof. and Mrs. Roy Phillips of Marlette. Prof. Phillips was formerly a Cass City boy and is now superintendent of schools in his home town.

Mrs. G. L. Moore and son, Garrison, R. D. Keating and Miss Caroline Keating motored to Detroit Saturday, Mrs. Moore to meet her brother, John McPhail, recently arrived from France and her husband, and Mr. and Miss Keating surprising their sister, Mrs. Geo. Bond, and brother, H. F. Keating, at their homes in the city by a short stay with each. The party returned home Sunday evening.

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NRC approves regulations to continue addressing CWD risk

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) recently approved a series of deer hunting regulations aimed at slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease.

The action came after a thorough review of the best available science on CWD and multiple opportunities for public input, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials said.

CWD is a fatal neurological (brain and nervous system) disease found in cervids (deer, elk and moose). The disease attacks the brain of an infected animal and produces small lesions that result in death. There is no cure; once an animal is infected, it will die.

Major deer hunting regulations, approved for the 2019 deer seasons, include:

Baiting and feeding

*Continue a ban on baiting and feeding in the entire Lower Peninsula that took effect at the end of January 2019. There is an exception to this ban for hunters with disabilities during the Liberty and Independence hunts. Qualifying hunters are allowed to use two gallons at a time of single-bite baits during deer seasons.

*Allow baiting and feeding in the Upper Peninsula except for a ban, effective immediately, in the Core CWD Surveillance Area. This core area comprises some 660 square miles, defined by major roadways within portions of Menominee, Delta and Dickinson counties around the single case of a CWD-positive deer found last year in the Upper Peninsula.

Consistent with regulations in the Lower Peninsula, there is an exception to the baiting ban in the U.P. Core Area for hunters with disabilities during the Liberty and Independence hunts.

Other regulations

*Move the Liberty Hunt to the second weekend in September. Based on this change, the 2019 Liberty Hunt will be held Sept. 14-15 instead of Sept. 21-22 as it was previously scheduled. The early antlerless season – held on private land in select counties – will continue to be held the third weekend in September (Sept. 21-22).

*Change the deer baiting start date for hunters with disabilities who meet specific requirements. Baiting for these individuals can occur five days before and during the second Saturday in September.

*Require that scents placed to entice deer, whether composed of natural or synthetic materials, be placed so that they are inaccessible for consumption by deer and placed in such a manner to prohibit any physical contact with deer.

*In the Upper Peninsula, reinstate the antlerless option during archery deer season for hunters hunting on the deer license or deer combo license in areas open to antlerless licenses.

*Also in the Upper Peninsula, eliminate antler point restrictions in the core CWD surveillance area, and allow the use of crossbows in the late archery season in the core area.

*In the Lower Peninsula, add Barry, Lenawee and Midland counties to the CWD management zone, where additional regulations will apply.

*Also in the Lower Peninsula, implement a four-point antler point restriction across all deer and deer combo licenses for Mecosta, Montcalm and Ionia counties. This is part of an experimental APR to determine the impacts of APRs on deer populations in an area of known CWD occurrence.

*Require that established department goals for management of antlerless deer be achieved, if this experimental APR is to continue.

*Require that deer collected with a salvage permit as a result of collision with a motor vehicle may not be removed from the county where the animal was killed to prevent potential spread of CWD.

"We hope that by setting these specific CWD regulations, we can limit the movement of this disease in Michigan," said Vicki Pontz, NRC chairperson.

"We appreciate all the comments we have received from across the state. Michigan hunters are very passionate about deer and deer hunting, and I look forward to working with them as we continue to confront this threat to wildlife and our valued hunting tradition."

In addition to the regular opportunities for hunters and others to get information and share ideas about wildlife management and

hunting regulations, the NRC and DNR offered and promoted a number of additional public forums specifically aimed at discussing proposed CWD regulations.

More than 175 people attended the special CWD public listening sessions, while over 235 comments were received via email.

"Public input is an extremely important part of any discussion surrounding the care of Michigan's natural resources," Pontz said. "We want to thank the hunters and others who took the time to attend a public meeting or write an email and share their ideas about how best to strengthen Michigan's wildlife populations for future generations."

Chronic wasting disease was first discovered in Michigan in a free-ranging deer in May 2015. To date, more than 60,000 deer in Michigan have been tested for CWD and it has been confirmed in 120 free-ranging deer in nine Michigan counties: Clinton, Dickinson, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent and Montcalm.

More information about these new deer hunting and baiting regulations has been posted on the Michigan.gov/CWD webpage. For additional questions, contact the DNR Wildlife Division by email at DNR-Wildlife@michigan.gov or by phone at 517-284-9453.

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PETIPRIN BALL, who currently serves as the Cass City High School FFA Chapter president, says she “instantly fell in love with pigs” after a friend introduced her to raising and showing swine a few years ago.

Petiprin Ball looking forward to the fair

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solve,” the 16-year-old noted. “They’re one of my favorite animals — I’m just so drawn to them. They’re so interesting.”

Petiprin Ball, who currently serves as president of the Cass City FFA Chapter, will return to the Tuscola County Fair next week to show and sell her pigs — “Peppa”, weighing in at roughly 190 pounds, and “Bubba Swinestein”, a hefty 200-pound porker — which she has been raising since May at her family’s Owendale area residence.

The fair’s annual 4-H and FFA small and large livestock sales will take place Thursday in the livestock pavilion at the fairgrounds in Caro, starting with the small livestock auction at 9:30 a.m., followed by the large livestock sales, which typically get underway at about 11 a.m.

“I’ve been showing about three years. This is my first year back (to the fair) since 2017,” said Petiprin, who earlier this year showed her swine at the MSU Green and White Show.

The daughter of Keri and Dan Kempisty of Owendale and Ryan and Amy Petiprin of Unionville, Petiprin Ball says the pigs she’s raised this year weighed about 90 pounds each when she started.

Tuscola County Fair underway next week

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Admission is free Sunday and Monday, but there will be no carnival rides and limited vendors open.

The 4-H horse, rabbit and cavy show gets underway at 9 a.m. Monday, followed by the 4-H and open dairy cattle show at 10 a.m. As always, fair goers are invited to the annual crowning of Tuscola County Fair royalty at the grandstand, also Monday starting at 6:30 p.m., which will be followed by a 4-H food, art and photography auction at 7 p.m.

The 2019 fair week schedule shifts into full speed Tuesday — “Kids Day” — which also marks the opening of the carnival at noon (the carnival will open each day at noon through Saturday, July 27). Youths ages 14 and under will be admitted for \$9 until 6 p.m. and free T-shirts will be given away at the Kids Day Activity Tent (outside the community building) to the first 800 kids with paid admission.

Also planned are the annual 4-H horse show, swine, poultry and open sheep shows. Tuesday’s grandstand entertainment will be Thumb Truck and Tractor Pulls, slated to get underway at 7:00 p.m. The day’s activities also include a pedal pull competition at 11 a.m. (registration at 10:30 a.m.).

Wednesday’s events include the 4-H and open beef, horse, goat and feeder beef shows, and the 4-

Aside from feed, the teen says she’s invested a significant amount of time training the animals in preparation for the fair.

It starts with bonding with the animals and, eventually, getting them used to being guided around a mini-arena, she explained. “Pigs are one of the easier animals to train because they pick up on routines so easily.”

Petiprin Ball figures she spends three or more hours on many days caring for and training her animals, which include ensuring they have adequate water and food each day along with a clean living area.

“I’m always out there,” she said, “working with them, cleaning out their pen, feeding them, washing them, maintaining the pen.”

It’s a lot of responsibility, but Petiprin Ball indicated the rewards have been well worth the effort.

“It just showed me that time is really important. The more time you put into it, the more you’re going to get out of it,” she explained. “That, to me, is so important.”

Petiprin Ball has tested that theory in a number of areas in her life.

Aside from her leadership in the local FFA chapter, she’s active in the school band program, includ-

ing serving as junior drum major of the marching band this year. She also manages the social media pages for the newly-created Cass City Community Garden, which is located next to the ag science lab behind Cass City High School, and she recently started her own business — Marissa’s Painting Parties — which provides small groups with instructions and materials to create their own works of art.

As for the fair, Petiprin Ball says she’ll use the money she earns from next week’s auction to pay her parents back for the money they’ve invested in her livestock venture this summer, and then deposit anything over and above that into her college fund.

Asked if selling the animals will be difficult after spending considerable time with them over the past several weeks, she said she’s prepared to part with them.

“Any animal I work with, I have no problem giving them away — selling them, because I know in the beginning (that’s what will happen),” she added, noting it’s all part of the process.

“I just love producing something for the community,” she said. “I love that I’m doing it for a cause — it (meat) eventually goes to someone who wants it or needs it.”

H Small Livestock Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest (6 p.m. in the rabbit judging tent). At 7 p.m., the first of two full nights of Super Kicker Championship Rodeo action will get underway, featuring bull riding, saddle bronc riding, team roping and girls’ barrel racing.

Thursday is Heroes Day and Senior Citizens’ Day, with free admission for all veterans and emergency first responders (with proof of I.D.) along with visitors ages 62 and over admitted free (grandstand admission is still \$12).

The day will include the 4-H Horse Cloverbud and Fun Show (open to Tuscola County 4-H horse members only) at 9 a.m., as well as the long-anticipated annual 4-H and FFA Small Livestock Sale at 9:30 a.m. and the 4-H and FFA Large Livestock Sale (immediately following the small livestock auction). Super Kicker Rodeo action gets underway for a second night at 7 p.m.

Friday’s schedule includes the 4-H Cloverbud Learning Experience (held at the community building from 9 to 11 a.m.), a 4-H livestock judging competition from 9 a.m. to noon and a large livestock sweepstakes contest at 7 p.m. at the livestock pavilion. The Monster/Mega Truck Extreme Battle event sponsored by ATR Motorsports gets underway at 7 p.m.

Saturday’s activities will feature the large livestock Cloverbud show during the day, followed by

the Unique Motor Sports Bump and Run event at 7 p.m.

The Tuscola County Fair’s roots date back to the early 1880s.

The Tuscola County Fair Association, initially known as the Caro District Agriculture Society, was organized March 11, 1881, 33 years after the nation’s first state fair was held in Detroit. In September 1881, the county fair group hosted its first agricultural, industrial and recreational exhibit.

Always a primarily agricultural attraction, the county fair has traditionally showcased new farming equipment and methods, animals, produce and handicrafts at its current site in Caro.

The Tuscola County Fair predates any of the football “bowl” games as well as the Indy 500. When the fair started, there was no Panama Canal, no radio, the Wright Brothers had not flown yet, Ellis Island was not in operation, Geronimo was still on the war path, and 12 states had yet to be admitted to the Union.

Harness racing was a popular sport in a horse-powered society, and the clay track at the fairgrounds was built in 1892 with 7,000 yards of dirt, mostly sand, and topped with 3,000 yards of clay — all hauled with horses and wagons — as a cost of roughly \$1,000.

The first grandstand was constructed in 1894 at a cost of \$2,000 and looked much like the stands of Kentucky’s Churchill Downs, seating 1,500 people.

News briefs

Busy holiday in Huron Co.

HURON COUNTY — Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson says the July 4 holiday period was a busy one for emergency responders.

Aside from a flurry of calls over a 90-minute period that included reports of two drug overdoses, an alcohol overdose, one person knocked unconscious in a fight and another arrested for being disorderly while intoxicated at Caseville County Park Beach, Hanson said he and Huron Central Dispatch Director Randy Miller compiled a list of more than 600 calls for service to law enforcement, fire and ambulance crews between July 3 and July 7.

Of those, 384 were to law enforcement, a dozen calls were for fire departments, 66 requested ambulance services and another 151 were to miscellaneous agencies (departments of public works, U.S. Coast Guard, state police, etc.).

The sheriff’s department handled 239 calls for service; booked 17 people into the county jail; handled five person injury accidents, a dozen property damage accidents and 10 car-deer collisions; made 68 traffic stops and issued 27 traffic tickets, Hanson said. He noted the marine division handed out 28 citations (including 17 to kayakers who were not wearing life jackets) and handled six calls for service such as reckless boaters, search-and-rescue and recovery of a stolen 18-foot boat.

“Although the county remained very populated during the four-day period, unsettled weather conditions kept beach and boating traffic to a minimum from the evening of the fifth and on,” Hanson reported. “With the passing of rain and thunderstorms on the fifth, cool and moderate breezes from the north and east followed, making water activities not all that favorable.”

Attention local musicians!

CASS CITY — Area residents interested in showcasing their musical talents are still needed to sign up for the musical talent show planned in conjunction with this year’s Music in Rotary Park summer concert series on Friday nights.

The talent show, sponsored by the Cass City Lions Club and designed to be a throwback to the late 1960’s featuring local talent — is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 2, starting at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a prize for the top performance. Kids, teens and a few more adults are welcome to sign up by calling Tom Fulcher at (989) 670-5233.

Sports physicals slated today

CASS CITY — Hill and Dales General Hospital is partnering with the Cass City Public Schools to offer sports physicals to local athletes.

The physicals are being offered Wednesday, July 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Family Healthcare of Cass City, 6230 Hospital Dr. The cost is \$15, with \$10 of that amount being donated back to the Cass City Schools Athletic Department.

No appointments are needed. More information is available by calling (989) 912-6342.

Skype with astronaut Shaw

CASS CITY — An out-of-this-world experience will be available at the Rawson Memorial District Library today (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

The library has arranged a Skype session with Cass City native and former NASA Astronaut Brewster Shaw.

All are welcome to attend.

Anyone interested in asking Shaw a question should pick up a form at the library’s circulation desk, as the library staff plans to organize questions ahead of time.

Blood drive set at the library

CASS CITY — Rawson Memorial District Library will host a blood drive Friday, July 26, from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Food on tap Aug. 14 in Caro

CARO — There will be a pop-up food giveaway Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m. at Highland Pines School, 2381 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Distribution will be on a first come, first served basis, as supplies are limited. Participants are asked to bring bags, or boxes or carts to carry the food.

The event is sponsored by the Eastern Food Bank of Michigan, Revive Ministries of Cass City, and Tuscola County Veteran Affairs.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



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Kingston officials plan to bury a new time capsule

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

After the disappointing opening of a 1930 time capsule last summer, Kingston School District officials are taking steps to ensure a new capsule that is being planned will withstand the test of time.

And they're getting some help from the members of the Kingston Historical Society, who will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, July 22, at The Depot to talk about what items should be placed inside the new time capsule.

"We are working on the time capsule project. We want to get input and ideas from anyone and everyone," said Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake. "We would like our time capsule to be spectacular when it is opened in the future."

Because 88 years had passed since the last time a capsule was placed in the cornerstone back when the school was built on Ross Street, few people knew the time capsule even existed.

When demolition of the oldest part of the elementary school was about to start, some area historians suggested the possibility of a time capsule being buried there because the practice was a tradition of sorts back in the day.



Sure enough, workers found the 1930 time capsule, and its discovery caused quite a stir in the community of about 400 people.

There was much anticipation regarding what might be inside, prompting officials to organize a "grand opening" during last year's Kingston Days festival.

Unfortunately, when it was opened, most of the contents had deteriorated due to the materials used to make the container. In short, while the capsule had withstood the test of time, most of its contents did not.

An Aug. 29, 1930, copy of the Kingston Enterprise newspaper was the only item that was legible when the capsule was opened. The pictures and other items inside had largely fallen apart.

A better capsule will be used this time to preserve the contents. Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Homes in Cass City and Kingston, donated a vessel that can be made air tight to seal the items.

"My personal reaction is, 'It is just a really cool idea.' Locking away some things from now to share with future generations decades later is a fun prospect," said Drake.

"I remember how excited our entire community was to see what the 1930 time capsule contained. We will make sure that when ours is opened it is worth the anticipation and build-up."

The plan is to bury the new time capsule in the ground below the 1930 cornerstone that was saved and will be placed on the new north side of the elementary school.

A ceremonial "burying" will take place at a predetermined time to be scheduled during this year's Kingston Days celebration at the end of August.

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2019-20 officials registration underway

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is accepting registrations online or by mail for game officials for the 2019-20 school year.

The MHSAA annually receives registration by more than 9,500 officials, and had 9,519 during the 2018-19 school year. The highest total of officials registered for basketball, 4,026, with football also with more than 2,000 registered officials during this past school year.

For all new and returning officials, those who register online

again will receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees. A \$16 fee is charged for each sport in which an official wishes to register, and the online processing fee is \$40. Officials submitting registration forms by mail or on a walk-up basis will incur a \$45 processing fee. Officials registered in 2018-19 will be assessed a late fee of \$30 for registration after July 31. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the home page of the MHSAA Website at www.mhsaa.com. Forms also are available online that can be printed and submitted by traditional mail or hand delivery to the MHSAA Office at 1661 Ramblewood Drive in East Lansing. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA by phone at (517) 332-5046 or by e-mail at register@mhsaa.com.

There is an officials' registration test for first-time officials and of-

officials who were not registered during the past school year. The test is derived from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook, which also is available on the Officials page of the MHSAA Website. Additional exams must be taken by those registering for football or basketball for the first time or those who were not registered for those sports during the previous school year. Manuals for both sports also are available on the Officials page. New officials and those who didn't officiate during 2018-19 also must complete the

online MHSAA Principles of Officiating course, also available on the MHSAA Website.

There also are opportunities to officiate for students at least 14 years old and in grades 9-12 through the MHSAA Legacy Program. Juniors and seniors may officiate subvarsty contests, while freshmen and sophomores may officiate contests at the middle school/junior high levels. Mentor officials will work events with Legacy participants to provide guidance and support.

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MHSAA adopts tournament changes in 3 sports

The addition of seeding at the District level in basketball and soccer and multiple adjustments to the process used to select the playoff field for 11-player football were among the most notable actions taken by the Representative

Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association during its annual Spring Meeting in Gaylord.

The Spring Meeting of the 19-member legislative body of the Association's more than 1,500

member schools is generally the busiest of its three sessions each year. The Council considered 26 committee proposals and dealt with a variety of eligibility rule, postseason tournament and operational issues.

Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, girls and boys basketball and soccer will employ a seeding process to place the top two teams in every District on opposite sides of that bracket, guaranteeing those two teams could not play each other before the District championship game.

The two teams to be seeded in each District will be determined using a Michigan Power Ratings computer formula based on regular-season results against other MHSAA Tournament-eligible teams and opponents' strength of schedule. (Games against out-of-state or non-MHSAA opponents will not count in the MPR formula.) The MHSAA will draw all brackets two weeks before the start of District play. After the top seeds are determined and separated to opposite sides of the bracket, the draw process will place the remaining teams on the bracket based on a randomly-selected order determined earlier in the season. However, the draw process does not guarantee the seeded teams will receive byes or serve as home teams.

The MPR is being used this spring to seed the Boys Lacrosse Tournament. Separate seeding proposals were recommended to the Council by the MHSAA committees for both soccer and basketball.

The changes to the 11-Player Football Playoffs selection process were proposed by the MHSAA Football Committee and are designed to reward teams that play more successful opponents. Beginning with the 2020 season, eight divisions will be determined before the season, and 32 playoff qualifiers from each division will be selected at the end of the regular season based on playoff-point average – there no longer will be automatic qualification based on win total. The adjusted playoff points formula will award bonus points for all opponents' wins, regardless of whether the team beat or lost to those opponents. Currently bonus points are awarded only if the team defeated an opponent. More points also are awarded for defeating teams from larger divisions. The Football Committee proposed these changes believing the bonus points received for a "good loss" – combined with the elimination of automatic qualifiers – will be enough incentive for teams to schedule more successful opponents, easing the annual difficulty in football scheduling and taking away arguably the most cited reason for the breakup of leagues and conferences.

Also on recommendation by the Football Committee, the Council approved an enrollment limit of 215 students for teams to be eligible for the MHSAA 8-Player Playoffs. This too will take effect for the 2020 season. Currently, a school must be Class D to be eligible for the postseason, or in a one-year grace period if it grew larger than Class D for the current school year. While the Class D enrollment line changes annually, the 8-player line of 215 students will remain static year to year. The grace period also will remain for schools that might receive a one-year enrollment bump before falling back below 215 students.

The Council also approved a

committee recommendation to add limited video review of scoring plays or potential scoring plays, or of turnovers or potential turnovers at MHSAA Football Finals for both the 11 and 8-player formats. This process will be available at Finals only because of the availability of camera coverage provided by broadcasts of those highest-level games of the tournament. Although all scoring and turnover plays could be reviewed, a play will be reversed only when there is indisputable video evidence showing the original call was incorrect.

Continuing its focus on safety in football, the Council also approved a committee recommendation to adopt revised definitions and limits on contact allowed during preseason practices and practices after games have begun. Beginning with this 2019 football season, teams will be allowed no more than six hours of full-pads collision contact per week during the preseason and no more than 30 minutes of collision contact during a week of in-season (after games begin) practice. "Collision" is defined as contact at game speed, with the execution of full tackles at a competitive pace, taking players to the ground.

However, while "collision" contact will be limited, "thud" contact will be unlimited. "Thud" is defined as full speed but above the waist only, with no player taken to the ground and no winner or loser. Thud contact is not considered collision contact. The revised definitions of "collision" and "thud" and related time limitations are products of collaboration between the MHSAA, Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and Practice Like Pros, a national movement dedicated to safety in high school football. The recommendation was brought to the Football Committee by leadership of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and further defines the degree and amount of practice contact following similar practice safety changes approved by the Council for football in 2014 and 2017.

The new sport-specific transfer rule will take effect with the 2019-20 school year, and the Council approved a series of corresponding changes. Most notably, the Council approved a change to the athletic-related (links) rule to not grant immediate eligibility with a residential change if a student follows a coach from his or her former school to a school where the coach has been newly hired. The Council also approved a sport-specific penalty for the athletic-motivated transfer rule so that a student would not be eligible during the current school year in the sport played the previous school year if that student was confirmed to have made an athletic-motivated transfer.

The Council additionally approved clarifications under the sport-specific transfer rule for multi-school districts which have schools that are both geographical boundary schools and schools which are district-wide, for students transferring to nonpublic or charter schools and for students who have taken part in international student exchange programs and chosen to stay in Michigan.

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THE CASS City 10U baseball stars won the Brown City tournament over the weekend. The champs are: (front, l-r) Corbin Forster, Chris Matthews, Brady Krueger, Will Perry, Ethan Speirs, Justin Murdoch; (middle) Deighan Moyer, Blake Mackowiak, Deshawn Moore, Jackson Anthony, Robert Gibbons, Preston Dorland, Tyler Reinke; (back) Head Coach Troy Perry, Nick Moyer, Josh Mackowiak, Brad Speirs and Jason Reinke.



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MIRACLE IS pictured above, standing on the roof of the 500-foot-tall Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) at Kennedy Space Center, as he prepared to cover the launch of an expendable rocket in 2012.

NASA officials to honor Cass City grad

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home of Merritt Island, Fla., home of NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

A Detroit area native, Miracle, the son of Glen and Millie Miracle, Cass City, moved to the Thumb with his family when he was a teenager, enrolling at Cass City High School and graduating in 1969. He was then drafted, serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam for 14 months.

A year after returning home, he met his wife at a church service. Later, they attended a Christian leadership seminar in Merritt Island, where they would move to take on work in the ministry as full-time staff members for Teen Missions International, a Christian outreach organization that plans and oversees youth missionary trips across the globe to tackle projects such as building schools.

Towards the end of their eight-year tenure with Teen Missions, the Miracles started their own family. Today, daughters Rachel and Sarah live in Florida and Pennsylvania, respectively, while their oldest, Lt. Col. Stephen S. Miracle, is a 2002 Air Force Academy graduate and Air Force pilot who resides with his family in Oklahoma.

The path to NASA

Miracle says his path to NASA was sparked by some experiences he had doing some television spots for Teen Missions.

"I thought, this was an interest-

ing career. I thought, this is something I might want to do," he recalled, adding he started out at the bottom — as a security/maintenance worker for a Christian television station. Over the course of a year, he moved up to an entry-level position as a master control operator and then operated an in-studio camera and got involved in building sets.

"That was the beginning," said Miracle, who then went to work for another television station, taking on responsibilities such as broadcasting from remote locations.

Later, he followed his interests to a part-time job operating the IMAX Theatre Projection System at the KSC Visitors Center, where he met the KSC Press Site supervisor. As luck would have it, the supervisor was trying to fill a staff position, which typically involved hiring from within. But he had come to respect Miracle and recommended him for the job. He started his new position April 3, 1989.

In a nutshell, Miracle said his job has focused on providing the media with coverage of everything from payload and rocket processing to crew activities, simulations and launches and landings, including those staged during the Space Shuttle era. In the beginning, he noted, that involved producing video segments that were copied and distributed to the media.

In time, however, Miracle successfully pursued his own vision of producing live broadcasts of

NASA events both on the Florida and California coasts, with a team of writers, producers and cinematographers creating state-of-the-art coverage that media outlets today access via a server.

His efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

According to the team that nominated him for the Exceptional Public Service Medal, Miracle's personal creativity, tenacity and reliability have all enabled him to play an integral part in relaying NASA's missions and achievements with the American people.

"Mr. Miracle is the ultimate utility player. During his career, he worked on more than 100 Space Shuttle launches and supported scores of expendable launch vehicle missions from both Florida and California. He has more than proven his work as a Press Site team member. His vast knowledge of electronic newsgathering methodology has enabled him to serve as a production director, cinematographer, video editor, digital imaging specialist, lighting technician, audio console operator, live truck coordinator and mobile production support manager.

"In all of those roles, he has become the expert that team members measure themselves against."

At a time when many others were phasing out equipment during the Shuttle transition and retirement, Miracle took a more strategic view, according to those who nominated him for the award.

"He saw the need to preserve tel-

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Life savers

DNR recognizes trio, including pair of Cass City office staffers

A pair of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife employees in the Thumb were recently honored for their lifesaving efforts during a winter emergency on Saginaw Bay.

DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason presented lifesaving awards to three DNR staff members, including Rob Hamilton and Ron Sting, during a meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC).

"I am proud of the efforts of these three guys," said Mason. "The wildlife division is lucky to have such dedicated, brave employees on board and serving the people of Michigan."

Hamilton and Sting are wildlife assistants who work out of the DNR's wildlife field office in Cass City. In the course of their duties in mid-March, the pair were visiting the Geiger Road boating access site on Saginaw Bay when they noticed an ice fisherman in distress.

The 82-year-old man appeared to have fallen through the ice and was trapped in roughly four feet of water and was unable to free himself.

Sting and Hamilton helped the man out of the water and off the ice, and they noticed he was showing signs of hypothermia, according to Mason, who said Hamilton monitored the man's condition as he drove the man home.

"The man had refused medical assistance, but Sting, who was following behind Hamilton in his DNR truck, contacted emergency services to meet them at the man's house. The man was treated and made a full recovery, thanks to Sting and Hamilton's efforts," Mason added.

Also honored was Jeremiah Heise, a wildlife biologist at the DNR's wildlife field office in St. Charles, who was returning a phone call to a St. Charles citizen April 12 when he noticed the woman sounded disoriented.

Over the course of their conversation, the woman mentioned that she was diabetic. Suspecting a low blood sugar incident, Heise contacted emergency services and had them dispatched to the woman's home. She was taken to the hospital. Heise's keen observation skills and decisive action helped the woman to make a full recovery, Mason said.

Nate Levitte, DNR Wildlife Division field operations manager and supervisor of all three men, echoed Mason's praise for the employees. "I am tremendously proud to work with these members of our DNR family," he said.



THE MICHIGAN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently honored three employees, including Rob Hamilton and Ron Sting, who both work out of the DNR's wildlife field office in Cass City and are credited with saving the life of an 82-year-old man who fell through the ice on Saginaw Bay in mid-March. Pictured above are (left to right) Nate Levitte, DNR Wildlife Division field operations manager; Sting, Hamilton and Jeremiah Heise – a wildlife biologist at the DNR's field office in St. Charles who was also honored; and DNR Wildlife Chief Russ Mason.

Local dialysis center closing

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artificial kidney in which the blood is circulated outside the body through a filter that removes toxins before the blood is returned to the patient.

There is a vital need for dialysis centers, but the way those centers receive funding falls short of the actual cost of operations.

"The fact is, this center is financially unsustainable. Most dialysis patients, approximately 90 percent, rely on government programs to pay for the care they receive. These government programs fail to cover the actual cost of dialysis treatment," Culpepper said.

That fact has been pointed out to lawmakers for several years, but nothing has been done to close the financial gap.

As a result, some contributions from privately-insured patients is essential for dialysis clinics to remain financially sound.

"When that mix falls too low for too long, it's impossible for clinics like Cass City to stay open," she said. "This broken system is an issue that all dialysis providers and patients face. It is also an issue that disproportionately harms rural areas like Cass City, where patients have fewer options for care."

Patients of the Cass City center are being referred to dialysis centers in neighboring towns.

Cass City Dialysis serves about a dozen patients and has 16 dialysis stations. It has served the county for more than 20 years.



While the closure is bad news, officials are addressing issues important to dialysis patients.

President Donald Trump earlier this month signed an executive order aimed at improving kidney health and promoting increased treatment options.

"We are hopeful that the administration's recent announcement on advancing kidney care will create meaningful change that leads to a sustainable ecosystem and better access to high-quality care for everyone in need – no matter their location," Culpepper said.

Trump's executive order is expected to launch a kidney health initiative to improve the lives of those with kidney disease by focusing on ways to prevent kidney failure through better diagnosis, treatment, and preventative care; increase affordable alternative treatment options, educate patients on treatment alternatives, and encourage the development of artificial kidneys; and increase access to kidney transplants by modernizing the transplant system and updating counterproductive regulations.

Under the executive order, Medicare will test adjusting payment incentives to encourage preventative kidney care and the use of home dialysis.

Trump is directing his administration to develop a process to get artificial kidneys to patients in order to encourage development of such technology, and to expedite the process of kidney matching in order to help increase transplants.

"We've been investing in capabilities to deliver holistic care that addresses our patients' needs beyond kidney disease, such as mental health, social services and nutrition. We will continue to work with the administration and congress to launch programs that address broader care opportunities," said Javier Rodriguez, CEO for DaVita Inc.

DaVita is the largest provider of kidney care services in the United States and has been a leader in clinical quality and innovation for 20 years. As of the end of March, DaVita served 203,000 patients at 2,664 outpatient dialysis centers in the United States.

NASA officials to honor Cass City grad

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revision production equipment for future programming," they wrote. "Although space and storage were limited, or not available at all, he found a solution. Using ingenuity, he located an empty semi-trailer on-center and had it moved to the Press Site to create a unique store-room. This trailer now successfully preserves critical equipment that will broadcast upcoming launches for the Commercial Crew, Space Launch System and Orion programs.

Developing novel solutions

"Mr. Miracle's passion for telling the NASA story and his skillset as a certified master digital systems technologist has encouraged him to develop novel solutions to communication challenges."

As KSC public affairs officials were discussing new ways to broadcast launches, Miracle got involved, taking the initiative to empty out the Press Site audio-

rium, build a unique stage, and set up cameras to support an up-to-date and professional broadcast production facility.

"Mr. Miracle labored to make sure that his modular concept would support launch rehearsals and commentary, and be able to be reconfigured for post-launch briefings seamlessly," the nomination letter notes. "His concept was so well received that it was immediately adopted as the new standard."

But he wasn't done yet. Looking to the future, he spearheaded an opportunity to expand KSC TV's overall capabilities.

"He understood the need for a small, quick-turn production studio that would call for fewer people to stage and support specialized broadcasts. He began working on what would become Studio B. Teaming up with his NASA counterpart, Mr. Miracle brought in surplus equipment... into the unused building and created a one-of-a-kind facility."

"Mr. Miracle is a consummate,

caring professional with a distinctive vision that is counted on by the entire KSC communications team," the nomination team wrote. "For years, he has been the quiet and gentle force on the Press Site that gets the job done."

Miracle will retire later this year, but not before playing a role in productions stemming from this year's 50th anniversary of the Apollo program, including the historic Apollo lunar landing July 20, 1969, that paved the way for future space exploration.

Over the past three decades, Miracle has not only watched that exploration evolve and expand, he's also played a key role in sharing the story – both the successes and failures – with his fellow citizens across the nation.

It's been an interesting and satisfying ride, according to the former Cass City resident.

"Three hundred launches later, and I'm not tired of it," he said. "I've loved the job. It's been the greatest career I could have had."

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Obituaries

John Dunlap, Jr.

A Michigan native, John Daniel Dunlap, Jr. passed away July 3, 2019.

John was born in Cass City on April 3, 1941, to Jack and Emma (Finkbeiner) Dunlap. He grew up in Michigan's Thumb on a farm that had been in his family since the 1880s with his sisters, Phyllis (Czapla) and Janice (Smith) with a vast extended family close by. Both the location of John's early years spent in a farming community and his proximity to many generations of his family left a profound impact on how he lived. John was especially close to his sisters and their husbands and children throughout his lifetime.

He attended Cass City High School, where he excelled in track and football. After completing high school, John went to work for Walbro Corp. in Cass City, then for R. J. Fox Construction in nearby Caro.

In 1961 John started a 56-year career with Allied Van Lines working for Potter Moving and Storage out of Royal Oak, Michigan that continued through Potter B&C in Whittier, California and from 1981 to 2017 with Atlas Transfer and Storage in San Diego County, California working with his brother and sister-in-law Tommy and Linda Oakley.

During his long career with Allied Van Lines, he held many positions, including the local and long-distance driver, warehouseman, warehouse manager, dispatcher, operations manager and salesman. He estimated that he had traveled over five million miles on Allied company business and visited all of the lower 48 states during his long and productive tenure with the company and its fine agents.

In 1958, John married Karen Matthews in Decker, Michigan.

John and Karen had two sons, John III born in 1959 and Scott Leigh born in 1963. They moved from Sterling Heights, Michigan to California in 1970 settling in the Ontario/Upland area where the boys grew up and started their families. His sons now live in Mount Baldy and San Francisco, Calif.

In 1980, he married Janis Boland of Gross Pointe Farms, Michigan, in nearby Dearborn. They settled in the San Diego area and welcomed two children, Ashley Winthrop born in 1981 and Elizabeth Emma born in 1983 into their family. They soon moved to Ramona, Calif. where they spent many happy years raising their kids and being active in youth/school sports and local service clubs. Ashley resides in Poway and Elizabeth in El Cajon.

During his time in Ramona, John was well known for his involvement in supporting youth sports and in refusing evacuation for the 2003 Cedar Fire, one of the largest wildfires in California history staying put for over a week as the sole neighborhood resident, feeding, watering and protecting neighborhood pets and property and reporting regularly on their status to very concerned neighbors and friends. His efforts saved many beloved animals and put himself in grave danger doing so. He was a loving and kind pet owner throughout his life, enjoying caring for his pets and those of his extended family and friends.

John was a commonsense oriented man, often expressing a philosophy of sticking to family priorities, being kind and helpful to others and serving his family and neighbors whenever possible. As a result, he has nurtured and sustained many long-term friendships throughout his life.

John was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish and hunt. He spent many happy mornings on San Diego area lakes in his small boat fishing and bird hunting in Imperial County. He also loved pursuing deer in northern California, southern Oregon, and Michigan's Thumb region.

John passed away in El Cajon on July 3. In addition to his wife and sisters and four children, John leaves 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren in California, Nevada, and Utah and many nieces and nephews in Michigan and Idaho.

Please join our family to celebrate the Life of John Daniel Dunlap, Jr. on Friday, July 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92128.

Please sign the guest book online at legacy.com/obituaries/ramonasentinel.



Jay Smith

Jay Lee Smith, 88, of Cass City, died following a lengthy illness Monday, July 8, 2019 in Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

He was born August 10, 1930 in Detroit to Sanford and Muriel Virginia (Hurley) Smith. Jay was raised by his step-father David J. Bathgate.

He married Victoria Maxine Kappen July 23, 1955 in Detroit. She died February 11, 2016.

Jay enlisted in the United States Navy when he was seventeen and served during the Korean War. Following his military service, he returned to Detroit and worked as a foreman for his step-father at Oval Tool and Die Corporation of Detroit.

Moving to Cass City in 1970, Jay and Maxine owned and operated Jack's Bar, The Oasis Tavern in Caro and Wildwood Farms and Restaurant. They eventually retired to Clearwater Beach, Florida.

Jay was an avid gun collector and a self-taught musician. He loved nothing more than playing music and spending time with his family, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jay is survived by his children: David (Marti) Smith of Inverness, FL, Bonnie Berry of Griswold, CT, Kimburley (Terry) Donovan of Cass City, Kelly (Kelly) Smith of Cass City and Kevin Smith of Cass City; grandchildren: Joey (Chad) Kreeger of Cass City, Rebecca Cumper of Bay City, Christopher (Amanda) Smutek of Bay City, Alexandria Smith of Pittsburgh, PA, Nicholas Smith of Cass City, Josette Costa of Clearwater Beach, FL and Jason Smith of Clearwater Beach, FL; great-grandchildren: Zachary (Chelsi), Garrett, Conner, Victoria, Taylor, Madison, Tyler, Clayton and Carter; and great great-grandchildren: Liam and Finnely. He is also survived by sister, Maxine Loren of Ligonier, IN.

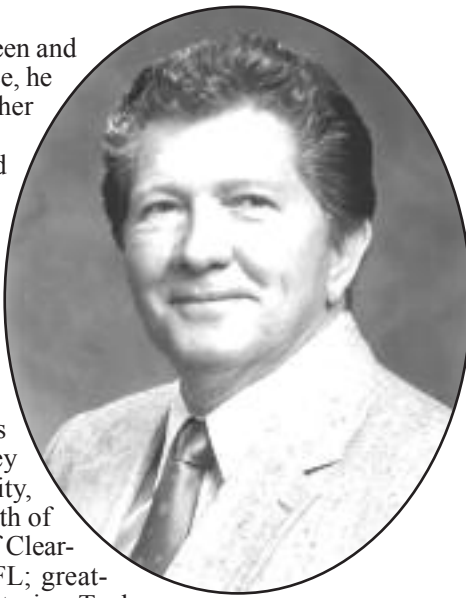
He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Maxine; and son, Jay Smith, Jr.

A private graveside service was held in Elkland Township Cemetery with Dr. Vincent F. Scelfo officiating. Military honors were conducted by Cass City VFW Post # 3644 and the United States Navy.

Memorials may be made to The Love for Lexi Pay It Forward Fund.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneral-home.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Whitmer acknowledges Tuscola County efforts, but no decision made yet

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Four months after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer halted construction of the state's new psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County, she responded to local efforts to keep the hospital local.

During Thursday's meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, Chairman Thom Bardwell read a letter Whitmer sent to the county, thanking the board for sending her a copy of its resolution in support for the Caro Psychiatric Center construction project, and saying she appreciates the effort made to contact her.

"Local communities across the state like Caro are important to me in any decision I make. Due to concerns about patient access, staffing shortages and water accessibility, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is currently reviewing the viability of the Caro Center Construction project," Whitmer stated in her letter.

"Please know that in the meantime, the department will maintain the existing Caro facility, including the addition of staff to secure continued safe operation and high-quality patient care, and that administration is in regular contact with union leadership, community stakeholders and the residents of Caro regarding the facility," she added.

"A recommendation is expected this summer."

The governor and DHHS officials hired consultants Myers and Stauffer to conduct an independent evaluation to determine if Tuscola County or another location would be the best location to build the new \$115 million hospital.

The consulting firm, which coordinated a community listening forum on the Caro Center last month at Caro High School, is expected to issue its recommendation Friday.

Jean Doss, representing the lobby group — Capitol Services — that county officials hired to assist in persuading the state to stick to its original promise to build in Tuscola County, updated commissioners last week via a conference call.

According to Doss, both the Michigan House and Senate have passed versions of the budget, which are now in conference committees, that include language re-stating the legislative intent to keep the new state hospital at the site of the current Caro Center.

Lawmakers approved funding for the project in 2017, and ground was broken in Caro last October.

The state spent more than \$3 million in start-up costs, including razing several houses used for staff housing years ago, along with a meeting hall.

Reams of information was gathered in 2017 and sent to lawmakers, which helped them make the decision to build the new state hospital in Caro, and even more information has been gathered since to convince lawmakers that Tuscola County is still the best location.

Doss urged area residents to keep the momentum going. Towards that end, she has created an informational Facebook page at [caro4michigan](https://www.facebook.com/car04michigan).

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Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
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We need Arts, Crafts & Jewelry Vendors to share your wares in our Parking Lot or inside our fellowship hall on Sat. July 27th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Thumb Arts, Music, Food & Fun. Bouncy House 4 Kids, Food, Fun and Music and vendors selling lots of items. CALL JULIE JANIK @ (989) 872-3422 to Register.

August Events

Community Picnic Sat. August 3rd 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Kids Fly a Kite or Teens/Parents Fly a Drone. Picnic at the church grounds. Prizes. In case of rain – Sat. August 17th.

Sat. August 17th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Classic Car, Tractor & Motorcycle Show Salute to our Veterans Sponsored by the Cass City UMC - Progressive Group Music, Food & Fun. Bouncy House 4 Kids, Food, Fun and Music. Box Lunches & Drinks available for purchase.

UMW Rummage Sale - Wednesday August 21 6:30 – 8:30 pm Thursday, August 22 9:00 – 5:00 pm and Friday, August 23rd at 9:30 am Big Sales – Big Savings – Lots of Fun.

Upcoming events in October 2019

Godspell the Musical 4th & 5th & 6th Seating & Refreshments start at 6:00 pm

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Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.

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Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger

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872-3422 - 5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

www.casscityumc.org

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

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

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

Pastor: Bob Demyanovich

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(Independent Fundamental)

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Pastor: Rev. Nathan Whipple

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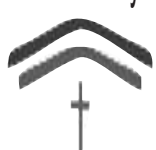
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Sundays - 10 a.m. • Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

Pastor: David Cooper

DefordCommunityChurch.org



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AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Teen Club 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pastor: Christian Wright

Website: www.fbccc.us



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Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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Legal Notices

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Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on July 25, 2019.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Annmarie L. Vermeesch, A Single Woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Executive Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Flagstar Bank, FSB Date of Mortgage: June 20, 2017 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 30, 2017 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$48,269.70 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point 148.50 feet South of the East one-quarter post of Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence West 257.70 feet, South 165.00 feet, East 257.70 feet, North 165.00 feet to Beginning.

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 06/26/2019 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 111923
6-26-4

This firm is a debt collector trying to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are currently or have within 6 months been in active military duty please contact our office at the number below.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Brian Derscha and Katy Derscha, husband and wife, as Mortgagors, to Frankenmuth Credit Union, as Mortgagee,

dated March 1, 2016, recorded March 9, 2016 in Liber 1347, Page 147 of Tuscola County records (the "Mortgage"). The amount claimed to be due and owing on the Mortgage is Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight and 11/100 Dollars (\$61,858.11) on the date of this Notice.

The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, take notice that on August 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within Tuscola County, Michigan. The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest accruing on the amount due at a rate of 12.50% per annum, costs and expenses of the Mortgagee as provided for in the Mortgage, and any amounts subsequently paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is all of the real estate and improvements located in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Lot 20, Assessor's Plat of Block 11, of the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 58B of Plats, except the North 36.62 feet thereof, Tuscola County records. Tax Parcel Identification No.: 79-051-500-111-2000-00 Commonly known as: 139 E. Huron Avenue, Vassar, Michigan 48768 Pursuant to MCL 600.3240(7), the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagors will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchasers:

This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorneys.

Dated: July 9, 2019 STAN-CATO TRAGGE WELLS, PLLC Frankenmuth Credit Union, Mortgagee Attorneys for Mortgagee By: John P. Trage 2 Towne Square, Suite 825 Southfield, Michigan 48076 (248) 731-4500
7-17-4

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

POSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by John Willerton, a married man, Loretta Willerton, his wife, and Robert Rolston, a married man, and Nancy Rolston, his wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Company, a dissolved Michigan corporation, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated September 29, 2009, and was recorded on October 9, 2009, in Liber 1185, on page 321 of the Tuscola County records, and subject to an Assignment of Mortgage recorded at Liber 1260, Page 594. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$17,116.32, including interest at 5.625% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on August 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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

Commencing 870.04 ft N of the E 1/4 corner of Section 7, T14N, R11E, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence continuing N 434.01 ft; thence S 88°00'50" W 419.12 ft; thence S 0°17'20" E, 404.61 ft; thence S 87°57'20" E 417.09 ft to the POB.

commonly known as 6353 Richie Road, Gagetown, MI tax i.d. 007-007-000-0300-01

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

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

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C. Dated: July 9, 2019 By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707- (989) 892-4574
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14-7-17-1

ESTATE SALE - 4849 Hemlock Lane, Cass City. Friday, July 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. Antique furniture, trucks, bedding, glassware, cookbooks & furniture. 14-7-17-1

SPORTSMAN SALE - GARAGE SALE - Wednesday, July 24 from noon to 7 p.m., Thursday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (5 miles east of Cass City to Hoadley Road turn south sales are at 6375, 6216 & 6191 Hoadley Rd., Cass City.) Guns, ammo, sporting goods, household furnishings, antiques, furniture, clothing of all kinds. Kids' items, lots of glassware & dishes, cookie jars, linens & collectibles. Also, Keith Mitchell's old tool trailer & modern tools. 14-7-17-1

MOVING SALE - July 19 & 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4282 Sherman St., Cass City. Everything must go. 14-7-17-1

Notices

WALBRO PICNIC - for former employees & spouses. Wednesday, July 24 at 4 p.m. in the Cass City Park. Bring table service & a dish to pass. 14-7-10-3

NOTICE - CASS CITY DaVita Dialysis located at 6757 Main St. in Cass City, will cease operation as of July 26, 2019. Dialysis patients at this location have been assisted in arranging for dialysis treatment at alternative locations to ensure their continuity of care. 14-7-17-1

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Lot in Cass City up for Auction August 15th, 2019, 4:PM

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12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Carnival Opens at Noon
Free T-shirts to first 800 kids
with paid admission

**GRANDSTAND
LINEUP**

Mon., July 22

(Free Admission) - Limited Exhibits & Food Trucks Available

6:30PM: **Tuscola County Fair Royalty Crowned** (grandstands)
7PM: **Food, Art & Photography Auction** (grandstands)

Tues., July 23


11AM: **B&D Pedal Pull** (Registration 10:30AM)
Sponsored by: PODUNK AUTO PARTS - MILLINGTON
12PM: **Carnival Opens**
12 to 6PM: **Kid's Day!** (14 & Under Only \$9)
7PM: **Thumb Truck & Tractor Pull**



Giveaway at Kid's Activity Tent

Wed., July 24

THEME: MADE IN MICHIGAN

 Michigan Sugar Company will be giving away 1,000 - 2lb. bags of sugar at the new Tuscola County Midway Hall.
"Making life sweeter since 1906"

7PM: **Super Kicker Rodeo** (grandstands)

Thurs., July 25

HEROES DAY! - **FREE** ADMISSION TO ALL VETERANS,
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Senior Citizens 62 & older are also free.

7PM: **Super Kicker Rodeo** (grandstands)

Fri., July 26

7PM: **ATR Motorsports** (grandstands)
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