

# CELEBRATING SCOTTVILLE



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# Powerful wheels

Above, children race and family members cheer them on for the Power Wheels Demo Derby.

Left, families observe a fire truck on display from the Scottville Fire Department.

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# MCCEF to host Spartan River Races to benefit schools

BY NOAH GENSON  
DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Mason County Central Educational Foundation (MCCEF) will be holding its second Spartan River Races on Saturday, July 13, at Scottville's Riverside Park.

However, instead of just the one race that was held last year, this year's event will have a triathlon and a 12-mile river race. MCCEF President Gary Andersen said the positive feedback from last year's race pushed the foundation to expand the event.

"We all listened to what the community said and decided to start the expansion of the race," Andersen said. "I really wanted to be able to bring back the triathlon. That was a really big event for the city during my childhood."

The three races will be a 12-mile river race from Scottville to Ludington, a 4.7-mile river race from Custer to Scottville, and a triathlon.

Check-in for the 12-mile race will begin at 7 a.m., and flights of three to five racers will start between 7:30 and 8 a.m. The triathlon check-in will start at 7:30 a.m., with the 12-mile bike race starting at 8:30 a.m.

Participants in the triathlon are required to bring their vessels to the Custer Road Bridge prior to the race.

The third race of the day will be the 4.7-mile race from Custer to Scottville, with check-in starting



at 9:30 a.m. and racers going out between 10:30 and 11 a.m.

The Awards Ceremony will take place at approximately 1 p.m. at Riverside Park.

Every event the MCCEF puts on helps the school district in one way or another, and Andersen said that the foundation chose to use the money raised from this event for a project within the high school.

"The proceeds from this year's event are earmarked for the high school library renovation,"

he said. "We asked the teaching staff for some project ideas, and the events will be benefitting most of those projects this year."

Early sign-up is \$25, or \$30 the day of the race. Participants must be age 18 or older to sign up for the races.

To register for the races or for more information, visit Paddle Sports, Smith & Eddy Insurance or Squires Family Care Chiropractic in Scottville, or register online at [www.mccedfoundation.org](http://www.mccedfoundation.org).

# Scottville is 'looking up'

Scottville is "Looking Up" and there a lot of reasons why.

The first is, quite frankly, we've been down for a while and in some aspects, the only way to look, is up.

The changes in retailing, shopping and service provision have been particularly hard on the city and the effects are obvious. — but that's changing!



Steve Brock,  
Interim City  
Manager

There is a core group of residents, business owners and operators, and community-minded people who are working hard to bring new life to Scottville.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is working on a competition that will bring new business interests to the area.

The city commission is pushing hard to clean up blighted properties of all kinds all across the City and we're shaping up the public spaces, as well.

Homes, business space and vacant land are all very affordable here. A new city manager — Courtney Magaluk — will soon be on board with experience is revitalizing older, more challenging commercial corridors and this will have a positive impact on the Central Business District.

There are cool, old-style buildings here that, with a little work, can be reborn into something new construction just can't match.

We're investing in Riverside Park and looking for ways to more fully utilize all of the facilities at McPhail Field, including the open space and tennis courts.

Mason County Central is an excellent school district, all on one campus and within walking distance from just about anywhere in the city.

Fun events like the recent Celebrating Success and the soon to come 10&31 Celebration on Thursday, July 11 and Saturday July 13 bring together people of all ages from all around to see and experience what Scottville has to offer.

This was once a thriving little city with a nice quality of life.

It is still a good place to live, work and play and while it won't be the same as it once was, it can be better in many ways.

Scottville is "looking up," and we'd love for you to check it out.

If you have an interest in being part of a revitalized Scottville, please call us at (231) 757-4729.

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Thank you and here's to "looking up!"

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# 10 & 31 Celebration

**Tuesday, July 9**

- **Princess Pageant**  
6 - 6:45 p.m. at The Optimist Band Shell
- **MCC Jazz Band**  
7 - 8 p.m. at The Optimist Band Shell
- **Miss Mason County Pageant**  
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# Schedule of Events

## Saturday, July 13

### • **Scottville Annual Car Show**

9 a.m. Car Show registration  
on South Main Street

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Car Show starts  
Come out and see a wide variety of  
cars on display along South Main  
Street

### • **Quilt Sale & Show**

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at The Scottville  
Senior Center

### • **Spartan River Run**

Custer - Scottville 9:30 a.m.  
Triathlon 7:30 a.m.  
Scottville - Ludington 7 a.m.

Awards 1:30 p.m.

### • **Kids Activities**

Kids games & Bounce House  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. North Main Street

### • **Kids Demo Derby**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on North Main Street

### • **Rubber Ducky Race**

2:30 p.m. at Riverside Park in  
Scottville. Be sure to buy your  
tickets as they will likely sell out

### • **Live Music**

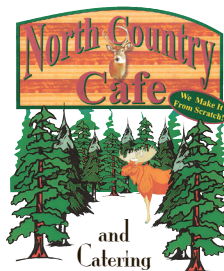
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Kayakers watch rubber ducks race downstream at Riverside Park. Each year, the park hosts the Spartan River Run for kayaks and canoes as well as the annual Rubber Ducky Race.

## An invitation to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren!



The Scottville Area Senior Center has started a new program to support grandparents raising their young relatives, and other senior "kinship caregivers." If you are one of these "heroes among us," thank you! We are here to help you!

Please join us for monthly informational meetings and occasional group outings.



Downtown Scottville  
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Monthly meetings: Fourth Wednesday of the month, 5:30 pm.  
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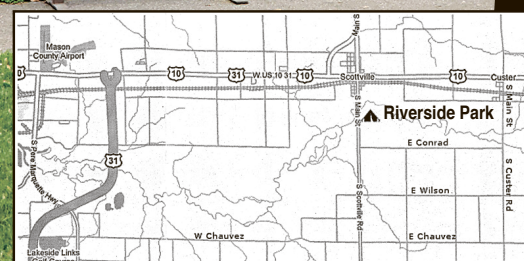
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# Scottville welcomes new businesses

In addition to the return of the Scottville 10 & 31 Celebration, the city of Scottville has also celebrated some economic boosts during the past year.

In early June, during the annual Celebrating Success event, two new businesses were honored by the city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA), opening their doors to the public and giving residents a peak at what they have to offer.

Among the new businesses is Brandi's Hair Salon at 106 Main St., owned and operated by Brandi Rummer.

Rummer moved her salon to Scottville after 18 successful years on James Street in Ludington. She

said she made the decision to relocate to downtown Scottville because "it just made sense."

"We live in Custer because our boys go to Scottville (schools)," Rummer said.

She said business has been good so far, and she's happy with the new location.

"(The people in Scottville) are wonderful," Rummer said. "They're so friendly here."

"All my clients from Ludington have followed me and I'm picking up new clients from Scottville and Custer."

Rummer offers haircuts, hair colorings and waxings, and has flexible hours.



"I'm honestly open whenever. Sometimes Monday through Saturday," she said. "I don't really have any set hours."

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit the Brandi's Hair Salon Facebook page. Plant Paradise North at

141 S. Main St. is also new to the city.

The indoor and outdoor gardening supply business is co-owned by Andrew Schnitker and his wife, Samantha, who said things are off to a good start.

"It's amazing. Very welcoming and great to be part of the community here," Andrew said. "We're just happy to be here. Open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to help everyone's needs."

## MORE ON THE WAY

In addition to Brandi's and Plant Paradise, Scottville is also gearing up to welcome Scholten's Plumbing, which will occupy the former Cox's Sales & Ser-

vice building at the 405 S. Main St.

Local high-speed internet, TV and telecommunications company Sync Wave is also in the process of developing a new hub in the city at 499 W. U.S. 10.

The business has been operating for years at its Amber Township location, and hopes to be moved into the new facility soon.

Interim City Manager Steve Brock said it's good news for the city's economic development.

"I'm excited to see Scottville start to bounce back," he said. "There are a lot of potential businesses wanting to expand. There's a good feeling in the air."

## The Scottville DDA wishes to thank the individuals and businesses who sponsored the hanging flower baskets adorning our downtown area for the 2019 season:

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Right, hundreds of rubber ducks are dropped from a bin into the river at Scottville's Riverside Park and race to the boat launch area.

Left, children help the rubber ducks along their way.

JEFF KIESSEL | DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTOS

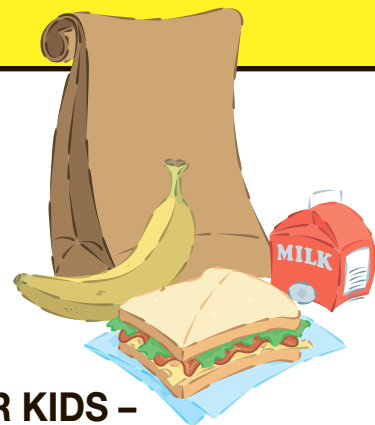


People gather on a bridge to watch as rubber ducks float down the Pere Marquette River to the finish line.

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