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ABOUT THREE dozen Cass City students and adults gathered around the flagpole at the football field last Wednesday morning to participate in this year's See You at the Pole gathering in conjunction with the 2019 Global Day of Student Prayer. Don Mecomber, student minister at the Novesta Church of Christ, organized the local observance and invited all students to take a few moments to pray for their school, teachers and community.

Village needs focus of meeting

by Clarke Haire, Publisher, and Tom Montgomery, Editor

Improvements to local streets, sidewalks and the department of public works (DPW) storage building were approved Monday during the regular monthly meeting of the Cass City Village Council.

In public service committee matters, Trustee Jenny Zawilinski presented motions addressing those needs, in addition to a proposal from Northern Pump and Well to inspect and repair Well #3 located in the village park, north of the daycare center.

Her first motion called for a new roof on the cold storage DPW barn and was quickly approved in the amount of \$15,250. Preferred Roof Solutions will replace the current roof that leaks in numerous areas. The company will enclose the ridge cap — so there will be no chance for the felt to disintegrate and allow snow inside — and install new gable end caps.

Next the council voted to hire Alexander Concrete to repair sidewalks in the village — deemed to be an emergency — in the amount of \$10,590 with a 10 percent contingency. Several sections of walkway have missing panels, heaved from tree roots, or need replacement from water line repairs. Roughly 308 feet of sidewalk and 38 feet of curb will be repaired/replaced.

In other action during the 60-minute session, Northern Well and Pump was hired correct a flow reduction impacting the largest of Cass City's three wells, which has sustained a "specific capacity" drop of 44 percent recently, from 12.6 gallons/per minute in 2018 to

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Lawmakers pass budget with downsized hospital

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The latest word out of Lansing is that Tuscola County is slated to receive funds for construction of a new 100-bed state psychiatric hospital, but that may not be the last word.

Although county officials would

still like to see state officials follow through on their promise to build a 200-bed, \$115 million facility, getting a new 100-bed hospital to replace the aging Caro Center is better than nothing.

"While there are a few more procedural steps to go, we now can see what the Legislature is offering the governor, and in our opin-

ion, it is a solid compromise on a new replacement hospital for the Caro Center and other Caro-related issues," said Capitol Services Partner Jean Doss, who represents the lobbying firm Tuscola County commissioners hired to represent them on the Caro Center issue.

Doss, however, noted the future

remains uncertain.

"We don't know for certain what will happen when the budget lands on Gov. Whitmer's desk. Like any bill, she can sign or veto the whole thing. But with budgets, the governor also has the power to make line item vetoes."

Although lawmakers completed

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Ugly man dies in crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Deputies reported an Ugly area resident lost his life in a one-vehicle traffic accident early Thursday morning.

According to Sgt. Shelly Park of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Sanilac Central Dispatch received a call shortly after 7 a.m. reporting a rollover crash on Cumber Road, near Wheeler Road, in Sanilac County's Austin Township.

"A 2005 Buick Terraza being driven by a 40-year-old Ugly man was eastbound on Cumber Road when the driver lost control of the vehicle," Park said. "The vehicle then overturned on the roadway and entered the north ditch of Cumber Road, causing the driver to be ejected from the vehicle, resulting in fatal injuries.

Sanilac and MMR EMS units were dispatched and responded to the scene, as did the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Accident Investigation Team.

Park, who did not release the name of the victim, noted the crash remains under investigation.

39th Pumpkin Festival on tap

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The 39th annual Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival rolls out in downtown Caro Thursday, Oct. 3 through Sunday, Oct. 6.

The theme of this year's celebration is The Incredible Pumpkins of Tuscola County, and the majority of events will take place next to the Tuscola County Courthouse and at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds.

There will be pumpkin pie sales and arts and crafts each day. This year's pies sales — a key fundraiser for the festival — will take place at

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CASS CITY seniors (from left) Logan Severance, Kevin Estrella, Drew Markel and Rachel Skiles were among the local NHS members to participate in last week's fall Adopt-A-Highway clean-up. The group filled 18 bags with trash collected along two miles of highway.

Community service

Cass City seniors serious about cleaning up trash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Christin Hempton will be the first to tell you that this year's group of Cass City High School seniors is a stellar class, so it didn't come as a surprise when several National Honor Society (NHS) members jumped at the chance to participate in a fall project involving picking up trash near sections of two area highways.

"They were excited to do it. They were like, 'Can we do this again?'" Hempton, guidance director at Cass City Junior-Senior High School commented following the two-hour project last week. "You don't always hear that from kids.

"But the kids really enjoyed it. They had a great time."

The community service effort was part of the NHS's participation in the state's Adopt-A-Highway project, a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) program designed to help keep the state's highway roadsides clean and attractive.

Participants adopt both sides of a section of state highway roadside to clean up for at least a two-year period. A minimum two-mile stretch of roadway is recommended. All types of state highways may be adopted, including two-lane roads, limited access

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Obituaries

Theron B. Eskilsen

Theron B. Eskilsen, 88, of Cass City, died following a brief illness, Sunday, September 29, 2019 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

He was born April 26, 1931 in Akron to Arthur and Mildred (Edgerton) Eskilsen.

He was married to Judith A. Dickinson from 1954 to 1989. He later married Mabel I. Sarow January 22, 1992 in Caro. She died October 12, 2014.

Theron attended Cass City Schools and Bethel College of Indiana. An industrious and hardworking man, he owned a commercial and residential painting business for twenty-five years. Theron took great pride in landscaping his property and working outdoors. Skilled at folk art wood crafting, he made wooden plaques and restored furniture. Theron loved collecting antiques. He was particularly fond of wood furniture and antique farm tools.

Theron is survived by his children: Joanne Hopper of Cass City, Karen (David) Gaffney of Saginaw and Stephen (Karen) Eskilsen of Saginaw; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Clinton (Joyce) Eskilsen of Nakoma, ND; sister, Iva Rockwell of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel; son-in-law, Kim Hopper; brother, Alvin Eskilsen; sisters: Bertha Hahn, Esther Guinther and Viola Layer.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City. A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



John D. Rockefeller, Sr.,

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., 78, of Gageton, died peacefully following a brief illness Thursday, September 26, 2019 in McLaren Bay Special Care Hospital, Bay City.

He was born July 19, 1941 in Cass City to Clifton and Mae (Nicholas) Rockefeller.

He married his high school sweetheart, Sharyn Kay Fritz, August 1, 1959 in St. Paul Lutheran Church of Linkville.

John attended Owen-Gage High School. He worked as a crop farmer on his family farm and was employed by Michigan Sugar in Sebewaing for seventeen years. Together, John and Sharyn owned and operated the Rockefeller AFC Home in Gageton for more than forty years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Linkville. John loved spending time with his family, especially at the family cabin with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoyed deer hunting and fishing for perch and walleye in Lake Simco, Canada.

John is survived by his wife, Sharyn; daughters: Dedra (Dan) Sherman of Deford, Annette (Larry) Prich of Sebewaing and Charla (Dan) Beuthin of Unionville; grandchildren: Danny (Mandy) Sherman, Josh (Kristin) Sherman, Nashia (David) Ondrajka, Devin Prich, Lacie Prich, Trever (Mary Kaye) Wichert and Brendan Wichert; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Gary (Mary Ellen) Rockefeller of Gageton; brothers-in-law: Lester (Mary) Fritz, Jr., Van (Suzanne) Fritz, Lonnie Fritz and Gary McKellar; sister-in-law, Marcia Kundering; and many nieces and nephews.

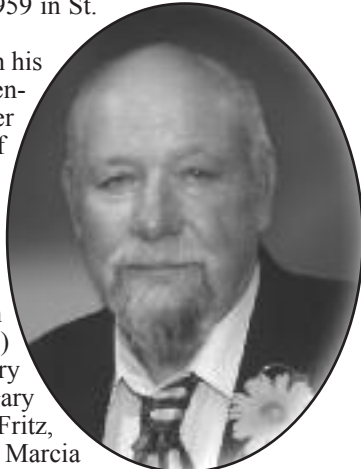
He was preceded in death by his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; sister, Dolores Rockefeller; brother-in-law, Steve Bencheck; sister-in-law, Janice McKellar.

A private funeral service was held in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Lee Wenskay of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Pigeon officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers for Mr. Rockefeller were his grandsons.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Pigeon.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



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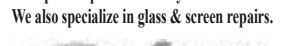
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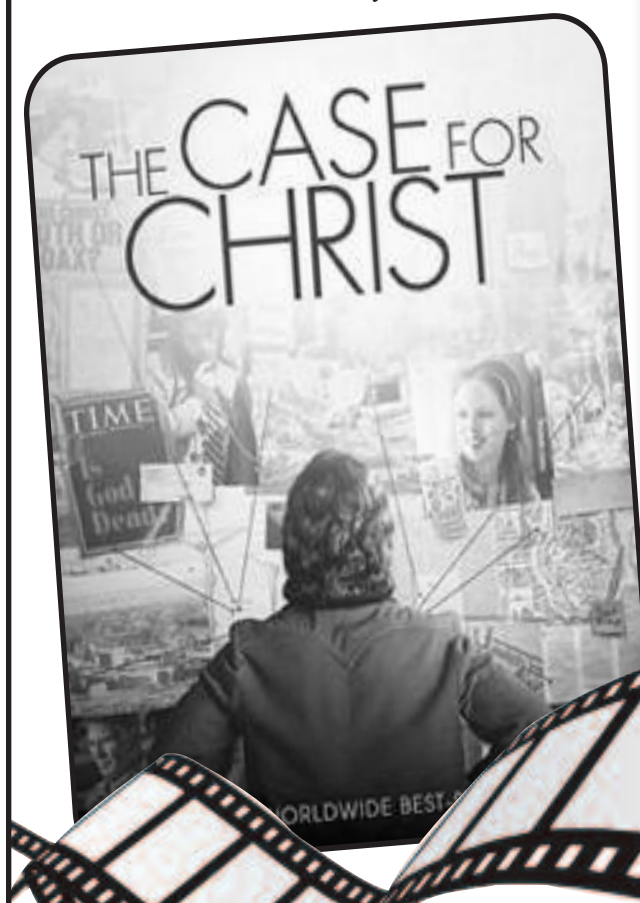
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Residents' right to know at stake here

Guest editorial
By Dirk Milliman
Three Rivers Commercial News

The leaders of the Republican Caucus in the Michigan House of Representatives want to pull public notices from newspapers and allow governmental entities (cities, villages, township, counties, etc.) to satisfy notice requirements by putting them on their websites. This is an unprecedented blow to governmental transparency and due process.

A version of this legislation has been introduced in each legislative session for the past 12 years and has failed. Why? Because then, as now, it is a bad idea.

From the very start, Michigan law has required that notices of governmental actions be provided to citizens by publication in newspapers, an independent source of information about the actions of government. Now, legislators are proposing to end this important check on governmental power.

The Michigan Press Association (MPA) has been told that this issue is in the top five priorities of the speaker of the house. With crumbling roads, failing schools and escalating health care costs, we fail to see government control over messaging as being on any citizen's list of priorities.

The legislators in support of this movement say that this will save money... but how? Is this the one exception to the Republican's embrace of privatization? It defies logic that government can do this better and cheaper than newspapers, who have provided this valuable check and balance for more than 150 years.

A quick glance at some local government websites doesn't give one comfort that things will be done well under this new scheme. A couple of shining examples: one township website lists among its elected officials a Congressman who has been deceased for several years. Another has not updated meeting agendas since 2014.

We have long advocated that these notices belong in newspapers and protect due process in Michigan. We do, however, acknowledge that they also need to be distributed digitally and are working hard with our members to make sure that they are accessible on a computer, mobile device AND in print. This increases transparency and protects your right to know what government officials are doing with your taxpayer dollars.

Citizens of this state have been the victim of Equifax, Capitol One, The Department of Veterans Affairs and many other online entities as their personal online information has been compromised. The information you trust local leaders to provide to you regarding your taxes, property and other important issues in your community shouldn't be made vulnerable to a similar fate.

Even if the lack of security is not considered, the lack of connectivity should be. Michigan ranks 30th in the nation for broadband connectivity. Rural areas still pose a challenge for those trying to use the internet.

Public notices belong in a public place, like a local newspaper, not on a government website, which can also disenfranchise certain users, like low income individuals who do not have access to the Internet, or the elderly

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Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Out of the mouths of babes



There is a situation that a friend of mine found herself in that has been weighing on my mind because it is both sad and funny.

My friend, Franny, had several miscarriages before she was finally able to carry a beautiful baby girl to term. That was about three years ago. There were concerns that after that difficult birth, she might not be able to conceive again.

Fortunately, she became pregnant again. According to ultrasounds, she was going to have a little boy. With this pregnancy, she had terrible heartburn. She was always burping and complaining of an upset stomach.

When she told her daughter she was going to be a big sister to a little brother, the little girl was so excited. Every day she asked when her baby brother would arrive.

As a three-year old, she had no concept of time, but for several months her excitement grew as she waited for the family's new arrival.

But after five months, the little girl grew quiet and stopped asking when her brother would arrive. Her parents chalked it up to the start of sibling rivalry.

As another month passed, the little girl stopped wanting to sit on her mother's lap. She started avoiding her mother as much as possible. She didn't want her mother to bathe her, dress her, play with her or read her a story. She just didn't want to be anywhere near her mother.

The situation became so bad that the little girl would cringe at her mother's touch. That evolved into screaming when her mother tried to touch her.

At eight months along, Franny was at her wits end and she hoped the arrival of her mother to help with the new baby would help bring her daughter back to her old self.

When the grandmother arrived, she could not believe how unhappy her granddaughter was about her mother's having a baby.

The little girl clung to her grandmother day and night and refused to go anywhere near her mother.

The situation put a strain on the household as well as casting a shadow over what should have been a happy time.

In an effort to help ease the tension, the grandmother took her granddaughter out for a day together. They went to the park to play. They saw a movie together, went out to lunch, back to the park to play again, and then they went to get ice cream.

Finally, getting to the point, the grandmother asked the girl if she was excited about getting a little brother.

The girl said that she had been, but wasn't anymore and started to sob, cry and shake.

The grandmother took her in her arms and asked why she wasn't happy about having a little brother.

Between sobs the girl told her grandmother that her mom had her feel her belly when the baby moved.

The grandmother explained that it was normal

for babies to move around.

She asked her granddaughter why she was so upset.

The girl whispered in her grandmother's ear her concern about her mother having a baby.

The little girl whispered, "I'm scared because she ate him and he's in her tummy."



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Hills and Dales General Hospital has launched a campaign to build a "healing garden" to benefit patients, employees and visitors, and officials are hoping to make it happen via grant funding along with donations from individuals, businesses and organizations.

"A healing garden is a space that provides a sense of restoration from stress," officials explained. "If sufficient funding can be attained, this space will include a walking path around the hospital that winds through the garden, as well as a seating area for eating and activities, a significant water feature, a bridge, benches, pergolas and an abundance of trees, flowers and plants."

Donations can be made in honor or memory of loved ones, and there are a variety of options that enable contributors' names to be included.

More information is available by contacting Danielle Blaine at (989) 872-2121 or via email at dblaine@hdghmi.org, or visit the website www.hdghmi.org/foundation-events/healinggarden.

It's no secret Tuscola County Health Department officials have spent considerable time and effort over the past several years trying to bring dental care for low-income and/or uninsured residents to our county, including exploring a variety of options through Great Lakes Bay Health Care (GLGHC).

To help with that effort, the health department is conducting a survey on the dental needs for county residents.

If you have Medicaid or Healthy MI Plan for yourself or your children, or have no dental insurance, the health department wants to hear from you. Residents are asked to complete the survey using the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCB76WJ>. Complete the parts of the survey that pertain to you and your family. All responses are anonymous.

Currently, there is no dental clinic in Tuscola that accepts adults with Medicaid. Children on Medicaid are covered by Delta Dental, and most of those children can go to a local dentist who accepts that plan.

Cass City Band Boosters Treasurer Lori Mazure reports the group is excited to present a fundraiser trip to see Trans-Siberian Orchestra perform 'Christmas Eve & Other Stories' on Saturday, December 28.

"This is a great opportunity to support the local school bands and would make a wonderful Christmas present," she says.

Travelers will receive roundtrip motor coach transportation along with a pre-show lunch at 'Traffic Jam and Snug' and lower bowl seating ticket for the 3:00 p.m. performance. Cost is \$149.00 per person. Pickup locations are in Cass City and Caro.

Registration will end on October 20, 2019 for this showing at Little Ceasars Arena in Detroit, Michigan. Seating is limited - please reserve your seat as soon as possible.

For reservations or more information please contact Mazure at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City by calling (989) 872.2856 or Beth Kittle at the Cass City High School office by calling (989) 872.2200.

Plans are in the works to create a pocket park located behind the Municipal Building in Cass City. It would include demolition and removal of existing plants and trees to make room for a 14 x 14-foot pavilion with seating to create a community gathering space to enjoy.

The pocket park, which would be adjacent to the parking lots, would also feature lighting and may incorporate a water feature such as a bubbling rock into the design.

The project would require an in-kind match from the village and impact the 2020 budget, says Village Manager Debbie Powell who notes grants are being sought to help fund the endeavor.

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Wednesday, October 2

•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, October 3

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

Saturday, October 5

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.
•Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.

Sunday, October 6

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill Street. Social support group that strived to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.
•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

Monday, October 7

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Tuesday, October 8

•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.



First shipment at Quality Roasting LLC

A NEW processing plant in Tuscola County's Gilford Township accepted its first shipment of soybeans last Wednesday. Although soybeans are arriving, officials at Quality Roasting LLC at 135 S. Bradleyville Rd., Reese, won't start processing them immediately. The outside grain handling equipment is operational, but electricians are still completing work on the inside.

Sanilac drug team clamping down on methamphetamine resurgence

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Drug Task Officials say a resurgence in the use of crystal methamphetamine – an illegal drug in the same class as cocaine and other powerful street drugs – has led to multiple arrests throughout the county over the past several weeks.

Officers recently conducted a pair of traffic stops in the Sandusky area, with one 32-year-old Sandusky woman taken into custody for being in possession of methamphetamine, according to James H. Johnson, task force director, who noted the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department and St. Clair County K-9 unit assisted at the scene.

"Another traffic stop on two Sandusky females, ages 29 and 53, resulted in arrests for possession of methamphetamine and crack cocaine," he said. "The drug task force was assisted by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police and St. Clair County K-9 unit during this stop."

Charges were submitted to the Sanilac County Prosecutor's Office in both of those cases.

Additional drug investigations in the Crosswell area also led to two traffic stops, Johnson reported.

"During one traffic stop, a 35-

year-old Crosswell man was arrested for being in possession of methamphetamine. During the other traffic stop of a 34-year-old Burtchville Township man, he was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and heroin," he said.

Again, task force officers received assistance from the sheriff's department and St. Clair County K-9 Unit along with the Crosswell Police Department.

Johnson said officers also uncovered a meth lab in the 5000 block of Wildcat Road in Lexington Township. "During an investigation on scene, sufficient evidence was found to show that methamphetamine was being manufactured at the residence," he added. "This investigation is ongoing and the case will be forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office once completed."

Crystal meth is the common name for crystal methamphetamine, a strong and highly-addictive white crystalline drug that affects the central nervous system. Also called ice or glass, it's a popular party drug. Usually, users smoke crystal meth with a small glass pipe, but they may also swallow it, snort it, or inject it into a vein.

Crystal meth is a type of methamphetamine, which also

goes by the names meth, crank, chalk and speed.

Johnson encourages area residents to report suspected drug-related or other suspicious activity by calling (810) 648-4580, leaving a message on the Sanilac Drug Task Force page on Facebook, or via email at ddf@sanilaccounty.net. He noted the identity of those offering tips can be kept confidential.

"The drug task force would also like to remind residents that drop boxes for prescription medications are located throughout the county," Johnson continued.

"Drop boxes for unwanted prescriptions are located at the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Marlette Police Department, Crosswell Police Department and Peck Police Department. If you are unable to get your unwanted prescriptions to one of these locations, you can contact the drug task force at (810) 648-4580 and we will assist you in making sure that your prescriptions are disposed of appropriately."

The drug task force along with all county police departments with drop boxes will again be participating in the D.E.A. National Prescription Take-Back Day, Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Taylor A. Dragus, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges following his plea of no contest to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder April 28 in Caro. 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 court costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Reuben I. Bricker, 19, Deford, was sentenced to four years and nine months in prison following his pleas of no contest to five counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving a victim under the age of 13 years between January 2010 and Aug. 31, 2017, in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$530.

*Jack C. Hirschman, 19, Reese, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to torturing/killing an animal March 16 in Gilford Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Andrew M. Mullin, 55, Harrison, was sentenced to two to 25 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to two counts of fleeing and eluding a police officer and one count each of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense,

and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 17 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$444.

*James E. Bearinger, 65, Caro, pleaded no contest to carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent June 27 in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sen-

tencing is to be scheduled.

*Aaron E. Kemp, 33, Unionville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 18, 2018, in Akron Township.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Tammy S. Simon, 38, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of no contest to child abuse, second degree, Jan. 27, 2015, in Arbel Township.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758.

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Reporter's notebook

There's no place like home, right?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I absolutely detest city driving, even though I grew up in the Grand Rapids area and was once accustomed to the craziness some drivers are content to put up with on a daily basis.

So it goes without saying I wasn't thrilled when Deb and I drove to Detroit Metro Airport recently during morning rush hour traffic to catch a plane to Quebec (typically, we prefer to fly out of Flint or MBS, but in this case, we snatched up a travel deal that netted two round-trip tickets for \$100 each).

The insanity that is Detroit traffic, however, paled in comparison to what we witnessed a little over a week later in Manhattan, N.Y. – also during rush hour – as we made our way from the pier to LaGuardia Airport via the Queens Tunnel.

If you didn't know (I didn't), the Queens-Midtown Tunnel is a vehicular tunnel under the East River, connecting the boroughs of Manhattan and Queens. The tunnel consists of a pair of tubes, each carrying two lanes. First planned in 1921, the tunnel was opened to traffic in 1940.

On both ends you'll find a sea of humanity, a neon circus of traffic lights, frequent horn honking and a myriad of drivers and pedestrians, not to mention those on bicycles and other contraptions, who evidently thrive on living dangerously just to get to work (or wherever).

I couldn't help wondering what this city looked like as the 9-11 terrorist attacks unfolded.

Our trips to Detroit and New York were on both ends of a long-awaited cruise from Quebec to New York.

Traffic aside, my wife, Deb, and I love to travel and spend months these years planning and saving for our next adventure, while we're still fairly healthy and able to get out and experience places we've never seen before.

This trip was no exception. Quebec, which sits on the Saint Lawrence River and is the second largest French speaking city in Canada, dates back to 1608 and has retained its fortified colonial core, Vieux-Quebec and Palace Royale, with narrow streets, stone buildings and a European feel.

Our first port of call was Charlottetown, capital of Prince Edward Island, the only province in Canada with no land boundary. The region, which boasts postcard-perfect streetscapes along with beautiful farmland and coastlines, was made famous by the novel Anne of Green Gables.

Then it was on to Sydney, the gateway to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Alexander Graham Bell described the region when he said, "I have traveled around the globe. I have seen the Canadian and American Rockies, the Andes and the Alps, and the highlands of Scotland, but for simple beauty, Cape Breton outrivals them all."

Our next stop was in Halifax, capital of Nova Scotia, where we spent some time visiting the city's Maritime Museum, featuring amazing exhibits related to the Titanic and the historic Halifax explosion of 1917. We also spent a few hours at Peggy's Cove, home of one of the world's most photographed lighthouses.

We returned to American soil at Bar Harbor and then Portland, Maine. To me, Bar Harbor is not unlike Mackinac Island, although there is no comparison when it comes to the fresh lobster the region is known for. Portland is larger, but still boasts working fishing wharves and more history than I imagined.

Before debarking in New York, we spent an afternoon in Newport, R.I., with the Gilded Age mansions lining Bellevue Avenue and its yacht-filled harbors. Our tour aboard an 80-foot schooner took us past Hammersmith Farm, a Victorian mansion that was the childhood home of First Lady Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, and the site of the reception for her 1953 wedding to U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy.

To be sure, it was an amazing vacation, and I'm grateful for the opportunity and the memories we brought back home with us to the Thumb, where the faces and the landscape of our rural community is familiar and always a welcome sight.

That's no surprise, because in the end, there really is no place like home.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

The 2014 Cass City High School Homecoming King and Queen were crowned during Friday night's halftime celebration. Honored as this year's royalty were Queen Erika Martin and King Drew Loomis.

The Cass City Gavel Club recently elected officers for the coming year. They are Dick Wallace, treasurer; Ryan Lowman, vice president; Larry Robinson, president; and Joe Leeson, secretary.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Ashleigh Stoeckle, of Cass City, recently competed at the International Buckskin Horse Association's World Championship Horse Show in Memphis, Tenn., earning the title of World Champion in the Hunter Under Saddle class in the 14-18-year-old division. Stoeckle is a senior at Cass City High School and is on the equestrian team. Her parents are Mark and Carol Stoeckle of Cass City, and her grandmothers are Rosa Mae Krohn of Elkton and Helen Stoeckle of Bay Port.

Cass City sophomore Ali Smith is this week's recipient of Schneberger's Athlete of the Week award. Ali proudly represents Cass City schools and swims for the Caro Tiger girls' varsity swim team through a co-op program. Coach Woody Crutchfield says Ali is a valuable member of the team and holds this year's team records in the 200-meter freestyle, 500-meter freestyle and 200-meter IM races. Ali's personal record includes 12 wins and a pair of runner-up finishes. She is the daughter of Kelly and Kelly Smith.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Erica Tolbert was crowned Ubley High School's homecoming queen during the Ubley Cass City football game Friday night.

Georgia Hightower collected \$256.17 in free merchandise, during a 3-minute Fame shopping spree at Cass City's IGA Foodliner. The new competition was hosted by store owners Mabel and Harry Lenda.

Miss Nancy Jane Salla and Daniel James Barriger were married in an afternoon ceremony Sept. 10 at the Colwood United Brethren Church. The Rev. Roger Mosey and the Rev. Richard Barriger officiated. The church was decorated with white roses, greenery and gold accents. The bride is the daughter of John and Dada Salla. The groom is the son of Russ and Shirley Barriger.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Fighting back the tears was difficult for Kim Olszak after she was crowned homecoming queen at the Owen-Gage football game Friday night.

Twenty-one members of the William Martus family attended a dinner at Zehnder's in Frankenthum Saturday evening to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Martus, Sr. The celebra-

tion was a surprise to the Martuses. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. William Martus and son Curt of Richmond, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Craig Martus of Bucyrus, Ohio, Carrie Martus of Findlay, Ohio, Mrs. Mary Jean Zielke and daughters, Andrea and Kristi, of Battle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martus, Lynn, Lisa and David and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mark of Flushing and Mrs. Dorothy McCormick of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kehoe, Cass City. They were presented a gift of money.

Two Cass City High School seniors, Carol A. Lockard and Ray A. Hrycko, recently received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their performance on a Merit Scholarship test. Lockard and Hrycko placed in the top five percent of over one million high school students who took the test this spring. They placed slightly below the level required for a semifinalist in the competition for one of the more than 5,500 scholarships to be awarded in 1985.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Rev. Eldred Kelley officiated at the baptisms during the Sunday morning worship service in Salem UM church of Danyale Bruce, daughter of Tammy Bruce, and Jamie Lynn Bock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bock.

Teresa Scollon, a senior at Interlochen Arts Academy, has been named a semi-finalist in the 1980 National Merit Scholarship competition. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Scollon. She now has the opportunity to advance to finalist standing and compete in the spring for one of 4,300 Merit Scholarships.

Gregory J. Downing of Gagetown has been named to the academic honors list at Ferris State College, Big Rapids, for the summer quarter. To be named, students needed to earn at least a 3.25 grade point average (B+) and carry at least 14 credit hours of classes.

Homecoming Queen at Owen-Gage High School Friday was Mary Kay Burrows, who received her crown from the 1978 queen, Linette Hahn. The new queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burrows of Gagetown.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Senior Jane Laurie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Laurie of Gagetown, was crowned homecoming queen at the OwenGage-Mayville football game Friday night. She was selected from among five senior queen candidates.

Twelve local and area milk haulers were honored Tuesday by the Michigan Milk Producers Association for their years of service in their profession. Awards were presented during a banquet attended by haulers, their wives and MMPA Officials at Frankenmuth. Among those honored was William J. Bliss of Cass City, Route. 2, who has been a hauler for over 20 years. Harold Blaylock, MMPA vice president, presented the award.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Avery of

Caro announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Ann, to Francis DeLong. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeLong of Cass City. He graduated from Cass City High School in 1965 and from Ag Tech at MSU in 1967. The bride is a graduate of Caro High School in 1968 and works at Caro State Home and Training School. An April 4th wedding is being planned.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

For the second time within three months, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gingrich have received word that their son, Pvt. Veron Gingrich, had been wounded in action in France. The last message from the War department came Saturday telling them that he had been wounded seriously and that they would be informed later of his condition. The wounds were received Sept. 15. On June 15, Pvt. Gingrich received a bullet wound in a cheek and was returned to England for hospitalization. He first entered the service-Sept. 10, 1943, and left for overseas duty in March of this year.

Richard Joos celebrated his seventh birthday by entertaining 20 guests in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. John Sovey, Saturday, September 30, in recognition of the anniversary which is Oct. 4. A peanut hunt and penny scramble proved to be lots of fun. Ice cream and cake were served and Richard received many nice gifts.

Robert Warner and Thomas Colwell, who share the same birth date, have celebrated their birthdays together for several years. Mrs. Thos. Colwell entertained at dinner Friday evening in honor of the occasion. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schell, Mrs. Delia Lauderbach and Mrs. Mary Seed. It was also Mrs. Seed's birth anniversary. Roy Colwell and son, Allen, of Saginaw, unaware of the dinner, arrived in time for Roy to cut the birthday cake which graced the table. An evening of visiting was enjoyed.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Chas. Wright of Bad Axe has decided to return to Cass City again and engage in farming. He has rented the Kinnaird farm west of Cass City. John Bartel, who has been working that farm, expects to move near Gagetown where he has purchased a farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Atwell celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Monday afternoon at a "house warming" in their residence on Pine St. west which they recently purchased from the James Tindale Estate. Dinner was served by Mr. Atwell's daughters, Mrs. James Gooden of Detroit and Mrs. Joseph Frutchey, and among the guests were several G. A. R. comrades of Mr. Atwell and their wives together with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wheeler and Mrs. Frances Porter, Edgar Preston, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Atwell. Roses and snapdragons were used in beautifying the tables and rooms.

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AREA VOLUNTEERS recently completed another successful Cass River clean-up event. This year a four- to five-mile area downstream from Cass City and upstream from Caro was swept by residents who collected trash, old tires and other junk from the waterway.

River clean-up another success

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Volunteers recently completed another successful Cass River clean-up event.

This year a four- to five-mile area downstream from Cass City and upstream from Caro was swept by volunteers who collected trash, old tires and other junk from the waterway. Canoes, gloves and cleanup materials were provided to those who helped with the effort.

Thanks to previous clean-up days, all but a few miles have now been cleaned downstream from Cass City towards Caro.

Retired Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staffer Gene Suoppi estimates

about 15 to 20 miles of the river upstream from Cass City still needs to be cleaned.

Tons of garbage have been removed from the river. Among the items found and collected are axles, chairs, sections of old farm equipment, and tires. In recent years, volunteers have removed 80 to 100 tires from a couple of mile-long sections of the river.

The clean-up days have been organized in conjunction with the Cass River Greenway efforts to restore the Cass River.

The organization started as a grassroots movement led by a group of local volunteers who were assisted by professional resources and municipal leaders. They work together to enhance recreational opportunities and the

environmental well-being of the Cass River corridor.

Thanks in part to the clean-up effort, several launch sites have been developed along the river over the years.

A floating dock launch was installed this summer at Wickes Park, located at the end point of the Cass River Water Trail. The floating dock is similar to the ones placed at Heritage Park, Davis Park and Hoffmann Park.

Also this year, new water trail and Cass River Greenway brochures were completed and distributed. The brochures were funded by the Dr. Ed and Dorothy Scollon Family Foundation and by the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network.

Girls' night out to kick off Pinktober events in Cass City

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and Cass City residents will be rolling out the pink carpet to do their part by hosting "Pinktober" fundraisers and raising awareness of the disease.

The theme of this year's annual girls' night out fundraising event is "Pearls and PJs".

"Each year we pick a different theme for the event. We have prizes for the different dress-up categories," explained Joey Kreeger, who is coordinating the activity.

According to Kreeger, it doesn't matter if participants dress up or down – all are encouraged to just dress for a "Pink-tastic" night out. "It is a fun night out with a purpose," she said.

The party will feature prizes for the best dressed in the following categories: pearls and PJs, night "gown", cozy comfort, fancy footwork, and "girls just wanna have fun", which is a group category.

"Everyone gets a trophy, and prizes are given out for the best dressed in each category," she said.

The girls' night out will be Saturday, Oct. 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Sherwood on the Hill, 6625 Third St., Gagetown. This is the seventh year for the event and the second year it will be held in Gagetown.

Tickets are \$30. The admission price includes refreshments, snacks, silent and live auctions, and a DJ for dancing. Residents must be 21 years old or older to attend.

Tickets may be purchased at Schneeberger's Furniture and Appliance, Thumb Insurance Agency and Infinity Salon, all in Cass City. There are only 200 tickets available, so they will not be sold after Oct. 30 and they won't be sold at the door.

Kreeger said donations of items are being sought for the upcoming auctions. They can be dropped off at Sherwood on the Hill.

The proceeds from this year's night out will go to the Love For Lexi Pay It Forward Fund. The fund was initially created for a little girl named Alexis "Lexi" Jade Smith to help her family with medical expenses during the Cass City youngster's battle with an inoperable brain tumor in 2012. Although Lexi lost her fight, the fund that was created in her name has continued to help others.

Another highlight of Cass City's Pinktober observance is the annual Pink or Treat, scheduled this year for Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The community goes all out for that event, with businesses handing out treats and good things to eat for little pink or treaters along both sides of Cass City's Main Street. Everyone is encouraged to dress up in their pink attire or Halloween costumes.

Businesses are also encouraged to decorate their windows – especially in pink – for the event.

Cass City students are also involved, completing pink art projects by Oct. 15 that will be showcased in the school's hallways.

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News briefs

Winter gear giveaway Oct. 10

CARO — A W.A.R.M. (Winter Apparel Readiness Movement) winter outdoor gear giveaway has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Colwood Church, 1840 Colwood Rd., Caro.

Free coats, gloves, hats, scarves, snow pants and boots will be given to K-12 students enrolled in Tuscola County schools.

There will be a limit of one item from each category per child, and the items will be available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.

The event is being sponsored by Kare and Serve Inc. and Blue Cross Complete of Michigan.

MSP citizens' academy slated

CARO — The Michigan State Police (MSP) Caro Post will host a "citizens' academy" starting Oct. 29 and continuing through Dec. 3.

The six-week academy will give citizens the opportunity to become familiar with the mission and operation of the MSP, understand the procedures troopers follow, increase their awareness of law enforcement's role in the community, and get to know personnel at the Caro Post. Academy participants will meet at the Caro Post on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. A graduation ceremony will be held Dec. 3.

Individuals interested in taking part in the program are asked to contact Trooper Nicole Dhooghe of the Caro Post at (989) 673-2156 or via email at DhoogheN@michigan.gov to receive an application. Participants must be 18 or older to apply.

Chamber craft show set Dec. 7

CASS CITY — The Cass City Chamber of Commerce will host a craft show Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at Cass City High School.

Admission is free with a non-perishable food item or \$1 contribution. All donations will be donated to Revive Ministries of Cass City. For more information, call the chamber at (989) 872-4618.

Halloween fundraiser set Oct. 18

CARO — There will be a Halloween Party Friday, Oct. 18, from 7 p.m. to midnight in the back room of the Brentwood in Caro.

D.J. Tina Hawkins will provide the music for dancing and karaoke. Costumes are encouraged and there will be a \$100 prize for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place, along with 50-50 drawings.

An admission fee will be charged and those planning to attend must be at least 21 years old. Proceeds will go to the Cass River Pet Friendz, an area animal rescue group.

New fall festival being planned

MARLETTE - The Marlette community is planning to host its first Fall Family Fun Day Saturday, Oct. 19, from 2 to 6 p.m. in downtown Marlette.

Events on tap so far include horse drawn trolley rides, a children's pedal pull, inflatables, a hay-bale maze, a car show, a craft show, pumpkin and rock painting, a petting zoo, music, train depot tours and corn hole tournaments.

The event will be free, but donations will be accepted at the information tent.

There will be sponsorship opportunities available. Groups interested in providing a children's craft/activity or food/beverages are asked to contact Marlette officials at (989) 635-7448 or via e-mail at marlettechamber@gmail.com.

Blood drives on tap in Thumb

THUMB — The American Red Cross has a number of blood donation opportunities available to residents in the Thumb.

Among the upcoming dates and times are:

*Monday, Oct. 7, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Ugly Heights Golf and Country Club, 2409 E. Atwater Rd, Ugly.

*Tuesday, Oct. 8, from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



CASS RIVER Pet Friendz officials are asking motorists to keep an eye out for bags or boxes left on or near area roadways after someone discovered some abandoned kittens that were placed inside a yellow plastic bag and left in the middle of a roadway.

Drivers urged to check out boxes, bags

A Tuscola County non-profit animal rescue group is urging motorists to keep an eye out as they travel on area roads.

Specifically, officials with the Cass River Pet Friendz are asking residents to avoid driving over bags or boxes left on or next to roads because they might contain abandoned animals.

A group of kittens was recently found tied inside of a yellow plastic bag and left in the middle of a road.

The animal rescue group urges residents who come across a container to stop and open it to ensure it doesn't contain abandoned animals.

This is happening in the country as well as in towns, officials say.



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County vets affairs office hires staffer

The Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Office recently hired Jessica VanOchten to serve as the veterans affairs assistant.

VanOchten has worked for the Tuscola County Health Department for nearly 14 years.



Jessica VanOchten

"This has allowed her to establish herself as a resource within the agency as well as a public health friendly face within the community," said Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Director Mark Zmierski. "We look forward to tapping in to her knowledge (and) resources, networks, and love for helping people and applying them to the veterans of our community."

The county office of veteran affairs is the first point of contact by veterans and their families who seek assistance with federal, state and county benefits.

Hills and Dales accredited

Hills and Dales General Hospital was recently awarded accreditation by HFAP, the nation's original independent, accreditation program recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Accreditation confirms that Hills and Dales is providing high quality care as determined by an independent, external process of evaluation, explained Danielle Blaine, director of marketing for the Cass City hospital.

"Hills and Dales clearly demonstrates a commitment to quality and patient safety," said Meg Gravesmill, CEO of AAHHS, HFAP's non-profit parent company.

"We base our decision on the findings of an extensive and thorough onsite review of the hospital against recognized national standards for patient safety, quality improvement and environmental safety," Gravesmill added. "Hills and Dales General Hospital has earned the distinction of HFAP accreditation through its performance in successfully meeting those standards."

"We're very proud to achieve this prestigious accreditation," said Jean Anthony, Hills and Dales president and CEO. "Earning HFAP accreditation is a significant achievement that recognizes our commitment to providing outstanding care to our patients and our community. Quality is consistently the priority focus in our strategic plans and goals."

HFAP is a nationally recognized program offering accreditation and specialty certifications to serve a range of healthcare organizations. Originally established in 1945, HFAP is the original healthcare accreditation program in the United States. HFAP holds deeming authority from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and also is recognized by state governments and regulatory bodies, and insurers.

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DTE VOLUNTEERS recently rolled up their sleeves and stained the Cass City Recreational Park gazebo at Church and Ale streets. Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell lauded the group's effort, saying DTE has been a good corporate citizen in the community.



THE THIRD annual mini-barn quilt workshop will be Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bullard Sanford Memorial Library in Vasar. The cost is \$50 per person, which covers the cost of materials and a lunch. To sign up, visit the Thumb Quilt Trail page on Facebook. Proceeds from the event goes towards helping fund the Thumb Quilt Trail, which includes over 100 large quilt blocks mounted on the sides of barns in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties (see a map of their locations at www.thumbquilttrail.com).

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CASS CITY controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball against visiting Vassar. Here, Hunter Caister (50) stands up a Vulcan blocker.

Cass City punishes visiting Vassar on homecoming night

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Cass City scored seven first half touchdowns Friday to whip their homecoming foe Vassar in a matchup between teams headed in opposite directions.

With the 59-8 Greater Thumb West victory, the Red Hawks remain on top of the league standing at 3-0, 4-1 overall, while Vassar remains winless on the season including 0-4 in the GTW.

Cass City took a 22-8 cushion into the second quarter and then scored 36 unanswered points to complete the romp.

Hadyn Horne struck first for the hosts when he hauled in a rare Cass City pass that covered 30-yards. The Sandyn Cuthrell toss

came with 7:05 on the clock and was followed by Horne's run for points after.

Vassar, meanwhile, passes on nearly every down, and capitalized on a Cass City fumble to even the score. Lemonte Davis accounted for the Vulcan marker.

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STANDINGS

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

Kingston line keys win

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Kingston racked up nearly 500 yards of offense Friday in the Cardinals' win at North Huron in the North Central Thumb League Blue opener for both teams.

But that wasn't what impressed Kingston Coach Brandon Jones in the 34-20 victory over the Warriors, who entered the contest unbeaten.

"I am so proud of the type of football we played. We knew going in that the more physical team would win, and our guys answered the call. Our offensive line of Tristen Skinner, Jake DeLong, Caleb Goss, Jacob Rayl, Jack Green and Quinn Boucard dominated all night. Our backs ran extremely hard, but the game was won in the trenches," he said.

The visitors led 6-0 after one quarter and extended the margin to 14-0 after two. The Cardinals

then added another touchdown after the break to lead 20-0 entering the final 12 minutes, when North Huron outscored their guests 20-14, but it was too little, too late.

Workhorse Jake DeLong rushed for 215 yards on 27 carries to lead the Kingston offense, scoring three TDs. Caleb Goss added another 150 rushing yards on 17 totes, while hauling in a 26 yard touchdown reception from quarterback Aaron Koehler. The Cardinal signal caller was 4-for-8 passing on the night for 87 yards and also ran for 35 yards. Jack Green was his favorite target on the night, hauling in a pair of passes for 50 yards.

For North Huron, Brad Hoody completed 6-of-8 passes for 82 yards and one touchdown. He also added a rushing touchdown on 15 carries that netted just 26 yards.

Defensively, Kingston's DeLong was credited with 9.5 tackles, 3

tackles for losses and two sacks, while Koehler had 12.5 tackles and Tristen Skinner had three tackles, two tackles for losses.

"Defensively, we were disciplined and did a good job keeping contain on Brad Hoody. He is a dynamic player, and we didn't give him a lot of running room. When we did, he made us pay. Our kids have been working extremely hard, and I think it paid off for us, Jones said.

Up next for Kingston is a homecoming matchup with Burton Atherton (1-4) on Friday.

STANDINGS

Team	Overall		NCTL Blue	
	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	5	0	1	0
Kingston	4	1	1	0
Mayville	4	1	1	0
Peck	4	1	0	1
North Huron	4	1	0	1
Dryden	2	3	0	1



ROYAL PAIR. Sandyn Cuthrell and Tiara Anthony highlighted the halftime ceremonies Friday in Cass City when they were named the Red Hawks' 2019 homecoming king and queen.

Lady Red Hawks bring home more hardware

At the Wagener Park Invitational, typically the fastest course in the Thumb, the Cass City women's cross country team brought home their 5th trophy of the season Saturday from the Harbor Beach race site.

"The weather conditions were cool with light rain, but the course did not disappoint as it relinquished many personal and season best times for the majority of competing athletes," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

"The Cass City girls' team was among those that benefited from the great course. The team finished in second place in the small school division behind Bad Axe and narrowly defeated Harbor Beach by one point. Harbor Beach had won the Laker Invite last weekend and we were runner up, so we had a goal of beating them this week and were able to achieve that by the narrowest of margins."

The easy overall winner was Freeland with a score of 56, while Bad Axe, Cass City and Harbor Beach all had Top 10 overall team finishes with tallies of 235, 261 and 262, respectively.

Cass City's Riley Copeland didn't waste the opportunity to shine over the weekend and set a new personal best time going sub 21 minutes for the first time in her career. She placed 20th individually at the mega meet, running the 5,000 meter in a time of 20:54. Next across the line for Cass City was Madi Ware, placing 40th on her way to setting a new personal best time of 21:56 going sub 22 for the first time in her career. Mary Muter crossed the end line in 48th place and also set a new season best time of 22:18. The final two scorers for the Lady Hawks were Amelia Weiler and Marla Muter coming in 75th and 96, respectively.

"This team of ladies continues to gel, work so well together, please come out on Saturday for our only home meet and watch this great group of ladies compete," said Zdrojewski, noting the start of the Cass City invite is set for 9:30.

For the Owen-Gage women, Madelyn Haldane (34th place) was fastest with a time of 21:35, while Allison Haldane (54th place) added a time of 22:29, Libby Ondrajka (74th place) a

time of 23:08, Amber Haldane (87th place) a time of 23:32 and Katrina Curtoys (117 place) a time of 25:29.

The Bulldogs finished 15th in the overall team standing with a score of 337.

Meanwhile, Ubyly, with a team score of 453 and 21st place overall, had Abigail Guza (22:36) place 58th, Maze Gusa (23:53) place 95th, Alexiss Guigar (24:03) place 97th, Alexia Vogel (25:30) place 118th and Andrea Grifka (27:22) place 134th.

The women's race winner was Maddy Bean, Richmond, with a nearly unbelievable time of 18:38. She was the only woman to break the 19-minute mark out of 153 finishers.

Turning to the men's field, USA won the small school division with a score of 140, while Mayville was the runner up with 231 points and Deckerville was third with 264 points. St. Clair was the overall winner with a tally of 50.

For Cass City - they placed 13th in the team standings with a total of 331 - Nick McArdle ran his



OWEN-GAGE HOMECOMING King Chase Howard, son of Kendall Howard and Carla Weber and Queen Kaitlyn LaCroix, daughter of Amy and James LaCroix were announced during halftime of the Bulldog football game with CPS. The hosts won their first contest with a 28-20 decision.

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CASS CITY Libero Abbey Salcido returns a shot against Caro in Greater Thumb West play. The senior recorded 39 digs on the night.

Salcido and Bouverette help Cass City spikers past Caro

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Cass City remained in a tie for the lead in the Greater Thumb West volleyball league Thursday with an exciting four set victory over guest Caro. Scores on the night were 25-19, 29-27, 20-25 and 25-22.

"To get a win during homecoming is really a testament to their ability to focus. It's a busy week of activity and coaching through that excitement can be a challenge. I'm super proud of these girls and I'm thrilled to get out of this week with a win," said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell afterwards.

With the victory, the Red Hawks improve to 4-1 in the conference standings, while Caro slips to 4-2 in the GTW. Cass City traveled to Reese Tuesday and is scheduled to host Bad Axe next week. The Rockets stand 3-1 in the Greater Thumb West and the Hatchets – they handed Cass City their lone setback in league play earlier in the campaign – also stands 4-1 in the GTW entering this week's action.

If Cass City can maintain their play of late it would go a long way towards ending the school's championship drought in conference play. Cass City used a 5-1 run to end the opening set against Caro and then used extra points to capture the second set. The hosts actually trailed 11-7 early in set two, but back-to-back Hailey Beckrow kills would put the hosts on top 13-12.

Caro, however, battled behind the play of Ellie Hornbacher – she's a 3-sport star – and south-paw front row specialist Kaitlyn Arebalo to gain a set point at 27-26. Cass City, however, never flinched and three straight points, the game winner coming on a Sierra Spry kill, lifted the Red Hawks to victory.

Once again, it was nip and tuck in the third set, but Caro refused to go quickly on the night and prevailed after Cass City battled from behind to catch their guests at 17-17.

In the final set, it would be Caro that battled from behind to even the score at 20-20 and 22-22. From there, however, Cass City scored on a another Spry kill, a Tiana Anthony block at the net

and a hard Beckrow smash to send the Tigers packing.

As usual, Hailey Beckrow led Cass City with 15 kills, while Spry chipped in 13 winners. Taylor Cumper was credited with 18 assists, one more than teammate Abby Phillips, while Abbey Salcido and Macy White had 39 and 16 digs, respectively.

"Abby Salcido was spot on with her back row play. She receives a lot of constructive criticism and really came to play and win. She showed her senior leadership and was incredibly effective and a big part of our win," Cuthrell said, who also praised the effort of Haven Bouverette.

"Haven played the game of her life. She went six rotations and was called upon to make some big plays. She is incredibly competitive and is willing to do what it takes to win. I challenged her with responsibility and she answered the call."

Up next for Cass City is Thursday's contest at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools in Pigeon. The Laker contest kicks off the second round in GTW play for both teams.

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Hawks cruise to win

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Tied at 8-8, Cass City scored touchdowns on their next six possessions to remove all doubt from the game's outcome.

Cuthrell raced 80 yards for the Red Hawks' next points, while Jordan Mester finished the scoring in the first quarter a few moments later when he found pay dirt from 55 yards out.

Leading 22-8, Mester found the end zone again in the second quarter, this time from 20-yards out; Alex Perry's run for points after increased the host's advantage to 30-8. The TD was set up by the first of two Horne interceptions on the night.

After halting Vassar on downs deep in their own territory, Cuthrell ran for another touchdown to help extend the gap to 38-8 with 7:41 remaining in the half.

Cass City interceptions, Horne's second and one by Cuthrell, led to the winners' final two scores of the opening half.

Bryce Fernald's pass to Collen Wrubel with 3:58 made the score 44-8, while another Mester scoring run, followed by Thom Rishouwer's extra point kick had Cass City in front 51-8.

The damage in the first half could have been worse, but Cass City Coach Scott Cuthrell called off the dogs as the team was poised to score again before the intermission.

"Great win...need to get ready for a tough Bad Axe game. I thought our interior line did really well made up of Hunter Caister, Ryan Delong and Jeremy Velasquez giving Mester plenty of room to run," Cuthrell said.

Mester finished with 171 rushing yards on 11 carries, while Cuthrell gained 123 yards on just four tries. They combined for five touchdowns.

Defensively, Jeremy Velasquez topped Cass City tacklers with four stops, while Cuthrell and Horne split six tackles. Perry chipped in two sacks.

Green first to end line for Kingston men

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way to a third place individually.

"He did it in fantastic fashion by exceeding his seeded position by three positions, but more importantly taking 35 seconds off of his previous personal best time, he vaults to number 4 on the (Cass City) All-Time Cross Country board by running a 16:05 in a very impressive and strong race," said Zdrojewski.

Brandon Witherspoon was second for the team, finishing in 58th in a time of 18:33, Drew Markel

was next, taking 88th in a time of 19:16, while Anthony Boscaglia was the 4th Red Hawk across the line taking 90th but setting a new personal best time of 19:20 besting his previous time by 53 seconds. The final scorer for the team was Gabe Schwendinger. He placed 132nd, but took 32 seconds off of his previous best time posting a time of 20:49.

Coach Zdrojewski also noted that the 6th finisher for the team was Evan Roggenbuck taking 133rd and setting a new personal best time of 20:50 and taking 18

seconds off of his previous best time, adding, Hugh Walker did not compete at Wagener as he is recovering from an injury and expects to be back competing at our home meet.

For Kingston, 17th in the overall team rankings with 413 points, Morgan Green placed 73rd in 18:52, Dustin Peter 83rd in 19:10, Ethan Green 84th in 19:10.99, Marco Saenz 96th in 19:30 and Trayton Wenzlaff 129th in 20:43.

St. Clair's Jack Pennewell bested the field of 151 with a winning time of 15:45.

kills and three digs.

DECKERVILLE

After trading sets to open the North Central Thumb League Stars contest against the Eagles – dropping set one 25-11, but winning set two 25-14 – the Cardinals suffered defeats of 25-21 and 25-16 to end play on the night.

"Kingston lost their first division game of the season (last) Tuesday night. Deckerville came out firing on all cylinders in the first set. The Cardinals responded by rallying back in the second. The third set was a back and forth battle that the Eagles eventually captured and carried the momentum into the final set to come away with the victory," Hunter said.

"I thought Deckerville really played well, they were prepared and had an answer for any run we tried to make against them with the exception of the second set. They forced us to play at their pace and we struggled to get any momentum going offensively. Hopefully we learn from this loss and build on it going forward."

Individually, the hosts had James with 20 assists, 20 service points and one ace, Kolacz with a dozen kills and four blocks, Retan seven kills six service points and one ace, Mooney four kills and seven digs and Olivia Ulewicz three kills, three assists, four service points and one ace.

Kingston (9-9 Overall, 3-1 NCTL Stars Division) travels to face Akron-Fairgrove on Thursday.

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EPBP @ USA	USA	USA	USA	EPBP
Memphis @ Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Ubly @ Capac	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Reese at Caro	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Sandusky @ Vassar	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Marlette @ Brown City (8-man games)	Brown City	Brown City	Marlette	Brown City
Owen-Gage @ BCAS	BCAS	Owen-Gage	BCAS	Owen-Gage
Atherton @ Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
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VOLLEYBALL (JV & VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Bad Axe (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/24	Bad Axe (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/7	Birch Run (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/10	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/12	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/14	Ogemaw Heights (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/17	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/19	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/21	Frankenmuth (V)	8:00 a.m.
9/21	Bay City Central (JV)	8:00 a.m.
9/26	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/28	Ogemaw Heights (JV)	TBD
10/1	Reese (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/3	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/5	Croswell-Lexington (JV)	TBD
10/8	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/10	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/15	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/19	Marysville (V)	TBD
10/19	North Branch (JV)	TBD
10/22	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Capac (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/29	Reese (V)	6:00 p.m.
11/4	Districts (V)	TBD

Varsity Football

DATE	OPPONENT
L - 8/29	Montrose 16, CC 14
W - 9/6	CC 13, USA 8
9/13	CC 48, Marlette 6
9/20	CC 51, EPB Lakers 0
9/27	CC 59, Vassar 8
10/4	Bad Axe
10/11	Caro
10/18	Reese
10/25	Ubly

All Varsity Games begin at 7 p.m.

JV Football

DATE	OPPONENT
L -8/28	Montrose 22, CC 0
W -9/5	CC 30, USA 0
9/12	CC 40, HB 6
9/19	Lakers 28, CC 6
9/26	Vassar
10/3	Bad Axe
10/10	Caro
10/17	Reese
10/24	Ubly

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

Cross Country

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/19	USA Invite	3:00 p.m.
8/22	Birch Run Invite	1:15 p.m.
8/29	Brown City Invite	5:30 p.m.
9/7	Bad Axe Invite	TBD
9/14	Holly Invite	TBD
9/19	Frankenmuth Invite	4:15 p.m.
9/21	EPB Laker Invite	TBD
9/28	Wagener Park Invite (Harbor Beach)	8:30 a.m.
10/5	Cass City Invite	TBD
10/7	Mayville JH Inv.	3:45 p.m.
10/9	Ubly Invite	TBD
10/15	GTC League @ Bay Port	4:30 p.m.
10/19	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:30 a.m.

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State lawmakers propose budget

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a draft of their proposed 2020 budget that outlined funding for the Caro Center, roads, schools and other issues, it's not official until the governor signs it.

Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum), whose 31st District includes Tuscola County, was among those who voted to approve the budget.

"One of the primary jobs of a Michigan legislator is to deliver a responsible budget that invests in our state's future," said Daley. "This budget includes record funding for roads, schools and water quality analysis and protection — all without depending on a massive \$2.5 billion tax hike on Michigan families."

His vote also supported funding for a new 100-bed state hospital in Tuscola County along with \$5

million for demolition of some of the existing buildings at the Caro Center.

Tuscola County officials and residents fought long and hard to have the plan for the original 200-bed facility reinstated.

"I am proud of the way folks came together and showed the administration just how important the Caro Center is to our area," Daley said. "I look forward to seeing construction resume on this project."

A section of the budget information Doss provided explained that: "...the state psychiatric hospital, initially authorized for construction in 2017, is now 'changed.' The new state psychiatric hospital shall include the construction of a new 100-bed facility located at the current location of the Caro Regional Mental Health Center."

The document also outline authorization for a new northern satellite psychiatric facility in Chippewa County, located at a former correctional facility, that part of the money pledged to health and human services in 2017 for a new hospital would go to the northern hospital.

Not everyone was happy with the compromise on the Caro Center. Tuscola Intermediate School District (ISD) Superintendent Gene Pierce is among them.

"Although a 100-bed facility is better than abandonment of Tuscola County completely, I am disappointed that the new facility will be a 100-bed facility rather than a 200-bed facility," he said.

"Approximately \$3 million to \$4 million has been expended to get the Caro facility to the current status, including a \$277,000 feasibility study for a project that was already in progress."

Because construction of the 200-bed hospital that was to have started in April was halted in March to conduct another study, it will be at least another year before any work resumes.

"To move forward with the new 100-bed facility, new architectural plans will be required and new bids will need to be obtained," said Pierce. "The construction schedule is now severely delayed, which will further delay sufficient facilities (for) mental health care patients."

"The Tuscola ISD has provided special education services to the residents of the Caro Center for over 40 years and will continue to do so."

According to Doss, the proposed budget provides continuation funding for the Caro Center, at what has historically been at its full capacity — \$63,020,400 for an average patient population of 145, and for 542.3 full time employees.

Doss pointed out that the Legislature provides spending authorization, which is not a spending mandate, so there is no guarantee that the state will open up Caro to its usual number of patients, and it may stay at about 92 patients.

The budget proposal does not add any additional mental-health beds.

The Legislature's proposed department budgets total \$59.9 billion, an increase of 2.8 percent over the current year budget and a little less than the \$60.2 billion budget Whitmer proposed.

In Our OPINION...

Citizen's right to know at stake

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Dirk Milliman is the Public Policy Committee Chairman of the Michigan Press Association.

Council gathers Monday

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7.66 gallons/per minute in 2019. The well, drilled in 1997, is 311 feet deep and pumps 506 gallons per minute. The council approved spending up to \$41,600 for the repairs.

The work will include removal of the pump from the pipe casing and chemically flushing the screen to remove calcium build up. The contractor will also disinfect the well.

The final motion presented by Zawilinski taps Astec Asphalt, the lowest of three bidders, to repair streets throughout the village in the amount of \$7,373, also with a 10 percent contingency.

Asphalt patch work is needed on Woodland, Houghton, Garfield Streets and Kennebec Drive.

SEWAGE LEAK

Cass City Village officials say a recent raw sewage leak resulting from a sewer main clog in town did not present a public health risk or contaminate any local waterways.

Dennis McCabe, Cass City's director of public utilities, reported the leak last Wednesday, saying a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) occurred Sept. 19 at about 1:15 p.m.

"We had a sewer main back up on M-81 between Nick's Restaurant and McDonald's restaurant," McCabe stated in a news release. "The entire event lasted one hour. The sewer main back-up caused an SSO at the corner of Nestle Street and Church Street. Raw sewage leaked from the manhole cover and flowed towards a storm sewer catch basin."

McCabe said roughly 50 gallons of sewer water entered the catch basin, but he emphasized the level never reached the basin's discharge pipe. "Not even close," he said, adding none of the sewage escaped, so there was no discharge to the Center B Drain or Cass River.

"The public utilities crew immediately began jetting the plugged sewer main and found the main to be plugged with a large mass of shop towels or adult sanitary wipes — yet another reason to never put any paper products in a sewer except toilet paper," McCabe said.

"After the plugged main was cleared, the public utilities crew went to the corner of Nestle and Church streets and vacuumed the sewer water out of the storm sewer catch basin with our Vactor truck," he continued. "We also brought in the street sweeper to clean up the affected areas from the back-up."

"The public utilities crew has been notifying industries, businesses and residents in the area to not flush any shop towels or sanitary wipes down the toilets; this will further help to avoid any further sewer main back-ups. We will also jet this stretch of sewer main more frequently."

McCabe said he alerted the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) — formerly the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) — regarding the incident, but he inadvertently failed to contact health officials and the local newspaper at the same time.

It was simply an oversight and won't be repeated, he said. "If another sanitary sewer overflow was to occur in the future, the health department and newspaper will be notified within 24 hours," McCabe added.

SEEGER STREET

The council passed a resolution approving a legal services contract with the firm of O'Neill, Wallace and Doyle, P.C., related to the requirements for the Cass City Seeger Street Super Project. The firm will perform all legal services necessary regarding the organization, financing, construction, and initial operation of a water and sewer system, as required by the USDA.

"They will be paid a maximum up to \$8,000," said Trustee Joe Leeson, who reported the firm's hourly rate is \$150.

The undertaking, which started with paperwork back in February of 2019, is expected to be completed by the middle of 2022. The upgrades will start with work on south Seeger Street, followed by work to north Seeger Street the following year.

In a related matter, the council approved a conflict of interest policy for the village on the advice of Paula Gromak from the USDA. In a recent meeting, she said the policy is a requirement to receive a USDA loan for the Seeger Street project.

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- 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. **PUMPKIN PIE SALES** (Sherman St./Family Video)
- 11:00 a.m. **FOOD COURT OPENS** (Sherman St.)
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. **FREE PUMPKIN PIE EATING CONTEST REGISTRATION**
(Sherman St. Food Court)
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. **FREE HOMETOWN IDOL and LIPSYNC REGISTRATION**
(Fairgrounds, White Merchants Building)
- 6:30 p.m. **PRINCE & PRINCESS CROWNING** (Courthouse Lawn)
- 6:30 p.m. **GRAND PUMPKIN CHOSEN** (Courthouse Lawn)
- 6:30 p.m. **JOHN ECKEN BAND** (Courthouse Lawn)
- 7:00 p.m. **FREE PIE EATING CONTEST** (Courthouse Lawn)
- 7:30 p.m. **HOMETOWN IDOL and LIPSYNC COMPETITION**
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- 10:00 a.m. **FOOD COURT OPENS** (Sherman St. & Fairgrounds)
- 10:00 - 6:00 p.m. **ARTS & CRAFTS** (Fairgrounds, White Merchants Building)
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **FREE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION**
(Fairgrounds, White Merchants Building)
- 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. **FREE ENTERTAINMENT - THE MYSTERIANS** (Sherman St.)
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **FREE WING EATING CONTEST REGISTRATION**
(Brentwood * 178 Park Dr.)
- 7:00 p.m. **FREE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**
- 7:30 p.m. **WING EATING CONTEST** (Brentwood * 178 Park Dr.)
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- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. **FREE BABY CONTEST REGISTRATION**
(Brentwood * 178 Park Dr.)
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. **COLOR RUN REGISTRATION** (Fairgrounds)
- 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. **COLOR RUN**
- 10:00 a.m. **FOOD COURT OPENS** (Sherman St. & Fairgrounds)
- 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. **ARTS & CRAFTS** (Fairgrounds, White Merchants Building)
- 10:00 - NOON **FREE CAR SHOW REGISTRATION** (M-81/ Sherman St.)
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **BABY CONTEST JUDGING** (Brentwood * 178 Park Dr.)
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **FREE CHILDREN'S BIATHLON REGISTRATION**
(VG's * 1520 W. Caro Rd.)
- 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. **FREE INFLATABLES** (Fairgrounds) Caro Ministerial Association
- 10:00 - 3:00 p.m. **FREE THUMBODY BUS SHUTTLE EVERY 1/2 HOUR**
(Behind Food Court to Fairgrounds)
- 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. **FREE FACE PAINTING & GIVEAWAYS**
(The Blessing Center * 209 N State St - Caro Assembly of God)
- 11:00 - NOON **FREE BAKE OFF REGISTRATION** (Fairgrounds)
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- NOON - 3:00 p.m. **FREE HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES** (Fairgrounds)
- NOON - 4:00 p.m. **FREE KIDS' ACTIVITIES** (INFLATABLES/STRAW MAZE/GAMES) (Fairgrounds)
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. **FREE DOG CONTEST REGISTRATION**
(Fairgrounds, White Merchants Building)
- 12:30 p.m. **FREE CHILDREN'S MOVIE "THE INCREDIBLES 2"** PG
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- 2:00 p.m. **DOG CONTEST JUDGING** (Fairgrounds)
- 2:00 p.m. **CAR NOISEFEST** (M-81 by Courthouse)
- 2:30 p.m. **BAKE OFF JUDGING** (Fairgrounds)
- 3:30 p.m. **CAR SHOW TOP 15 AND 2 BIKES ANNOUNCED** (M-81)
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- 10:00 a.m. **FOOD COURT OPENS** (Sherman St.)
- 12:00 p.m. **John Ecken Band** (Bush and Main St., Atwood Park)
- 12:00- 12:30 p.m. **FREE STRUT WITH A MUTT REGISTRATION**
(Pizza Hut * 815 S. State St.)
- 12:30 p.m. **CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET**
- 12:45 p.m. **PARADE OF TOP 10 CARS** (Main St.)
- 1:00 p.m. **STRUT WITH A MUTT** (Main St.)
- 1:30 p.m. **GRAND PARADE** (Main St.)
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on OCTOBER 17, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

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If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: September 18, 2019
File No. 19-008054
Firm Name: Orland PC

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daniel J Brower, a single man to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee, dated October 6, 2010, and recorded on October 7, 2010, in Liber 1207, Page 849, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight and 50/100 (\$65,768.50) including interest at the rate of 4.25000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on October 17, 2019 Said premises are situated in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The south 3 rods of lot 3, block 6 of the plat of Centerville (now Caro), according to the plat recorded in liber 11 of deeds, pages 362-363, now being liber 1 of plats, page 56, now being page 59A excepting therefrom a strip of land 6 inches in width on the south side thereof Commonly known as: 218 PEARL ST. CARO, MI 48723 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: September 18, 2019 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 19MI00407-1

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Dennis L. Delong and Melissa L. Delong, husband and wife, granted a mortgage to Bay Creek Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 1996, and recorded on November 26, 1996, Liber 701, on Page 1338, and modified on September 17, 2014, recorded October 9, 2014, in Liber 1316, on Page 1117, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at

the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Three and 77/100 Dollars (\$24,923.77).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 17, 2019. Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence North 265 feet, thence West 300 feet, thence South 265 feet, thence East 300 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period will be one year from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., S/B/M Chase Home Finance LLC, S/B/M to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1395900

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daniel R. Skank and Susan T. Skank, husband and wife to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2007, and recorded on June 22, 2007, in Liber 1123, Page 270, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 05, 2019 and recorded September 16, 2019 in Liber 1431, Page 93, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Eight and 21/100 (\$145,538.21) including interest at the rate of 4.50000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on October 24, 2019 Said premises are situated in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land being part of the Northwest quarter of fractional section 5, Town 11 north, Range 10 east, described as:

Beginning at the west quarter corner of said section 5; thence along the west line of said section north 01 degrees, 29 minutes, 06 seconds west 300.00 feet; thence parallel with the east-west quarter line of said section north 88 degrees, 29 minutes, 59 seconds east 744.92 feet; thence perpendicular to said east-west quarter line, south 01 degree, 30 minutes, 01 seconds east 300.00 feet to said east-west quarter line; thence along said east-west quarter line, south 88 degrees, 29 minutes, 59 seconds west 745.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as:

3725 BYINGTON RD, MAYVILLE, MI 48744 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: September 25, 2019 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 19MI00393-1

9-25-4

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2004, a certain Adjustable Rate Mortgage was executed by Fraser Gene Seney a/k/a Fraser G. Seney and Bonnie L. Seney, as mortgagors, in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, as mortgagee, which was recorded December 13, 2004 at Liber 1020, Page 770, Tuscola County Records; and,

WHEREAS the mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and,

WHEREAS the mortgage is now held by the Secretary, through mesne assignments as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage, dated July 27, 2015 and recorded August 6, 2015 at Liber 1334, Page 1421, Tuscola County Records; and,

WHEREAS the mortgage at Paragraph 9(a)(i) states that "Lender may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument if . . . [a] Borrower dies and the Property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving Borrower;" and,

WHEREAS Fraser Gene Seney died on September 24, 2006 and there is no other borrower occupying the property; and,

WHEREAS Bonnie L. Seney died on August 3, 2018 and there is no other borrower occupying the property; and,

WHEREAS the debt secured by the mortgage has been accelerated and is due and owing in the amount of \$169,977.78 as of September 4, 2019, and which remains wholly unpaid, as of today's date; and,

WHEREAS the debt must be paid in full to avoid foreclosure of the property commonly known as: 621 Wilmot St., Vassar, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. § 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on September 26, 2016 at Liber 1359, Page 972, Tuscola County Records, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. local time, the real property located in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, the below described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 17 and 18, Block 6, Harrington's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 23A, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 621 Wilmot St. Tax Parcel No: 051-500-276-0400-01 The sale will be held at the Tuscola County Circuit Court, which is located at 440 N. State St., Caro, Michigan. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may bid any amount up to and including the total debt at the date of sale, plus any and all amounts recoverable under the provisions of the mortgage.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling 10% of the successful bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of 10% of the successful bid must be presented when the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commission may, at the direction of the HUD Field Office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

On this 4th day of September, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for Oakland County, appeared Heide M. Myszak, Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND SS.

Date: September 4, 2019
Heide M. Myszak
Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND SS.

On this 4th day of September, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for Oakland County, appeared Heide M. Myszak, Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to me personally known and being duly sworn did say that said instrument was signed and did acknowledge the same to be her free act and deed.

Name: Jessica A. Allen
Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan My Commission Expires: February 4, 2024

Drafted by and when recorded return to:
Gary C. Bengtson (P57250)
Trott Law, PC
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Trott # 493394L01

9-25-3

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 October 31, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robin Heit and Mary Heit, a married couple
Original Mortgagee: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Mid-First Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association
Date of Mortgage: February 11, 2003
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 20, 2003
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$112,018.08

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the intersection of Loren Road and the East line of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, thence along the centerline of Loren Road, South 64 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West 821.60 feet and South 24 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds West 880.60 feet to the point of beginning of this description, thence continuing along the centerline of Loren Road South 24 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds West 208.00 feet, thence North 47 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 464 feet, more or less, to the Cass River, thence Northeasterly along the Cass River 78 feet, more or less, thence South 65 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East 448 feet, more or less to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of Notice: October 2, 2019
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PLACE OF SALE: Tuscola County Circuit Court, Caro, MI 48723
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Cass City seniors roll up their sleeves for Adopt-A-Highway

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highways, boulevards and business routes.

Since 1990, Adopt-A-Highway local groups have collected over a million bags of trash. Currently 2,800 groups are participating in the program and have adopted over 6,400 miles of Michigan highways.

"We do this twice a year; there's a fall clean-up and there's spring

clean-up," explained Hempton, who noted the local students – 26 in all – covered both sides of one mile of M-81, west of M-53, and one mile of M-53, north of M-81, just east of Cass City.

The seniors were split up into four groups and, together, filled 18 trash bags with litter of all sorts.

Any group of at least three people is eligible to sign up for the Adopt-A-Highway program, ac-

cording to MDOT officials, who say it's a great opportunity for all types of organizations, including scout troops, church groups, activity and teen groups, small and large businesses, clubs, service organizations and senior citizen groups.

Crew members must be a minimum of 12 years old, and participants between the ages of 12 and

17 must have adult supervision at a ratio of one adult for every three children.

The goal of the program is to clean the roadsides before mowing cycles and tourism periods (April through October). Designated pickup dates and times are determined by MDOT at the beginning of each year to facilitate and schedule pickup of bagged

trash.

There is no fee required to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Groups must provide their own transportation to the adoption site, but MDOT provides the bags for litter and pickup of filled bags, as well as safety vests for each member upon acceptance in the program.



OLIVIA Schuette (left) and Olivia Peters walk along the roadway in search of litter during the NHS Adopt-A-Highway outing last week.



MORE THAN two dozen National Honor Society (NHS) members representing Cass City Junior-Senior High School rolled up their sleeves last week and picked up trash along two miles of highway in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway program.

39th Pumpkin fest on tap

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three locations; Sherman Street, Family Video on M-81 and the Tuscola County Fairgrounds.

Among the events planned for Thursday are the free grand pumpkin registration at the Tuscola County Courthouse for the largest pumpkin (4 to 6 p.m.), the prince and princess crowning at the courthouse (6:30 p.m.), and the hometown idol/lip sync at the fairgrounds (7:30 p.m.).

Friday's slate of activities include a free performance by the Mysterians (4 to 7 p.m.), a free corn hole tournament at the fairgrounds and a free euchre tournament at the Brentwood (7 p.m.), and a free wing eating contest at the Brentwood (7:30 p.m.).

Saturday will feature a full day of activities for the whole family. There will be free children's inflatables and a petting zoo at the fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 12:30 p.m. is the pumpkin derby at the fairgrounds, and a free children's movie will be offered at the Strand Theatre at 2 p.m. Also, from noon to 4 p.m. there will be a free "escape room adventure" at the fairgrounds; a free car and bike show in downtown Caro from noon to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to midnight there will be a beer tent at the fairgrounds featuring the band Road Dawgz.

In addition, this year's festival will offer an important safety identification program that could save the lives of both youngsters and senior citizens. The service will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the fairgrounds.

Sue Larson, who is helping to coordinate the program, says it has been expanded to include seniors this year.

"Every child or senior will be photographed, electronically fingerprinted, weighed and measured, and a brief interview conducted with simple questions that will be recorded in addition to other collected data," Larson explained. "All of the information gathered will be transferred to a disk and given to the parent, guardian or senior. No information is retained by the system and parents or families are urged to store the disk in an easily accessible and safe place."

The child and senior identification system is provided for use by the Michigan Moose Association in co-operation with the Safe Surfin' Foundation, which was established in 1998 to help protect children using the internet and to help prevent them from becoming victims of internet predators.

The Michigan Moose Association and Safe Surfin' Foundation work together to make the world a safer place for children and elders.

More information about the identification event is available by contacting Larson at (989) 551-1483.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Thumbody will be providing free shuttle service from behind the food court on Sherman Street to the fairgrounds.

On Sunday, there will be a parade featuring the top 10 cars, starting at 12:45 p.m. on M-81, followed by the "Strutt with a Mutt" event at 1 p.m. and the annual grand parade at 1:30 p.m. featuring more than 100 entries.

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