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## Sheriff: Whitmer vetoes already impacting county

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week issued a whopping 147 line-item vetoes to 16 budgets — totaling nearly \$1 billion in state spending — submitted to her by the Legislature, leaving lawmakers shell shocked and scrambling to pour over the changes.

Whitmer issued a news release announcing the vetoes Oct. 1, the first day of the state's new fiscal year.

Among the pieces of good news for Tuscola County was that a compromise funding package for construction of a downsized state psychiatric hospital to replace the aging Caro Center remained intact.

However, while legislators were still digesting adjustments involving millions of dollars in funding last week, law enforcement officials said they already know the

governor's actions will cost them money they've come to rely on for various programs.

"The governor's decision to veto the Sheriff's Secondary Road Patrol program is going to affect 120 deputies across the state," said Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who explained the program is paid for by a set fee on traffic tickets — not the state's general fund — and has been around since 1978.

"Our county is able to have one full-time deputy patrolling the secondary roads, enforcing traffic violations, handling crashes, backing up other officers, assisting at scenes etc.," Skrent said of the secondary road patrol program's contribution to the sheriff's department's enforcement efforts. In short, he added, the funding enables an officer to focus on concerns that impact residents who reside along rural roads.

"Many times, I get calls from cit-

izens asking if we can monitor a certain stop sign or intersection, investigate school bus violations and to investigate speed violations," Skrent said. "While less than 20 percent of the U.S. population lives in rural areas, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data shows that more than

half of roadway fatalities occur on rural roads. Our Secondary Road Patrol Deputy is dedicated to handle and to try to prevent these types of calls.

"If this budget impasse in Lansing is not resolved, all of these deputies will be laid off. This is totally unnecessary as there has

been a funding source to provide them for the past four decades."

The sheriff is urging county residents to contact their legislators and the governor to express their opinions.

"A few weeks ago, we received a confirmation letter that we

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## Cass City gains 23 kids in latest count

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The second of two statewide enrollment counts brought good news to the Cass City School officials last week.

"We're down 10 (students) at the elementary, but we're up 33 from February at the high school," Supt. Jeff Hartel reported following the Oct. 2 tally, which revealed a combined enrollment of 523 kids in the elementary grades (Young Fives through sixth grade) and 473 students at the junior-senior high school for a total enrollment of 996.

"We hate to see decreased numbers at the elementary school, but the GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program) numbers are good," he added, referring to the 24 youngsters enrolled in the Young Fives program, up one student compared to the February 2019 enrollment count.

Hartel said part of the increase can be attributed to a larger senior class — 80 students, compared to the 63-member Class of 2019, which Cass City officials called the smallest graduating class in memory.

At the same time, Hartel pointed out, student numbers have varied greatly over the past several years. "We have a transient population."

In fact, enrollment figures tend to fluctuate frequently — sometimes week to week — according to Hartel, who in February 2018 reported a loss of 15 students, only to learn months later, in October, that the district's student population had grown by a whopping 20 kids after de-

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IT'S THAT time of year again — fall, which brings cool nights, changing colors and...car-deer accidents.

## Oh, deer!

### Vehicle-deer crashes pick up in the fall

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It's that time of year again — fall, which brings cool nights, changing colors and...car-deer accidents.

And in Michigan, especially

in the Thumb area, it's not necessarily a matter of if you will hit a deer with your vehicle, but when you'll find yourself facing an imminent collision.

"We are way ahead in the numbers of car-deer crashes that deputies have handled so far this

year in our county, and we are not even into the peak season yet," Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent commented last month.

"And that does not include numbers from local agencies

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## Appeals board to hear Dollar General request

The Cass City Village Zoning Board of Appeals will host a special meeting Tuesday, Oct. 15, starting at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

The meeting was scheduled to consider a zoning variance request for parking requirements stemming from the proposed construction of a new Dollar General store at the west end of the village.

Earlier this month, the village's planning commission reviewed site plans and tentatively approved the plans, pending the zoning board of appeal's approval, parking space allotment, and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) approval of entrances and exits.

Plans call for construction of a new store expected to total roughly 15,000 square feet, which is much larger than the current Dollar General store.

The existing Dollar General store is housed in a portion of the former IGA store at 6121 Cass City Rd. (M-81). The new store will be built just east of that location in a vacant lot that was previously home of the former Croft-Clara lumber yard.



CASS CITY Author Deb Robinson recently published her second book, "A Girl From Pinnebog". She along with her granddaughter, Payton Robinson — who at nine years of age recently became a published author with her own book, "How I Got My Cat" — will be sharing their work with area residents during a special program slated for Nov. 6 at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

## Robinson, granddaughter pen books; program on tap

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Local Author Deb Robinson will tell you writing is great therapy, but above all, it brings her joy.

And Robinson is sharing that passion with her granddaughter, Payton Robinson, 9, by having the youngster's own book — "How I Got My Cat" — published recently.

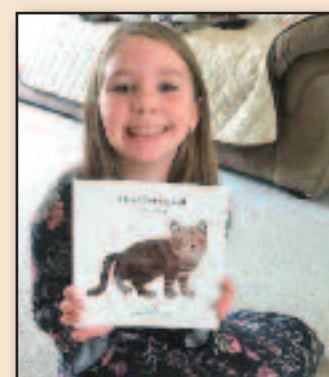
Both Robinson, who has a new book out entitled, "A Girl From Pinnebog", and her granddaughter will be sharing their work with area residents during an upcoming book presentation hosted by Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Pinney Room.

Robinson says she's enjoyed nurturing her love of writing with Payton, a fourth grader.

"She just wrote it (her book) by hand, as kids do, about a year and a half ago, so I went with it and just got her 100 copies," she said.

Robinson's latest book, on the other hand, has been in the making for years.

"I've been writing now for, probably, 10 years, and I'm going to say I started some of these stories 10 years ago," the Cass City resident recalled. "It was just a matter of getting them arranged."



PAYTON Robinson, a fourth grader, displays a copy of her book, "How I Got My Cat".

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**MEMBERS** of the Cass City High School Class of 1965 recently gathered in Bad Axe for a reunion, present were: front l-r, Joyce Austin Polega, David McNaughton, Jeri Ryan Bothamley, Roger Ashmore, Dale Horak Kluzak, Elaine Englehart, Beverly Guinther Terry, Barbara Bustamonte Retherford, Ed Retherford; (middle) Linda McConkey Riley, Carol Lapp Schulhauser, Annie Ferguson Henderson, Joy Turner Bullock, Shirley Brown McIntosh, Donna Jean Jones Rockwell, Bonnie Butler Zeidler, Shirley Root McIntosh, Larry Seale; (back) Robert Spencer, Don Ball, Betty Kennedy Powell, Ernest Bouck, Theron Roach, Bob Bliss, Steve Auvil, John Papp, Mark Battle, Jerry Sugden, Eugene Izydorek and John Mulrath.



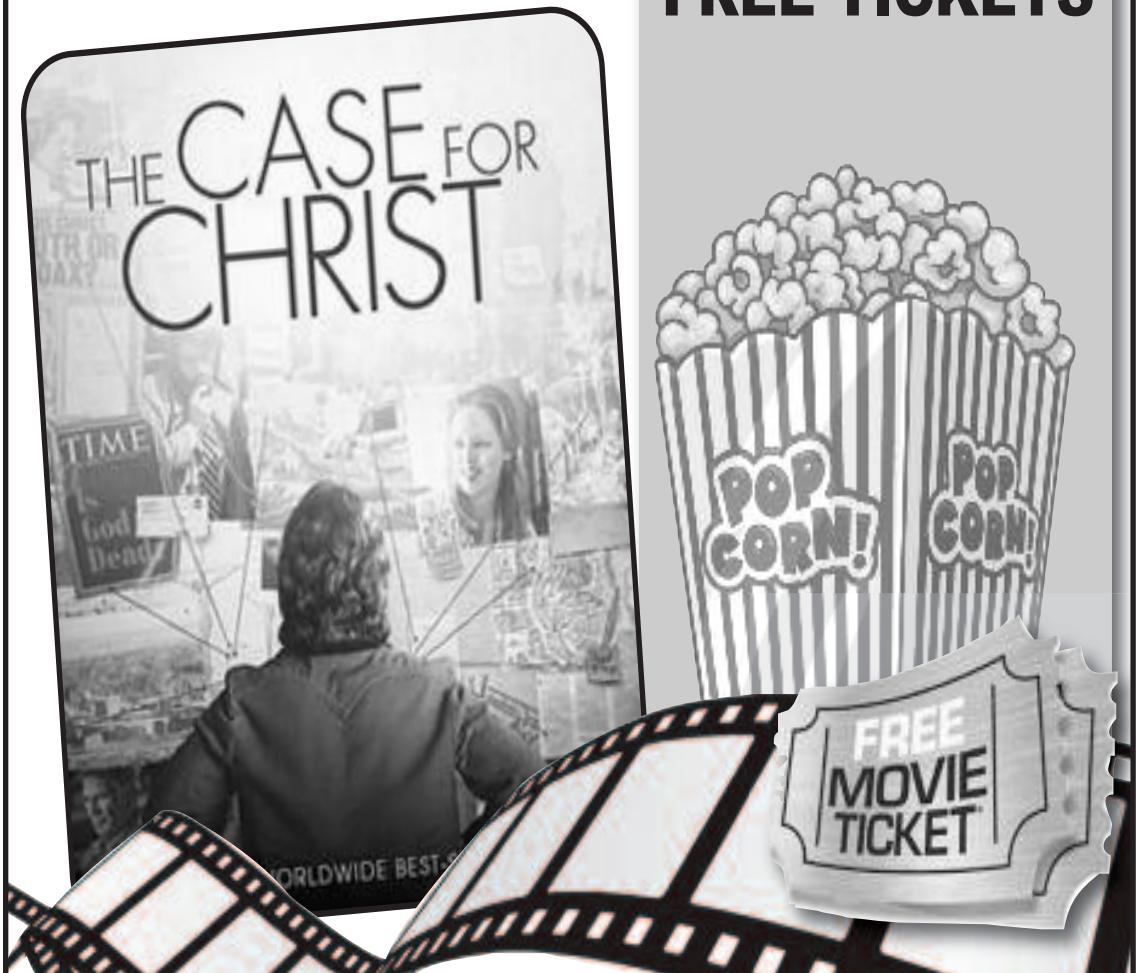
**THE CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL** Class of 1962 recently met at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe. In attendance were, front l-r, Wayne Dillon, Ron Rutkowski, Joy Field Kramer, Dallas Nichols, Pam Hurd Sting, Jim Rawson; back, Bob Morley, Bob Bullock, Frank Tordai, Larry Robinson, Bob Parrott and Carol Kennedy Parrott.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

A haunting childhood memory



## Septic system care pays dividends later

The rural Thumb is no stranger to residents who rely on septic systems. It's not generally a topic of conversation, but neglecting those systems can cause some serious headaches and bills down the road, not to mention compromise groundwater quality.

Those are among the messages of the recently observed SepticSmart Week, during which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – in conjunction with federal, state and local governments, and private sector partners – encouraged homeowners and communities to properly maintain their septic systems.

More than 1.3 million homes and businesses in Michigan depend on septic systems to treat wastewater.

If not maintained, failing septic systems can contaminate groundwater and harm the environment by releasing bacteria, viruses and household toxins to local waterways. Proper septic system maintenance protects public health and the environment, and saves the homeowner money through avoided costly repairs.

Simple tips for homeowners include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The EPA's SepticSmart Program educates homeowners about proper septic system care and maintenance all year long. In addition, it serves as an online resource for industry practitioners, local governments and community organizations, providing access to tools to educate clients and residents.

For information on Septic Systems, SepticSmart Week or tips on how to properly maintain a septic system, visit [Michigan.gov/EGLEOnsiteWastewater](http://Michigan.gov/EGLEOnsiteWastewater).

Each time I do an article on senior homes, a poem I learned in childhood comes to mind.

Because it was so long ago, I only remember parts of it, but it made a lasting impression on me. It was about an old woman walking to the poor house, which was another name for it. Back then, not just the aged but anyone who was poor or destitute — and even some orphans — would go to live at the "county farm".

Back in my childhood while attending Columbia Corners School, the teacher would read poems and stories to us. The sadness of that poem has haunted me since I was in the fourth grade. I finally discovered the correct name of the poem, what it was really about, and who wrote it.

The title is "Over the Hill to the Poorhouse" and it was written by journalist and poet Will Carleton of Michigan. His first journalism job was in Hillsdale, and some of his poems were published in Harper's Weekly.

The poem, published in 1872, showed the plight of the aged and of those with indifferent families. According to reports, the poem also awakened the nation's moral conscience to the problems of the aged.

Perhaps "Over the Hill to the Poor House" was the impetus for Social Security. I can't say so for sure, but I like to think so. There was even a movie based on the poem, produced in 1922, and Michigan conferred on Carleton the honorary title of Poet Laureate.

My research also found that Michigan's Public Act 51 of 1919, made it the duty of teachers to teach at least one of his poems to children in school, and Oct. 21 was officially designated Will Carleton Day in Michigan. Apparently, my elementary teacher complied with that law when she read us Carleton's poem.

Because I was so young, I didn't remember all of the poem's details correctly. In my mind, the old lady was walking to the poor house because her husband and all of her children had died, but that memory was incorrect. Actually, she was walking to the poor house because none of her children wanted her to live with them even though she was still able-bodied. To me, that makes the poem even sadder.

The following are some excerpts:

*"Over the hill to the poorhouse I'm trudgin' my weary way –*

*I, a woman of seventy, and only a trifle gray – I, who am smart an' chipper, for all the years I've told,*

*As many another woman that's only half as old. Over the hill to the poorhouse—I can't quite make it clear!*

*Over the hill to the poorhouse—it seems so horrid queer!*

*Many a step I've taken, a-toilin' to and fro, But this is a sort of journey I never thought to go.*

*What is the use of heapin' on me a pauper's shame?*


*Am I lazy or crazy? am I blind or lame?*

*True, I am not so supple, nor yet so awful stout; But charity ain't no favor, if one can live without."*

The poem goes on to explain that even though she is 70 years old, she is still able bodied and willing to help around the house. The poem talks about her memories of her childhood, marriage and the birth of her children.

The poem talks about her children:

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### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki is reminding residents to keep their vehicles locked and valuables hidden or stored in a safe location.

"The Sanilac County Sheriff's Office has been seeing a rise in vehicle thefts and larcenies throughout the county, (and) there is a high probability that a majority of the vehicle thefts and larcenies could have been prevented if the owners would have taken precautions," he said.

"The detective bureau would also like to remind citizens to be vigilant with the ongoing phone and mail scams," the sheriff added. "These scams have been in many forms like Social Security, U.S. Treasury, and a relative that has been arrested. If you receive a phone call similar to the above scams, please hang up and contact the police. Furthermore, do not send money to anyone whose identity has not been verified."

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is asking hunters to consider donating to Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger to help feed local families.

Each donated deer provides more than 125 meals. To donate a deer, find a participating processor near you, or you can make a monetary donation when purchasing a hunting license.

The following is a list of deer processors that participate in the program:

Maurer's Meat Processors, Inc., 4075 Purdy Rd., Ubyly – (989) 658-8185; Outback Meat Processing, 3951 Germania Rd., Snover – (810) 837-0677; Jank's Deer Processing, 3261 N. Jacob Rd., Caro – (989) 551-2317; Martins Meat Processing LLC, 1770 Sheldon Rd., Sandusky – (810) 648-2498; and Country Pines Meat Market, 389 W. Miller Rd., Sandusky – (810) 648-5186. \*\*\*\*\*

By the way deer hunters, please be sure to share your photos this year with our Chronicle readers. It's easy to do, just email them to me, along with a few details, to: [clarke@ccchronicle.net](mailto:clarke@ccchronicle.net).

Best of luck!

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The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by offering 10 colorful trees and bushes when you join the organization in October.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive 10 colorful trees and bushes selected for your area.

"Members will especially enjoy these trees during the autumn months because they'll add abundant, vibrant color to any yard or landscape for years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions will be enclosed with each shipment of trees.

To receive your free trees, visit [arborday.org/october](http://arborday.org/october) or send a \$10 membership contribution by October 31 to: Arbor Day Foundation, 10 Colorful Trees and Bushes, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

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If you are a pork lover, or maybe a supporter of first responders in the area, please note that the Lamotte Township Fire Department is holding a hog roast Friday, Oct. 11, from 4-8 p.m. The township fire department is at 6271 Snover Road in Decker. For more information call (989) 635-2742.

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I haven't watched much major league baseball this year (who could blame me considering Detroit's efforts), but my interest has peaked during the playoff. While watching former Tiger hurler Justin Verlander the other day I couldn't help but notice how many baseballs were being replaced during the game.

That steered me to Google to find the answer. According to my phone – around 120 per game on average.

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### Wednesday, October 9

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

### Thursday, October 10

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

### Saturday, October 12

•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.

### Sunday, October 13

•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.

### Monday, October 14

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.  
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.  
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

### Tuesday, October 15

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

## Three-vehicle accident claims Sanilac Co. husband and wife

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies have identified the victims in a fatal traffic crash that claimed a county couple Sept. 30 in Lexington Township.

Lt. Nathan Smith of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department said Lexington residents Luigi Vettrano, 72, and Barbara Vettrano, 70, husband and wife, both died as a result of injuries they suffered in the crash, which involved three vehicles at the intersection of East Peck and Babcock roads.

"The initial investigation has determined that a 2016 Ford Transit work van operated by a 46-year-old male from Lynn Township was traveling eastbound on Peck Road when his vehicle struck the rear of a 2018 Jeep Compass that was stopped on East Peck Rd, facing east at Babcock Road, attempting to make a left turn," Sgt. Matthew Armstrong reported.

"After being struck in the rear, the Jeep Compass entered the westbound lane of Peck Road where it was struck by a westbound 2008 Hummer H3 being operated by a 17-year-old male

from Crosswell."

Luigi Vettrano, the driver of the 2018 Jeep Compass, was ejected from his vehicle during the crash.

"The other drivers involved were checked for possible injuries but not transported to the hospital," Armstrong said. "All drivers were believed to be wearing their seatbelts and airbags deployed in each of the vehicles. Alcohol and drugs do not appear to be factors in this accident.

"The report will be forwarded to the Sanilac County Prosecutors Office upon completion of the investigation."

## Sanilac sheriff promotes trio

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki recently announced a trio of promotions within his department.

Biniecki promoted Assistant Jail Lt. John Moody to the rank of jail administrator.

"In March of 2017...Moody was promoted to corrections lieutenant in charge of personnel. He started his career at the sheriff's office in March of 1994 and has worked within the dispatch and corrections divisions," the sheriff noted. "He was promoted to corrections sergeant in 2006 and is now promoted to jail administrator, replacing Nick Romzek.

Biniecki said Moody has served in a number of roles, including U.S. Marshall program coordinator and field training officer.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments of our corrections staff thus far and am excited to see what new levels we will go to under Jail Administrator Moody's leadership," he added.

Biniecki also announced the promotion of Sgt. Ryan McConnachie to the position of

assistant jail lieutenant.

He said Lt. McConnachie started his career with the sheriff's department in 2003 as a part-time corrections deputy. He advanced to full-time in 2004 and was promoted to corrections sergeant in 2014.

"He has worked within the corrections division his whole career, serving in positions such as taser instructor, defensive tactics instructor and field training officer," Biniecki said. "Lt. McConnachie is a 2018 graduate of the 13th class of the Michigan State University School of Staff and Command.

"I congratulate and welcome Lt. McConnachie to our leadership team and look forward to seeing him apply his skills to assist us in moving forward in our pledge to serve the public."

In addition, Deputy Ronald Edington was promoted to the rank of uniform services sergeant.

Edington, who has been with the sheriff's department for nine years, began his career as a corrections deputy. He is the first cor-

rections deputy candidate to be awarded the transfer and sponsorship to the police academy under Biniecki and entered the ranks of the sheriff's uniform services division in May 2016.

"He has held many positions within the office, such as corrections, emergency response team member, firearms instructor and drug task force investigator," Biniecki noted.

"The promotion of Sgt. Edington is a prime example of someone drawing from their experience working in all areas of our organization, and it's sure to offer him new opportunities and challenges in serving the public."



Jail Administrator John Moody



Lt. Ryan McConnachie



Sgt. Ronald Edington

## Thumb health departments offering "safe sleep" help

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Time and time again, having a baby sleep in bed with a parent — or otherwise failing to ensure an infant is placed in a safe sleep environment — has ended in tragedy.

Which is why the Tuscola and Huron county health departments are both offering "safe sleeping" equipment for those who cannot afford it.

A program through the childhood neglect and abuse council in the counties is enabling the health departments in each county to give away new "Pack and Plays" as well as safe-sleep sacks to any caregiver that is referred to them or contacts the health departments directly.

"If they are unable to purchase (items needed to provide) a safe sleep environment for a baby...they can get a brand new Pack and Play, a fitted sheet and a safe-sleep sack," explained Krysta Subera, maternal child health coordinator for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments.

Pack and Plays are smaller than a crib but larger than a bassinet and are portable, so a baby can typically sleep in one until they reach their first birthday.

"A Pack and Play kind of looks like those old time playpens that had netting around them with a cardboard bottom that were around in the 1970s and 1980s," Subera said. "The Pack and Plays have a mesh breathable netting around it.

"What is really nice about it is the insert is adjustable to different heights; it moves up to a bassinet level for newborns and when the baby is older it can be lowered. It grows and adjusts to the baby," she added.

Pack and Plays are light, portable and come with their own carrying case for easy transport.

And, Pack and Plays meet the 2016 American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations on a safe sleeping environment for a babies.

"A safe-sleep sack is a wearable blanket. It gives an extra layer of warmth without the danger of a

loose blanket," Subera continued. "With a safe-sleep sack there is no risk of suffocation or strangulation.

"They are the Halo brand that are designed specifically to meet safety standards. They offer a baby warmth without the risk."

Other safe sleeping environment recommendations include:

\*Placing the baby on his or her back on a firm sleep surface such as a crib or bassinet with a tight-fitting sheet.

\*Avoiding use of soft bedding, including crib bumpers, blankets, pillows and soft toys. The crib should be bare.

\*Sharing a bedroom with parents, but not the same sleeping surface or in bed, preferably until the baby turns one year old or at least for the first six months. Room-sharing decreases the risk of SIDS by as much as 50 percent.

Residents in Tuscola and Huron counties who care for a baby and are unable to provide a sleep environment for an infant are encouraged to contact their health department (989-673-1720 in Tuscola County and 989-269-9721 in Huron County).

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## Reporter's notebook

### Bitter invention of Satan? Nope

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



Coffee.

If you understand, no explanation is necessary. If you don't, no explanation is possible.

In case you missed it, one of the last national observances of September was National Coffee Day, and while I didn't celebrate formally, I honor the liquid gold produced by coffee beans each and every day. At home, at the office, on the road, wherever, I do love my coffee, especially that first cup in the morning.

So good.

I'm not alone.

While the U.S. and Canada celebrate National Coffee Day Sept. 29, other nations mark this day throughout the calendar — International Coffee Day happens just two days later, on Oct. 1.

According to an account published on [www.nationaltoday](http://www.nationaltoday), the history behind National Coffee Day is a bit hazy.

"We believe September 29 came about as a jolting reminder to get back to work following a long summer — even though it's a full week after the first day of fall. After all, Americans have turned procrastination into an art form," the article reads.

"On the other hand, the history of coffee itself clearly goes back to 15th century Yemen. As for Europeans, they got their first taste about 100 years later — with Venice leading the way. Per the National Coffee Association, it wasn't a smooth ride: 'Some people reacted to this new beverage with suspicion or fear, calling it the bitter invention of Satan'.

"The local clergy condemned coffee when it came to Venice in 1615. The controversy was so great that Pope Clement VIII was asked to intervene. He decided to taste the beverage for himself before making a decision, and found the drink so satisfying that he gave it papal approval."

"Back in the U.S., if it weren't for the Boston Tea Party in 1773, Americans may never have swapped tea for coffee. When the colonies revolted against King George III's hefty tea tax, tea was out and coffee was in," the article states. "Things really started to percolate in the mid-1800s when brothers John and Charles Arbuckle started selling coffee to cowboys in the American West.

"James Folger successfully introduced coffee to gold miners in California. Upon returning to San Francisco in 1865, Folger became a full partner of The Pioneer Steam Coffee and Spice Mills — which eventually became the J.A. Folger & Co. in 1872."

Other brands including Maxwell House and Hills Brothers, soon entered the coffee market. A yearning for "specialty" coffee took hold in the 1960s and a little Seattle company called Starbucks changed everything in 1971.

Today the U.S. coffee shop market has grown to a \$45.4 billion industry, according to Allegra World Coffee Portal's 2019 Project Café USA report. Dry coffee sales topped \$9 billion in 2017 in the U.S.

Call me a snob, but I don't care for specialty coffees, and it goes without saying that I don't consider decaffeinated coffee to be real coffee, any more than I consider turkey bacon to be real food.

Personally, I'm not a big fan of Starbucks, largely because I have no interest in a double-shot hazelnut whipped cream big baby latte blah blah blah, you know?

That's coffee?

I'm also a little judgmental of folks who put five creamers in their coffee.

But, to each his own.

Like I said, however you enjoy it, coffee is good.

## Drier Humor: childhood memory

Continued from page three.

*"Strange how much we think of our blessed little ones!  
I'd have died for my daughters, and I'd have died for my sons.  
And God, He made that rule of love; but when we're old and gray  
I've noticed it sometimes, somehow, fails to work the other way."*

The poem notes how her five children grew up married and moved away — all except one. However, when that last child married, his wife didn't want anything to do with her, so her son eventually turned his back on her.

The poem explains how each of her children turned her out:  
*"I went to live with Susan, but Susan's house was small,  
And she was always a-hintin' how snug it was for us all;  
And what with her husband's sisters, and what with child'rn three,*

*'Twas easy to discover there wasn't room for me.  
An' then I went with Thomas, the oldest son I've got:  
For Thomas's buildings'd cover the half of an acre lot,  
But all the child'rn was on me — I couldn't stand their sauce —  
And Thomas said I needn't think I was comin' there to boss.  
An' then I wrote to Rebecca, my girl who lives out West,  
And to Isaac, not far from her — some twenty miles at best;  
And one of 'em said 'twas too warm there for anyone so old,  
And t'other had an opinion the climate was too cold.  
So they have shirked and slighted me, an' shifted me about —  
So they have well nigh soured me, an' wore my old heart out;  
But still I've borne up pretty well, an' wasn't much put down,  
Till Charley went to the poor-master, an' put me on the town!  
Over the hill to the poor-house - my child'rn dear, good-bye!  
Many a night I've watched you when only God was nigh;  
And God'll judge between us; but I will al'ays pray  
That you shall never suffer the half that I do to-day!"*

Reading the poem still chokes me up, especially now that I realize the woman's children were cold hearted, and that was the reason she had to walk to the poor house and not because they had all died.

I can't help but wonder if this column/poem will have an impact on anyone...

## Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Editor Tom Montgomery found himself in the midst of a brief family reunion of sorts while portraying TriCounty Chronicle founder and Publisher Frederick Klump during the second annual Elkland Township Cemetery Walk Sunday afternoon. Following one of his presentations, Montgomery met Bill Piper of Flint — Klump's great-grandson, and Ruth Ann Silvernail of Saginaw, one of Klump's granddaughters. Klump, whose newspaper was eventually consolidated with the Cass City Enterprise to form the Cass City Chronicle by then-Publisher Herb Lenzner in 1906, was born in 1855 in Germany and died in 1926 at the age of 71.

Red Maple Market is owned and operated by the Kempf sisters, who opened the business earlier this year after buying out another area bulk food store — Bricker's. Red Maple Market is located just northeast of Cass City, one mile north of M-81 on Schwegler Road, and offers bulk foods, a large variety of spices, jams and eggs as well as baked goods prepared in the store's own bakery.

### 10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Brandon and Erin Hartel, and big brother, Jackson, of Grand Rapids, announce the birth of Ethan James Hartel. Ethan was born Oct. 8, 2009. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. His grandparents are Scott and Mollie Hartel of Caro, and Frank and Chris Venhuizen of South Holland, Ill.

In action taken at a recent Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.'s board meeting, Jay C. Dubey was promoted to chief executive officer and Curtis F. Strickland was promoted to chief operating officer. Both have been with the bank for over 31 years and serve on the bank's board of directors.

Roger Karr's parents showed him the importance of getting involved in the community. He's never forgotten that lesson. In a 32-year career as a teacher, coach and athletics director at Bullock Creek, Karr impacted students at every level and in every sport. He was inducted into the Midland County Sports Hall of Fame on Oct. 17. "To become part of (the Hall of Fame) is a little overwhelming, and I'm very proud to be part of that group," Karr said. Despite living on a farm nine miles outside of Cass City, Karr said his parents made sure he and his two brothers got involved in high school sports. Karr took part in football, baseball, basketball and track.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1994)

The university of Michigan College of Engineering recently announced Kenneth James Micklash II made the dean's list for the winter 1994 term and for the spring 1994 term. To qualify, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade-point average (out of a possible 4.0) for the term.

Alfred and Doris Stuever of Capac announce the engagement of their daughter, Sue Ann, to Robert Battel,

son of Mark and Diane Battel of Cass City. Both are students at Michigan State University. Stuever, a 1992 graduate of Capac High School, is a junior majoring in agriculture communications. Battel graduated from Cass City High School in 1991. He is a senior studying crop and soil sciences.

Big smiles followed the selection of Jason Morgan and Lisa Deering as the Cass City homecoming king and queen Friday.

Cass City freshman Chad Tate finished fifth in the 2-day individual state finals class C golf tournament held last week at Lansing and East Lansing.

Tom Dobbs presents the Masonic Fraternity's Edgar A. Guest award to Eldon Stoutenburg. The award is given to a well-deserving citizen of the community who is not a member of the fraternity.

Yvonne Bureson and Edna Simcox attended the 27th annual Senior Citizen Mackinac Island Get Together. They travelled with the group from the Bad Axe Department of Parks and Recreation. They spent 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, along with hundreds of seniors from all over Michigan. The group was honored with a banquet and lots of entertainment.

Lisa Parrish of Cass City and Martin Venema of Deford were married Saturday, July 16, at Novesta Church of Christ in Cass City. Pastor R.C. Wigand and the Rev. R. Sheppard officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

### 35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Crowned at halftime of the homecoming game with Vassar Friday was Missey Carr, the 1984 Cass City homecoming queen. Placing the crown on her head is last year's queen, Susie Sheldon. The queen was also presented a bouquet of roses by Superintendent Don Crouse.

Born to Airman Donald and Sharolyn Hendrick of Little Rock, Ark., a son, Michael Edward, Oct. 4. He weighed seven pounds and 14 ounces and joins a sister Penny, one year old. Grandparents are Don and Barb Hendrick of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Penny of Empire, Mich.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wills, a six-pound, 13-ounce daughter, Jaclyn Suzanne, Sept. 30, at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City. Grandparents are Lee and Violet Wills of Cass City, and Don and Sheila Everts of Caro. Great-grandparents are Mrs. William Gordon of Union Lake and Mr. and Mrs. George Ranstadler of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Cass City High School golfers were the winners of the Vassar Invitational Tournament Saturday. Competing Red Hawks were Mark House, Randy Teichman, Coach George Bushong, Kevin Bliss and Dieter Ross.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Don Whittenburg and Theo Hendrick left Oct. 4 and visited Rev. and Mrs. Arthur O'Dell and family at Sturgis and Mr. and

Mrs. David O'Dell and family at Elsie. En route home they visited Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lutge and infant son Ricky James at Ithaca. The baby, born Sept. 25, is the first great-great-grandchild of Theo Hendrick and a great-grandchild of Mrs. Whittenburg and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fuester of Cass City. They returned home Oct. 8.

Ugly Homecoming Queen Oct. 12 was senior Kim Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walsh of Cumber. She was crowned at the Ugly-Peck game by last year's queen, Coleen Cleary. Her escort was Mike Briolat.

At the annual Farm Bureau meeting Maynard McConkey of Cass City was honored with the county FB distinguished service to agriculture award and Gerald Hicks of Deford was presented with the outstanding Farm Bureau individual award.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1969)

For one reason or another most of the men who took care of rural building needs in Cass City and other small towns have retired or taken jobs in neighboring cities. Small town carpenters and contractors are rapidly becoming a vanishing breed. But at least one young builder believes that the future is bright for a small town competent builder who is not afraid to work. Tom Herron, 27, Cass City, says that he is delighted with his contracting business and feels that money is not the reason that most small contractors in the Upper Thumb have left the field. I can make more right here in Cass City than I can with a union job in the city...a lot more...of course I work harder for it, he said as he explained why he entered the rural contracting business and expanded it while others were getting out.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Voss of Decker, a son, Brian James, Oct. 8 at Marlette Hospital. The baby weighed eight pounds and 11 ounces.

2nd Lt. Robert Freiburger arrived home Monday, Oct. 6, from Sacramento, Calif., and spent till Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alger Freiburger, and family. He was to leave Wednesday for Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.

### 75 YEARS AGO (1944)

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McKinnon was celebrated Tuesday by having their family at their home. In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McKinnon, Miss Florence McKinnon, Francis Hunter and daughter, Sharon, Miss Geraldine Kehoe and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adair and son, Robert, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Horn and daughters, Gail and Sandra, of Pontiac, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kehoe. Other guests were Mrs. Agnes O'Hourke, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Mosack and Miss Patricia LaCross of Gageton.

Mrs. Irene Farrott and Mr. Eldon Hall were united in marriage at Carsonville on Thursday evening, Oct. 12, at eight-thirty o'clock. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Sweet, of Carsonville, sister and brother-in-law of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ellis P. Lenton. The couple will live in an apartment over Townsend's store.

### 100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Little Miss Deloris Sandham was six years old Friday and she and several of her little girl friends celebrated the event properly after school that afternoon. Besides the birthday supper, the little girls enjoyed the novelty of drawing ribbons from a jack-o-lantern. At the end of the ribbons were small rings which fitted nicely on the girls' fingers. Deloris received several pretty gifts from her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Graham are nicely settled in their new residence off Houghton St. East. The house, just completed, consists of seven rooms. The inside of which is made in yellow pine woodwork finished in tones of golden oak. The living room runs across the front of the residence, providing ample room and light. Other rooms are commodious and a good bath room and electric lights add to the comfort and convenience of the home.

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## News briefs

### Community expo set Thursday

CARO — The 2019 Tuscola County Human Services Community Expo is set for Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Colwood Church, 1840 Colwood Rd., Caro.

The expo was organized to provide Tuscola County residents with an opportunity to know what services local agencies and organizations have to offer.

Informational booths on hand will include veterans' information, medical health information, housing assistance, mental health information, substance abuse information, recycling information and volunteer opportunities. There will also be free haircuts, a children's winter outerwear giveaway and free children's vision screening.

Free food will be distributed, but in order to qualify, a person must visit exhibitor booths and complete an evaluation form. Participants are asked to bring their own bags and boxes for the items.

For more information, call (989) 673-2144 (ext. 30325) or email tuscolascc@gmail.com.

The event is sponsored by the Tuscola County Human Services Collaborative Council and other participating agencies.

### Senior empowerment workshop

CARO — The 2019 Tuscola County Senior Empowerment Workshop has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Royal Order of the Moose Lodge, 1366 Caro Rd., Caro.

The event offers important information to area seniors along with free lunch, popcorn, drinks and prizes.

The program is organized by the sheriffs' TRIAD program, locally comprised of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, local police agencies and seniors working together to provide information to seniors on safety issues that affect them.

"Last year we had around 85 people show up for our event," said Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who noted this year's program will include representatives of the Attorney General's Office presenting information on scams, and Frankenmuth Credit Union will be on hand to address banking protection.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Saturday, Oct. 12, by calling (989) 450-8632.

### Flu vaccinations offered to vets

CARO — The Tuscola County Health Department and the Aleda E. Lutz VA are partnering to provide flu vaccinations to veterans and their families.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Tuscola County Health Department, 1309 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Representatives of the Aleda E. Lutz VA from Saginaw will be at the health department to vaccinate veterans enrolled in VA healthcare, and health department staff members will be providing vaccines to family members.

More information is available by calling (989) 497-2500 (ext. 11507).

### Aluminum tabs to support pets

THUMB — The Cass River Pet Friendz in Tuscola County and the Thumb Animal Shelter in Huron County — both non-profit animal rescue groups — are asking residents to save aluminum tabs to help fund their operations.

Aluminum tops from beverages and the tab on cat food containers can be turned in for recycling for money to fund vet services and care for animals.

Tabs can be dropped off or mailed to: Thumb Animal Shelter, 2260 S. Elkton Rd., Elkton MI 48731, or to Cass River Pet Friendz, 611 Allen St., Caro MI 48723.

### Kingston FAFSA event slated

KINGSTON — The Kingston School District will host a financial aid program today (Wednesday) from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Kim Van Paris, financial aid advisor at Mid Michigan Community College, will be the guest presenter.

Students will then have the opportunity to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in the school's computer lab. All seniors and their parents are invited to attend.

### Business expo on tap in Caro

CARO — A fall business expo has been scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

The expo will host representatives of area businesses, and some will be looking to hire. There will also be classes and workshops, a community resource booth, samples and giveaways.

The expo provides an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their products and services, and to engage in networking. Booth rentals cost \$35 and must be reserved by Oct. 16.

More information is available by calling April at (989) 673-5211.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

## Jury deliberates two hours before convicting man in police shooting

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Saginaw County jury deliberated for just two hours last week before handing down verdicts of guilty to more than two dozen charges levied against a Tuscola County man following a crime spree that included the shooting of a Saginaw Township police officer early this year.

The verdicts, including guilty to attempted murder, were handed down Friday against Joshua Rosebush, 30, Vassar.

No sentencing date has been set yet. Rosebush faces up to life in prison.

Investigators say it was on Jan. 22 that Rosebush shot Saginaw Township Officer Jeff Koenig, 48, in the face, and fired at a second officer — the Shiawassee County detective who later apprehended him — during a crime spree that covered three counties.

In addition to attempted murder, he was charged with receiving and concealing a stolen firearm, three counts of vehicle theft, six counts

of being a felon in possession of a firearm, 13 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and one count of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer.

Police said Rosebush shot Koenig during a traffic stop in Saginaw County's Kochville Township while driving a stolen pickup truck. Koenig, who underwent surgery and survived, was able to radio for help. Rosebush fled the scene and allegedly stole a construction equipment truck that police later found abandoned in Flint Township.

According to reports, Rosebush was next spotted driving a stolen van on I-69. Shiawassee County Sheriff's Detective Lt. Scott Shenk started following the suspect vehicle, but before back-up officers could arrive, Rosebush exited the freeway, stopped and engaged the detective in a gunfight. Rosebush suffered a minor facial injury. Shenk was not hurt.

Rosebush was initially charged with a second count of attempted murder stemming from his confrontation with Shenk, but the jury

convicted him on the lesser charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

Rosebush was already wanted for questioning in Tuscola County in connection with a series of vehicle break-ins and thefts when the shootings took place.

In July, he was sentenced to 29 months to 60 months in prison in Tuscola County Circuit Court following his pleas of no contest to charges of tampering with an electronic monitoring device Jan. 3 in Vassar and unlawfully driving away an automobile Jan. 3 in Denmark Township.

Police say Rosebush, who has remained in the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections since the alleged crimes, was on parole violation in January when he removed his electronic tether and stole a truck.

MDOC records show he has a long criminal history, including convictions for breaking and entering vehicles, vehicle theft, assaulting a police officer, and stealing and/or retaining financial transaction devices.

## Commissioners discuss complaints involving building codes contractor

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Complaints voiced over a period of months regarding the company that provides building codes services in Tuscola County recently prompted county officials to dig into the issue a bit deeper.

Tuscola County Commissioners took action last week after hearing complaints regarding alleged "lack of response/service" from the company, SCMCCI.

The county board requested SCMCCI's financial reports from 2015 through 2018 to review, and asked that Curtis Stowe, who heads the local SCMCCI's building codes office, attend a county meeting and provide commissioners with activity reports in the future.

The complaints have included concerns arising from flooding in the village of Reese, where residents Marilyn Holt and Nancy Erdody each claim they have had flooding issues on their properties since Reese Schools razed a former elementary school nearly three years ago.

Reese Village Manager Thomas Raymond also expressed concerns about what he described as a lack of response from Stowe.

In addition, commissioners Tom Young and Mark Jensen reported hearing complaints from builders and residents who have issues with SCMCCI's performance.

In 2001, commissioners approved contracting with SCMCCI, which is a private company, to handle building code issues rather than the county continuing to operate its own building codes

department because it was cheaper to do so.

During a recent meeting in Fremont Township Board, District Three Commissioner Kim Vaughan reported that commissioners have been discussing the possibility of reinstating the county's building codes department instead of outsourcing.

Vaughan's district is comprised of Dayton, Fremont, Indianfields, Koylton and Wells townships.

As part of commissioners' community outreach effort to keep constituents informed, they routinely attend meetings in their district to provide information and to listen to their constituents' concerns.

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# Newsweek ranks county medical care 2nd in state

The Tuscola County Medical Care Community in Caro is sharing the national spotlight with other skilled nursing care facilities across the country, thanks to the recent release of Newsweek magazine's Best Nursing Homes 2020 report.

Newsweek ranked the 159-bed Tuscola County Medical Care Community second among the best nursing homes in Michigan.

The Tuscola County facility provides resident care for a wide variety of medical needs as well as convalescence for postoperative recovery. The facility offers long- and short-term care, skilled nursing, acute care, memory care, physical therapy and outpatient therapy.

Nancy Cooper, Newsweek global editor in chief, introduced the latest rankings by noting there are more than 47 million Americans age 65 and older today – "and 14 more will reach that age in the two minutes it takes you to read this."

"Taking good care of aging family members is something we all want to get right. But it's not easy. In the U.S. today, the median cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 a year — a staggering burden for even well-off families. Added to the undeniable financial strain: the emotional and physical cost to caregivers, exorbitant in its own way," Cooper stated.

"Family care of frail elderly people has been linked to significant negative consequences for caregivers' mental health," one study reported, and "feelings of guilt are significantly related to caregiver distress."

"By 2030, the 65-plus demographic will account for more than 20 percent of U.S. residents, and studies say that 70 percent of them will need some kind of long-term care. The oldest baby boomers are already in their 70s. In short, the need for safe and reliable elder care is only growing," Cooper said.

"That's why Newsweek partnered with the respected global data research firm Statista Inc. to establish a ranking of best nursing homes. We analyzed over 15,000 nursing homes in the U.S. and have recognized award-winners in 20 states."

Tuscola County Medical Care Community CEO Brenda Kretzschmer indicated credit for the local recognition is shared by many.

"Thank you Tuscola County residents for your support, board of directors and all of the amazing employees of Tuscola County Medical Care Community that commit to excellence every day. It takes everyone to achieve this rank in Michigan," Kretzschmer said.

Kretzschmer took over as the facility's CEO in September 2017, when Margot Roedel, R. N. retired in August after 17 years. Kretzschmer has worked at the facility for 14 years.

The history of the medical facility dates back 161 years ago when it was called the "poor farm" or the "county farm". It initially was a place for the destitute when they had nowhere else to go.

That first facility was originally a farmhouse that was purchased for \$1,200. Residents who lived there were expected to help grow food and take care of the animals that supplied milk and meat. Over the years, the farm evolved into a nursing facility in 1957 for elders who needed extensive care or who didn't have a home.

Today, the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility at 1285 Cleaver Rd. provides long-term as well as short-term care and rehabilitation.

Freelance writer Mary Drier contributed to this story.



**THE SANILAC County Child Abuse Prevention Council recently accepted a donation of \$1,500 for the Right to Life group of Sanilac County. The money represents proceeds generated by this year's Precious Baby Contest held during the Sanilac County 4-H Fair. Pictured above are Gail Innis, community resource specialist from the Sandusky Baby Pantry (left) and Pat Haupt, Right to Life representative.**

# Fall is vehicle-deer crash season in state

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and the Michigan State Police post."

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department alone has handled more than 350 car-deer crashes so far this year. Normally, the accidents increase towards the end of the year, and especially during hunting season when deer are on the move, with bucks chasing does during mating season and trying to avoid hunters.

A report from State Farm Insurance issued a year ago revealed

car-deer collisions were up statewide in 2018 in Michigan. Michigan moved up to number eight on the nationwide list last year, with a one-in-80 chance of hitting a deer with a vehicle. In 2017, the chance of a car-deer accident was one in 85.

According to State Farm, nearly 88,000 deer claims were reported between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. The number of crashes reported in the state rose from 46,870 in 2016 to 50,949 in 2017 (not all insurance claims are accompanied by a crash report).

November remains the worst month for crashes, with October coming in a close second.

If you hit a deer, on average, it costs around \$4,341 to repair the damage, according to the study. That's up \$162 from the year before.

While the state's two million deer are most active in spring and fall, vehicle-deer crashes are a year-round problem. Each year, there are nearly 50,000 reported vehicle-deer crashes in Michigan. About 80 percent of these crashes occur on two-lane roads between dusk and dawn.

The most serious crashes occur when motorists swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or a fixed object, or when their vehicle

rolls over.

Law enforcement officials suggest motorists can do their part to avoid a car-deer collision if they:

- \*Stay aware, awake and sober.
- \*Are especially alert in spring and fall.

\*Pay attention to signs placed at known deer crossing areas to alert drivers of the possible presence of deer.

\*Keep in mind that deer are herd animals and frequently travel in single file — If you see one deer cross the road, chances are good there are others nearby. Be alert and slow down.

"Sometimes you just can't avoid a car-deer crash. Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away," Skrent said. "Brake firmly but stay in your lane when you notice a deer in or near your path. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or lose control."

"Always wear your seat belt, and having passengers keep an eye out for deer also helps."

About 1.5 million deer-vehicle collisions occur annually in the United States. Those accidents cause about 150 deaths and \$1.1 billion in property damage, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



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**HURON County Sheriff Kelly Hanson (pictured above) lauded county health department officials Shelly Grifka (left) and Katie Alexander for their efforts in securing funding that provided his department with four new AEDs (automated external defibrillators) as well as puncture resistant gloves and drug disposal bags that allow for safe disposal of medications.**

## Huron sheriff lauds health department contributions

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson lauded county health officials Friday for coming through for his department in a big way.

“The Huron County Health Department oversaw funding that benefited our county’s local law enforcement, rural schools and a couple senior groups,” Hanson said, noting Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Katie Alexander and Prevention Educator Shelly Grifka played key roles in securing what he described as “vital and important tools for our health and safety.”

“Katie Alexander consulted with Huron County Emergency Management Director Randy Miller to identify some of the needs of our community. As a result, 15 new AEDs (automated external defibrillators) at nearly \$1,500 per unit were purchased,” he explained.

“Four of those AEDs were given to us,” the sheriff added. “This couldn’t have come at a better time, as three of our ten patrol AEDs were in need of replacement. Those pieces of equipment were nearly 18 years old and had been the difference between life and death many times during their time in service.”

Grifka, meanwhile, received \$2,500 in state Opioid Response Grant funding through the Mid-State Health Network, Hanson said. “This funding provided us with puncture-resistant gloves for all of our patrol deputies, and several drug disposal bags that allow for safe and proper disposal of medications.

“We are very appreciative to receive these items and cannot thank the Huron County Health Department enough for their long-standing dedicated relationship, which has been in place for many years.” Hanson added.

## Cass City gains 23 students in annual enrollment tally

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creasing by 20 to 25 students annually for the past several years.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which “blends” student counts conducted twice a year by districts; once in February and again the following October. The state’s blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools’ foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. The Cass City Public Schools, for example, received \$7,871 per student for the 2018-19 school year.

This year, state officials have come through with a promise of an increase – Hartel believes the number will be roughly \$240 more per student, although he cautions the new state budget signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week is also expected to cut categorical funding in some areas, so it’s difficult to estimate the net funding hike.

Hartel also noted that while Cass City Schools has 23 more students now than it did last February, the district won’t receive full funding for all of them.

For example, he said, the district receives only partial payment for home schooled students who attend classes part-time. The same is true for students enrolled in the countywide PREP program, which is designed to enable special education students to earn their diplomas and is operated at the Tuscola Intermediate School District. Cass City receives a portion of the funding because the local district administers the program, which has 27 students enrolled this year, compared to 17 students last February.

For nearly two decades, Cass City officials have watched local student numbers fall by hundreds of youngsters – losing an average of 3.7 percent of the district’s student population annually since the 2005-06 school year, when the district boasted 1,500 students. In 2001-02, Cass City had more than 1,600 kids enrolled.

The local district hasn’t been alone, according to Tuscola Intermediate School District officials, who have reported local school districts throughout the county have faced the same exodus of students during the same period.

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## McArdle fastest on home course over the weekend

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

A dozen teams gathered for the Cass City Invitational Saturday, where the USA boys and Reese girls captured team honors.

"We had a great day to run at our only home meet. We had 12 teams competing on the traditional slow course that was very wet and soggy for running conditions," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

USA - they are currently ranked Number 2 in the state among Division 4 teams - tallied a winning score of 31, while Deckerville with 54 points was the runner-up and Cass City with 91 points placed third. Rounding out the Top 6 team places were Reese

(92), Kingston (113) and Harbor Beach (136).

Individually, Cass City's Nick McArdle topped the field of 56 with a winning time of 16:35 and was 45 seconds faster than Carsonville-Port Sanilac's Ethan Handley, who placed second.

"Nick is currently ranked third in the state individual race in Division 3," Zdrojewski said.

Drew Markel was second across the line for the Red Hawks, taking 20th place in 18:54 and was followed by teammate Brandon Witherspoon to the tape who placed 22nd in 19:05. The final two scorers for the hosts were Anthony Bosaglia taking 29th in 19:31 and Hugh Walker, back from an injury, taking 38th in 20:16.

For Kingston, Ethan Green ran the 5,000 meter in 18:51 and was the Cardinals' only Top 20 finisher. He placed 17th.

Dustin Peter placed four spots behind Green with a time of 19:01, while Morgan Green was timed in 19:06 and placed 23rd for the Cardinals. Rounding out the scorers for Kingston were Marco Saenz and Ethan Harrington. Saenz posted a time of 19:51 and Harrington had a time of 20:38. They placed 34th and 42nd, respectively.

In the women's race, the Reese team held off Sandusky 37-54 for top billing, while Cass City was third with a score of 77. Owen-

Gage (87) was next in the team rankings, and the Bulldogs were followed by Deckerville (109) and USA (129).

For the Lady Red Hawks, Riley Copeland finished in 4th place with a time of 21:01 to lead the way. Madi Ware was next for Cass City taking 13th place in 22:01. The next three Cass City scorers included Mary Muter, taking 15th place and setting a new season best time of 22:02, while her sister Marla Muter finished in 29th place in 24:02 and Amelia Weiler placed 33rd in 24:39.

For Owen-Gage, Madelyn Haldane, Libby Ondrajka and Allison Haldane recorded Top 20 showings, Madelyn Haldane placed 11th with a time of 21:47, Ondrajka placed 14th with a time of 22:02 and Allison Haldane was clocked in 22:05 to place 17th. Other scorers for the Bulldogs had Amber Haldane with a time of 23:43 and Katriana Curtoys had a time of 25:24. They placed 27th and 37th.

Besting the field of 53 was Paige Anderson, Harbor Beach, with a time of 20:31.

"We are only one week away from the conference meet at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School on October 15 and Regionals is on October 25th in Shepherd," said Zdrojewski.

Next on the schedule for Cass City is today's (Wednesday) Ugly invite.



**RILEY COPELAND, Cass City, was first to the finish line for the hosts at Saturday's cross country invite. She placed 4th overall.**

## Hawk spikers alone on top of GTW

Cass City completed their opening round of Greater Thumb West volleyball matches last week with an exciting five set victory over host Reese and then kicked off the Red Hawks' final round of conference matches with an easy win against the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers.

Coach Amy Cuthrell's spikers had few problems Thursday in Pigeon, where the league leaders captured a straight set victory, barely breaking into a sweat.

Scores on the night were 25-22, 25-13 and 25-13 as the visitors improved to 6-1 in the Greater Thumb West, while the hosts slipped to 1-6.

It was a different story earlier in the week, however, as Cass City was pushed to the edge of defeat by the Rockets (3-3 in the GTW). After falling 25-23 in the opening set, Cass City used wins of 25-20 and 25-14 to seemingly take control.

But the hosts forced a winner-take-all 5th set with an extra point win, 26-24 in set four, before falling 15-10 in the rubber set to end play on the night.

"It was not our best ball, but I was happy with their ability to reset after a game one line-up change due to injury. Dawson Klein stepped in and did a good job filling in. Once they found their new normal, things started firing again. Abby Salcido mastered the back row, helping the team get the win. Each week a different player has been highlighted for their game playing skills and that is a sign that we have more than one skilled player. It was a long night, but we are happy with the win and will continue to prepare for the next competition," Cuthrell said.

Individually for Cass City, Hailey Beckrow recorded 23 kills and Tiara Anthony 15 kills, while Abby Phillips had 10 assists and Taylor Cumper five assists to lead the offense.

Defensively, Salcido had 40 digs and Macey White 22 digs for the winners.

Cass City was set to entertain Bad Axe (5-2 in the GTW) Tuesday in a key conference outing. The Hatchets delivered Cass City their only GTW setback earlier in the campaign, while Thursday Cass City hosts Vassar. The Vulcans are winless in GTW play.

## Kingston rebounds nicely against Vikings in North Central Thumb League action

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Kingston improved to 3-2 in North Central Thumb League Stars volleyball action Thursday with an easy straight sets victory over host Akron-Fairgrove.

After suffering losses in a pair of recent conference battles, Cardinal Coach Beth Hunter welcomed the matchup against the overwhelmed Vikings. Scores on the night were 25-11, 25-17 and 25-6.

"We needed a match like this," said Hunter after the sweep, adding, we've had some injuries and other issues with our starting lineup.

After recording a double digit margin of victory in the opening set, the visitors leapt out to leads of 4-1 and 8-2 in the second set forcing the Vikings to call a time out. When the teams returned to the court, however, Cardinals Payton Kolacz and Anna Ahern controlled play at the net to prevent any comeback hopes the Green and White were entertaining.

Kingston used a block by Hanna James to take a 20-13 cushion and then outscored their hosts 5-4 down the stretch to take a two set advantage.

In the final set, Kingston built a 13-1 gap and never looked back.

"Kingston got back in the win column with a solid effort in Akron. A balanced offense set the tone for the Cardinals and was bolstered by a strong game from the service line as well," Hunter said.

Individually for the winners, Ella Retan recorded 21 service points and two kills, while James chipped in 17 assists, seven service points, two aces and two kills, Kolacz seven kills, seven service points and one block, Anna Ahern four kills, three service points, two blocks and one ace and Brooke Mooney three kills and two digs.

### DRYDEN

Two days earlier, Kingston traveled to Dryden and suffered its second defeat over a stretch of three straight North Central Thumb League matches - the Cardinals were delivered their first

conference loss by Deckerville the week prior - as the hosts used decisions of 25-20, 25-11 and 25-18 to remain on top of the North Central Thumb League Stars standings.

"Dryden came out on top in the battle of the Cardinals versus the Vikings Tuesday night. Kingston struggled to get in an of-

fensive rhythm all night and Dryden was able to take advantage late in the first set and carried the momentum into a hot start in the second set that Kingston couldn't quite match," said Hunter.

James had a balanced showing for Kingston and was credited with seven assists, five digs, five service points, one ace and one

kill, while Kolacz added six kills and three service points, Ahern eight digs and four service points and Olivia Ulewicz six service points, one ace and one kill.

Kingston (10-10 Overall) was scheduled to host Bay City All Saints on Tuesday, before traveling to face Carsonville-Port Sanilac on Thursday.



**CARDINAL Payton Kolacz gets low to make a good reception during North Central Thumb League play with Akron-Fairgrove.**



# Cass City runs over Bad Axe in Greater Thumb West victory

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Cass City ran its Greater Thumb West win streak to 11 straight games Friday night, spoiling the Bad Axe Hatchet homecoming festivities in the process.

Coach Scott Cuthrell's Red Hawks also maintained control of the conference championship race with a 45-6 win. His team stands at 4-0 in the Greater Thumb West, while Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools — they fell to the defending champs 13-8 in Week 2 — boasts a 4-1 mark in league play.

As usual another strong offensive performance, namely a solid rushing attack, spelled doom for the hosts. Seniors Sandyn Cuthrell and Hadyn Horne paced the winners on the night. Cuthrell led all rushers with 244 yards on 23 carries, while Horne added 111 rushing yards on 20 totes. The pair split four touchdowns.

Cass City can secure at least a share of the Greater Thumb West crown Friday when Caro visits the recreational park field. USA, meanwhile, takes a break from Greater Thumb West action to take on undefeated Harbor Beach. A Red Hawk victory against the Tigers would also qualify the hosts for a return trip to the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs for the 6th consecutive season.

Bad Axe actually struck first in their homecoming tilt against Cass City as Jack Clancy took the game's first snap and cruised 74 yards to pay dirt. However, the visitors used a pair of Cuthrell touchdown runs to lead 16-6 entering the second quarter and never took their foot off the gas pedal.

Cuthrell outran the Hatchet secondary for a 55-yard score to get things started for the Cass City offense, before ending the first quarter scoring with a 25-yard bust that put the Red Hawks on top 16-6 after 12 minutes of play. Cuthrell made a spectacular one-handed catch along the sideline to setup his second score. The Red Hawks' only completed pass covered 24 yards.

Alex Perry, who gained 56 rushing yards on 10 tries, scored the lone touchdown in the period before the break as Cass City extended the gap to 24-6 at the halfway point.

Cass City then used a pair of Horne markers in the third quarter to remove any comeback hopes the Hatchets may have been enter-

taining.

A 29-yard Horne gallop to start the third had the visitors up 32-6, while a 7-yard Horne sprint to end the quarter had the Red Hawks enjoying a 38-6 cushion.

"Good team effort tonight. Once again our line proved to be the factor that allowed Sandyn the yardage. Outstanding line performance along with a great defensive effort, giving up six (points) on the first play and holding from there on out," said Cuthrell.

In the final quarter, turnovers ruled the action. The miscues started with a fumble recovery by Cass City's Noah Zaleski, only to see both teams toss interceptions on their next possessions, before Jordan Mester scored on a 2-yard drive for the visitors that was followed by Thom Rijshouwer's kick for point. With just 3:51 remaining, Cass City had recorded 45 unanswered points.

Defensively, Zaleski led the way for Cass City with five tackles, while Horne was credited with four stops. Bryce Fernald swiped the errant Hatchet pass.

## STANDINGS

Team	GTW		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Cass City	4	0	5	1
USA	4	1	4	2
EPBP	3	2	4	2
Caro	2	2	3	3
Reese	1	3	2	4
Bad Axe	1	3	2	4
Vassar	0	4	0	6

## STANDINGS

Team	NCTL Blue		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	2	0	6	0
Kingston	2	0	5	1
North Huron	1	1	5	1
Mayville	1	1	4	2
Peck	0	2	4	2
Atherton	0	2	1	5

## STANDINGS

Team	NCTL White		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
New Haven	2	0	5	1
Akron-Fair.	1	1	2	4
BCAS	1	1	2	4
Owen-Gage	1	1	1	5
CPS	1	1	1	5
Caseville	0	2	0	6



CASS CITY'S Noah Zaleski (33) makes a diving stop during Friday's GTW game with host Bad Axe. The hard hitting junior was also credited with a fumble recovery.



KINGSTON'S Jacob Savage (3) clears a path for running back Caleb Goss during Friday's homecoming contest against visiting Atherton.

## Cards win big on homecoming night

The Kingston football team celebrated homecoming night with a lopsided victory over guest Atherton.

Coach Brandon Jones' Cardinals scored on every Kingston possession in the first half, while holding the Wolverines without a first down to build a 48-0 advantage at the break.

With the 62-6 final score, Kingston improves to 2-0 in North Central Thumb League Blue play, 5-1 overall, while Atherton falls to 0-2 in conference play and 1-5 overall.

"Whenever you can get a win like this on your homecoming, you feel really good about it. Everyone contributed tonight. I was very pleased defensively with how well we contained their speed. That will be key for us over the next few weeks as well. We have the toughest part of our schedule remaining, but that is the way I prefer it. We'll get to work Monday, and get ready for Peck. One game at a time," said Jones after the game.

Peck (0-2 in the NCTL Blue, 4-2 overall), meanwhile, will enter Saturday's contest after suffering a 21-14 defeat against North Huron. The weekend contest in Peck starts at 2 p.m.

"We moved the ball well in the first half and took a 14-8 lead into the half. The second half penalties and mistakes led to short plays for

North Huron and our defense was on the field a lot and they wore us down. Two turnovers in the fourth quarter in our own end lead to 14 unanswered North Huron points and we just did not have enough time left to mount a drive before time ran out," said Peck Coach Rob McDaniel.

Caleb Goss put the hosts on the scoreboard first Friday with his touchdown of 8-yards. Then after halting the Wolverines on downs, Kingston quarterback Aaron Koehler hit tight end Jack Green with a 9-yard strike to extend the margin to 16-0 midway through the opening quarter.

Quinn Boucard's interception set up the hosts' next touchdown and with 3:42 on the clock, Goss made the visitors pay for their miscue with a 17-yard run.

Leading 24-0 entering the second quarter, touchdowns by Koehler, Jacob Savage and Goss resulted in a running clock with 2:26 left in the opening half.

Goss led all rushers with 117 yards on eight carries and three touchdowns, while Koehler added 74 rushing yards on four carries and one score. He also was 2-of-6 passing for 32 yards and another score. Savage had two totes for 43 rushing yards and Jack Green hauled in both receptions, including the one score via the air.

Defensively, the winners had Jake DeLong credited with 5.5

tackles, 3.5 TFL, and one sack, Jacob Rayl with 4.5 tackles and two sacks and Green with a 55 yard touchdown interception run.

## Familiar story for Bulldogs

For the third time this season, the Owen-Gage Bulldog football team was forced to forfeit after injuries halted play during an 8-player contest.

That was the story in rookie Coach Vince Scelfo's opening two tilts against Burton Madison and North Huron.

The injury bug surfaced again in Owen-Gage's Week Six matchup against Bay City All Saints, as trailing 12-0 the visitors couldn't finish the North Central Thumb League White affair after a Bulldog player was sent to the hospital late in the opening half.

For the season, Owen-Gage has only completed two contests. They fell 48-30 to guest Akron-Fairgrove, while posting a homecoming victory over Carsonville-Port Sanilac, 28-20. Owen-Gage is scheduled to face the Vikings again this Friday. Action begins at 7 p.m. at Akron-Fairgrove High School.



HIGHLIGHTING the Kingston homecoming halftime show was the announcement of the 2019 homecoming queen and king. They are Danielle Crisman, left, and Quinn Boucard.



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WEEK SEVEN OCT. 11TH WEEKEND (11-player games)	Clarke Haire	Ray Maurer	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
Caro @ Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Vassar @ EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
USA @ Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Bad Axe @ Reese	Reese	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
Brown City @ Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Marlette @ Capac	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Capac
(8-man games)				
Owen-Gage @ Akron-Fair.	Akron-Fair.	Akron-Fair.	Akron-Fair.	Akron-Fair.
Kingston @ Peck	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
(College games)				
MSU @ Wisconsin	MSU	Wisconsin	MSU	Wisconsin
Michigan @ Illinois	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
(Pro game)				
Detroit @ Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Detroit
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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.
<b>9/10</b>	<b>EPB Lakers (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>9/19</b>	<b>USA (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/21	Frankenmuth (V)	8:00 a.m.
9/21	Bay City Central (JV)	8:00 a.m.
<b>9/26</b>	<b>Caro (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Bad Axe (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10/10</b>	<b>Vassar (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>10/24</b>	<b>Capac (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10/29</b>	<b>Reese (V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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	CC 45, Bad Axe 6
<b>10/11</b>	<b>Caro</b>
10/18	Reese
<b>10/25</b>	<b>Ubly</b>

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### 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	CC 44, Vassar 6
10/3	Bad Axe 51, CC 0
10/10	Caro
<b>10/17</b>	<b>Reese</b>
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.
<b>10/5</b>	<b>Cass City Invite</b>	<b>TBD</b>
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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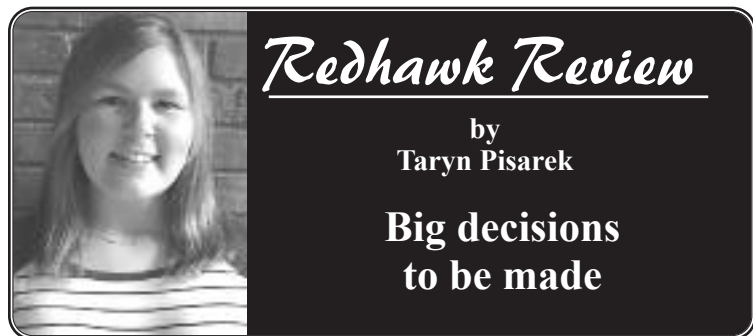
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## Redhawk Review

by  
Taryn Pisarek

**Big decisions  
to be made**

October is college application month, which is very fitting as the seniors have been working on creating plans for our futures.

In the Senior Seminar class, we are researching careers, applying to colleges, talking with military recruiters, and looking into trade schools. Some students have an exact plan all written out with every last detail, while most of us might know a field we are interested in. Since it is our senior year, it's time to start solidifying plans.

Our class time the past few weeks has been spent doing a lot of research and deep thinking about who we are and what we want. We have done everything from taking quizzes to searching for jobs that fit our personality to interviewing people already in those jobs.

This week we created our post-secondary plans, which lay out our major and career choices, the colleges we may attend or the military branch or workplace we may go into, a bit about the lifestyle of the career we chose, and a description of what we need to do to achieve our goals.

Senior Seminar is probably the most beneficial class to any senior coming through Cass City schools. It is preparing us to be able to go out into the real world and succeed. I think my favorite aspect of the class is the college (including any type of post-secondary training — not just university) planning portion. We have had time to really dig into our interests, which helps build the confidence we put behind our choices.

This week the school is celebrating college application month by having dress-up days. This is a cool way to get everyone involved in future planning, rather than just the seniors. The days range from "future careers" and "trade day" to "military branches" and "college apparel".

While this month is a big step for the senior class, and it may be scary and stressful at times, we are all so excited to see what the future holds for us.

## Robinson, granddaughter pen books

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The 80-page book features 18 short stories, each taking a light-hearted look at a life and family from the view of a girl who was born in Pinnebog and later moved to Caro with her family.

"They're all about my family and friends and my life, and the unusual twist I see in things," she noted.

Robinson said her parents, the late Beverly Allan (Tibbits) and David Allan grew up in Pinnebog, and she called the tiny hamlet home until she was seven and the family moved to Caro.

"When I was a little girl, it was all I knew. It had a school that burned down before I started kindergarten, and my grandmother was the teacher," she said, adding there isn't much left of the community now outside of a sign, the Pinnebog United Methodist Church and a bar. "The barber-shop is gone. The market... was torn down."

The little four-corner settlement in Huron County's Hume Township was first called Pinnebog, (Chippewa for partridge drum), according to an account published on the website ThumbWind.com. "However, there was another Pinnebog five miles north on Saginaw Bay, so this one changed to Pinnebog ("a high sounding and dignified way of saying pine bog")," the website states.

"It was named from its location near the Pinnebog River. Historical accounts of the first white farmers in the area noted that Pinnebog was the surveyed starting point for many of the original farms, and the area grew around it.

"The original platted town is gone. However, the tiny town is the northern boundary to several of the largest wind farms in the area. Pinnebog is home to the famous Heck's Bar. Known for its Hecke burger and cool T-Shirt design denoting Pinnebog as the center of the universe. The town also hosts a homecoming every couple of years as a way to gather former residents who grew up in the area."

Robinson's new book takes readers beyond her childhood, though. The chapters in "A Girl From Pinnebog" range from stories of travel and the intricacies of sharing life with a complete opposite — her husband, Dave — to memories and stories focusing on family members, to admitting her hate of gardening, to writing her own eulogy.

This is the second book penned by Robinson, who is retired from

the Tuscola Intermediate School District after serving as para-professional for 27 years. In 2014 she earned an associate's degree from St. Clair County Community College, where she focused on writing and mental health.

Her past literary efforts have focused on the pain and heart-breaking memories stemming from her first husband's battle with Agent Orange, and her son, Brian's, struggle with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) after serving multiple tours with the U.S. military overseas.

The loss of both men in her life prompted her to take up their battles by honoring their service to country and advocating for other veterans.

Robinson, who released her first book, "Tough Guys: A Journey of Heroes", a couple years ago, lost her son more than seven years ago to an accidental prescription drug overdose after struggling for years with PTSD and addiction that she says stemmed from service in the U.S. Army, including deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. He was 27.

Brian was just 16 years old when he signed up for the U.S. Army's Delayed Entry Program. "He was very bright. He was a very kind person," she said of her son. "He loved to be around lots of friends. He was very, very close to his family, and he loved riding his dirt bike. He was very patriotic and loved his country."

Brian was also a third generation Army veteran eager to serve in the military, but no more so than in his junior year at Caro High School when 9-11 unfolded before a shocked nation. "He got really fired up," she recalled.

Two days before his 18th birthday, Brian left for basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., then it was on to jump school at Fort Bragg, where he prepared for his role as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division.

"As soon as he was trained, they shipped him to Afghanistan," said Robinson, who noted her son and his fellow soldiers parachuted into

and secured enemy territory. "It was very dangerous. He was in many, many fire fights."

Brian's tour was cut short when his father and Robinson's husband, Newton Robinson, was nearing death following a battle with multiple myeloma, a cancer linked to the Agent Orange he was exposed to during his service in Vietnam in 1967-68, Robinson said her husband was 57 when died two weeks after her son returned home.

Later, after completing his military service, Brian struggled emotionally and his life began to unravel as he battled symptoms of PTSD. He received treatment and was also being prescribed strong narcotics — opiates and benzodiazepines — according to his mother, who said he had also been prescribed drugs to treat minor spine-related injuries while he was in the service.

"He became addicted, probably, almost immediately," recalled Robinson, who says combat veterans are at high risk of becoming addicted to the very medications meant to ease symptoms of PTSD.

The last years of Brian's life were filled with turmoil as Robinson tried to help her son, now diagnosed with severe PTSD and on full disability, get the help he needed. There were many rehab stays and visits to PTSD clinics and VA facilities.

Eventually, Robinson sensed her son would not survive the fight for his life. "I can remember dreading his death because it felt like it was imminent," she said.

That day came in mid-February 2012, and Robinson has worked through her grief since.

Putting pen to paper has been an important part of the process, she said.

"I found that my writing helps me to figure things out, because I have been through a lot of stuff," she commented last week, adding it's proven to be therapeutic in many ways.

"It is, and I've had a really good time with it."

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# Vetoes impacting county

Continued from page one.

would be receiving the funds, and then the governor changed that," Skrent said. "We feel the citizens are the pawns in this shell game and public safety is at risk."

He pointed out that another program, known as the County Jail Reimbursement Program (CJRP) also fell victim to Whitmer's vetoes, costing Tuscola County an estimated average of \$100,000.

"The County Jail Reimbursement Program has been around since 1989 and allows judges to sentence a person to county jail instead of sending them to prison, and the state...compensates the county for the cost of housing the inmate," he explained.

State Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum), whose 31st District is comprised of Tuscola, Bay and Lapeer counties, attributed Whitmer's vetoes to playing politics.

"We're very disappointed that she's turned this into a political game," Dailey said, adding he believes the move was designed to force lawmakers to agree to the governor's proposed 45-cent gas tax hike to fund road repairs.

Whitmer announced the tax proposal last spring, saying it would raise more than \$2 billion annually to fix Michigan's crumbling road system.

At the same time, the proposal would give Michigan the highest fuel taxes in the United States. And it had some motorists wondering what happened to the last road funding package — a \$1.2-billion-a-year plan approved by lawmakers in 2015. That plan, which combined fuel tax and registration fee increases with injections of general fund money, won't be fully implemented until 2021 and was expected to raise about \$880 million this year.

But Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials say the 2015 plan was never going to be sufficient to solve Michigan's road funding problems and has only slowed the rate at which Michigan roads are deteriorating.

Whitmer's proposal would have increased taxes for both regular and diesel fuel by 15 cents on Oct. 1, another 15 cents April 1, 2020, and an additional 15 cents Oct. 1, 2020.

Given the governor's vow to fix roads, Daley said, it's ironic that Whitmer vetoed nearly \$400 million of one-time road funding to help local governments.

"Fixing Michigan roads has been a major debate between the Legislature and the administration, but I never imagined it would come to this," Daley said. "She (Whitmer) spent her entire campaign talking about how she was going to be the one to fix our roads, yet she denied nearly \$400 million dedicated to fixing local roads and bridges. I don't understand why she thinks taking away \$375 million from our roads is a better solution."

In releasing an outline of her vetoes — among the cuts were \$375 million in one-time road funding and more than \$128 million from the School Aid budget that Whitmer said included "legislative pork barrel spending that steals precious classroom dollars and instead hands it out to commercial vendors" — the governor referred to the Legislature as being "broken."

"The Republican budgets were a complete mess, and...I used my executive powers to clean them up to protect Michiganders," she said. "The state budget is a reflection of our values, and make no mistake that public health, safety, access to health care, and protecting classroom spending is more important than handouts to lobbyists and vendors."

Talking point budgets don't fix our fundamental problems as a state," Whitmer added. "The budgets they passed don't do enough to give our schools the resources they need to educate our kids. They won't protect our communities, ensure clean, safe drinking water in our schools, and they won't do a damn thing to fix the roads."

Daley, meanwhile, rejected Whitmer's assessment and said it's the governor's cuts that will negatively impact communities throughout the state.

"I am proud of the budget we sent to the governor," he said. "It was a responsible plan that used existing revenue to reach record funding for roads and schools, while also funding countless other important programs and services that people rely on."

Included in Whitmer's vetoes, Daley pointed out, was funding for public charter schools; funding for PFAS research and remediation and private well testing; funding that would help ensure veterans receive the services they deserve; over \$75 million devoted to rural health care and hospitals; grants for autism programs; and measures specifically aimed at helping Michigan's rural and farming communities.

Funding for a new 100-bed facility in Caro was left untouched after residents and lawmakers pushed back on the administration's original plan to close the Caro Center.

In spite of Whitmer's vetoes, Daley said he remains committed to moving forward.

"While I respect her right to use her veto pen, I am incredibly disappointed the governor chose to use it to eliminate funding for so many things that should not be partisan matters," he said. "My focus remains on putting political games aside and fighting for communities in my district."

## "Orphan Train Era" program topic

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society soup supper and program will be Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

The soup supper is at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m.

The program, entitled "The Orphan Train Era", will be presented by Dave and Al Eicher. Their lecture presentation will answer the "why" questions about the Orphan Train in America, and they will explain the conditions of steamship travel, the adventures of an Irish boy in New York City in the 1860s, and the life of an orphaned child in the city.

From 1854 to 1929, an estimated 250,000 orphaned, abandoned, and homeless children were placed throughout the United States and Canada during the Orphan Train movement.

During the 1850s there were thousands of children living on the streets of several major cities. The children had to search for food, shelter and money, and sold rags, matches and newspapers to survive. The children formed gangs for protection because life on the street was dangerous and because they were regularly victimized.

The police often arrested the children, some as young as five years old, and put them in lock-up facilities with adult criminals.

The Children's Aid Society and the New York Foundling Hospital were determined to remedy the situation. Because of that need, the Orphan Train program was devised to take children off of the streets of New York and Boston and place them in homes in the American West rather than allow them to continue to be arrested and taken advantage of on the streets.

The Orphan Train movement was an ambitious and controversial social experiment to rescue poor and homeless children.

The Orphan Trains operated prior to the federal government's involvement in child protection and child welfare.

While they operated, Orphan Trains moved approximately 250,000 children from cities like New York and Boston to the American West to be adopted. Many of these children were placed with parents who loved and cared for them; however, others always felt out of place and some were even mistreated.

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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 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 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 **9-18-4**

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

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 Courthouse, 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. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale, as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The mortgage cannot be "reinstated" prior to sale, as the event triggering acceleration was not a default in payments. Payment of the entire outstanding balance of the mortgage debt is required to stop the foreclosure. The "outstanding balance" includes amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs, posting costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket

costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to the sale.

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.

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**MORTGAGE SALE-Default** has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made BY Janet Sieradzki and Walter Sieradzki, wife and husband as joint tenants whose address is 5151 White Creek Road, Marlette, Michigan 48453, as original Mortgagee, to Arbor Mortgage, being a mortgage dated November 22, 2005, and recorded on December 21, 2005 in Liber 1065 Page 1410, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan. Said mortgage is held through mesne assignment by Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 10, 2014 and recorded on January 5, 2015 in Liber 1321 Page 1138, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND 90/100 DOLLARS (\$130,571.90). 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, at public sale to the highest bidder AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUS-

COLA COUNTY, at 10:00 a.m. on November 7, 2019. Said premises are situated in the Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said North-west 1/4 which is North 01 degree 29 minutes 01 second West, along said West line, 993.44 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence continuing North 01 degree 29 minutes 01 second West, along said West line, 331.72 feet to the North line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence North 88 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds East along said North line, 1327.80 feet to the East line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 01 degree 31 minutes 20 seconds East, along said East line, 331.72 feet; thence South 88 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds West, parallel with said North line, 1328.02 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, rights-of-way, and restrictions of record. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Jurisdiction Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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. Dated: October 9, 2019 For more information, please call: (312) 541-9710, Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. File No.: MI 19 3972 **10-9-4**

## Notices

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# Health officials report Michigan's first death related to vaping injury

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials Friday announced the state's first death associated with the outbreak of vaping-related lung injuries across the nation.

MDHHS was notified about the death of an adult male last Wednesday, but officials said no other information about the individual will be released due to confidentiality reasons.

"We are saddened to announce a death associated with this outbreak," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "To protect public health, we urge people to consider refraining from vaping until the specific cause of the vaping-related severe lung injuries being reported nationwide has been identified.

"To help with this investigation, we are reminding health care providers to report patients that may have this condition to their local health department," Khaldun added.

Since August, 30 confirmed or probable vaping-related lung injury cases have been reported in Michigan. All of the cases — involving patients ranging in age from 16 to 67 — have been reported in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, and most of the individuals have been hospitalized for severe respiratory illness.

As of Oct. 1, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported 1,080 cases in 48 states and one territory. The statistics include 18 deaths in 15 states. However, the count doesn't include the Michigan death or several deaths in other states reported to the CDC after Oct. 1.

According to the CDC, about 75 percent of the cases involve vaping marijuana products in combination with nicotine or alone.

MDHHS officials are working closely with the CDC and the federal Food and Drug Administration to collect additional information that can help identify the ingredients in the vape materials that are making people sick. So far, no specific brand of device or e-liquid has been identified.

E-cigarette and/or vaping users are urged to seek immediate medical attention if they develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, fever and/or nausea and vomiting.

MDHHS also recommends the following:  
 \*Do not purchase e-cigarette or vaping products off the street, and never modify or add any substances to products that are not intended by the manufacturer.

E-cigarettes are not FDA approved as a smoking cessation device. Free help is available for individuals who are ready to kick the tobacco habit at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669).

## See "Case for Christ" free Oct. 14

Area residents are invited to attend a free screening of the film, "The Case for Christ", Monday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Cass Theatre.

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The story focuses on the true life story of Lee Strobel (played by Mike Vogel), an award-winning investigative reporter who in 1980 earns a promotion to legal editor at the Chicago Tribune. Things at home aren't going nearly as well; his wife, Leslie's (Erika Christensen) newfound faith in Christ compels Lee to utilize his journalistic and legal training to try and disprove the claims of Christianity, pitting his resolute atheism against her growing faith.

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