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## Green blasts state's downsized Caro Center plan

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

State officials last week recommended keeping the Caro Center open, but scaled down what was supposed to be a new 200-bed, \$115 million state psychiatric hospital approved by the Michigan Legislature in 2017.

Following a review by an independent consulting firm, Michigan Department of Health and

Human Services (MDHHS) officials announced they are recommending an 84-bed facility in Caro — a significant reduction from the Caro Center's capacity of 150 beds — with plans to reopen units at other existing state hospitals and increase resources into community-based programs to help serve individuals in need of mental health services.

The news was met with subdued celebration from some and criti-

cism from others, including 84th District State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), who predicted the Caro Center is on a path to closure under Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's proposal.

"The governor's plan, whether she acknowledges it or not, is a backdoor closure of the Caro Center," commented Green, who represents citizens in Tuscola and Huron counties.

"The point of the appropriation

made by the 99th Legislature was to provide an update to the current facility so that it could remain operational," he said. "The facility, as it stands today, is already on the path to closure. Without needed and promised repairs, the current facility could soon pose a safety risk for the many patients and residents who depend on quality care, as well as staff members of the Caro Center.

"The governor must fulfill (this) promise in order for the facility to remain viable," added Green.

"The people of Michigan rely too heavily on our facility to risk the center being shut down, and that's what will happen in the very near future if the governor does not recognize the need for an improved facility. I urge the governor to reconsider her decision and think carefully about the people who rely on the exceptional care that the Caro Center has provided to Michigan residents for decades."

Green later said he was encouraged by the MDHHS proposal in that it shows the state recognizes the care that the Caro Center provides. "However, I have two major concerns; the first is that there has been no decision as to what will happen to the facilities. Multiple reports from the executive branch state that the buildings cannot be renovated," he said, adding the recommendation to cut the number of available beds by

nearly 50 percent doesn't address the state psychiatric hospital waiting list.

"I am calling for a new facility to be built that would confirm the state's commitment to a community that has committed 105 years to serving the state's mental health community."

Green wasn't the only Thumb lawmaker to express dissatisfaction with last week's announcement.

"I am disappointed the governor did not support a new facility, but that will not stop me from continuing to fight for more for my district," said Senator Kevin Daley, whose 31st District includes Tuscola County. "I believe this issue is a long ways from being settled."

"Of course, we're grateful for the administration's commitment to keep the Caro Center in our community. The important thing is our voices were heard in Lansing. (But) there's still a lot of concerns when we look at what they (MDHHS officials) are recommending to the governor," commented Clayette Zechmeister, Tuscola County's chief information officer and acting controller-administrator.

She indicated county officials would still like to see state officials proceed with the originally-planned construction of a new, 200-bed hospital as approved by the state Legislature.

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STATE OFFICIALS last week recommended keeping the Caro Center open, but scaled down what was supposed to be a new 200-bed, \$115 million state psychiatric hospital approved by the Michigan Legislature in 2017. Thumb lawmakers, meanwhile, say they will continue to push for the state to follow through with the originally planned construction of a new facility serving up to 200 patients.

## Burglars about

### Thumb law enforcement officials say thieves targeting area homes

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A string of burglaries and thefts has Thumb law enforcement agencies encouraging residents to be on the lookout for suspicious individuals and vehicles in their neighborhoods, especially in rural

areas. The crime spree was underscored over the weekend in the Gage-town area, where Tuscola County Sheriff's Department officers Sgt. Ryan Pierce and Deputy Steve Roland were dispatched at about 6 a.m. Sunday to investigate a stolen vehicle complaint.

Subsequent investigation led the officers to an area where they observed the vehicle, and two suspects fled through a field, according to Sheriff Glen Skrent.

"Deputy (Ryan) Robinson and K9 Blek responded and began to track the suspects," said Skrent, who noted the officers discovered a ball field that had been allegedly damaged by the suspects.

"Through investigation, they found the suspects and received statements from both and cleared up a different stolen vehicle complaint and a larceny in Huron County," the sheriff said. "More property was recovered, with the owner unaccounted for at this time."

One 17-year-old suspect was lodged in the county jail and a juvenile was transported to a detention center.

Anyone with information related to the incidents is asked to contact Pierce at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2229) or Roland at 673-8161 (ext. 4056).

#### Thumb break-ins

"Members of our office, the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office, Bad Axe City Police and the Michigan State Police met at our office to discuss recent home invasions," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson announced Thursday.

"This meeting came in response to three home invasions happen-

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## Koylton eyes grant to upgrade service

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

An effort is underway to bring Internet service to rural areas in Michigan.

Koylton Township officials approved pursuing a grant to secure better internet service in the township through Air Advantage. Towards that end, the township has mailed out a questionnaire regarding Internet service.

"The Connecting Michigan Communities Grant (program) is awarding Internet service providers for projects that extend

broadband service into rural areas in the state," explained Air Advantage President Scott Zimmer.

"Although Internet coverage has increased dramatically, there are

still parts of the state that are underserved or completely unserved in regards to Internet access. The scope of the Connect Michigan

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### The sound of music...

ROTARY PARK in Cass City was filled with the sounds of local talent Friday night, thanks to the Cass City Lions Club, which sponsored its own music talent show in conjunction with the Music in Rotary Park summer concert series. Above, 12-year-old Maya Rose of Cass City belts out a tune, and Kevin Estrella, 17, also of Cass City, sings his way to first place in the 18-and-younger category.

## Familiar face in Kingston hired as administrator

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Although the Kingston Community School officials have hired a new junior-senior high school principal, students will see a familiar face when they return to class Aug. 26 to start the 2019-20 school year.

Michael Seaman was selected for the position from a field of 30 applicants, and given a two-year contract.

Seaman has been a teacher in the district since 2010 and has also served as dean of students since the first of the year, when Jay Green retired.

"Kingston Community Schools has developed a reputation for ac-

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# State begins implementing ag loan program stemming from wet spring

Michigan farmers who sustained devastating crop losses due to this spring's heavy rain and flooding can now receive relief when applying for low-interest loans, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

State treasury officials have begun implementing the \$15 million Agriculture Loan Origination Program. Approved by the Michigan Legislature and signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the program enables financial institutions to make low-interest loans to farmers, growers, processors and farm-related retailers.

"Agriculture is a critical piece of our state's economy," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. "These loans will help our farmers until next year's planting season."

Treasury is ready to begin processing applications and making these funds available so we can provide relief to Michigan's farmers."

Farmers should check with their local banks and other financial institutions to see if they are participating in the Agriculture Loan Origination Program. The state is paying the loan origination fees to reduce the cost of the loans, while the financial institutions are assuming the risk associated with providing the loans.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) has launched an online resource and information portal so farmers can find the help they need this year. The site is being updated as new information

is identified, including resources from partners like Michigan State University Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture.

"Michigan's farming community was hit hard by a trifecta of weather events this year - extreme cold, severe snow, and torrential rainfalls. This loan program underscores Michigan's commitment to help our farming families move forward," said MDARD Director Gary McDowell. "Eliminating the loan origination fees helps alleviate some of the financial distress many of our farmers are already feeling from low commodity prices and more."

For farmer-related disaster relief information, go to [www.michigan.gov/cropdisaster](http://www.michigan.gov/cropdisaster).

# Hills and Dales welcomes new doctor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently announced that Dr. April Fischer will be joining their team of physicians beginning Sept. 3.

Dr. Fischer will see patients at Millwood Street Primary Care in Caro, alongside Dr. Afonso Ferreira and Norma Abbott, nurse practitioner, and she will be offering extended evening hours, seeing patients Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dr. Fischer joins Hills and Dales after most recently practicing at Med Express in Saginaw. Prior to that, she saw patients at Hill Medical Clinic in Caro.

She earned her Doctor of Osteopathy from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in 2013. After medical school, Dr. Fischer trained at St. Joseph Mercy and Hamilton Community Health Network. She is board certified in Family Medicine.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Fischer to our medical staff team," commented Jean Anthony, Hills



Dr. April Fischer

and Dales president and CEO. "She is a great fit with our current

medical staff and will provide extended services to patients in Caro. We couldn't be more excited to grow the services that we are able to provide in Caro and know that Dr. Fischer will do a tremendous job."

Dr. Fischer will see patients ranging from newborn to elderly. To schedule an appointment, call (989) 672-1555.

# Break-ins

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ing on Wednesday (July 24) in the Owendale area and one other in the Hurds Corner Road area of Tuscola County. They have the appearance of similarities to approximately six others throughout Sanilac, Tuscola and Huron that have occurred during daytime hours over the past 20 months," he reported.

"We ask that residents report suspicious vehicles or persons to their perspective county dispatches, and encourage getting photographs, videos or detailed descriptions, as well as license plate numbers if possible," Hanson said.

"It is believed in some cases that the perpetrator or perpetrators make up some type of excuse to tell the homeowner when they stop, in the event that someone is home," he noted. "These incidents have occurred for the most part in rural areas."

Regardless of the recent outbreak, law enforcement officials remind all area residents to be in the habit of always keeping their doors locked when not home and to never leave their keys in vehicles when unattended.

The same goes for leaving valuables inside a vehicle, Skrent noted.

"Every year it seems we experience a rash of larcenies from vehicles," he said. "In reality larceny from auto (LFA) suspects will steal anything that could be of value, including cell phones, backpacks, guns, purses, wallets, shoes, money, change...and yes even sunglasses. They are not discriminating and will take anything."

# "Old settlers" in Novesta gearing up for reunion

The 106th Novesta Old Settler's Descendants Reunion will take place Saturday, August 17, at Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City. The reunion will start at noon.

As always, President Geri Perry says to bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Beverages will be provided.

Also requested are pictures, poems, artifacts and stories to share with others in attendance.

Dale Churchill will speak on "How Deford Got its Name" and Pennie Rienas, Novesta Township Clerk, on "Novesta Twp. Cemetery Update on Burial Sites."

# NOTICE OF INTENT

Village of Cass City -

Water and Sewer System Improvements

The Village of Cass City intends to file an application for funding for the proposed project with USDA Rural Development.

**Name and contact information of legal applicant.**  
Village of Cass City  
6505 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726

**Need for project:**  
The residents of Cass City have aged water mains, lack of redundancy, and potentially reduced pressures in some parts of the Village. Since the Village has plans for repaving North and South Seeger streets in place, now is the best time for infrastructure improvements below the street, before new pavement is installed.

**Scope of the project:**  
The water and sewer system improvements will serve Village residents and businesses in the following ways:

- ~ Replacement of undersized/aged water mains.
- ~ Addition of a loop eliminating a dead end main and potentially improving water quality.
- ~ Replacement of sewer crossings across south Seeger St. will eliminate failures and need for excavation in the near and mid-term.

**Estimated amount of project:** \$1,300,000.00

**Timeframe of project:** Spring 2021 through Fall 2022

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
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## MPSC offers tips to cut utility bills

Thumb area residents have already experienced some sizzling temperatures this summer, but August could bring even more heat, prompting the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to offer practical tips to help manage utility bills while staying cool.

For example, keep homes or apartments cool and comfortable by using fans to supplement air conditioning, grill outdoors instead of using the stove or oven, and seal ventilation ducts since air loss accounts for about 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption.

Other tips to stay cool economically:

\*Ceiling fans allow you to raise the thermostat setting about four degrees without affecting comfort. Turn fans off when not in the room.

\*Install and set a programmable thermostat to efficiently manage your cooling system. It could help you to save up to 10 percent annually on cooling and heating costs.

\*Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower overall cooling bills will be.

\*Keep curtains or blinds closed to keep the sun from warming the home's interior.

\*Shut air vents in parts of the house that aren't used or close off unoccupied rooms to keep the cool air where it's needed. This can save five to 10 percent on cooling costs.

\*Use the dishwasher later in the day so you don't add heat or humidity to your home.

\*Keep the cooling system well-tuned with periodic maintenance. Clean or replace the air filter once a month or as needed. Dirty or clogged filters reduce efficiency.

\*Seal cracks around windows and doors to keep cool air from escaping.

\*If concerned about the cost of running air conditioning, go to an area cooling center, the local mall, the senior center, or a movie theater to get out of the heat.

At the same time, it's important to keep safety in mind. Severe weather such as thunderstorms can knock out power or cause flooding. Assemble a power outage readiness kit that includes flashlights, batteries, water, candles, important phone numbers, and a battery-operated radio.

Stay at least 20 feet from downed power lines and assume a fallen line is live. If power is interrupted and you need to run a portable generator, never use it indoors, in the basement, in a garage, or near windows or doors where dangerous carbon monoxide can enter a home.

Experts recommend that consumers purchase an ENERGY STAR-qualified air conditioning unit — on average, they're up to 15 percent more efficient than standard models. ENERGY STAR products meet strict federal efficiency standards.

Sign up for a utility budget plan to even out the cost of staying cool in the summer.

Contact your local utility about programs that allow income-eligible customers to make payments if they receive a shutoff notice and can't pay the bill in full. Eligible active duty military personnel and low-income customers may qualify for shut-off protection through various programs.

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Caving in to peer pressure



I have always been my own person and gone my own way, so I cannot believe at my age I caved in to peer pressure.

I'm not one to dwell in the past. Because of that, I'm having mixed feelings about going to an event that does just that; I'm considering going to my first — and more than likely — only class reunion.

I graduated in 1969 from Sebewaing High School, so our 50th anniversary is coming up this summer.

I have never gone to any of my class reunions. I never had any interest in going. I was only close to one person in high school, and we each went our separate ways in our senior year and never reconnected.

Some people are born to just naturally be the center of attention with a wide circle of friends, and to be a driving force. I've always been a quiet person — an observer. Being an observer rather than being in the forefront, some thought I was shy. I am far from shy. My thoughts and what I have to say come in the form of writing.

Over the last few months, I've come across some of those who I had gone to high school with and they have urged me to finally attend a reunion.

Their encouragement was a surprise. As an observer who stayed in the background, I was surprised they remembered I was in their class at all.

While in high school, there were a couple of girls who made it their mission to try to make my life miserable by bullying, taunting me and suggesting that I no longer take up space on earth. I stoically listened to their diatribe while silently laughing to myself that their actions would be great fodder for columns and characters in my novels.

The movie "Mean Girls" had nothing on them. I still hold out hope that my novel based on their actions will one day be published.

There is a saying, "the pen is mightier than the sword." Verbal taunts are spoken, then gone — the written word can haunt forever.

Although I didn't enjoy high school, there have been a few of my classmates that I have wondered about from time to time. I wondered what happened to them, and what their career choices were.

While on a recent road trip with the person who is coordinating the class reunion this year, she provided some details on career paths, and the sad fact that 16 members of the class have passed away.

I learned that one is a retired nurse from the Walter Reed Hospital. I learned several went on to be teachers. Some other classmates are travelers. One has lived in several different states and at last word lives in Canada. Another traveler has lived all over the United States, been abroad and taught English classes in China.

So, I caved in to peer pressure and will be attending my first reunion of the Class of 1969 when it meets this month.

I'm not sure what to expect. I've never gone to a class reunion before. Whether the event turns out to be fun or a misadventure, it will be an experience that might possibly be another column.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can  
get to help)

The Chronicle has hosted some outstanding summer interns — most of them CMU students — over the years, and Editor Tom Montgomery still keeps in touch with a few of them.

He recently learned that former intern Kelli Ameling, who interned at the Chronicle during the summer of 2010, is returning to Michigan after several years of work as a journalist in Michigan, Wyoming and Seattle.

Ameling will be starting her new job working for the Leelanau Enterprise in September. The Enterprise is an award-winning newspaper in Leelanau County — often referred to as the "little finger" of Michigan's mitten-shaped Lower Peninsula.

Among other beautiful sites, the county is home to the scenic Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, and the peninsula boasts a whopping 26 wineries.

Anyway, here's a quick look at Ameling's resume since leaving the Chronicle:

She graduated from CMU in December 2010 with a bachelor's degree in journalism with a news editorial concentration, then took her first reporting job at the Hillsdale Daily News from January 2011 to August 2011. Her next move was to Greenville, where she worked as a reporter at the Greenville Daily News from August 2011 until September 2013. Her tenure there included serving as editor of the newspaper's women's publication, SHE.

Ameling accepted the job of managing editor at the Lander Journal in Lander, Wyo., in September 2013, and was named publisher of the paper in October 2016, serving in that role until April 2018, when she moved farther west — to Port Townsend, Wash. — to accept the position of managing editor of the Port Townsend and Jefferson County Leader. Last fall, she was named general manager of that newspaper.

Congrats, Kelli, and here's to continued success in your already successful career!

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## Letters to the Editor

### Wind energy is still a win-win for everyone

Editor,

What a pleasure to have clean air. The air is not perfect, but a lot better cleaner than it was 30 years ago. Our air still contains carbon from coal and fuels that is aggravating global warming.

The downside of global warming, according to many scientists, is if the average temperature reaches a certain average temperature, it will continue to rise, destroying the planet. This is sometimes called a runaway temperature. That is not good news for our children.

The good news is, by working together with the nation and maybe the world, we can improve the air quality and global warming with renewable resources.

We all want cars and electrical current for our homes and factories, but it comes at a price. Right now, we are using fuels to run our cars and electrical genera-

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Last week, a very interesting young man stopped by the Chronicle office. His name is Kyle Bailey. He is Michigan's only quadruple organ transplant recipient, having both lungs, liver and kidney replaced a few years back.

Now, in his spare time — Kyle is also a house inspector — he's "Bridging the Gap", bicycling from Mackinaw City to Port Huron to raise money for the Kyle Bailey Foundation that donates money to children with medical needs. Last year he raised \$30,000.

His journey was to start on Aug. 4 and end on Aug. 10. And on Day 5 (Aug 8th), he'll ride from Pinconning to Cass City.

If you would like to help his efforts, send your donations to: Kyle Bailey Foundation, PO Box 610832, Port Huron, MI 48061 or visit: [registerme.org/recyclelife](http://registerme.org/recyclelife).

Better yet, give Kyle a call at 810-689-7894. He'd loved to meet while in town Thursday night.

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Smokey Bear's 75-year legacy of promoting safe, responsible enjoyment of the nation's forests will be celebrated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other partners Friday, Aug. 9, at the Straits of Mackinac.

Fire prevention staff will be joined by Smokey Bear for a family-friendly birthday party from 1 to 3 p.m. at Straits State Park in St. Ignace. The party will feature a fire truck open house, wildland fire equipment on display, fire-prevention games, refreshments and a chance to meet Smokey Bear.

"For 75 years, Smokey Bear has gently reminded us that it's easy to take simple actions that go a long way toward protecting the places we love," said Debbie Begalle, state forester and chief of the DNR Forest Resources Division.

Smokey Bear has shared fire-prevention messages for generations with the signature phrase, "Only you can prevent wildfires." Begalle said that the message that first rolled out in 1944 is still relevant today; nine out of 10 wildfires are started by people, and responsible practices can prevent unwanted fires.

Learn more about the DNR's efforts to spread Smokey's fire-safety message in this short video, "Wildfires are a Scary Thing" — set to the tune of Johnny Cash's song, "Ring of Fire." It's part of a friendly challenge to find creative ways to celebrate Smokey Bear's 75th anniversary year.

For more information about fire prevention and safety, visit [Michigan.gov/FireManagement](http://Michigan.gov/FireManagement).

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### Wednesday, August 7

•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.

### Thursday, August 8

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.  
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

### Saturday, August 10

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

### Monday, August 12

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

### Tuesday, August 13

•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.  
•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.

## Obituaries

### Nancy Bradway

Nancy Ann Bradway, 83, of Gagetown, died following a long illness Monday, July 29, 2019 in her granddaughter's home in Gagetown.

She was born August 25, 1935 in Palmer, AK, the third of four children born to Robert and Helen (Mackey) Usher.

She married George A. Bradway September 11, 1951 in the village of Cornell in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He died September 22, 2001.

Nancy was a stay at home Mom while her children were small. She was the Mom of six children by the time she was 22.

Along with her husband, Nancy owned and managed Bradway's Grocery in Elba for 13 years and then Kelly's Market in Gagetown for 12 years. Nancy also worked in the office of Erla's Grocery Store for a few years. She enjoyed flower gardening. Nancy went whitewater rafting with three of her grandchildren when she was 70 and went skydiving in her late 70's.

Nancy is survived by her children: Sandra (Steve) Shaw of Fairbault, MN, Patricia (Donald) Barr of Laurenceville, GA, Gary (Kathy) Bradway of Belding, Gregory Bradway of Kalkaska, Pamela (Kevin) Schlaud of West Point, VA, Gail (Robert) McCreeley of Gagetown and Scott (Deneen) Bradway of Mayville; grandchildren: Jeff (Stephanie) Shaw, Becky (Mike) Stenzel, Kristen (Alex) Perrine, Timothy (Melinda) Barr, Stephanie Barr, Victoria (Brek) Steele, Amelia (Justin) Parrish, Andrew Bradway, Adam (Jill) Bradway, Patrick (Brittany) Bradway, Georgiann (Shawn) Salkeld, Heather Ereg, Dana Bradway, Nicole (Mike) Lamb, Eric Schlaud, Christina (Mike) Witzke, Michael (Tara) Dale, Nathan Dale, Kyle (Krista) Bradway, Holly (Chris Shay) Bradway and Hannah Bradway; great-grandchildren: Lilly, Lathan, Lanydan, Liberty, Haven, Maverick, Dixie, Geneva, Elsie, Kayler, Winnie, Halle, Gray, Jack, Alexis, Meadow, Adien, Tyler, Alaina, Cooper, Alyson, Gage, Jason, Lacey, John, Audrey, Chase, Jackson, Ashley, Brodee, Landyn, Makenna, Kayden and another due soon. She will also be remembered by her sisters: Helen Dambrosio of Gwinn and Bonnie Phipps of Traverse City; sister-in-law, Lenore Usher of Watson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Bill Usher; and infant granddaughter, Melissa Schlaud.

A funeral service was held Friday, August 2, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Interment will be in Stiles Cemetery, Mayfield Township. Pallbearers for Mrs. Bradway: Jeff Shaw, Timothy Barr, Andrew Bradway, Adam Bradway, Patrick Bradway, Eric Schlaud, Michael Dale, Nathan Dale, Kyle Bradway.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



## Former Reese coach sentenced in school fund embezzlement probe

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A former Reese High School coach charged with stealing nearly \$4,000 from the Tuscola County school district's athletic program was sentenced to 90 days in jail and placed on probation for six months last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

The jail time ordered for Scott A. Long, Jr., 33, was deferred pending successful completion of probation, according to court records, which note the Saginaw resident was required to make full restitu-

tion to the Reese Public Schools in addition to paying court costs and fines totaling \$858.

Long previously pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement of \$200 to \$1,000 from a non-profit or charitable organization.

Under a plea agreement, Long agreed to pay full restitution - roughly \$3,900 - by his sentencing date. In exchange, the prosecutor's office dismissed the more serious charge of embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000, which is punishable by up to 10 years in incarceration and/or a \$15,000 fine.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene authorized the embezzlement charge against Long in early March following an investigation into missing money from the Reese Public Schools and/or the Reese Public Schools Athletic Program.

"The charge arises from funds the defendant (allegedly) misappropriated to his personal use from various fundraisers that occurred between approximately June and November 2018 while he was the varsity football coach for Reese Public Schools," Reene explained.

## Circuit court proceedings

### Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Jeffery S. Cummings, 53, Mayville, was sentenced to one day in the county jail following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Nov. 22 in Dayton Township.

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$625.

\*Jilleene R. Parker, 28, Flint, was sentenced to 171 months to 45 years in prison following her pleas of no contest to armed robbery involving serious injury to the victim, armed robbery and two counts of unlawful imprisonment Sept. 9 in Millington Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$462.

\*Alexander Jerry-Lee Kern, 28, Kingston, was sentenced to 330 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to one count of child abuse, third degree, and two counts of domestic violence Sept. 24 in Ellington Township.

Kern was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay \$1,558.

\*Paul D. Thompson, 51, Kingston, was sentenced to 93 days in jail following his conviction by a jury on a charge of interfering with electronic communications Dec. 26 in Koylton Township.

He was also placed on probation for 18 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

\*Andrew M. Mullin, 55, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense; assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer; and two counts of fleeing and eluding a police officer May 17 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Taylor A. Dragus, 25, Caro, pleaded no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm April 28 in Caro. The defendant was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior convictions).

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

\*Reuben I. Bricker, 19, Deford, pleaded no contest to five counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, stemming from incidents between Jan. 1, 2010, and Aug. 31, 2017, in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, Bricker's \$500,000 bond was revoked and he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Christopher R. Paier, 23, Reese, pleaded no contest to killing/torturing an animal March 16 in Gilford Township.

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

\*Ryan E. Sundberg, 30, Flint, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to aggravated domestic violence, second offense, June 24 in Cass City. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more

prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008.

\*Willie E. Triplett, 26, Grand Blanc, was sentenced to 20 to 50 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to armed robbery involving serious injury to the victim, armed robbery and two counts of unlawful imprisonment Sept. 12 in Millington Township. He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$462. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

\*Logan J. Rocha, 18, Reese, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to three counts of criminal sexual conduct, second degree, Feb 1-19 in Denmark Township.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay

costs and fines totaling \$644.

\*Troy L. Smith, 21, Silverwood, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following his plea of no contest to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000 between Sept. 11 and Oct. 18.

He was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758 plus restitution of \$8,400 to Mr. Chips, Mayville.

\*Rhonda J. Underwood, 47, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 30 in Dayton Township.

\*Jolynn R. Maurer, 36, Clio, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$385 following her plea of guilty to attempted possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense, May 22, 2018, in Arbel Township.

## Letters to the Editor

### Wind energy is still a win-win

Continued from page three.

tors that discharge carbons into the air, causing dirty air and global warming.

The people in the Great Lakes area are in the right place to have natural renewable resources in wind power. The renewable resources of wind power can run our windmills. The windmills can run the electric cars and our homes without polluting the air with carbon that can lead to global warming.

The people in the Thumb area are better positioned than most areas to take advantage of this wind power free of charge for windmills, and at the same time we may be saving the planet.

Those windmills are also good for the funds they can generate for our schools, for our government, for land owners and jobs for our children who have been and will be operating the windmills in future years.

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## Reporter's notebook

Can you hear me now?

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



Listening is a lost art.

Many of us don't do a good job of listening to others in casual conversation, let alone during a heated debate, which explains why social media sites are absolutely the worst places to engage in a serious discussion of just about any sort.

In this case, I'm inclined to agree with Lady Gaga when she so eloquently described social media as the toilet of the Internet.

Back during my junior college days – and this was long before the Internet, cellular phones, etc. — I took a class that made me a much better journalist because it forced me to slow down in every conversation and focus on really listening to what someone else was trying to convey to me.

I aced the class, but I can't say the lessons learned made me a much better man or husband, because even after more than 37 years of wedded bliss, my wife would probably give me a C-plus in listening. Or is it hearing?

Oh, well. That's another series of columns altogether.

In any event, the class was called Interactive Communications, and the emphasis was on learning how to listen effectively by frequently offering feedback to the person talking to you. The skill – and it is a skill – is known as actively listening.

In a nutshell, active listening requires the listener to fully concentrate, understand, respond and then remember what is being said. You make a conscious effort to hear and understand the complete message being spoken – without interrupting — rather than just passively hearing the message of the speaker.

How do you make a conscious effort to understand the message being spoken? You ask questions that will encourage the person talking to clearly define their message. Summarizing what you believe they are saying – and asking if your summarization is accurate — is another great technique.

The value in active listening, of course, is that it helps to determine if the person talking to you is actually saying what they mean and vice versa. Many people don't, and that leads to all sorts of needless misunderstandings. Of course, so does not really listening at all because you're so busy trying to come up with your own next barrage of points or personal experiences.

Or, maybe you're too busy disagreeing with what they're saying to hear their point of view?

I've been as guilty as the next person, but I've also managed to improve as a writer and interviewer because I double up on my effort to be a better listener when I catch myself focusing on, well, me.

I can't even begin to count the number of times, during interviews, when I bounced back what the interviewee said to me, and they stopped dead in their tracks, looked at me like I had horns growing out of my head, and said, "Oh, no, that's not what I meant at all!"

Whew!

Sometimes it helps to simply ask the same question more than once, although worded a bit differently.

A word of warning: it doesn't always work, especially when trying to engage in a civil debate with an adult who clearly hasn't grown up, can't put two coherent thoughts together at one time, and who resorts to swearing and name calling when you don't agree with him or her.

Sadly, there's no shortage of those individuals on Facebook and other social media sites, and I can only theorize that a number of them were schoolyard bullies growing up. Toss in the anonymity of sitting alone at a keyboard, and gang mentality that has infiltrated discussion boards, etc., on the Internet, and you've got a perfect storm for knuckleheads.

I suppose actively listening could work on Facebook, but I doubt it.

Like any true form of human connection, real communication often exists only when you're face to face with another person, focusing on their words with your own mouth closed, making eye contact and observing facial expressions and body language.

And listening.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Cass City's Frank Stoup will continue to run Mulligan's Irish Links and the Knights of Columbus Hall while evaluating the best new use for the properties. Assisting Stoup will be Helen Larson, Krystal Meyer and Joyce Sugden, all current employees of Flowers Galore and More.

The new study rooms at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City have that "just finished" look and probably will for years to come, but they honor a past spanning several decades filled with the care and devotion of those whose dedication helped to create the modern facility patrons enjoy today. The study rooms have been dedicated in honor of Reva Little and Barb Hutchinson.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Chelsea Ruggles sold her Grand Champion Beef at this year's Tuscola County 4-H Livestock Sale July 30. United Producers, Inc. of Cass City purchased her 1,325-pound market steer for \$2,800. Ruggles is the daughter of Tim and Julie Ruggles and is part of the 5 Star Livestock Club in Kingston.

The Elkland Township Fire Department recently honored 10-year-old Sayge Cuthrell of Cass City for her quick action - and keeping a cool head — after spotting smoke coming from a neighbor's home and alerting her parents, Amy and Scott Cuthrell. Scott Cuthrell, a Cass City teacher and coach, immediately ran across the street and helped homeowner Lucille Copeland safely outside, while Amy Cuthrell called 911. The blaze was electrical in nature, according to fire fighters, who saved the home.

Marilyn Biefer of Cass City will be featured in a one-woman art show for the month of August. The show, which will highlight the various media Biefer has used over the course of her career, is part of Saginaw Township's Art in Public Places, located at the township hall at 4980 Shattuck Rd., Saginaw. The show will run through Monday, Aug. 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Biefer retired from the Kingston Community Schools a year ago following a 35-year tenure as a high school art teacher. She currently teaches private lessons in her home.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were among a group who attended the Sines family reunion Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Phillips in Bad Axe. Guests attended from Connecticut, Chicago, Filion, Detroit, Bad Axe, Ubyl and the surrounding area.

Unforgettable. That's how Dick Hendrick describes his and wife Elaine's recent trip to Hollywood, Calif., courtesy of Wheel of Fortune. The trip included tours of Universal Studios, which was of special interest to the longtime owners of the Cass Theatre. They also attended the first screening of "The Little Rascals" and, of course, met Wheel of Fortune hosts Pat Sajak and Vanna White.

No one can take Mac Connolly's dreams away from him... most wouldn't even try. The offensive guard headed for Olivet College Aug. 14 on a football scholarship that will help pay the \$14,000 per year tuition bill, and he couldn't be happier.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family of Walled Lake, Mrs. Alex Cleland and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski came home Saturday after spending a week at Caribou Lake. They spent a day touring Mackinaw City, Sault Ste. Marie and Canada.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

At the Art Institute of Chicago this weekend will be David Kitchen, attending with a group of students from the University of Michigan art history department.

Rev. Eldred Kelley officiated at the dedication of Thomas Michael

Armstead during the Sunday morning worship service in Evangelical Free Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Armstead.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy M. Sheridan of Caro announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Therese, to Larry D. Whittaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whittaker of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Langenburg of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Sue, to Raymond L. Burleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Burleson Sr., Cass City.

Becky Johnson's grand champion steer at the Tuscola fair was purchased by Randy Stec of the Federal Land Bank Association and Dutch Guthrie of the Production Credit Association, both of Caro, for \$1.30 a pound. The Simmental weighed 1,405 pounds. She is the daughter of Barb and Norm Johnson of Kingston Road, Kingston.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

The School Board Monday evening formalized the appointment of Dorland Kuntz as Evergreen Elementary principal, replacing Ruth Smith, who retired. Salary will be \$20,000. In addition to serving as principal, Kuntz will also teach the third grade.

Four youth from the Novesta Church of Christ are in Lansing this week attending a music camp at the Great Lakes Bible College. The week will be concluded with a concert Friday evening in which the students will participate. The local group includes Michelle Pratt, Rob Hartwick, Lester Auten and Becky Speirs.

Rev. P. Thomas Wachterhauser officiated at the baptism of 2-month-old Brice Joseph Osentoski during the Sunday morning worship service at Trinity United Methodist church. The baby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Osentoski. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Merchant. Following the service, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Osentoski, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Merchant, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Merchant, Ken Osentoski and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Osentoski went to Wildwood Farms for a family dinner.

It was quite a summer for Lonnie Wilson. The clarinet player was a member of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp international band which performed in Sweden, Norway and Denmark earlier this summer. Lonnie, 16, is the daughter of George and Glenda Wilson of Gage Street, Gagetown. She will be a junior this fall at Cass City High School.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

S/Sgt. Michael Wald, who has been on duty in Vietnam for two years, arrived home last Friday. He and Mrs. Wald and Sammy will leave next week for Del Rio, Texas, to visit relatives. From there they will go to McGuire Air Force Base from where they leave for three years' service in Ranstien, Germany. While in Vietnam, Sgt. Wald met his brother, S/Sgt. Joseph Wald, and spent three days with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Simmons, son Willy and Miss Fran Simmons of Panama City, Florida, returned home Saturday after spending 10 days with their mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hagar, and grandmother, Mrs. William Simmons of Cass City. Don graduated from Cass City High School in 1955 and is now Tech. Sergeant at Tyn-dall Air Force Base, Panama City. He has also spent one year in Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. James Althoff and son Todd and daughter Michon of Homewood, Ill. came Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Ernest Croft. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bell and son of Chesaning spent Sunday with Mrs. Croft and took Mr. Althoff to the airport as he returned home. Mrs. Althoff and children stayed to spend the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morrison returned home Aug. 6 from an 11-day vacation trip. They went to

Florence, Wis., where they met her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson of Springfield, Wis., and with them visited relatives at Aitkin, Minnesota. The Morrisons also visited relatives at Lake Geneva, Wis., and at Woodstock, Ill.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

The relatives and many friends of Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Fritz found time Wednesday to acknowledge in some way the milestone reached in their married life, their golden wedding anniversary. The marriage of Dr. I. A. Fritz and Miss Grace Phelan took place in Cass City, Aug. 9, 1894. The Rev. S. M. Gilchriese, then pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church here, performed the ceremony. The couple were attended by Miss Mary Fisher, now Mrs. George Seed, and Dr. Fritz's brother, C. E. Fritz.

Jeness W. Eastman of Cass City, retiring president of the Michigan State college chapter of the American Veterinary Medical association, was awarded the Rommy Steensma scholarship Thursday night, Aug. 10. Officers for the ensuing year were also elected. The \$25 award, made by the college alumni association in honor of Steensma, first Michigan State college man to lose his life in the present war, was made on the basis of scholarship, personality and contribution to the student body.

Clayton Edmund Larkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Larkin, of Detroit and formerly of Cass City, received his silver wings August 4 when he was graduated as a Second Lieutenant from the Advanced Two-Engine Pilot School, at Pecos (Texas) Army Air Field, it was announced by Col. Orin J. Bushey, commanding officer. The new pilot completed a course in training in twin-engine aircraft. He was assigned to Pecos from Gardner Field, California. He is a former student of Cass City high school.

The Rev. Frank B. Smith, former pastor here, officiated at the ceremony on Aug. 9 uniting in marriage Miss Cora E. Wise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wise, of Cass City, and Pvt. Robert L. Wilson of the Marine corps, son of Orville Wilson, of Cass City. The event took place at 9:00 p. m. in the Baptist church on Harper in Detroit. The bride was attended by Miss Ersel Glaspie of Cass City as maid of honor and Mrs. Jack Stewart of Detroit, sister of the groom, as matron of honor. Groomsman were Wm. Wilson of Cass City, brother of the groom, and a friend, Pvt. Clarence Robyler, of the Marine corps.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

On Tuesday evening, August 12, wedding bells rang merrily at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Brown on Pearl street, Caro, when their second daughter, Mildred L., was given in marriage by her father to Dr. Pearl E. Fleming of Cass City. Mrs. Walter Baker of Detroit, sister of the groom, sang "Oh, Promise Me" as the bridal party took their places before a bank of ferns and pink gladiolas, under a white wedding bell trimmed with smilax. The full ring service was read by Dr. Frederick Lendrum of the First M. E. church in the presence of 50 friends and relatives.

J. D. Tuckey has purchased six choice head of Holstein cows from the thoroughbred herd of Wallace Gilbert of Greenleaf township. This addition to Mr. Tuckey's herd brings the total number of his cows to 30.

We expect to see electric lights strung along the country highways within a few years. Is that expecting too much? Certainly not. Many of us can remember when we took lanterns and rubbers to negotiate the hometown streets after nightfall. Now we walk on cement, and with its electric light globes up to midnight hometown is almost as light as day.

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## August Events

Sat. August 17<sup>th</sup> 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, also Straw Draw!

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

## September Events FISH FRY'S ARE BACK!

After our successful Lenten Fish Fry's, they are back on the Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm and on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm. Come and share good food and fellowship.

SEPT. 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm



OCT. 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm

## Upcoming events in October 2019

Annual Church Bazaar 26, 9:00-5pm

Kids Trunk & Treat Sunday, 27, 2pm

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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## At tech centers in Caro, Bad Axe

# College officials expanding access to educational opportunities in Thumb

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Mid Michigan College is expanding access to provide educational opportunities in the Thumb.

The college is now planning to offer educational opportunities in Huron and Tuscola counties via career-ready and transfer-focused associate degrees, short-term training and online options.

"The classes will be at the tech center in Caro and at the tech center in Bad Axe," explained Brad Merrill, director of Mid Michigan College.

The Tuscola Technology Center is located at 1401 Cleaver Rd, Caro, and the phone number is (989) 673-5300. The Huron Technology Center is at 1160 S Van Dyke Rd, Bad Axe, and the phone number is (989) 269-9284.

"We're excited to increase the number of courses, programs and training opportunities available to the residents of Michigan's Thumb region," said Scott Mertes, vice president of Community Outreach and Advancement at Mid

Michigan College.

The programs, pathways and courses offered at both intermediate school districts are highly-transferable. As a participant in the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA), Mid Michigan College offers a block of classes, equaling 30 credits, that fulfill the general education requirements at Michigan universities, and those credits are guaranteed to transfer to most universities across the state.

Mid Michigan College's liberal studies and business studies transfer associate degrees can be completed with a combination of face-to-face and online (or completely online if desired) and allow students to transfer more than 60 credits to the four-year university program of their choice.

The school's career-ready programs and pathways allow students to gain knowledge and skills in high-demand careers, including medical assisting, manufacturing and drafting. Short-term training offerings allow students to gain employable skills in three to 12

weeks, are focused on industries with high employment growth — such as truck driving and phlebotomy — and often allow students to utilize college credit in career-ready programs.

Both intermediate school districts will also offer dual enrollment opportunities for high school students from local school districts, who can get a significant start on earning a college degree while they're still in high school.

Registration for all fall semester offerings is currently open, and complete information, including courses and schedules, can be found online.

Mid Michigan College's main campuses are located in Harrison and Mt. Pleasant, with satellite locations in Alpena, Mecosta, Osceola and now Tuscola and Huron counties.

More information is available by visiting the website [midmich.edu/thumb](http://midmich.edu/thumb) or by contact Brad Merrill via email at [matbmerrill@midmich.edu](mailto:matbmerrill@midmich.edu) or by calling (989) 297-0377.

## Efforts continue to provide dental care to needy

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Efforts to bring dental care to low-income and/or uninsured individuals in Tuscola County are continuing.

"I am still working with Great Lakes Bay Health Care (GLBHC) to bring dental services to Tuscola County. I have been working with Dr. Paul Crowley D.D.S., in regards to bringing a dental bus to the county," Ann Hepfer, who serves as health officer for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments, recently stated in a report to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

A key hold-up is lack of professionals to do the work.

"Right now, they are looking to

replace two of their dentist vacancies, so until they have them replaced it would be difficult for them to add dental (bus) locations," Hepfer said.

Although, the dental bus has not started yet, discussions are ongoing regarding its need, and to develop a schedule. And, depending on the needs for dental care, the focus of service might shift.

The health department is in the process of conducting a survey that will assist GLBHC in their decision on how to proceed. The survey would assess the need for hygienist or dental services.

The tentative plan is to have a dental bus located in the health department parking lot, where hygienist care/cleaning would be available, and if there is a need for

further treatment, patients would be referred to one of the organization's dental offices.

When the survey is complete, it is expected to show if hygienist services or dental services are needed more.

"If the need is greater for a dentist, then we might need to wait," Hepfer said.

County officials have been trying to develop a dental clinic for about eight years for the uninsured and those on Medicaid.

Currently, there is no dental clinic in Tuscola County that accepts patients on adult Medicaid.

Children who are on Medicaid are covered by Delta Dental and most of them can go to a local dentist who accepts Delta Dental for services.

## News briefs

### Revive collecting donations

CASS CITY — Revive Ministries in Cass City is collecting back-to-school items to be donated to Cass City Elementary School.

Needed are pencils, crayons, glue sticks, dry erase markers, Kleenex, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, computer paper and sweatpants/underwear (girls/boys sizes five to eight).

Organizers ask that residents drop the items off at Revive Ministries by Tuesday, Aug. 27.

### Free tire collections slated

GAGETOWN — Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement and Tuscola County Recycling are sponsoring free tire collections in August, including one in the village of Gagetown.

That collection will be held at the Gagetown DPW garage parking lot, 4771 Gifford St., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participation in the collection is limited to Tuscola County residents only (no out-of-county residents, no businesses and no commercial tires). Residents are limited to bringing no more than seven tires per vehicle and the tires cannot be more than 48 inches in height or more than 12 inches wide. Tires should be clean and not attached to an axle.

More information is available by calling Tuscola County Recycling at (989) 672-1673 or email [recycle@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:recycle@tuscolacounty.org).

### More Kingston fest activities

KINGSTON — A color fun run has been added to the line-up of events for the annual Kingston Days celebration.

The event will be Friday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m., starting at 5790 State St.

Residents can sign up online by visiting the website <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Kingston/ColorRun2019>.

In addition, a three-on-three basketball tournament has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Kingston High School parking lot. Registration must be completed before Wednesday, Aug. 21. However, to get a T-shirt, registrations must in by Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Team captains will be contacted two days before the event with game times.

There will be divisions for both girls and boys as well as adults, and the cost to enter is \$55 per team.

More information is available by contacting Maricella Lemke at (989) 827-9125 for registration forms.

### Community, vet expo on tap

CARO — A free community event and veteran expo will take place Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Highland Pines School, 1381 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The afternoon will include a free swim/open pool, activities for the kids, free bike helmets for kids up to age 15 (must be present), a pop up pantry (bring boxes and a cooler for food items).

Also on hand will be several veteran-specific vendors as well as a host of community vendors for the whole family. The vendors include Warriors of Hope, immunizations, Operation Injured Soldiers, American Red Cross, Team Rubicon, Field Neurosciences Institute, Saginaw VA/CBOC, MI Works!, Vet Center, Blek (Tuscola County Sheriff's Department K-9 officer), Thumb Behavioral Health and Peer 360.

This free event is for all Tuscola County residents. There will be refreshments (while supplies last). More information is available by calling (989) 673-8114.

### Road board discusses options

ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP — Elmwood Township Supervisor Chris Graff appeared before the Tuscola County Road Commission during a recent meeting and requested being allowed to install a plastic drainage tile within the road right-of-way in conjunction with the township's McGregory Road gravel project.

Road Commission Chairman Jack Laurie and road Superintendent-Manager Jay Tuckey provided information from Huron and from Sanilac County road commissions about some of the other options that are available.

After further discussion, Graff withdrew his request.

### Ellington road work approved

ELLINGTON TOWNSHIP — Ellington Township officials recently approved having some road work done.

The plans call for placing gravel on one mile of Jacob Road for \$13,245, .57 of a mile of Metcalf Road for \$11,114, and just under a mile of Severance Road for \$8,487.

In other business, township officials approved a contract for 2019-20 with the Caro Fire Department to continue receiving fire protection coverage at a cost of \$20,387.

### CERT fundraiser slated Aug. 23

CARO — The second annual Tuscola County Emergency Response Team (CERT) bowling fundraiser will be Friday, Aug. 23, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Brentwood in Caro.

A FlightCare helicopter is scheduled to fly in for the event at about 5:15 p.m., just before the bowl-a-thon.

Among the prizes to be given away is a gift card from the Bavarian Inn for two family style dinners, and Genesee County Parks and Recreation has donated four adult and four children tickets to Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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# Forgotten Eagles honor Thumb vets

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

A group of eagles recently roared into Caro to honor their own.

The "Forgotten Eagles", a motorcycle club comprised of veterans, quietly conducted a memorial service for veterans on the Tuscola County Courthouse lawn in late July.

Dennis Lamb, a member of the club's local chapter, read a tribute in honor of veterans and led the small group of club members in prayer.

"It is a very moving ceremony they do each year to honor veterans. They are all veterans who do the event," explained Gail Lesoski, a Vietnam Agent Orange widow.

As part of the ceremony, Lesoski and Janet Lamb placed a wreath at the Tuscola County Veterans Memorial on the courthouse lawn.

The Forgotten Eagles was formed in 2002 by a group of con-

cerned veterans that have come together to ensure the nation does not forget veterans, their needs and the needs of veterans' families.

Their goals focus on promoting awareness of veterans, veterans' issues, remembering prisoners of war and those missing in action

(POW/MIA), and advocating for them.

They also promote physical and cultural improvement of America's veterans and their families, assisting disabled and needy veterans, and participating in community projects that benefit those veterans.

When they organize a memorial like the one held in Caro, collection canisters are set out to accept donations.

The Forgotten Eagles has become the largest cash contributor to the Michigan Veteran's Trust Fund, and the group has established a Veterans Memorial Maintenance Fund to assist individual chapters in maintaining designated veterans memorials.

The club also makes yearly contributions to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans and the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw.



JANET LAMB (left) and Gail Lesoski place a wreath at the Tuscola County Veterans Memorial on the Tuscola County Courthouse lawn in Caro.



## Gypsy Ride on tap Saturday

The 14th annual Gypsy Ride hits the road Sunday, Aug. 11, and the staff and residents at Northwood Meadows in Cass City have been busy preparing for the event.

Motorcyclists are invited to the senior living community for a fun-filled day that benefits the residents of Northwood Meadows. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with the ride leaving the facility at 11 a.m.

Participants will travel roughly 100 miles along the Lake Huron shoreline and the funds they raise during this year's event will go toward the purchase of a security camera system for the facility.

"This is a project that is generated from our resident council meetings," explained Kelly Richmond, director of Northwood Meadows. "We try hard to make the proceeds from the event benefit all residents. This year it will benefit staff, too."

"The past 13 years of projects have started this way," Richmond noted. "Last year's project was a generator. Other projects include a gazebo, dryer, good processing machine, malt maker, and outdoor sun shade and more."

Those interested in riding this year should meet at Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. All motorcycles are welcome. The registration fee is \$25 per bike and an additional \$10 if you have a passenger.

The riders will return to the community for a meal and door prizes. The ride itself usually concludes around 4 p.m.

"We are grateful to the riders for helping us raise money for our projects. We have a number of participants who return year after year. We look forward to seeing them each year," Richmond said. "Our residents love looking at all the motorcycles in the parking lot."

More information is available by contacting Richmond at (989) 872-8131.



THE FORGOTTEN Eagles, is a motorcycle club comprised of veterans, their spouses and widows, who travel throughout the area conducting memorials and raising awareness of veterans' issues.

## Koylton eyes grant to upgrade Internet service

Continued from page one.

project is to provide more homes, businesses and community centers with Internet access."

Connect Michigan is a local subsidiary of Connected Nation, a national non-profit organization working to find innovative solutions to expanding access, adoption, and use of broadband and its related technologies to all people.

"Air Advantage is currently preparing an application for the (grant), and we are doing our best to include areas that we feel are underserved with Internet access and have the ability to provide Internet to," said Zimmer.

Michigan ranks 34th in the country for broadband adoption, and this has a serious economic impact on the state.

If everyone in Michigan who does not currently have access was connected, it would have a

\$2.5 billion annual economic impact, according to Connect Michigan Executive Director Eric Frederick.

The grant program has \$20 million available for projects that demonstrate potential community and economic growth within a given service area.

"At Air Advantage, we're looking for a small percentage of the available funding, but an amount that would be substantial enough to make a very positive impact on the projected service area," Zimmer said.

Air Advantage, which is headquartered in Frankenmuth, was founded 17 years ago. Initially, company officials had five towers and a dream. Today, Air Advantage boasts 600 miles of fiber and has access to an additional 300 miles, and more than 150 towers that serve much of the Thumb area.

"We are upgrading towers each month to new LTE technology," he said. "We love our customers and appreciate what they've done to help us bring Internet to the region."

In other business, Koylton Township officials discussed the impact a devastating storm in May could have on some local road projects.

On May 25, the southern part of Tuscola County received between six and seven inches of rain in a matter of hours. Between the flooding and damage that it caused, more than a dozen roads were closed. It's estimated the storm resulted in more than \$4.2 million worth of damage to roads and bridges.

In order to address those repairs, some road work may not get done this year in other parts of the county, including in Koylton Township.

However, the township did submit work orders for road improvements to the Tuscola County Road Commission.

A work order was signed and

submitted for the following roads: White Creek Road, between Centerline Road to Harris Road for double chip and seal; Mayville Road, between Kingston Road to Cemetery Road; Cartwright Road, between Kingston Road and Cemetery Road; Phillips Road, between Mayville Road and Snover Road; Brief and Denhoff roads for various patching; Harris Road, between White Creek Road and Clothier Road; and White Creek Road, between Mayville Road and Harris Road.

Also, the township board appointed Sarah Kinel to fill a vacancy on the township's board of review.

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*For History Channel series*

# Veteran journalist Drier lends a hand to ghost hunters in Thumb

If there's something strange in your neighborhood, who you going to call...a nosy reporter.

At least that is what "Ghost Brothers: Haunted Houseguests" Executive Producer Matt Hobin did when he wanted information about a haunted house in Tuscola County.

Hobin tracked down Mary Drier,



**AS PART of developing the History Channel's Ghost Brothers: Haunted Houseguests documentary on the Wedding Cake House, veteran journalist and columnist Mary Drier (above) of Unionville was interviewed by Producer Em Sinick. Drier provided a wealth of historical information as well as photographs.**

a veteran Thumb reporter and columnist from Unionville, for information about the Richard C. Burtis house at 2162 S. Ringle Rd. in Watrousville, for the new paranormal television show on the History Channel.

Because of the house's unique Victorian — Second Empire — style built in the tiers, and because Burtis built it in 1880 for his bride, Flora, locals refer to it as the "Wedding Cake House".

Current owners of the home, Conrad and Jessica Dowe, along with their son, Xavier, say they have been terrorized by unexplained happenings and incidents that have involved injuries.

Hobin become interested in the house from information gleaned from a friend in Vassar.

In a desperate attempt for some help, the Doves welcomed ghost hunters Dalen Spratt, Juwan Mass and Marcus Harvey. They documented the house's background, visited the home, spent a weekend there to record their findings, invited a medium to help, and developed a segment of the new eight-part Travel Channel series.

The Haunting of the Wedding Cake House is the first segment,

which will premiere at 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

Drier is believed to be the first reporter to gain access to the house since it was built. She said she stopped by several times, leaving business cards asking for an interview and information about the unusual house. But the owner never responded.

Finally, when the house went up for sale, Drier contacted the agent who was selling the house. She was given a tour of the entire home along with its history. The resulting article enabled Hobin to track down the reporter.

Since that initial story, Drier penned several other articles featuring various owners of the house. So, she had a wealth of historical information along with some photographs.

Hobin and his crew filmed Drier at her home as she went over the background of the historic home. Although the reporter is only briefly featured in the television show, she is referred to by name several times during the documentary regarding the information she provided.

The Doves say they believe three ghosts share the house with them. Two are benevolent while one is not. They report seeing dark shapes in various rooms of the house, hearing whispering, hearing voices, and even sustaining injuries. Jessica was severely wounded when a mirror fell for no reason and left a cut down the entire length of her leg.

Those incidents have put the family constantly on edge, fearful and worried about their young son.

And, if that wasn't enough to contend with, Conrad was in the U.S. Marines for 10 years, completing several tours. He was injured by an improvised explosive device (IED), is on military disability and has post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The situation is especially difficult for him.

During the interview with Drier, the ghost hunters said "some pretty crazy stuff happened" during their overnight stay at the Wedding Cake House. Although the ghost hunters would not reveal their findings, they decided they were "not interested in visiting the home again," and left it at that.

"During our investigation, we try

to validate a person's claims on what is happening to them. We try to leave them with some sort of peace of mind, and practical ways to deal with their paranormal problem," said Hobin. "We try to find the back stories, the history and tangible facts to try to figure things out. Mary Drier was very helpful with that."


According to Drier, she has her own theories about the happenings at the house at 2162 S. Ringle Rd. and is willing to talk about them after the segment airs later this month.




**RICHARD C. Burtis built the so-called Wedding Cake House in Watrousville back in 1880 for his bride, Flora. The current homeowners claim the house is haunted. The History Channel's new program, "Ghost Brothers: Haunted Houseguests", will air their investigation of the home Friday, Aug. 16, at 9 p.m.**

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## Rolling Hills Golf Course hosts annual Buckley Open

The 33rd Buckley Open came to Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City Thursday. The annual youth golf tournaments, held throughout the Thumb, attracted 23 players locally. The 2019 results are pictured below.



THE BUCKLEY OPEN winner, in the 6-7 boys' division, at Rolling Hills Golf Course, is Mason Ligrow.



THE BUCKLEY OPEN winners, in the 8-9 boys' division, at Rolling Hills Golf Course, are: Keegan Kubik and Trevin Deming.



AMONG THE BUCKLEY OPEN winners, in the 8-9 boys' division, at Rolling Hills Golf Course, is Ryder Anthes. He is standing next to tournament representative Amy Lowman.



THE BUCKLEY OPEN winners, in the 10-12 boys' division, at Rolling Hills Golf Course, are: Luke Borgula, Logan Trepkowski and Bo Moody.



THE BUCKLEY OPEN winners, in the 13-15 boys' division, at Rolling Hills Golf Course, are: Ryan Pisarek, Connor Lowman and Brandon Trepkowski.

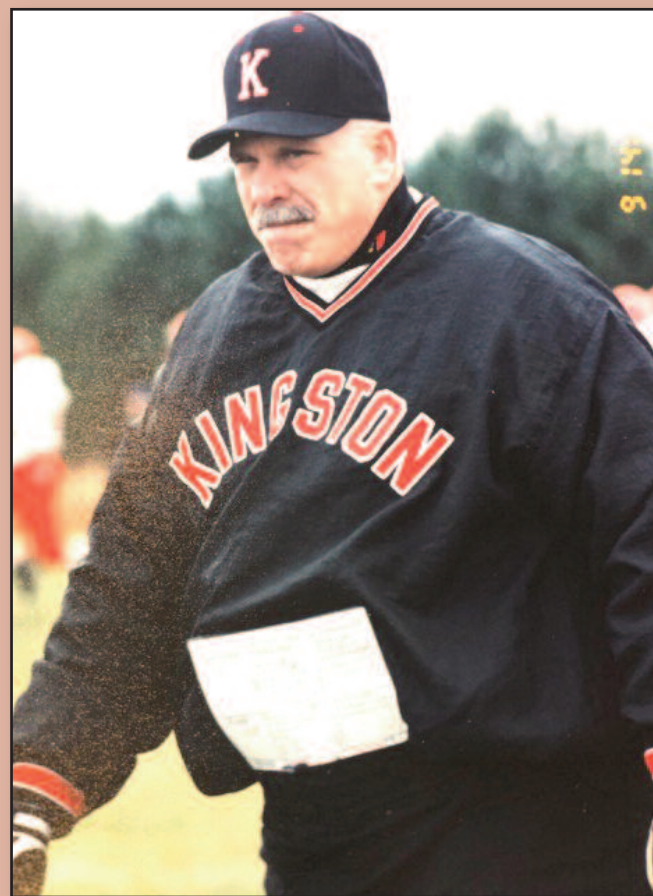


THE BUCKLEY OPEN winner, in the 16-18 boys' division, at Rolling Hills Golf Course, is Andrew Seavey. He is standing next to tournament representative Amy Lowman.



THE BUCKLEY OPEN winners, in the 10-12 girls' division, at Rolling Hills Golf Course, are: Adalee Kaufman, Lilly Brining and Audrey Brining.

Name	1	2	3	4	5
<b>16-18 Boys</b>					
Andrew Seavey			106	1st	
<b>13-15 Boys</b>					
Brandon Trepkowski			113	3rd	
Ryan Pisarek			84	1st	
Connor Lowman			109	2nd	
Zack Burnette			117		
Matthew Seavey			117		
<b>10-12 Boys</b>					
Luke Borgula			42	1st	
Logan Trepkowski			46	2nd	
Parker Pisarek			55		
Drew Lowman			53		
Bo Moody			52	3rd	
DeKata Wagner			57		
Hayden Anthes			69		
Brock Kaufman			56		
Mason Brown			55		
<b>10-12 Girls</b>					
Lilly Brining			58		
Audrey Brining			58		
Adalee Kaufman			56		
<b>Boys 8-9</b>					
Darby McKenzie			84		
Keegan Kubik			22	1st	
Trevin Deming			31	3rd	
Ryder Anthes			30	2nd	
<b>Boys 6-7</b>					
Mason Ligrow			37	1st	



HALL of Fame Coach Mike Rea.

## Kingston ready to honor Coach Rea

by Mary Drier, For the Chronicle

The Kingston School District will dedicate its newly upgraded football field to longtime Coach Mike Rea during the first home game of the season, Thursday, Aug. 29, starting at 7 p.m. against Morrice High School.

Rea coached Kingston football for nearly 30 years. The event will start with a tailgate party before the game, followed by a ceremony honoring Rea. School officials are hoping many of his former players will be able to attend. "I'm astounded. I'm very honored and very humbled," said Rea. "There are other coaches who should have received that award before me."

Among the upgrades completed to the football field are new stadium lights and new bleachers on both the home and visitors' side, which are now ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant with wheelchair accessibility.

When Rea first started coaching in Kingston, back when schools were ranked by divisions, Kingston was in Division Eight. Today, the district competes as a Class D high school.

In all, Rea's coaching career spans 40 years. Before Kingston, he coached in Ann Arbor and Illinois.

Rea has a lot of fond memories of his time in Kingston, but he says one from 2001 stands out. "The best memory was when we had our 50th anniversary of Kingston having a football team. All of the alumni who played football were invited back. There were some who had played at the inception of the sport in the district," he recalled. "It was great to see all of those guys out on the field."

"Some of them I didn't know who played before my time with the district. That memory ranks right up there for me. I loved seeing all of those players."

Over the years as a coach, Rea has seen a lot of changes. "The equipment now gives more protection, and the switch from an 11-man team to an eight-man team is quite a change. It is the same game, but with fewer people on the field," Rea said.

As much as I loved to coach, I honestly don't think I could coach eight man," Rea said. "It is a lot different. You need to have players that have a lot of speed. You would need some real speed guys — at least two to three — in the backfield to be in good shape for eight-man football.

"At least for me, it would be hard to coach because I coached 11-man for so many years." Kingston Schools changed from an 11-man football team to the eight-man format in 2012.

When Rea arrived in Kingston in 1979, the football team had not had a winning season in nearly 25 years. It took a lot of work on his part and especially his players to turn that record around.

A conservative estimate reveals Rea led the Kingston football team to about 10 North Central Thumb League championships as well as 10 district and regional titles and two semi-final playoff appearances.

Although Kingston had some outstanding players, none made it to the big time. "Being a small school, it was hard for the kids to get noticed by college coaches," he noted.

While the players didn't get noticed, Rea's coaching skills did. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004.

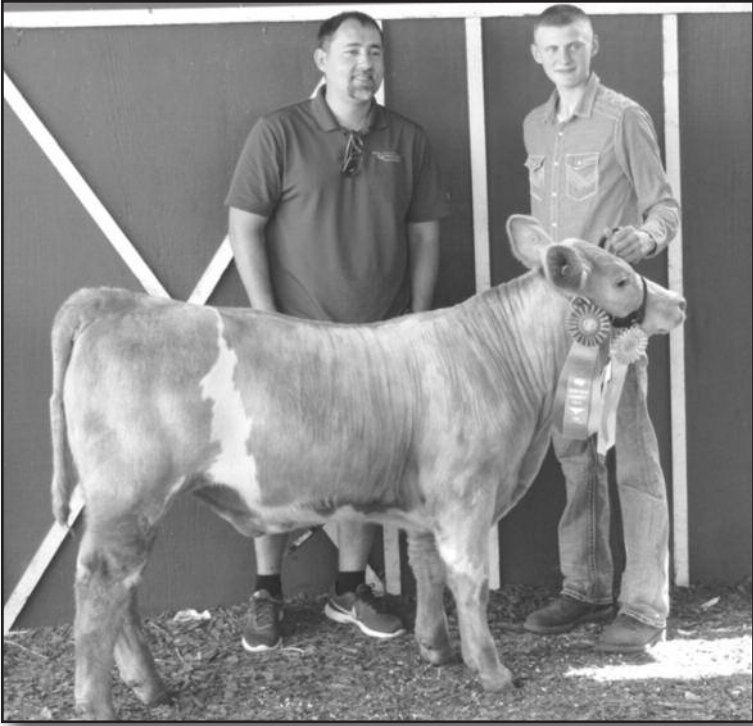
According to Rea, he received some other coaching honors over the years, "but I don't remember them all, or when."

Rea retired as Kingston's varsity football coach in 2009. "The first two years after I retired I really missed coaching badly, but I was able to get back out there on the field by officiating football," he said. "To officiate, you have to be...certified and have to be a member in good standing of the officials association."

While he is no longer a coach on Kingston's football field, he has officiated at games there.

He is a member of a five-man officiating crew that worked games at different schools. He has officiated girls' softball for 20 years.

Aside from coaching, during his time in Kingston Rea was an elementary school principal and athletic director.



**THIS YEAR'S** Reserve Champion Beef Feeder and Grand Champion Homegrown Feeder honors went to Taylor Adamczyk, pictured above, a member of the Five Star Livestock Club. His 541-pound animal was sold to Cass City Oil and Gas for \$3.40 a pound. Adamczyk is the son of Ronald and Jeanie Adamczyk.

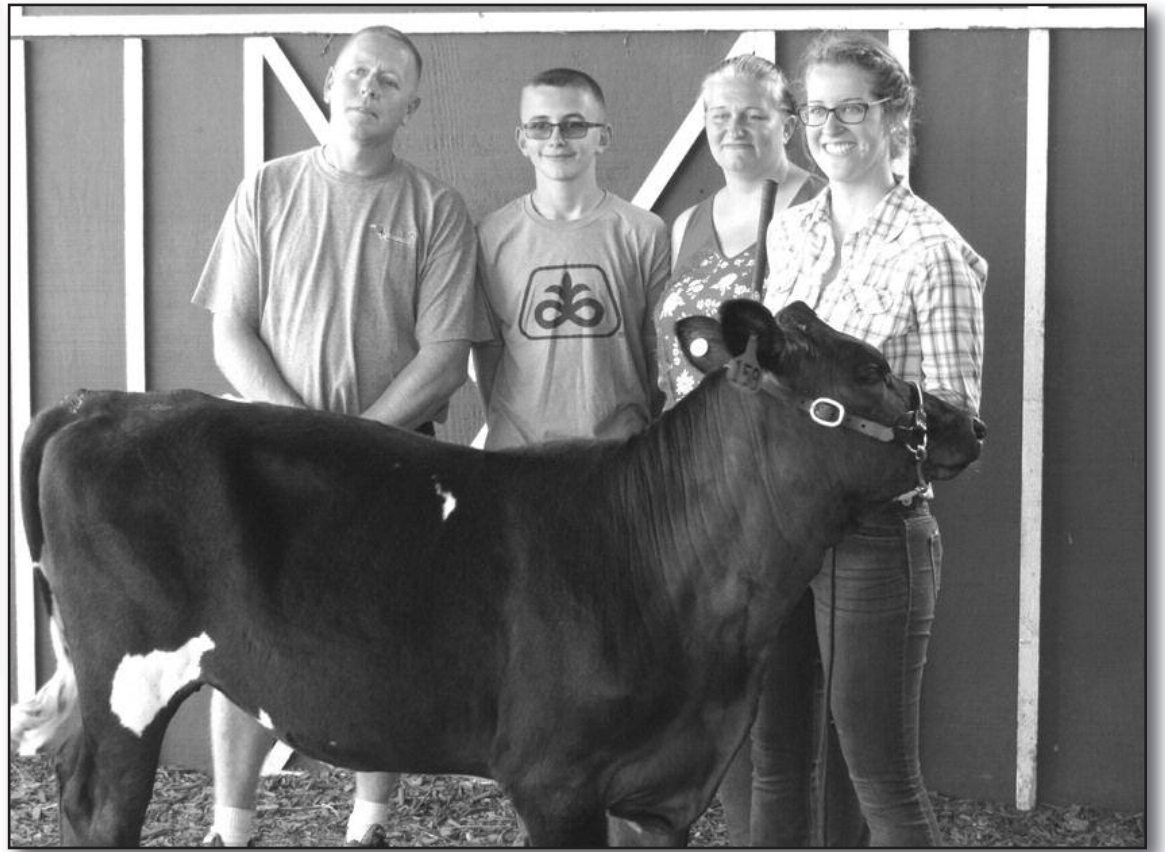
**CAIDEN PARKER**, who won Reserve Homegrown and Reserve Intermediate Showman honors, sold this 109-pound sheep, pictured below, to Tri-County Equipment for \$4 a pound. A member of the Cass City Livestock 4-H Club, he is the son of Kate DeLong and Jeremy Parker.



**JEREMY PARKER** and his family, pictured below, of Ubyly purchased Alyssa Sangster's 457-pound market feeder for \$1.85 a pound. The daughter of Rob and Leah Sangster, she is a member of the Cass City Livestock 4-H Club.



**VICTORIA WILLIAMS'** Grand Champion goose, pictured above, went to Turner Equine and Equipment for \$200. The daughter of Ed and Robin Williams, she is a member of the Silverwood Road Runners 4-H Club.





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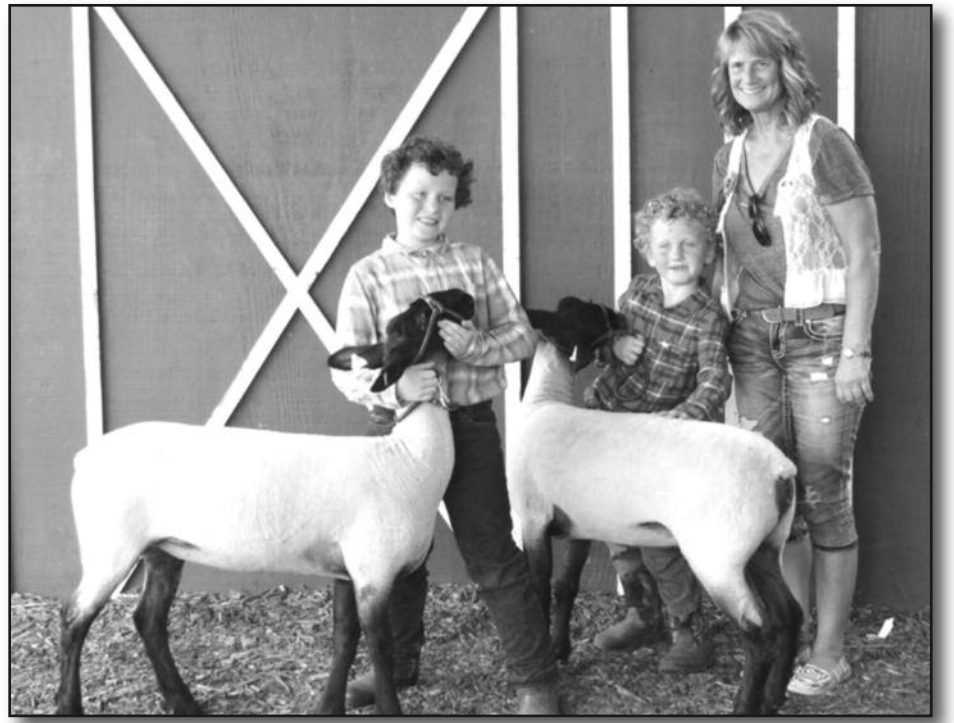
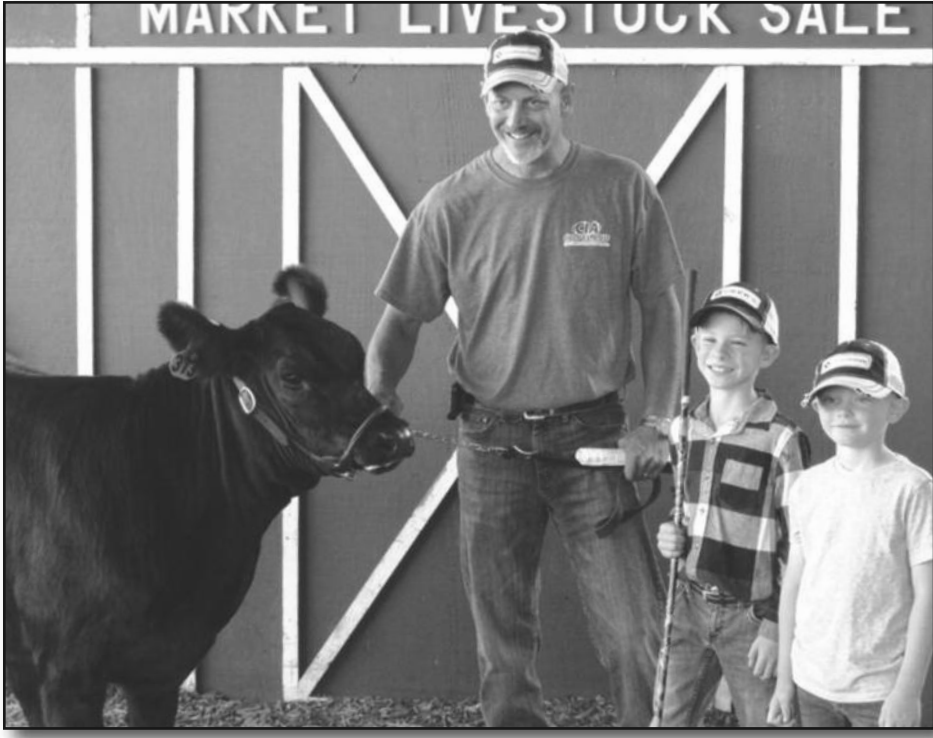


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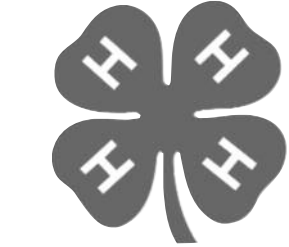
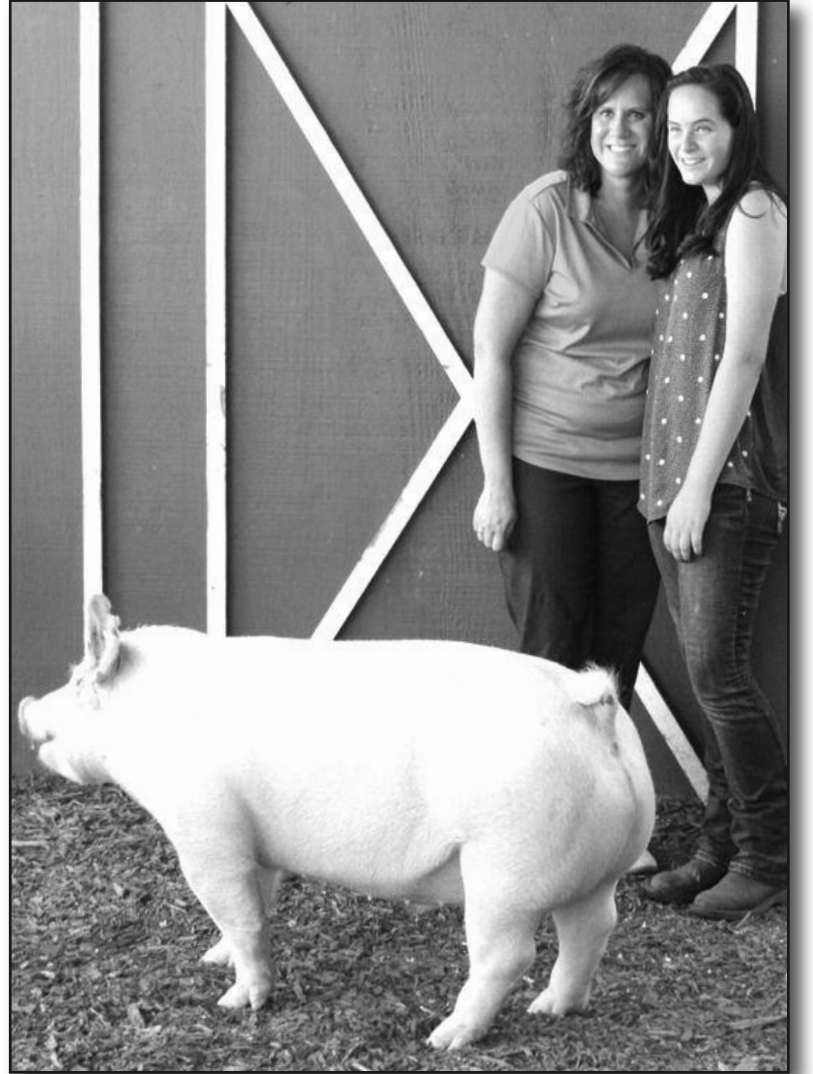
**DRAKE BROWNE**, pictured below, son of Harlan and Davon Browne, sold his 646-pound market feeder to Copeland Insurance Agency for \$2.40 a pound. He is a member of the Cass City Livestock 4-H Club.



**EVAN BROWN**, pictured above, son of Eric and Karn Brown, sold his sheep which weighed 123 pounds and 129 pounds to Cooperative Elevator Co. - Pigeon, for \$4.25 a pound. He is a member of the Cass City Kids 4-H Club.



**CODY SANGSTER**, a member of the Cass City Livestock 4-H Club, sold his 435-pound market feeder, pictured left, to Cass City Oil and Gas for \$2.60 a pound. He is the son of Rob and Leah Sangster.



**CASS CITY Livestock 4-H Club member All-Lynn Connolly**, daughter of Mac and Mary Connolly, sold her 700-pound market feeder, pictured right, to DCP Midstream, Marysville, for \$3.30 a pound.



**FIVE STAR Livestock 4-H Club member Piper Somerville**, above, daughter of Jeremy Somerville and Niccole Somerville, raised this year's Grand Champion Market Hog, also winning Grand Champion Barrow, Reserve Champion, Overall Showman and Reserve Intermediate Showman honors. She sold her 264-pound hog to Thumb Cellular for a whopping \$5.50 a pound.

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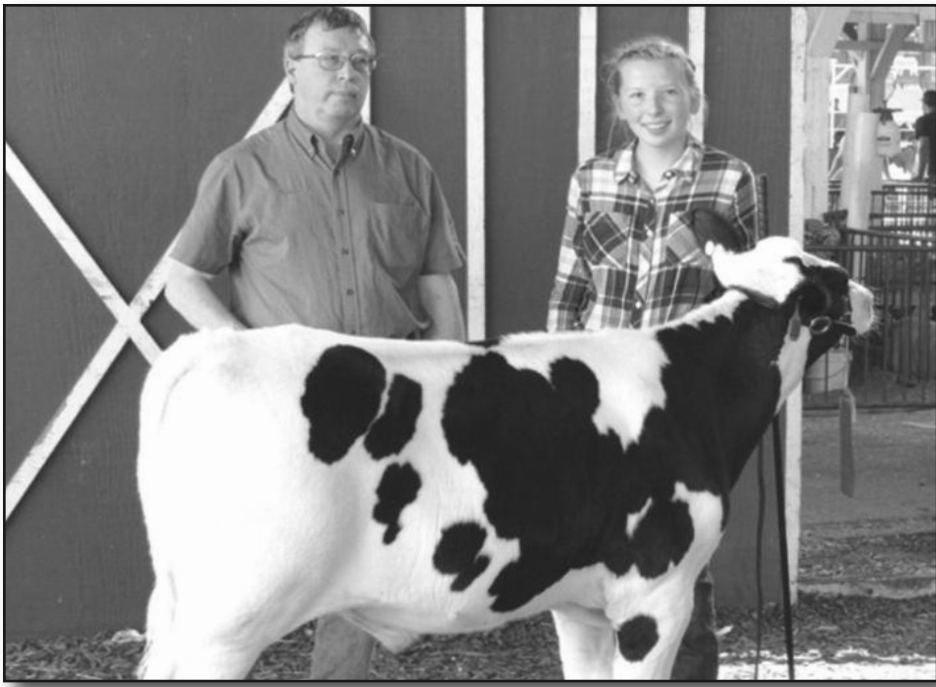
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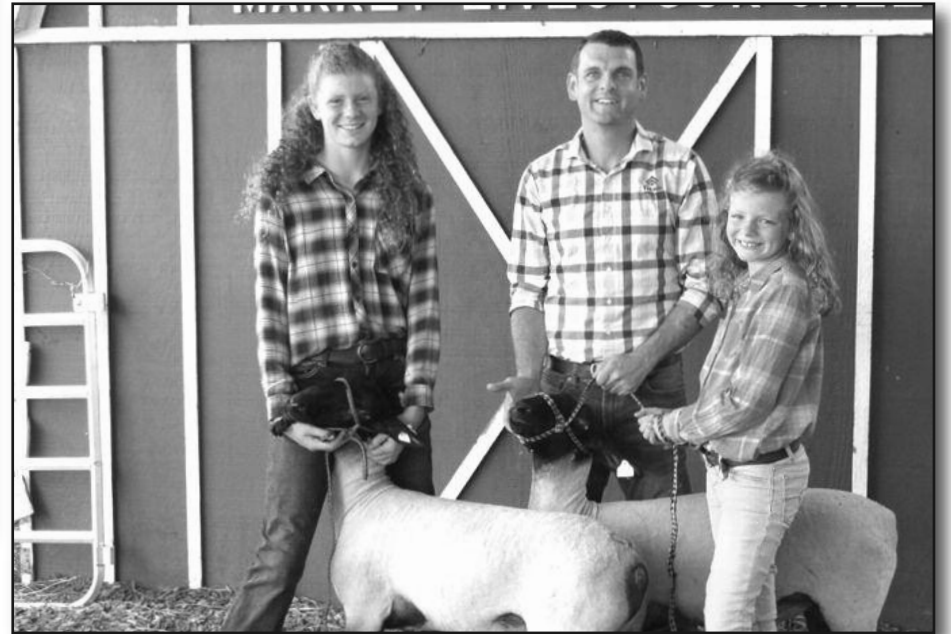
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SOPHIE MAZURE of the Cass City FFA sold her 400-pound market feeder, pictured above, to Talaski Excavating for \$2.90 a pound. She is the daughter of Lori Mazure

THUMB BANK and Trust purchased Shelby Ignash's market sheep, pictured below, weighing in at 117 pounds and 131 pounds, for \$4 a pound. The daughter of Reggie and Jane Ignash, she is a member of the Cass City Kids 4-H Club.



FIVE STAR Livestock 4-H Club member Chesaney Wenzlaff, who won Reserve Overall Showman honors, sold her sheep, pictured below, weighing in at 144 and 145 pounds, to POET Biorefining for \$3.50 a pound. She is the daughter of Dan and Carol Wenzlaff.



CASS CITY Livestock 4-H Club member Drew Browne, above, son of Harlan and Davon Brown, sold his 425-pound market feeder to POET Biorefining, Caro, for \$2.40 a pound.



SAILOR SOMERVILLE won Market Record Book honors with her 1,283-pound steer, pictured below, which she sold to Tri-City Acoustical for \$1,600. A member of the Five Star Livestock 4-H Club, Somerville is the daughter of Jeremy Somerville and Niccole Somerville.



TRAYTON WENZLAFF sold his 1,422-pound steer, pictured above, to the Emil Rummel Insurance Agency for \$1,900. A member of the Five Star Livestock 4-H Club, he is the son of Dan and Carol Wenzlaff.



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# Green blasts state proposal

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The state has already spent \$4 million on the project, she noted, adding it's important to keep in mind that the proposal announced last week is just that — a proposal. "We're just at a point where they're making a recommendation. Nothing's really set in stone."

Former 84th District state Rep. Dr. Edward "Ned" Canfield agreed. He also voiced concerns about the viability of proposing upgrades only to the Caro Center. "The newest facility there is 60-plus years old. It would have to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant, the electrical is outdated. All of that work and more has been testified about. Modernization is not an option for the Caro Center," He said.

"The Department of Health and Human Services can say what it wants to say, but Legislature has to agree and make the decision. So far, (lawmakers have) agreed to spending the \$115 million for a 200-bed (hospital) in Caro," Canfield added.

"The conversation on this is far from over."

Canfield, pointed out the state's plan simply shifts around beds without providing for new ones, and there is and has been a standing need for at least 200 additional beds in mental health facilities.

"This delay puts those people who need services at risk — puts them in prisons and jails rather than in psychiatric hospital where they can get help and services," he said. "Each passing day puts those patients and staff at risk. This needs action now."

The state's recommendation would continue funding levels for the current 794 beds statewide, according to MDHHS officials, who called for a realignment of current funding by:

\*Maintaining an 84-bed facility in Caro, via either large-scale modernization or new construction. "An 84-bed facility will be close to the current census and will reflect the state's approach to hospital unit design, utilization for

patients and construction. Staff needed to support the facility, professional and nonprofessional, will remain at current levels," officials stated in a news release.

\*Shifting the remaining 61 beds to other existing state hospitals closer to major population centers where "existing facilities have closed units that can be brought back into use at a limited cost."

\*Pursuing additional resources into community-based services sufficient to care for more than 55 additional high-acuity individuals.

"These recommendations will sustain and strengthen the Caro community's historic role in providing psychiatric care," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "They will also improve the quality of mental health services at state hospitals, while expanding community-based care."

"Finally," Gordon added, "the recommendations will achieve their results at significantly lower cost than the Legislature previously anticipated, allowing for additional investment in other urgent health priorities."

Based on preliminary estimates, the capital costs associated with renovation or new construction in Caro is estimated at \$40 to \$65 million and renovating other existing facilities at under \$20 million. No capital costs would be associated with the community-based investment.

Based on these estimates, Gordon said, capital costs of these recommendations will be \$30 to \$55 million less than the \$115 million authorized by the Legislature.

In 2017, state lawmakers authorized the funding to construct a hospital on the Caro site. The new Caro Psychiatric Hospital was scheduled to be completed in 2021 and serve 200 adults, an increase of 50 beds from the existing facility.

State officials say concerns about staffing and accessibility to communities caused them to pause the Caro Center Reconstruction project in March to allow for an outside consultant to review the project and recommend next steps

to best meet the needs of Michigan's citizens. The state hired Myers and Stauffer to analyze the process which led to plans for a new Caro hospital, to engage in fact-finding and to support further decision-making.

However, emails obtained via a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted by an ABC12 reporter earlier this year revealed Gordon had all but decided in late 2018 that the Caro Center project wasn't going to proceed.

"Among other things, the... emails show a decision was already largely made to stop the project before a consultant was brought on to 'study' its feasibility," Michigan Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield (R-Levering) said at the time.

Tuscola County officials responded with reams of research and data presented previously, when former Republican Gov. Rick Snyder's administration signed off on the project and approved the \$115 million in funding for the new 225,000-square-foot hospital.

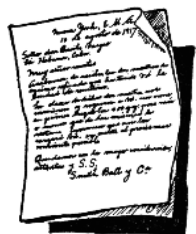
County commissioners hired consulting/lobbying firms to help them plead their case to the state, local governmental units throughout the region have adopted resolutions in support of keeping new hospital in Tuscola County, and residents have been encouraged to express their opinions via emails to the governor and other state officials.

And, both the Michigan House and Senate earlier this year passed versions of a new state budget reaffirming their commitment to fully fund the proposed \$115 million Caro Center construction.

The Caro Center, a staple in the community for more than 100 years and Tuscola County's second largest employer, boasts roughly 350 employees and has an estimated economic impact of some \$54 million on the region's economy.

Freelance writer Mary Drier contributed to this story.

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE 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:

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Dated: July 9, 2019 STANCATO TRAGE WELLS, PLLC Frankenmuth Credit Union, Mortgage Attorneys for Mortgagee By: John P. Trage 2 Towne Square, Suite 825 Southfield, Michigan 48076 (248) 731-4500. 7-17-14

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

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by 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.

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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  
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**FORECLOSURE NOTICE** (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by George J. Moore and Maxine L. Moore of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagors to Independent Bank Successor by merger to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, dated the 31st day of March, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 31st day of March, 2005, as Instrument No. 200500864215; OR Liber 1033, Page 225 of Tuscola Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$72,566.77 (seventy-two thousand five hundred sixty-six and 77/100) plus accrued interest at 4.25% (four point two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 22nd day of August, 2019, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Caro, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Land situated in

Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as follows: The West 72 feet of Lots 1 and 2, Block 8 of the PLAT OF CENTERVILLE, NOW CARO VILLAGE OF CARO, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, pages 362/363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, page 56, now being page 59A of Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 527 West Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723 Tax ID: 034-500-108-0150-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 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. The redemption period shall be six 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.

Dated: July 24, 2019 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 323 W. Lakeside Ave. Suite 200 Cleveland, OH 44113 WWR# 10149470 7-24-19

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 29, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Anthony Dickenson, a married man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2018 G-CTT Date of Mortgage: December 6, 2011 Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2011 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$104,939.11 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel B:

A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 23; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds East, on the East line of said Section 987.01 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds West, on a line which is parallel with said 335.28 feet, measured at right angles, South of the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section, 1313.36 feet to a point on the West line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds West on said West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds East, on said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1313.9 feet to the Northeast corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds West, on said East Section line, 335.29 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: July 31, 2019 Trott Law, P.C. 1390938 7-31-14

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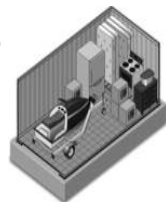
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**Bids will be opened on August 23, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building.**

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# Seaman named new Kingston principal

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academic and athletic success. I believe a big reason for this success is that our staff is committed not only to our school, but also to our community. He cares and he is committed," school Supt. Matt Drake said of Seaman's selection. "Whenever we have an opportunity to promote a high quality candidate from within, we do that."

Seaman's base salary for the position is \$80,000 plus benefits. The decision to hire a junior-senior high school principal meets the need for a dean of students as well as alleviating Drake of some duties. As principal, Seaman's duties will include evaluating teachers and paraprofessionals from grades in the middle school and high school, a task Drake has been handling.

A dean of students cannot be responsible for any instructional operations of the school, so they can't do teacher evaluations, according to Drake, who noted that a high school principal has the authority to tackle those duties. Seaman and his family live in Kingston and their children attend Kingston Schools. Originally from North Branch, he graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 2008 with a Master of Education - Principalship Degree.

According to Drake, Seaman brings many key qualities to the position. "He has coached athletics, has been a leader in curriculum and educational technology," Drake said. "And, he has high expectations for himself and for the staff and students."



MIKE SEAMAN has been selected as the new Kingston Community Junior-Senior High School principal. He is pictured above with his wife, Darlene, and the couple's children, Conner and Hailey.

## Nessel: residents should not have to ask for credit after electricity outages

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel recently sent a letter urging the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to require utility companies with smart meters to automatically credit consumers' bills for prolonged power outages.

Nessel also recommended that the MPSC require credits to reflect the length of an outage.

"There is no reason a utility customer with a smart meter should have to endure an outage and then take it upon themselves to apply for a credit from the utility company," Nessel said.

"The companies know when and where each outage occurred, and they know the length of the outage. Utility companies can and should automatically credit every customer's account rather than forcing customers to apply for the credit," she added. "That's just one more hassle for someone who has already been seriously inconvenienced."

Michigan utility customers are currently eligible for a \$25 outage credit under three scenarios: (1) failure to restore electric service to a customer within 16 hours after an interruption that occurred during normal conditions; (2) failure to restore electric service to a customer within 120 hours (five days) after an interruption that occurred during catastrophic conditions; and (3) repetitive interruptions of the same circuit more than seven times in a 12-month period.

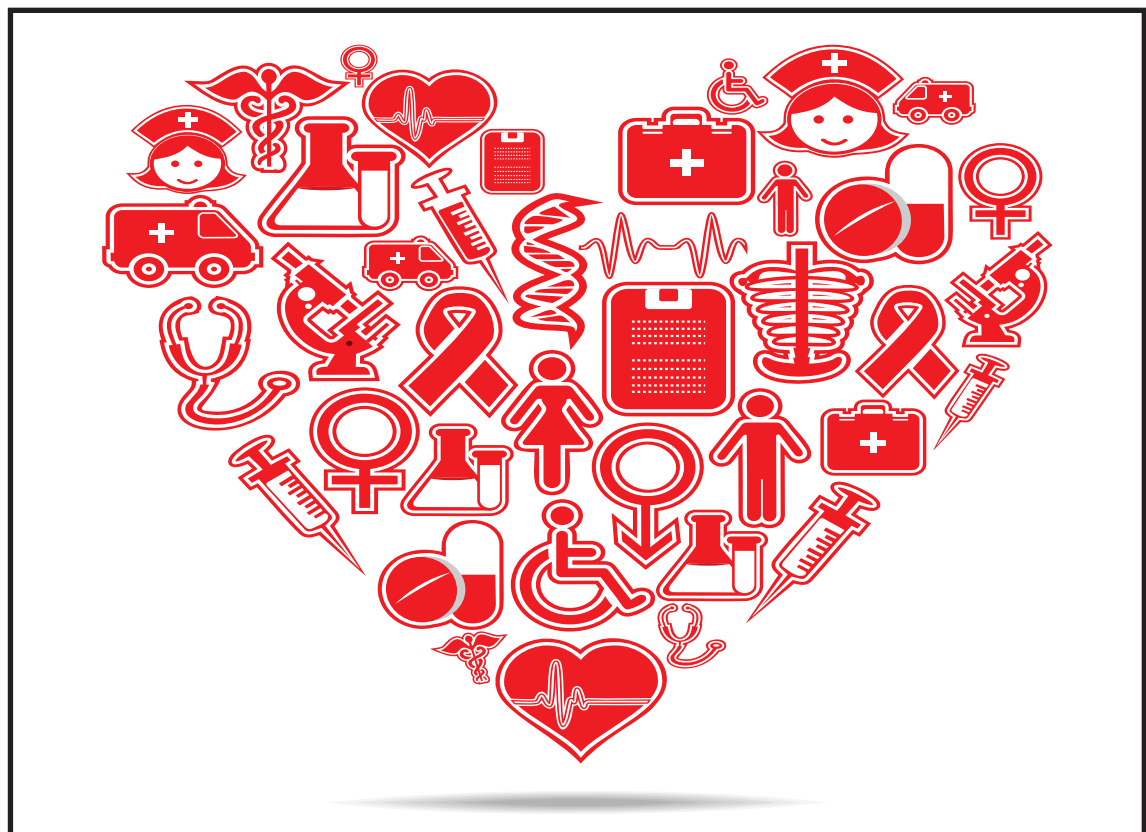
In all three scenarios, the burden is on the consumer to report the outage and request the credit.

In her letter, Nessel noted that electric service interruption rules were written years before the implementation of smart meters, and that with this new technology, credits should be granted automatically.

"Michigan utility customers spent millions in increased electric rates so utility companies could upgrade to smart meters," Nessel said. "This new technology tells utility companies exactly when their customers lost power and when it was restored. These companies have all the information they need to automatically process outage credits. The burden should be on the company, not the customer."

In addition to her request to make credits automatically available to customers left in the dark by their utility companies, Nessel urged the commission to consider increased penalties that adequately reflect the costs borne by customers and graduated fees for the length of the outage.

"A \$25 credit is fine for a customer who has been without power for 16 hours, but the outage credit is exactly the same amount - \$25 - for someone who has been without power for five days - and there is nothing in between for the person who was without power for two or three or four days," said Nessel. "That's simply not fair and I am counting on the public service commission to address this inequity."



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