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Ooohh that smell! Vassar folks worry

By TOM GILCHRIST | News Editor
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VASSAR — This past summer – after Vassar’s Canapa Valley Farms complex began growing marijuana indoors – Carson Atkins and Terry Mocny noticed an odor.

“It smelled like a skunk, at first,” said Mocny, who lives along Norman Street on the east side of Vassar, population 2,727.

“It was kind of a mild smell, like somebody hit a skunk on the road from about half a block away.”

The smell, they reckon, was coming from the new Canapa Valley Farms cannabis-growing complex, which had started growing marijuana indoors at

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Photo by John Cook | The Advertiser
Vassar resident Terry Mocny is shown in July across the street from the Canapa Valley Farms cannabis-growing campus along East Huron Avenue. Mocny claims the facility, in recent months, has emitted a “nuisance” odor coming from the cannabis plants. Officials with the city of Vassar say the plant has taken numerous steps to lessen the smell.



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File photo | The Advertiser
The Columbia Township Library, shown here, is the site of a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 9 to discuss options for a new or expanded fire station in Unionville.

Meeting set on new Unionville fire hall

By MARK HANEY | Reporter
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COLUMBIA TWP. – The village of Unionville is home to the Akron-Columbia-Wisner Fire Dept.

The fire department, however, needs more space. At one point, Columbia

Township asked Tuscola County for \$1 million of the \$10.1 million the county received in American Rescue Plan Act funds to cover the construction of a larger fire hall in Unionville.

The county didn’t grant Columbia

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Veteran staff keeps Trackside rolling



Photo by John Cook | The Advertiser
Trackside Grill & Bar, above, has been at this location at 9714 Saginaw St. in Reese for more than 25 years and is a signature business in the community.

By BOB ST. JOHN | Reporter
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REESE – If your stomach is growling, one place to curb that hunger is inside the friendly confines of Trackside Grill & Bar in Reese.

Located at 9714 Saginaw St. (M-81) and owned by Mary Mendyk, Trackside Grill & Bar offers a variety of menu items including basket dinners, hot and cold sandwiches, wraps, Mexican cuisine, and

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Trial date set for Frankenmuth man

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SAGINAW

A Frankenmuth man accused of defrauding the federal government to obtain money in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic awaits a March 19 trial.

Saginaw County Circuit Court officials said they've set the trial date for Anthony D. Golden, 67, of Frankenmuth, charged with five crimes by the office of state Attorney General Dana Nessel.

Nessel alleges Golden received two Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling nearly \$41,000 by falsely claiming his income was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The state alleges Golden sought and received forgiveness for those loans by representing that the funds were used



ANTHONY D. GOLDEN

primarily for payroll in compliance with PPP rules. Nessel's office claims Golden failed to report those loans as income on his tax returns.

The PPP was a federal business loan program established in 2020 to help certain businesses, self-employed workers, sole proprietors and certain nonprofit organizations continue paying their workers.

But a 2022 study by economist David Autor and others concluded that most of the program's benefits flowed to small-business owners and their creditors and suppliers, rather than to workers.

Golden is charged with two counts of obtaining more than \$20,000 by false pretenses. He also faces two counts of filing false tax returns, and is charged with using a computer to commit a crime.

The Advertiser couldn't reach Golden's

attorney, Bloomfield Hills lawyer Paul Stablein, for comment.

If convicted of either count of obtaining more than \$20,000 by false pretenses, Golden would face a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

PPP loans from the federal government "were meant as a lifeline to keep the businesses we depend on afloat during the tumultuous times of the pandemic," Nessel stated in a press release.

"Those who defrauded that program not only cheated their fellow Americans out of

their hard-earned money in a difficult time, but denied other deserving businesses who couldn't get those resources.

"The state of Michigan saw millions of dollars fraudulently obtained from this program, and I'm grateful for our partners at the Homeland Security Investigations Detroit field office for their assistance with this investigation."

Golden has been released on bond awaiting the upcoming trial. Saginaw County Circuit Judge Andre R. Borrello is scheduled to preside over the proceeding.

BAY COUNTY

Sugar plant worker in Bay City shot

BAY CITY — A worker completing his shift at a Michigan Sugar Co. plant here was shot on Monday morning about 6:35 a.m., police said.

The man was listed in stable condition on Tuesday at an area hospital after being shot in the leg in the parking lot of the plant at 2600 S. Euclid Ave.

Officers say several suspects riding in a dark-colored vehicle fired at the 20-year-old victim. Police in Bay County hadn't located the suspects as of press time on

Tuesday. Officers say they don't believe the shooting was connected to the man's job at the sugar plant.

Anyone with information about the New Year's Day shooting is asked to call the Bay City Department of Public Safety at 989-892-8571, or Bay County Central Dispatch at 989-892-9551.

The sugar processing plant in Bay City is located on the city's southwest side. Police didn't release detailed descriptions of any of the suspects.

TUSCOLA COUNTY

Bay City man charged with sex crimes

CARO

More than three years ago, police say, Richard L. Keysor committed sex crimes against children in Tuscola County.

Keysor, of Bay City, is charged with three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct and two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Prosecutors claim the crimes occurred from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2020. They say Keysor was convicted of a sex crime in May of 1998, which would force him to serve a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison if convicted of any of the counts of first-degree or second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The first-degree criminal sexual conduct charges against Keysor involve penetration, causing injury. The second-degree CSC charges involve sexual contact that caused injury.

The fourth-degree CSC charges allege



RICHARD L. KEYSOR

Keysor engaged in sexual contact with a child. Tuscola County District Court officials set a \$500,000 cash bond for Keysor, who remained in the Tuscola County Jail on Tuesday night awaiting a Jan. 10 hearing on the evidence.

The Advertiser couldn't reach Keysor's attorney, Lapeer County lawyer Bernard Jocuns, for comment.

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Meeting set on new Unionville fire hall

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Township’s request. Since then, Columbia Township and the village of Unionville have been exploring other options, including possibly adding space to the current hall.

The township will host a special meeting of the ACW Fire Department Board at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 9 in the Columbia Township Library in Unionville to discuss options for a new fire station and the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967. That law allows for agreements between governments to permit tax sharing, to provide the imposition of certain surcharges, among other options.

At its Dec. 19 session, the township board also:

- Accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Richard Dehmel from the board of review. Dehmel also previously has served on the township board and planning commission.
- Approved the annual canvas policy, which allows assessor Dara Hood to inspect parcels around the township to determine if anything has changed in the previous year.
- Approved the poverty exemption policy and procedures, based on the latest Internal Revenue Service determination.
- Set the board of review meetings for 6 p.m. March 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 11 and 3-9 p.m. March 12.
- Approved John Lutz putting 10.1 acres and Joseph Lutz to enter 10.1 acres in Public Act 1116 farmland preservation protection.

TUSCOLA COUNTY

Akron Twp. to get old records scanned

AKRON TWP. — A Lapeer firm is going to help Akron Township catch up. The township board voted Dec. 21 to hire Superior Document Solutions to scan the older minutes from township meetings to make them more readily available to both the public and township staff.

The township will spend \$318.86 to have the minutes scanned into digital form.

Those historic minutes will be joined by another year’s worth of meeting records

as the board also approved meetings for 7 p.m. on Jan. 18, Feb. 13, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

The board also:

- Removed the \$240 trash assessment from a parcel because there is no dwelling on the land.
- Learned assessor Nathan Hager will be working around the township to update parcel and building information.



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Trackside Grill & Bar once sat next to a train station years ago, so Mary Mendyk had this train mural painted on the back wall of her eatery in remembrance.

Veteran staff keeps Trackside rolling



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Trackside Grill & Bar owner Mary Mendyk, second from right, poses with some of her family members, from left, granddaughter Payton Mendyk; son T.J. Mendyk; granddaughter Paige Mendyk; and husband Terry Mendyk.



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The inside of Trackside Grill & Bar has a cozy feel for the customers arriving from Reese and nearby towns to dine or socialize.

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appetizers, as well as soups and salads.

The building was originally turned into a restaurant in 1937 and current owner Mary Mendyk bought it from Shelly Hayward. Mendyk did some remodeling six years ago and expanded the interior, as well as the kitchen.

Mendyk relies on long-time employees Camee Haubenstricker, Nicole Gilmore and Jamie Curtis in the restaurant, along with several other employees.

“I enjoy owning Trackside and I remodeled it a few years ago, so it’s a little bigger with a bigger kitchen,” Mendyk said. “The regulars who come into the restaurant are my second family. It’s nice to talk to them and I get to know them when they walk in.

“We’re centrally located around several communities, so it doesn’t take long to drive here.”

Trackside in Reese, population 1,261, regularly draws customers from Caro, Saginaw, Bay City, Vassar and Frankenmuth, as well as other towns.

Trackside’s website stresses that “every meal is watched over for constant perfection,” describing the atmosphere as “small, personal, cozy and with friends galore.”

As for basket dinner options, folks can order Walter’s Famous Fish Planks, a basket of wings (either drummies or boneless), a chicken strip basket, shrimp, clams, scallops, or the Janson Sampler – with shrimp, clams and scallops.

Hot sandwiches can come with roast beef, or turkey, or chicken, or a half-pound hamburger.

Some of the sandwich menu items include Trader Dave’s famous grilled cheese (mozzarella and American cheese,

grilled onions, and ham), the Box Car Willie sandwich (ham, turkey, beef, and cheeses), the Coal Car sandwich (pepperoni, ham, onions, mushrooms, cheese and sauce), the Caboose sandwich (steak, mozzarella cheese, mushrooms, onions and sauce), and the Trackside burger (one-half pound burger, Swiss cheese, mushrooms, and bacon).

Other sandwich options include the Texas burger (one-half pound burger, pepper Jack cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato and ranch dressing on garlic bread), and the Josh Pickell/Philly Steak sandwich (grilled, shaved ribeye, onions, green peppers, mozzarella and Swiss on grilled garlic bread).

Wraps include a taco wrap (seasoned ground beef, mixed cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion with a choice of dressing), Caesar wrap (chicken, romaine lettuce, bacon, and tomato topped with Caesar dressing), Cajun chicken wrap (chicken, mixed cheeses, lettuce, tomato and green peppers topped with Cajun ranch) and New Orleans Cajun shrimp wrap (Cajun shrimp, romaine lettuce, shredded parmesan, pickles, and tomatoes topped with Cajun ranch dressing).

One can order a cup or bowl of chili, a tossed salad, chef salad, taco salad, chicken Caesar salad, grilled chicken salad, antipasto salad or shrimp skewer salad.

“Everything worked out for me to buy this place, and now it’s been nearly three decades,” Mendyk said. “I enjoy what I do and maybe one day one of my family members will take over for me.”

The eatery is open from 10 a.m. to midnight Monday through Wednesday; from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, and from noon to midnight on Sunday.

Call 989-868-3599 for more information.

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The mood was a happy one on Dec. 27 when, holding scissors from left, Liberty Tax & Loans co-owners Carl Taylor and Dennis Squires, and Manager Sean Squires, cut the ribbon signifying the opening of their new business in Caro. Caro Chamber of Commerce members at the event included, at far left, Holly Gray, Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial representative; Jonathan R. Cummings, far right, a financial advisor at Edward Jones in Caro; and chamber Vice President Brenda Pomeroy, fourth from left, of the Lighthouse Neurological Rehabilitation Center in Caro. Pomeroy holds a “First Dollar” plaque that she presented later on Wednesday to Dennis Squires and Carl Taylor. Caro Mayor Karen Snider is third from right.

Caro leaders cheer new business

By TOM GILCHRIST | News Editor
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CARO — If motorists can’t miss the new Liberty Tax & Loans sign along M-81 on Caro’s southwest side, that’s how Dennis Squires wants it.

“The frontage is amazing,” said Squires, of Mayville, co-owner of the new business at 1243 W. Caro Road.

“This location is everything that we would want. It gives us a lot of visibility.”

Squires said he and co-owner Carl Taylor “love small towns, so it made perfect sense.”

Sean Squires of Caro, Dennis Squires’ son and a 2007 Mayville High School graduate, is manager of the Caro business, which is the sixth location of Liberty Tax & Loans. Others are in West Branch, Bay City, Saginaw, Flint and Lapeer.

“We do personal tax preparation, and that obviously is seasonal — primarily from January through April,” Taylor said. “Our second business is a payday loan operation, and that’s open year-round. You bring your check stub in, or proof of income, and we give you a loan for up to

30 days.”

The maximum amount of the loan is \$600. “It’s just to get you from paycheck to paycheck, basically,” Taylor said.

Liberty Tax & Loans opened inside a formerly vacant building in Caro. Taylor, a 1976 graduate of Burton Atherton High School, said demand has been increasing for payday loans in Michigan. Such loans can come in handy when an appliance breaks or car repairs are necessary.

“If something quits working, this is a good emergency opportunity for them to find money,” Taylor said.

The business is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. During tax season starting Jan. 15, the business will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. “or whenever we need to be at that time,” Taylor said.

Customers with questions related to taxes will find they’re coming to the right place, said Dennis Squires, a 1978 Fenton High School graduate.

“Our loan business is open year-round, which allows us to be here to help people with taxes year-round,” Dennis Squires said.

TUSCOLA COUNTY

Township OKs updated turbine retirement funds



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Northwestern Tuscola County, shown here, is home to dozens of wind turbines. Leaders in Fairgrove Township recently reviewed the amounts set aside for decommissioning those turbines in the future.

FAIRGROVE TWP. — Fairgrove Township, like much of northwestern Tuscola County, is lined with an array of wind turbines.

The township is home to parts of two

wind farms — the 59-turbine Tuscola II and 19-turbine Pegasus — built over the past decade. Those turbines are expected

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No shipping containers, for now, for Fremont Twp.

By MARK HANEY | Reporter
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FREMONT TWP. — For now, don’t plan to put a shipping container on a property in Tuscola County’s Fremont Township.

Not that they are allowed anyway. The township’s zoning ordinance, updated in 2009, bans the use of shipping containers “for use as a storage structure or other purpose.”

That may change, but the township board told zoning administrator Jerry White on Dec. 14 to continue to enforce the current ordinance. The township sits south of M-46 and north of Brown Road, and east of Washburn Road and west of Cat Lake Road.

White had asked the board which way he should go regarding shipping containers because he knew the planning commission was discussing possibly allowing them, with some regulations. Board member Ron Curell said the township might have a bigger problem if White makes someone move a shipping container now, and then changes the ordinance in a couple

months. But Supervisor Matt Blatt said the possibility still is in the discussion stages and any proposed change would take several months. It then would have to go to a public hearing and be approved by the township board before any changes are made, and those last steps would take at least two additional months. A change may be coming, board member Kyle Thom said, but right now the ordinance does not allow it, so any shipping containers need to be moved.

- The board also:
- Removed the garbage service fees from two parcels because the property owner has a Republic Services dumpster on site. Curell asked if this approval sets a precedent for others. Blatt said he thought more people will make similar requests as a result of this decision. Curell asked what would happen if the property owner stopped having a dumpster at the property but Blatt said the township would know if they stopped having a dumpster at the property.
 - Learned all trees have been cleaned up at the cemetery.
 - Learned the Tuscola County Road

Commission has some concerns about Phelps Lake Road near Schott Road. Blatt said the township has spent a lot of money putting gravel on that area and there is still a water problem. He asked the road commission to fix the water problem before the township puts any more money into that road.

- Appointed Kim Vaughan, Kyle Thom, Greg Eggert, Brandon Blatt and Dwight Uhl Jr. to three-year terms in the planning

commission and Pete Mocerri, Frank Ellicott, Soleiman Seghatoleslami and Amy Prill (alternate) to three-year terms on the zoning board of appeals.

- Approved the 2024 fireworks schedule for Krystal Lake Campground.
- Received the 2022-23 audit from Angie Burnette of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran of Caro. Burnette told the board the township has a healthy savings account and the audit went well, with no issues.

TUSCOLA COUNTY

Thumb residents offered free home repairs

Habitat for Humanity of Lapeer-Tuscola announces it will hold meetings in January to kick off the 2024 Critical Home Repair grant application process in Tuscola County.

The program offers free roofs, wells, water heaters, windows, insulation and septic systems to county residents.

The meetings will be held at the Tuscola Technology Center at 1401 Cleaver Road in Caro from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2-4 p.m. on Jan. 24. A person must call 810-664-7111 to reserve a seat at one of the meetings.

Last year more than 50 families took part in the program that made repairs to help them stay in their homes. Only the following types of repairs are allowed: new roofs, doors, windows, hot water tank, furnace, insulation, well and septic systems. The grant does not cover repairs to plumbing, electrical systems and basement or foundation work.

Eligible applicants must reside in Tuscola County and own their own home and the property the home sits on. Homes being purchased with a land contract or in a mobile home park are not eligible for the grant.

During the meetings, Habitat staff will walk applicants through the paperwork needed and answer questions. Residents must meet income requirements based on family size. Please bring drivers’ licenses, Social Security cards and a property deed or title.

Other meetings will be held in Huron County for residents of that county wanting the same types of help. One meeting in Huron County is set from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 30 at the Pigeon District Library in Pigeon.

Another meeting for Huron County residents takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe. The final Huron County meeting is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Port Hope Activity Center.

“We’ve had really good results with our applications,” Housing Manager Ed Watteny said. “As long as you submit all the required paperwork and fit the income qualification guidelines and other parameters, you should be approved.”

Getting paperwork done in a timely manner is very important, so Habitat stresses that anyone thinking of applying needs to attend one of the grant meetings.



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Those property owners who have placed shipping containers on their land in Tuscola County’s Fremont Township need to move them, as the township bans use of such a container for a storage structure or other purpose.

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Then the wind farm operator – NextEra Energy of Juno Beach, Florida – has to remove the equipment and return the land to its original state. To ensure that happens, the wind farm owners have to set aside money in a bond to cover those costs.

The amount in those bonds is reviewed on a periodic basis to ensure the money keeps up with inflation and the latest costs of the remediation.

The Fairgrove Township board reviewed the updated decommissioning bonds at its Dec. 18 meeting and agreed to change the amounts to \$4.758 million for Tuscola II and \$3.291 million for Pegasus. The board also authorized Supervisor Keith Aeder to sign the agreement with NextEra Energy.

The board also:

Will spend \$2,000 for first responder classes for Fairgrove Fire Dept. firefighters.

Will explore local solutions to fixing the lawn mowers since the current service through Spartan Mowers was rather expensive.

Is waiting on an update from the village of Akron about police protection.

Set the annual insurance meeting for noon Jan. 15.

Learned the cost of printing tax bills was around 81 cents per parcel, including postage.

Learned from Fairgrove fire chief Doug Young that the department needs a new pickup truck.

TUSCOLA COUNTY



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Members of the Ashley HomeStore of Bad Axe pose with items that will be used for the Kids in Need of a Bed program. The program, in its 11th year, is used to help kids in need of a bed in Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties.

Ashley HomeStore donates beds to kids

BAD AXE — The Ashley HomeStore of Bad Axe recently gave local children in need of a bed a soft place to lay down their heads at night.

The program, Kids in Need of a Bed, began in 2013 and this year set a record number of beds given away – 39 – to children in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

A typical year for the program sees Ashley Homestore donate 20-25 beds. A child is eligible for a free bed if they are between the ages of 2 and 15, sleeping on the floor or on stacks of blankets or on couches, or co-sleeping with multiple siblings.

The recipients were nominated by local agencies and schools.

A percentage of Bad Axe Ashley HomeStore’s bedding sales goes toward the program along with some donations from a few anonymous customers, and a generous donation from Steve Messing Carpentry.

Each child receives a frame, box spring, mattress, mattress protector, sheets, blankets, pillow and comforter, and Ashley HomeStore employees noted that they work with the kids to find the proper mattress for them.

Workers distributed three sets of bunk beds this year.

Ashley HomeStore expressed its gratitude to the Bad Axe Meijer Inc. store for the discount on blankets; to Charlie’s Angel’s Quilters for donating handmade comforters; and to Ashley’s own store manager Crystal and warehouse manager Justin, for coordinating the program.

The Ashley HomeStore warehouse team donated their time to deliver and set up beds at each home from Dec. 20-22 to have the beds ready in time for Christmas.

TUSCOLA COUNTY

Wells Twp. looks to trade in tractor

WELLS TWP. — A new tractor is in Wells Township’s future.

The board decided Dec. 14 to approve the purchase of a new tractor to use around the township properties.

The board decided the Massey Ferguson 2606H tractor from Dick Coulter Inc. of North Branch is the best choice, but asked board member Jason Koehler to check the trade-in value of the township’s current tractor.

The board also:

Will send David Preston, Stephen Bennick, Steven Craig and Mark Venus to the required Board of Review training on Jan. 31 in Frankenmuth at a cost of \$538, which includes four 2024 books.

Updated the authorized signatures on the bank accounts to include township clerk Bonnie Hergenreder, deputy clerk Shawn Vella, township treasurer Stefanie Bruce and deputy treasurer Meagan Anderson. The action applies to the Tri-County Bank general savings account, general checking account, garbage account and the road millage account; plus the Team One Credit Union general account and fire account.

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Oooohh that smell! Vassar folks worry

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the former Eaton foundry site following millions of dollars worth of renovations there.

“The smell started getting worse and worse, and stronger and stronger,” Mocny said in late July.

“Why? Because the plants are getting bigger and bigger.”

Atkins addressed the Vassar City Council about the issue on Dec. 4.

“I don’t want to have my words twisted; I think (the Canapa Valley Farms operation) is great revenue for the city – this marijuana money,” Atkins said. “I also think that people have the right to smoke it, or grow it, whatever you want.

“But I also believe that those of us out there that don’t care to partake in it should not be forced to smell it – like we have for the past three months or more.”

Vassar City Manager Andrew Niedzinski said in mid-December that he has been meeting weekly with Canapa Valley Farms representatives about the odor issue. He said the business has undertaken a number of odor-mitigation efforts.

Niedzinski noted that recent odor-mitigation efforts include installation of carbon fibers on all 36 southern-facing lower exhaust vents at the facility, intended to reduce odor year-round.

Canapa Valley Farms officials say that the filters capture odors from the facility’s “mother room, vegetative and grow bays.”

All other operations – such as propagation of plants, drying of plants and post-processing activities – take place within the

30,000-square-foot headhouse, which runs from the north to the south and is completely enclosed, according to the company.

During the winter, Canapa Valley Farms “operates closer to an indoor grow facility versus a greenhouse,” making for a seasonal reduction of odor outside the complex, according to the company.

“All lower northern and southern vents/louvers are closed and insulated to prevent outside air from entering into the building corridor,” the company told city leaders.

The Canapa Valley Farms complex was designed to exhaust to the south, “which is mostly forest/farmland,” according to Canapa Valley officials. As prevailing winds historically come from the west, this pushes odors away from the city.

“We are currently installing additional filters on the northern exhaust fans to further mitigate against odor escaping the building,” the company told Niedzinski.

Niedzinski stressed the economic impact provided by Canapa Valley Farms, which developed an abandoned foundry parcel regarded by some Vassar residents as an eyesore and symbol of rust-belt futility.

“They have invested about \$40 million into redeveloping the site and currently they employ about 60 full-time employees,” Niedzinski said. “This is significant for our community.”

Vassar and adjacent Vassar Township have embraced marijuana-related businesses in recent years, citing the economic boosts related to such development. Collectively, the two municipalities are home to several dozen marijuana-related businesses.

Niedzinski said that when he began



working as Vassar’s city manager in 2020, “folks would often make the statement that ‘The city needs to help out the schools.’”

“This (Canapa Valley Farms) development is how we help the schools,” Niedzinski stressed. “In 2021, the taxable value of its main parcel was \$118,000. Today, it’s assessed at about \$4.5 million.

“The (property) tax revenue collected by the school district (in 2023) is \$93,138; I would say it’s safe to assume that is the cost of a teacher.”

Atkins said he wasn’t able to sit on his front porch along Cass Avenue – one block from Vassar’s downtown business district – as much as he would have liked to do in the summer and fall due to the smell.

He said a city ordinance requires “immediate” cleanup and correction of a nuisance marijuana odor reaching surrounding areas outside the marijuana business property lines.

Atkins and Mocny said the intensity of the odor depends on the direction of the wind.

“That has not been the case for the past three or more months, and it’s to the point where why am I being forced to smell it?” Atkins said. “Why is my right being infringed upon? Every day, of every week, of every month – during these past few

months – that’s all you smell.”

Mocny said homes along Huron, Linn, Andy, Water and Norman streets along Vassar’s east side – along with businesses – are most affected by the odor. Canapa Valley Farms is located on that end of town.

Some Vassar residents say the odor has decreased significantly since early December.

“It’s anecdotal but I would say that through my conversations with area residents, it’s pretty split on the folks that are upset about (the odor) versus the folks that state ‘It’s a better smell than the foundry,’” Niedzinski said.

“With that being said, we are not just going to accept the odor, and are working with them to correct it.”

Mocny had words for those who say the cannabis smell is “natural” and emanating from a plant.

“You go tell that to all these people that own these houses in Vassar,” Mocny said. “You tell them that ‘That is a pleasant odor, and it’s going to make the value of your house go up.’”

Mocny said a woman who recently bought a \$200,000 home in Vassar refused to open her windows this summer due to odor from the Canapa Valley Farms complex.

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There are laws against slow drivers. These laws are more explicit when it comes to highway driving. See MCL 257.634. According to Michigan law, it is illegal for drivers to drive slow in the left lane when their speed is "less than is reasonable and proper" given the traffic conditions. Additionally, the law prohibits slow left lane drivers whose speed impedes "the normal and reasonable movement of traffic." I have to admit this is somewhat vague to me... and getting anyone to admit they're not "normal and reasonable" can be tough. That's OK, law enforcement officials are equipped to make this decision for us. If you set your cruise control to 50 miles per hour in the left lane on I-75, I'd say you're asking for it.

Here's how this connects to insurance: if you're in an accident, the determination of "who was at fault" is a lot easier if one of the parties was breaking the law. If you cause an accident for driving too slow, you're at fault and you get a ticket. An at-fault accident and a moving violation will combine to make your auto insurance more expensive for a few years.

Here's how this connects to the real world: auto accidents hurt people. Drivers going too slow can create a dangerous situation for themselves and all the irritated drivers around them, causing accidents as drivers try to maneuver to get around them. A simple rule of thumb: stay out of the left lane unless you are passing!



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The Tuscola Intermediate School District will recognize all past and present TISD Board members at a special event on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Tuscola Intermediate School District in the Central Office Board Room located at 1385 Cleaver Road, Caro. Appetizers will be served. For more information and to RSVP contact 989-673-2144, ext. 30482.

TUSCOLA COUNTY & TISD BOARD OF EDUCATION HISTORY

In 1945 Michigan created county Boards of Education to support local school district superintendents and consolidate schools. The following were dedicated and visionary members of the Board of Education of the County of Tuscola.

W.C. Downing	1947	Allison Green	1947-58
B. H. McComb	1947	Joseph Liddicoat	1949-54
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Harry Russell	1947-62	Delbert Rawson	1962-63
Dr. A.A. Metcalf	1947-50		

The Tuscola Intermediate School District was created through legislative action in 1963. With Michigan schools no longer under county control, the State established Intermediate School Districts to provide programs and services to newly independent districts and maximize resources.

The following are dedicated and visionary members of the Tuscola Intermediate School District.

Ervin Dean	1963-75	Harold Rueger	1981-86
John Kirk	1963-75	James Bolton	1985-2001
Arvin Wingert	1963-77	Theresa Streeter	1987-93
Maurice Ransford	1963-65	James Ewald	1995-2005
Robert Rawson	1963-65	Dennis Gilkey	1995-96
Arnold Krumnauer	1965-86	James Skower	1995-99
Duane Sugden	1966-78	Nancy Laethem	1997-2019
Jack Chambers	1975-86	Robert Peterson	1999-2001
Karl Smith	1975-80	Dean Nichols	2001-Present
Robert Hirn	1977-86	James Brown	2001-Present
James Welke	1978-Present	Charles Squires	2005-Present
		Louise Hodges	2019-Present

COMMUNITYCalendar

Editor’s note: Community Calendar listings are available free of charge to non-commercial and non-political businesses and organizations that are not charging a fee for their event. Space is limited to availability. PLEASE NOTE: ALL COMMUNITY CALENDAR LISTINGS THAT ADVERTISE A FUNDRAISER CONTAINING A COST WILL BE CHARGED A MINIMAL FEE FOR THEIR LISTING.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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SOUTHERNCARE HOSPICE is searching for Volunteers for our Volunteer Program. Volunteers make a big difference in the lives of Hospice patients and their families. Call us at 989-790-7533 to learn more about becoming a Hospice Volunteer.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED: Tuscola County Office of Veterans Affairs needs volunteer drivers to take county veterans to their doctor appointments in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Saginaw VA Medical Centers. The county has two vehicles for transporting veterans, but not enough drivers to get the job done. Even 1-2 days a month would help. Call Jessica VanOchten or Mark Zmierski at 989-673-8148 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED for Care Team Hospice to provide comfort visi-

tations with patients in Tuscola County. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Gail Makuch at 810-241-6201 or email gmakuch@careteammi.com

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED for donation pick up at Mayville Area Share Shop. **MUST HAVE** large pickup to tow donation trailer. Driver will be compensated for gasoline. Call Mayville Area Share Shop 989-843-5370.

VOLUNTEER SINGERS WANTED: If you would like to sing and have time, I’m putting together a group to do Sing-A-Longs at assisted living centers in the Marlette/Sandusky area. For more information Call Judy Gibson 989-635-0536.

PROFESSIONAL SINGERS WANTED: Previous performance experience necessary. Looking for one Female Soprano, and 1 male tenor. Please call Dave at 989-673-1347.

PUBLIC EVENTS

CARO AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY - Chess club meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. Everyone of any skill level is welcome.

COMMUNITY SERVICE rooms open every Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vassar Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5920 Frankenmuth Rd. for free clothing, shoes, bedding, etc. Donations greatly appreciated. Everyone welcome. 989-823-3069.

EUCHRE - Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Knights of Columbus, 145 Wedge Road, Sandusky. We meet from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. Please bring a snack to share or a dish to pass for the meal break at 3:00 p.m. We encourage you to bring a card playing friend. Questions: 810-310-2715.

FOOD OUTREACH hosted by Spring of Life Community Church in Mayville the third Saturday of each month. Free groceries will be available to all who attend. A free dinner will also be available. For more

information, call 989-843-0194.

FOOD PANTRY is open 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at St. Christopher Parish, 910 W. Frank St., Caro. Typical grocery staples plus some frozen foods. Limit one visit per month. Tuscola County residents only. For more information, call 989-672-2104.

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH – last Saturday of every month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church, Marlette. Menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts. The building is handicap accessible.

GOOD SAMARITANS FOOD PANTRY is open 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Caro United Methodist Church, 670 W. Gilford Road. Open to Tuscola County residents. ID is required.

MAH-JONGG - at the Vassar Library. Games every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Free lessons if you would like to learn the game.

OPPERMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY – check out the new features that the public library has to offer: Overdrive (digital e-books and audiobooks), RBDigital (digital e-magazines), Kingston Enterprise newspaper available online from 1941 to Feb. 15, 1968.

“SAVE A LIFE” Learn free by-stander/compression only CPR the third Tuesday of each month at Caro Area District Library, 6-7 p.m. Call 989-615-0078 to enroll or daveluebbert@gmail.com.

MEETINGS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #421 meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the Unionville American Legion Hall.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #181 meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at 248 W. Main St., Mayville.

CARO AMERICAN LEGION POST #7 meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

CARO CHAPTER #96 Royal Arch Masons meet the second Thursday of each month in the Masonic Temple, 156 N. State St., Caro.

CARO LIONS CLUB meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Brentwood. Membership applications available. Call 989-673-5588 for more information.

TOPS MI 0221 CHAPTER meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Brentwood. Call JoAnn at 989-551-6361 for more information.

TOPS CLUB 1212 VASSAR meets Wednesday at Ivan Middleton Hall, 1007 Lane St. Weigh in from 8-9 a.m., meetings from 9-10 a.m. For more information, contact Shirley at 989-823-8607 or Diana at 989-225-3467.

TOPS CHAPTER 1627 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thursdays at the Brentwood, Caro, from 9-11 a.m. For more information, call Cecelia at 989-673-6023 or Ann 989-977-1182.

TUSCOLA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21 at Brentwood. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Join us at 5:30 for a bite to eat from the Brentwood Restaurant Menu.

VASSAR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the library.

TUSCOLA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 21 at the Brentwood. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Join us at 5:30 for a bite to eat from the Brentwood Restaurant Menu.

VETERAN TO VETERAN (VET TO VET) meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Mayville Veterans You Are Not Forgotten Pavilion. These meetings provide a chance to talk to other veterans about their experiences while serving and bring veterans together to learn about available benefits. Refreshments are provided. For more information, call 989-673-8148.

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Mayville, second Monday, 2 p.m.; VFW Post 7486, Fairgrove, first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall in Akron; VFW Post 4837, Marlette, third Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post #7 meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 110 W. Frank Street, Caro.

DISABLED VETERANS CHAPTER #75 Please come to the meetings held the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm, at the American Legion Hall in Caro. For more info, call Steve 989.670.3081.

KINGSTON AMVETS - Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Meeting Place
MARLETTE SPORTSMEN’S ASSOCIATION - Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at 4260 White Creek Road, Marlette.

TUSCOLA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY meets every third Thursday of the month at Brentwood. Meeting time starts at 6:30 p.m. We have a social hour prior to the meeting starting at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for new members.

WE THE COUNTY - Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the back room of the Brentwood. For more info visit: wethecounty.org.

TUSCOLA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY meets the 4th Thursday of every month at Brentwood. Meeting time starts at 6:30 pm. Come join us as early as 5:30 pm and enjoy a bite to eat from the Brentwood Restaurant dinner menu.

CASS RIVER GENEALOGICAL group meets on the 4th Tues., 5-6:50 pm (except June, July, August and December) at the James E. Wickson District Library Conference Room, 359 S. Franklin Street, Frankenmuth, MI.

SELF HELP

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP (AFG) – Find help if your life is being affected because of someone else’s excessive drinking. There are regular meetings in the Thumb area. For more information, call the MI Thumb Area AFG at 989-912-5478.

AA (CARO) meeting every Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 503 State St., Caro.

AA (REESE) meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Reese.

CAKIMA SERENITY HOME AA GROUP meets at 3800 Lee Hill Rd. Mayville; 7 days/week at 7pm. Also, Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 11am.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP CARO Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. 10-11:30 a.m. at Human Development Commission, 429 Montague Avenue in Caro. For more information, contact HDC at (989) 673-4121.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP VASSAR meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Avenue, Vassar. For more information, contact HDC at (989) 673-4121.

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT- Meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. at the Human Development Commission, 429 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact 989-673-4121.

FREEDOM AA MEETINGS are held Mondays & Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30p at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Caro.

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LIVING WITH PARKINSON’S Support Group is held from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Holiday Inn Express in Bad Axe, 55 Rapson Lane West. For more information, contact HDC at (989) 673-4121.

KINSHIP FAMILY GROUP - 3rd Wednesday of each month 4-5 p.m. at the Caro District Library 840 W. Frank St., Caro. Must RSVP by calling 989-673-4121.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS – For information, call 800-230-4085.

STEPPING UP AA Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Sacred Heart Parish Building, 910 W. Frank St., Caro.
TUSCOLA MS SUPPORT GROUP: Leader: Robert 989-673-3444 or email: rbrownii5303@outlook.com. Contact leader for details.



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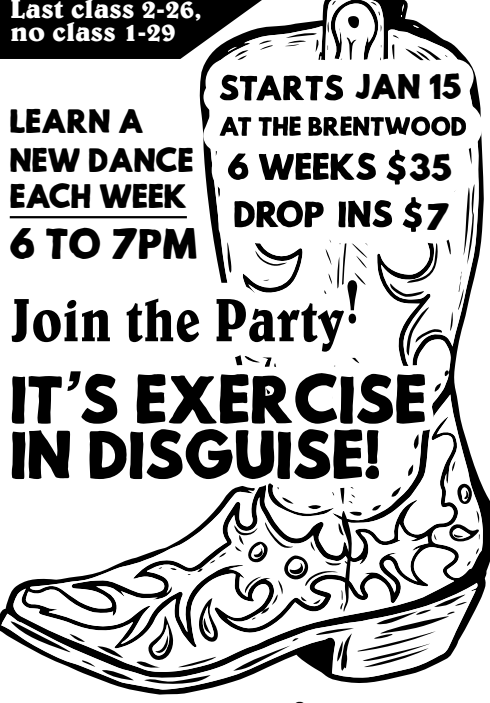
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**DOROTHEA KAY (TERBUSH) SAWDON
DEFORD**



Dorothea Kay (TerBush) Sawdon, 85, of Deford, passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at Ascension St. Mary’s Hospital in Saginaw with her family by her side.

Dorothea was born on April 24, 1938 in Gagetown, to the late Glenn and Leola (Bingham) TerBush. She graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1956. She married Clayton Eugene Sawdon on August 26, 1961 in Thomas, Michigan and together they raised three daughters. Dorothea “Dort” loved to camp and travel. She and Clayton’s favorite trips were to the Upper Peninsula and throughout northern Michigan. Dorothea was a huge country music fan, loved her flower gardens, flowering trees and Christmas. She also loved to give gifts and was always picking up little things for her grandchildren and great grandchildren, whom she adored.

Dorothea is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Clayton; daughters, Deanna (Michael) King, Lori (Shea) Walker and Deborah (Jeffery) LaBelle; grandchildren, Caitlin Rosebrock, Brandon (Elizabeth) King, Elle Walker, Jordan LaBelle, Erin Walker, Connor LaBelle; and great granddaughters, Elliana King, Olivia King and Brooklynn Rosebrock; siblings, Glennola Root, Virjean (Wayne) King and special “sister” Estelene TerBush; sister-in-law, Mary Lou Brauer; and brother-in-law, Robert (Karen) Sawdon.

Dorothea was preceded in death by her parents; her in-laws; brother, Darold TerBush: and sister, Wilma Hartwick.

The family received visitors from 2-8 PM on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette and from 1-2 PM, on Friday, December 29, 2023 at the Lamotte Missionary Church, Marlette.

A funeral service was held at 2 PM on Friday, December 29, 2023 at Lamotte Missionary Church in Marlette. Burial will be held in the Spring.

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Friends may share an online condolence at www.marshfuneral.com.

**ASHLEIGH ELIZABETH JACOT
VASSAR**



Ashleigh Elizabeth Jacot, a resident of Vassar, passed away December 28, 2023 at the age of 35. She was born August 24, 1988 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, to Glenda Jacot and Ronald Waterman Jr.. Ashleigh was a 2008 graduate of Vassar High School and attended Hope Community Church of Frankenmuth.

She loved taking care of the family pets, especially her dog, Bella. Ashleigh was a collector of dolls and dollhouses. Her greatest accomplishment was overcoming a congenital heart defect that claims the lives of most children in less than 24 hours of birth. She lived 35 years longer than her doctors expected. She was truly a miracle.

Ashleigh was preceded in death by her older brother, Ronald “Ronnie” Waterman III; and her grandfathers, Donald Jacot and Ronald Waterman Sr. She is survived by her siblings, Bethanie (Andre) Rodriguez, Elishia (Sam) Licavoli, Wade (Amanda) Waterman, Bryan (Cassandra) Waterman, Sarah (Michael) O’Brien; her parents, Ronald Waterman and Glenda Jacot; and her grandparents, Carol Jacot, Diane Jacot, and Judy Waterman.

The family will be receiving visitors on Thursday, January 4 from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm and Friday, January 5 from 10 AM until 11 AM at Hanlin Funeral Home in Vassar. A celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 AM on January 5 at Hanlin Funeral Home in Vassar with an interment service following at Millington Cemetery in Millington.

Donations in Ashleigh's memory may be directed to the Turner Syndrome Society of the United States.

Kindly share a memory with Ashleigh's family at www.hanlinfuneralhome.com.

Ashleigh and her family are in the care of Hanlin Funeral Home - Vassar.

**ROBERT L. ROLLER
LANSING
(PREVIOUSLY OF UNIONVILLE)**



Robert L. Roller of Lansing, age 76, passed away on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Burcham Hills in East Lansing. Robert was born on September 7, 1947 in Bay City, the son of the late Marion (Stoll) Roller and Elmer & Alice (Hartwell) Roller. He graduated from Unionville High School with the class of 1965 and went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in science in 1969 from Michigan State University. Following graduation, Robert was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed in Texas, working in engineering. After two years of service, he was honorably discharged and returned to the Lansing area. Robert was employed by the Lansing Board of Water & Light as an environmental specialist, retiring in 2006. Prior to taking that position, he served as a supervisor for the Tri-County Regional Planning Committee and worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He volunteered at the local soup kitchens during the holidays and was always there to help when needed. Robert was a die-hard Spartan fan and loved watching the Detroit Tigers; he had a huge collection of Detroit Tigers baseball cards.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory, his brothers & sister-in-law, Stuart & Sue Roller of Caro and Dale E. Roller of Saginaw; stepbrother, Dale & Janet Ewald of Sebawaing; nephew, Kevin & Shelly Roller of Dexter; niece, Michelle Joslyn of Caro; eight great-nieces and great-nephews, Matthew, Kelsey, Isabella, Alexis, and Collin Roller, all of Dexter, and Isaac, Emma, and Luke Joslyn, all of Caro.

In keeping with Robert’s wishes, cremation has taken place and memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home with Rev. Michele Hile officiating. The family will be present to receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:00 a.m. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider memorial contributions to the Unionville Moravian Church.

**DANIEL ELMER DAY
MAYVILLE**



In loving memory of Daniel Elmer Day, a pillar of the Mayville community, who unexpectedly passed away on December 27, 2023, at the age of 81. Born on July 31, 1942, in Caro. Daniel was the beloved son of the late Elmer and Julia Day. A graduate of Mayville High School, class of 1960. Later joined in matrimony with Judith Day in Lapeer, who preceded him in death.

Daniel's passions were as diverse as the seasons. From the exhilaration of snowmobiling to the tranquility of fishing, he found joy in every moment. However, it was his deep love for farming that truly defined him. His dedication to the land was not just a livelihood but a cherished way of life.

He is survived by his younger brother, Gary (Pamela) Day; and leaves a legacy through his nephews, Jeffery (Sarah) Day and Justyn (Sarah) Day; along with their children, Peyton, Milly, Sam, and Lyla Day. Daniel also cherished his relationship with Jacob Lichnovsky, a great friend whom he mentored.

A celebration of Daniel's life took place on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at Avram Funeral Home in Mayville. Visitors were welcome from 2-7 pm, followed by a funeral service officiated by Pastor Terry Blackmer at 7 pm. A private family burial will be held at a later date

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorials be made to the Mayville Area Ambulance Service or the Mayville Fire Department.

To share condolences, memories, or any pictures you wish to contribute, please visit www.avramfuneralhome.com or email your messages to dday@dazetimez.com.

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“How to grow a church”

David Kaiser

There are many books out there on church growth. You can read what a church did to grow numerically. Unfortunately, what would work for a church in heavily populated Southern California wouldn’t necessarily work here in Blaine County. I am by no means an expert on church growth, but I’ve made a few observations on what will destroy a church. I’d like to share with you what I’ve discovered.

First way to destroy a church is to be ambitious. Now I’m not saying that all ambition is bad. My wife and I encourage our kids to be ambitious about getting good grades so they can get scholarships because mommy and daddy can’t afford to put them through college. But being ambitious in the church setting can be dangerous. All of Jesus’ disciples argued with one another over who would be the greatest in the coming kingdom. If Jesus hadn’t stepped in and set them straight about true greatness, there would be no church right now.

Second way to destroy a church is to seek to be served and not to serve. Many people will look for a church that best serves their needs. They look for churches that have the best children’s/youth program, the best worship service, and the best preacher. Now there is nothing wrong with any of those things. But when you only look for what the church can do for you and not what you can do for the church, you are living contrary to the Word of God. Jesus said that He did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ran-som for us.

Third way to destroy a church is to operate from one’s own power. If the church is not operated by the power of the Holy Spirit, then it’s left to operate by its fallen sinful nature. It’s the Holy Spirit that gives us a true love to reach out to those who don’t know Jesus. Without the Spirit’s power, we can only operate by fear, guilt, or selfish motivation. It’s the Holy Spirit that convicts a sinner of their need for Jesus.

Finally, the fourth way to destroy a church is to do nothing. While it’s God’s work to transform the heart of a sinner, He involves us believers in the plan. No where do you read in the Scripture where God works and He doesn’t use people. We’d think it would be more effective if God just did the work Himself and left us out of the equation. But the reason He uses us in His work is because it’s part of the sanctification process. A heart that is pure will take action. If each of us in the church does nothing, then one day we will die and the church where we’re at will die with us. Fortunately, Jesus’ Church can’t be destroyed and the gates of hell can’t overcome it, but are you building or destroying your church?



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Holiday Bowl (8 p.m. - Fox)
Texas Bowl (9 p.m. - ESPN)

Thursday, December 28th

Fenway Bowl (11 a.m. - ESPN)
Pinstripe Bowl (2:15 p.m. - ESPN)
Pop-Tarts Bowl (5:45 p.m. - ESPN)
Alamo Bowl (9:15 p.m. - ESPN)

Friday, December 29th

Gator Bowl (Noon - ESPN)
Sun Bowl (2 p.m. - CBS)
Liberty Bowl (3:30 p.m. - ESPN)
Cotton Bowl (8 p.m. - ESPN)

Saturday, December 30th

Music City Bowl (Noon. - ABC)
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Orange Bowl (4 p.m. - ESPN)
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Monday, January 1st

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Rose Bowl (Semifinal) (5 p.m. - ESPN)
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Monday, January 8th

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North Carolina (8-4) vs. West Virginia (8-4)
#15 Lousiville (10-3) vs. USC (7-5)
Texas A&M (7-5) vs. #20 Oklahoma State (9-4)

#24 SMU (11-2) vs. Boston College (6-6)
Rutgers (6-6) vs. Miami (Florida) (7-5)
#18 North Carolina State (9-3) vs. #25 Kansas State (8-4)
#14 Arizona (9-3) vs. #12 Oklahoma (10-2)

#22 Clemson (8-4) vs. Kentucky (7-5)
#19 Oregon State (8-4) vs. #16 Notre Dame (9-3)
Memphis (9-3) vs. Iowa State (7-5)
#7 Ohio State (11-1) vs. #9 Missouri (10-2)

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Here are the top sports events I saw in 2023

SCOTT BOLSBY



This article is something I look forward to writing every year. It's also one I dread because I have to use my memory. I'm not sure if it's because I cover so many games that some seem to blend together, or if what my parents always told me – "Wait until you get older and start forgetting" – is becoming true. But I try my best to not forget important sporting events during the year.

The year 2023 featured plenty of exciting moments in Thumb-area sports, but I can be only in so many places, so your take may differ from mine on this topic. I wasn't there when the Millington boys' basketball team upset Brown City for a district title, or when Kingston's football squad avenged an earlier season loss against Brown City in the second round of the playoffs. I was not there to witness the Ubly football team win a state title, as our sports coverage area doesn't include Ubly, but congratulations to the Bearcats on that awesome accomplishment. I was at plenty of other games, however, that may have deserved a spot on this list. We saw a record-breaking softball feat, local volleyball and wrestling accomplishments that may never be matched, and some young teams looking to make the next big step. Let's rewind the time machine and look



Photo by Scott Bolsby | *The Advertiser*
USA junior Jenna Gremel (13) comes home to teammates ready to celebrate her first home run of the postseason and eighth of the season during the June 17 championship game against Mendon at Michigan State University's Secchia Field. The home run put the Patriots ahead for the final time in the 5-4 Division 4 state championship game to win the program's ninth overall state title and fourth consecutive.

back at the best moments – through my eyes – in 2023.

BENNETT WINS THIRD STATE CROWN MARCH 3

DETROIT — Let me set the stage for you because as exciting as it was for Marlette's Manus Bennett to win a third state title, what I did was impressive for me. I covered a Division 2 girls' basketball district championship game between Caro and Yale at Croswell-Lexington that morning, and then jetted to Ford Field for the wrestling finals. I was texting with Mike Gallagher, sports editor for the Sanilac County News, before I left, and when I reached Detroit, and he told me I had time to make it. I arrived at the Ford Field parking garage, ran down the stairs, up to Ford Field, traveled through security, found a way down to the field through the crowd, and noticed that Bennett was stepping on the mat. I made it down to the field and slid into position to take photos of the match next to Gallagher just as the match was starting. Now that I've bragged about my performance, the performance on the mat was once again amazing. Bennett is the Thumb-area's only three-time champion and completed the feat in three different weight classes. He had the opportunity to win four straight but fell just short in 2021 in a match that he admits he made a critical mistake in, forcing him to eventually finish third that season. Bennett was one of my favorite wrestlers to watch, almost toying with opponents at times as if in a cat-and-mouse game, and was so quick. He was strong and confident, but off the mat he was quiet, goofy, and just a good kid. That particular weekend, as the wrestling finals are a Friday and Saturday event, he was battling in the Division 4 150-pound bracket and cruised his way to the finals before running into Iron Mountain's Evan Haferkorn. Haferkorn gave Bennett a great battle, but Bennett prevailed in a 5-3 decision, and according to his mom

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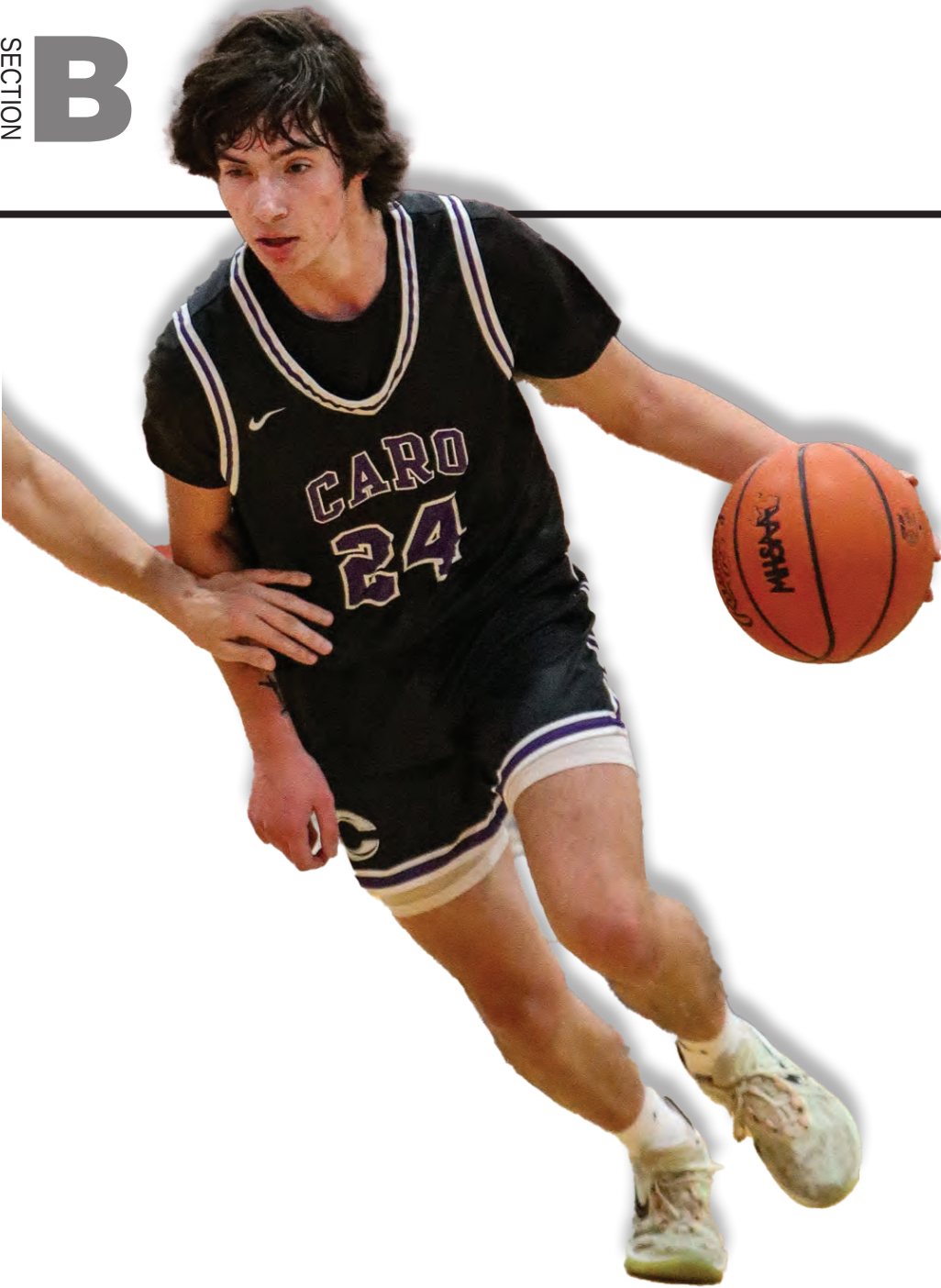


Photo by Scott Bolsby | *The Advertiser*
Caro's Julian Wilding looks to drive past Peck defender Cody Cairo, left, during the first half of Friday's 58-40 win over Peck. Wilding scored 20 points to help lead the Tigers in the win.

Richmond claims Marlette tourney title

By SCOTT BOLSBY | Sports Editor
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MARLETTE — The consolation and championship games were played here Friday in the inaugural Marlette Holiday Tournament. Caro downed Peck 58-40 to claim third place, while Richmond defeated the host Red Raiders 57-28 to clinch the tournament title. Caro opened up varsity play after the junior varsity team won the JV tournament 68-8 over Marlette. Caro's varsity squad jumped out to an 11-2 lead over the Pirates before Peck rallied back to take a 13-11 lead, but the Tigers evened the score 13-13 to close out the first quarter. Caro picked up the momentum in the second quarter outscoring Peck 19-5 to hold a 32-18 lead at halftime. Caro junior Julian Wilding led the way for the Tigers with 14 points at halftime. Evan Langmaid returned for Caro after missing Thursday's game and scored eight points in the first half for the Tigers, but

Caro was still without top scorer Connor McGarry, who was out due to illness. Caro held a 42-28 lead heading into the fourth quarter before pulling out the 58-40 win. Wilding and Langmaid led Caro with 20 points apiece while Jaidon Buniack chipped in six points. Thomas West led Peck with 17 points while Cal Heiden helped with nine points. In the championship game, the Blue Devils jumped out to a 17-4 lead over Marlette to continue their hot shooting following Thursday's semifinal win over Caro. Richmond continued its strong play into the second quarter against Marlette, outscoring the host team 13-6 to carry a commanding 30-10 lead at halftime. The Blue Devils' Greg Haskins hit four 3-pointers in the third quarter to propel Richmond to a 20-8 differential and a 50-18 lead entering the final quarter. Marlette would outscore the Blue Devils in the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late.

SEE RICHMOND | B2

Player of the Season

USA | BASKETBALL

SCORED 18 POINTS IN WIN OVER OTISVILLE-LAKEVILLE MEMORIAL.

Player of the Week

MILLINGTON | WRESTLING

FINISHED FIRST IN THE 125-POUND BRACKET AT MT. MORRIS INDIVIDUAL GIRLS INVITATIONAL

Player of the Week

MAYVILLE | BASKETBALL

SCORED 20 POINTS IN 62-38 WIN OVER CASEVILLE.

Player of the Week

CARO | BASKETBALL

RECORDED FIRST VARSITY DOUBLE-DOUBLE WITH 12 POINTS AND 11 REBOUNDS IN 39-21 WIN OVER ALMONT.

Richmond claims Marlette tourney title



Photo by Scott Bolsby | The Advertiser
Caro junior Evan Langmaid goes up for a shot during Friday's consolation game against Peck. Langmaid scored 20 points in the 58-40 win over Peck.

FROM | B1

Julius Johnson led the Red Raiders with seven points, Quintin Sartin added six points and Aaron Bower chipped in five points.
Caro (4-3) returns to play today at Vassar in Greater Thumb Conference West Division action while Marlette (3-5) is in action Friday at Memphis in Greater Thumb Conference East Division play.
Both games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tip-offs.

VULCANS DROP MATINEE BATTLE TO HUSKIES

VASSAR — The Vassar boys' basketball team lost to Hemlock 61-35 here Saturday in nonconference action.
Austin Long led the Vulcans with nine points while Madix Gorleski and Bryce Brown chipped in eight points each.
Brown, Gorleski and Landon Klinesmith had five rebounds each in the loss for Vassar.
Vassar (0-6) looks for its first win of the season today at home against Caro in Greater Thumb Conference West Division play with a 7:30 p.m.



Photo by Scott Bolsby | The Advertiser
Marlette's Luke Thomas, right, attempts to drive against Richmond's Jalen Browning, left, during the first half of Friday's championship game at the Marlette Holiday Tournament. The Blue Devils claimed the tournament title with a victory over the Red Raiders.

scheduled start time.



Photo by Scott Bolsby | The Advertiser
Marlette's Aaron Bower, right, looks to back down Richmond defender Brady Morelli, left, during Friday's championship game. Bower had five points in the 57-28 loss to the Blue Devils.

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#10 TEXAS @ #24 WEST VIRGINIA (WOMENS)

#3 N.C. STATE @ #13 VIRGINIA TECH (WOMENS)

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TIEBREAKER: TOTAL COMBINED POINTS SCORED IN CELTICS @ PACERS

*BASKETBALL CONTEST WEEK #5

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Player of the Week

THOMAS CONZELMANN

FRANKENMUTH | BASKETBALL

RECORDED 42 POINTS, AND 18 REBOUNDS IN GAMES AGAINST CARROLLTON, GOODRICH, AND LINDEN.

POET



Player of the Week

AIDEN CUNNINGHAM

MILLINGTON | WRESTLING

RECORDED HIS 100TH CAREER VARSITY WIN.

Last week's results \$25 WEEKLY WINNER

1.) WALLY PRUSI (13-8) 223*

1.) PHIL NIKLOWICZ (13-8) 217*#

1.) DAVE GREEN (13-8) 229*

1.) SAMANTHA BISHOP (13-8) 245*#

5.) RUSS WILLIAMS (12-9) 226*

5.) LARRY SMITH (12-9) 228* #

5.) ROBERT ROCKEFELLER (12-9) 243*

8.) DIANE FRITZ (11-10)

PRIOR WINNER NOT ELIGIBLE FOR WEEKLY CONTEST

*TIEBREAKER

Overall Season Standings

\$100 WINNER AT END OF SEASON

1.) LARRY SMITH (59-14)

2.) PHIL NIKLOWICZ (57-27)

2.) SAMANTHA BISHOP (57-27)

4.) WALLY PRUSI (56-28)

5.) DAVE GREEN (54-30)

6.) ROBERT ROCKEFELLER (52-32)

7.) RUSS WILLIAMS (51-33)

8.) JOANNE L. HARDER (38-25)

9.) ROBERT MARCOTTE (36-27)

10.) DIANE FRITZ (35-28)

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LISTINGS AND HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF
January 3 - 9, 2024

When a man in a concealed U.S. Navy jacket drops dead from a cocaine overdose on a crowded bus in Bondi, the investigation pulls Evie (Tuuli Narkle) back into her past as an undercover narcotics cop on “**NCIS: Sydney**,” airing Tuesday at 8 p.m. on CBS.

Mark Cuban and the rest of the Sharks - tough, self-made, multi-millionaire and billionaire tycoons - continue their search to invest in the best businesses and products that America has to offer on the winter premiere of “**Shark Tank**,” airing Friday at 8 p.m. on ABC.

SATURDAY • JANUARY 6, 2024 Evening

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC	NFL	NFL Spec.	(:15) NFL Football: Teams TBA LIVE					
CBS	Wheel	Investiga.	CSI: Vegas			48 Hours (CC)		48 Hours (CC)
CW	Laughs	Laughs	I Am Chris Farley (2015) NR				Wrestling	
FOX	Bang	Tip-off	College Basketball LIVE				Feud	Full
MYN	Housewife	Housewife	Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	News	
NBC	Paid	Paid	America's Got Talent 📺				Sat. Night Live	
A&E	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Buddy 📺	
AMC	Tombstone ★★★½		The Day After Tomorrow ★★★ (2004) PG-13					Darkness
DISC	Exp. Unknown		Exp. Unknown		Exp. Unknown		Exp. Unknown	
DISN	Hailey's	Hailey's	Rio 2 ★★★½ (2014) G			Kiff	Kiff	Kiff
ESPN	NFL	NFL Spec.	(:15) NFL Football LIVE					
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREE	(6:50) The Other Woman ★★★½ (2014) (CC)					(:25) The Boss ★★ (2016)		
LIFE	Prison (CC)		Prison (CC)		Prison (CC)		Casey (CC)	
MTV	Talladega ★★★		Tammy ★★ (2014) Melissa McCarthy.				Talladega	
NICK	Sonic the Hedgehog ★★★			SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends
TBS	Panther ★★★		Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Grown Ups ★★★½	
TLC	sMothered (CC)		90 Day: The Single Life 📺				1000-lb Sisters	
TNT	Jedi ★★★½ (1983)		All Elite Wrestling: Collision				Star Wars ★★★★★	
USA	9-1-1: Cursed		Monster Energy Supercross: Anaheim LIVE					

WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 3, 2024 Evening

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	NBA NBA Basketball Chicago vs New York					
CBS	Jeopardy	Wheel	Price Is Right		Raid The Cage		FBI True (CC)	
CW	Person, or	Person, or	Whose Line	Whose Line	Family Law		National Desk	
FOX	Bang	Men	I Can See Your		We Are Family		News	
MYN	News at 7	Investiga.	Dateline (CC)		Dateline (CC)		News	
NBC	ET	Inside	Chicago Med x		Magnum P.I.		Magnum P.I.	
A&E	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Inter. Cam	Inter. Cam
AMC	Draft Day ★★★½		Moneyball ★★★★★ (2011, Drama) Brad Pitt. PG-13 (CC)					
DISC	Exp. Unknown		Exp. Unknown		Exp. Unknown		Mystery	
DISN	Big City	Big City	Hailey's	Hailey's	Moon Girl	Miraculous	Miraculous	Miraculous
ESPN	Sports	NBA	College Basketball LIVE			NBA LIVE		
FOOD	Guy's Grocery		Guy's Grocery		Guy's Grocery		Guy's Grocery	
FREE	(6:30) Coco ★★★½ (2017) PG				Encanto ★★★★★ (2021) PG			
LIFE	Castle 📺		Married at First Sight: Taking it Day (CC)					Married
MTV	Catfish 📺		The Challenge 📺			Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NICK	Dylan	SlimeTime	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends
TBS	Bang	Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite			Family		
TLC	Dr. Pimple (CC)		My 600-lb Life: Krystal's Journey			Boob Job (CC)		
TNT	NHL Pre		NHL Hockey					NHL Post
USA	SVU: Guilt (CC)		Batman Begins ★★★½ (2005, Action) Christian Bale.					

THURSDAY • JANUARY 4, 2024 Evening

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30		
ABC	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	The Golden Bachelor (CC)				General (CC)			
CBS	Jeopardy	Wheel	Young	Ghosts	Ghosts U.K	Ghosts U.K	SEAL Team			
CW	Person, or	Person, or	Critch	Conners	Conners	Children	National Desk			
FOX	Bang	Men	Hell's Kitchen		We Are Family		News			
MYN	News at 7	Investiga.	Dateline (CC)		Chicago P.D.		News			
NBC	ET	Inside	Law & Order		Transplant (CC)		Dateline NBC			
A&E	The First 48		The First 48		Casey Anthony's Parents (CC)					
AMC	Moneyball ★★★★★		Die Hard ★★★★★½ (1988, Action) Bruce Willis. G							
DISC	Contraband		Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!		
DISN	Big City	Big City	Hailey's	Hailey's	Moon Girl	Miraculous	Miraculous	Miraculous		
ESPN	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh vs Boston LIVE					College Bball LIVE				
FOOD	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby		
FREE	(6:00) Friday ★★★½		The Parent Trap ★★★½ (1998) Lindsay Lohan. PG							
LIFE	Prosecuting Casey Anthony ★★★½			Casey Anthony's Parents (CC)						
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous		
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends		
TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang		
TLC	Dr. Pimple (CC)		Dr. Pimple (CC)		Dr. Pimple (CC)		Dr. Pimple (CC)			
TNT	Pregame	NBA Basketball LIVE					NBA LIVE			
USA	Batman ★★★★★½		The Dark Knight Rises ★★★★★ (2012) Christian Bale.							

FRIDAY • JANUARY 5, 2024 Evening

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30		
ABC	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Shark Tank		20/20 (CC)					
CBS	Jeopardy	Wheel	#AtHome (CC)		Fire Country		Blue Bloods			
CW	Person, or	Person, or	Penn & Teller		Illusion	Animals	National Desk			
FOX	Bang	Men	WWE Friday Night LIVE			News				
MYN	News at 7	Investiga.	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		News			
NBC	ET	Inside	Dr. Death		Dr. Death		Dateline NBC			
A&E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Casey (CC)			
AMC	Die Hard ★★★★★½		Tombstone ★★★★★½ (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. (CC)							
DISC	Gold Rush (CC)		Gold Rush: Succession 📺				Outback Opal			
DISN	Big City	Big City	Monsters University ★★★★★			Monsters	Monsters	Monsters		
ESPN	NBA	NBA Basketball New York vs Philadelphia								
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
FREE	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		
LIFE	Castle 📺		Prison (CC)		Prison (CC)		Prison (CC)			
MTV	RuPaul's Race		RuPaul's Race		Untucked!	Mean Girls ★★★★★ (2004)				
NICK	Cloudy 2 ★★★★★		Hotel Transylvania ★★★★★ (2012)			Friends	Friends			
TBS	Bang	Bang	Black Panther ★★★★★ (2018) PG-13 (CC)					Richard		
TLC	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé: More to Love			90 Day	90 Day			
TNT	Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith ★★★★★					All Elite				
USA	(4:33) Dark ★★★★★		Iron Man 2 ★★★★★ (2010) Robert Downey Jr.							
							9-1-1			

SUNDAY • JANUARY 7, 2024 Evening

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC	Home Videos		Solo: A Star Wars Story ★★★★★ (2018) PG-13					
CBS	NFL LIVE		The 81st Golden Globe Awards (CC)					
CW	The Wedding Planner ★★ (2001) PG-13					Conners	Paid	Paid
FOX	NFL	OT	Grimsburg	Krapopolis	Burgers	North	National Desk	
MYN	Saginaw Spirit		Saginaw Spirit Rewind				News	
NBC	Football Night		(:15) Sunday Night Football LIVE					
A&E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	Men in Black ★★★★★ (1997) PG-13				Men in Black II ★★ (2002) PG-13			
DISC	Homestead		Homestead Rescue: Texas Rift				Homestead	
DISN	Big City	Big City	Finding Nemo ★★★★★½ (CC)			Hailey's	Hailey's	Hailey's
ESPN	Sports LIVE		Championship Drive LIVE			Path to th	Path to th	
FOOD	Guy's Grocery		Worst Cooks in America (CC)				Triple Threat	
FREE	The Princess Diaries ★★½ (2001)				(:20) Princess Diaries 2: Royal ★★½			
LIFE	Prison (CC)		Prison (CC)		Prison (CC)		Prison (CC)	
MTV	Miss Congeniality 2 ★★			Friends with Benefits ★★★★★ (2011) R				
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends
TBS	Bad Moms ★★★★★		Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
TLC	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé: In Sickness and				Sister Wives	
TNT	Star Wars: The Last Jedi ★★★★★½				Star Wars: The Rise of ★★★★★ (2019)			
USA	SVU: P.C. (CC)		SVU: Locum		SVU: Pursuit		SVU: Bang (CC)	

MONDAY • JANUARY 8, 2024 Evening

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30		
ABC	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields (2023, Documentary)							
CBS	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS: Unusual		NCIS: Butterfly X		NCIS 📺			
CW	Person, or	Person, or	Penn & Teller		Illusion	Animals	National Desk			
FOX	Bang	Men	Hell's Kitchen		Name Tune		News			
MYN	News at 7	Investiga.	SVU: Ballerina		SVU: Lead (CC)		News			
NBC	ET	Inside	America's Got Talent 📺				The Irrational			
A&E	The First 48		Hoarders: Terri 📺 (CC)				Secrets of Poly			
AMC										

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6. Meme dance move

9. Feudal laborer

13. Plant louse

14. Inflated feeling

15. Signaling flare

16. She turned to stone, Greek mythology

17. Barn call

18. L in AWOL

19. *Zodiac sign for those born on Halloween

21. *Ford "Zodiac"

23. Cash machine, acr.

24. Island

25. Short for although

28. Cul de ____, pl.

30. Owing something (2 words)

35. Argo's propellers

37. Mature

39. Passed

40. Guilty, e.g.

41. Presidential promises, e.g.

43. Those against

44. Waker-upper

46. Skin infection

47. King of beasts

48. *1960s California serial killer

50. Address a deity

52. Short for ensign

53. Hoodwink

55. New Zealand parrot

57. *Fish sign

60. *Half man/half horse sign

64. Blood vessel

65. This is well if it ends well

67. Body trunk

68. Move like ivy

69. Grazing field

70. Plant with liquorice-flavored seeds

71. Catch one's breath

72. Trim the lawn

73. Roebuck's partner

DOWN

1. Sun kisses

2. Colossal

3. Pest command

4. *Zodiac sign or Don DeLillo's 1988 novel

5. One who is skilled at something

6. Visual presentation

7. "Four score and seven years "

8. Dora the Explorer's simian friend

9. Court petitioner

10. Genesis twin

11. RPMs

12. Extra charge

15. Like a native speaker

20. Insect, post-metamorphosis

22. Prince in Disney's "Aladdin" movie

24. Heavy hydrogen, e.g.

25. *Birthstone for some born under Scorpio or Sagittarius

26. Hello, alt. sp.

27. Mountain nymph

29. *Cancer crustacean

31. Lentil soup

32. Golfer Els

33. Take a chance (2 words)

34. *Gemini

36. Delhi dress

38. Sound of a fan

42. Satisfy, as in thirst

45. Eccentric one

49. Pool tool

51. Gossipy ones

54. Religious song

56. Make amends

57. Skin opening

58. Wraths

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Regular Meeting December 11, 2023
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Members present: Supervisor Terry Muntz, Clerk Heather Severance, Treasurer Cindy Kruse, Trustee Tavis Osentoski, Trustee Steve Wright
Items approved:
1. Regular meeting minutes dated November 13, 2023
2. Motion to approve \$2,000 activation fee for fire department radios
3. Motion to approve the 2024 fire department officers
4. Approval of bills and payroll
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
Prepared by Clerk Heather Severance, Approved by Supervisor Terry Muntz.
Copies of meeting minutes are available for review at www.ElklandTownship.org.
Heather Severance, Clerk

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Case No. and Judge
23-38002-DE
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Estate of ROBERT BURTON MORRISON, deceased
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Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic

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Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: May 18, 2018
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 25, 2018
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$86,350.39
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 30, Block 9, Charles Montague’s Subdivision, Village, (Now City), of Caro, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 10, now being 11A, Tuscola County Records.
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will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: December 27, 2023 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5488

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Preville, single man., to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 11, 2019 and recorded January 15, 2019 in Liber 1414, Page 955 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PHH Mortgage Corporation, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve and 75/100 Dollars (\$106,712.75). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 25, 2024. Said premises are located in the Township of Almer, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: PARCELA - Part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, Town 13 North, Range 9 East. Described as beginning at a point that is North along the East Section line of said Section 29, North 125.50 feet and at right angles to said East line, West 50.00 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section 29; thence along the Westerly MDOT right of way line, 50 feet Westerly of and parallel to said East Section line, North 874.71 feet; thence along the North line of the East 50 feet of the South 1000 feet of said Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, South 89 degrees 45 minutes 42 seconds East, 50.00 feet; thence along the East Section line, North 323.15 feet; thence along the North line of said Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, North 89 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds West, 1323.94 feet; thence along the West line of said Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 50 seconds East, 78.25 feet; thence along the centerline of the Prin Drain, South 51 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds East, 617.93 feet; thence continuing along said drain centerline, South 04 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East, 616.71 feet; thence continuing along said drain centerline, South 42 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds East, 288.12 feet to an angle point in the centerline of said drain; thence parallel to the East line of Section 29, South 41.46 feet; thence along the East-West quarter line of said Section 29, also known as the Northerly right of way line of Highway M-24, South 89 degrees 45 minutes 42 seconds East, 357.37 feet; thence along the Northwesterly highway clear vision right of way line, North 56 degrees 27 minutes 08 seconds East, 225.31 feet to the point of beginning of this description. 1845 French Rd, Caro, Michigan 48723

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: December 27, 2023
File No. 23-014352
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gregory Culbert II, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Independent Bank
Date of Mortgage: April 9, 2013
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 9, 2013
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$54,843.34
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes West 502.00 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes West, 360.0 feet along the South Section line; the North 0 degrees 30 minutes West, 225.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes East 360 feet; thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes East 225.0 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the Southeast quarter of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 9 East.
Common street address (if any): 270 W Brown Rd, Mayville, MI 48744-9545
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 13, 2023
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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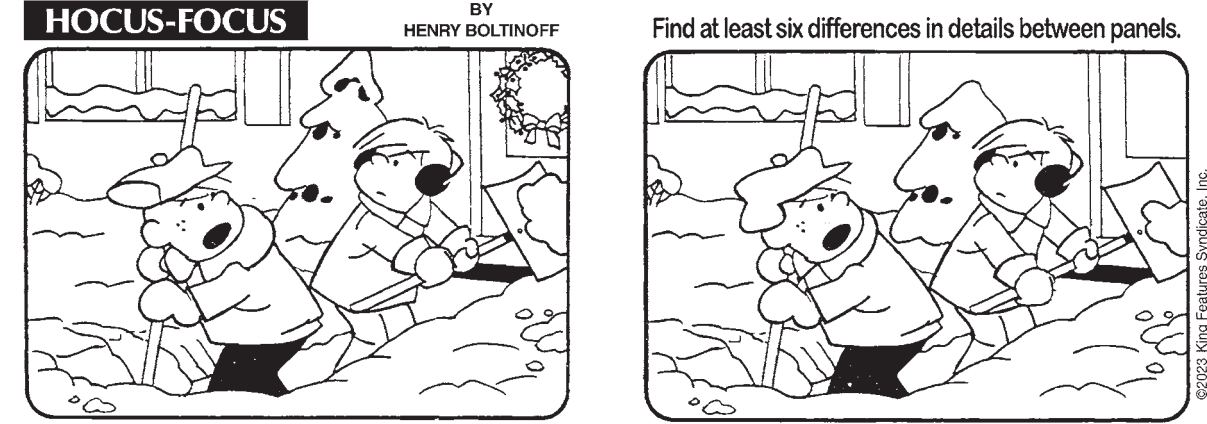
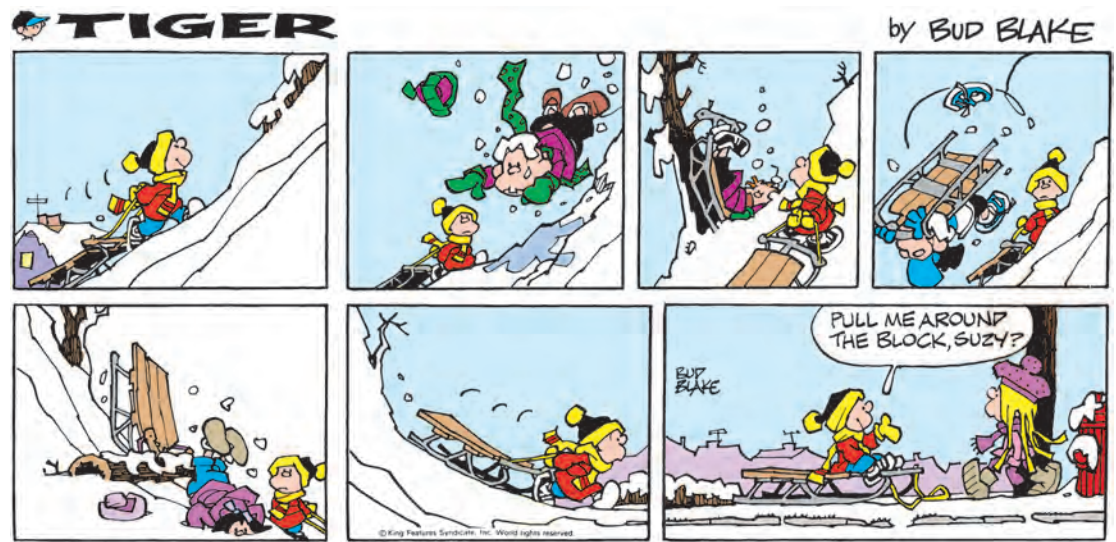
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be

greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Michael Anthony, an unmarried man, as Mortgagor, to Frankenmuth Credit Union, as Mortgagee, dated December 21, 2017, recorded on December 27, 2017 in Liber 1388, Page 745 of Tuscola County records, (the “Mortgage”). The amount claimed to be due and owing on the Mortgage is Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Five and 41/100 Dollars (\$99,605.41) on the date of this Notice. The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, take notice that on January 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within Tuscola County, Michigan. The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest accruing on the amount due at a rate of 5.00% per annum, costs and expenses of the Mortgagee as provided for in the Mortgage, and any amounts subsequently paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property. The property to be sold at foreclosure is all the real estate and improvements located in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Parcel 1: Lot 22, WOODLAND ACRES SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 2, Page 11 of Plats, Tuscola County Records. Parcel 2: That part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the East ¼ corner of said Section 31; thence South 00°00’00” East, 1024.55 feet along the East section line; thence North 88°35’00” West, 208.70 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 00°00’00” East, 208.00 feet; thence North 88°35’00” West, 209.40 feet; thence North 00°00’00” East, 208.00 feet; thence South 88°35’00” East, 209.40 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Tax Parcel Nos.: 020-031-700-2200-01 and 020-031-000-3000-00 Commonly known as: 7364 Irish Road, Millington, Michigan 48746 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s attorneys. Dated: December 12, 2023 STANCATO TRAGGE WELLS, PLLC Frankenmuth Credit Union, Mortgagee Attorneys for Mortgagee By: John P. Tragge P.O. Box 270 Grosse Ile, Michigan 48138 (248) 731-4500

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Bennett wins third individual state wrestling crown

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showed the most emotion she had ever seen him display on the mat.

There have been tougher wrestlers, two-time state champions, and ones who have gone on to wrestle at college, but Bennett will, in my opinion, go down as one of the best wrestlers in Thumb-area history.

FOWLER FOILS KINGSTON’S PLANS MARCH 14

MT. MORRIS TWP. — I will never forget the minutes following the 2019 Division 4 girls’ semifinal game between Kingston and St. Ignace at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

Kingston coach Jay Green noted in the press conference he believed his team would be back there very soon.

The Cardinals almost arrived back in that situation during the 2022-23 season, falling short in a 47-43 loss to Fowler at Mt. Morris High School.

Kingston fell behind 9-0 in the first quarter against the Eagles but battled back and Fowler took a 12-9 lead into the second quarter.

Fowler increased its lead to 26-19 entering halftime. Kingston would stage a comeback in the second half by outscoring Fowler 24-21, but the Eagles would hold off the Cardinals and advance to the Breslin Center to play in a Division 4 state semifinal matchup.

Molly Walker, who was a Kingston freshman at the time, led the way with 24 points, and the future looked bright for the Cardinals who return every player from that squad for this year’s team.

The Cardinals have lost one game so far this season which was a 10-point defeat at Division 2 state semifinalist Goodrich.

FRANKENMUTH REACHES STATE FINALS MARCH 18

EASTLANSING — The Frankenmuth girls’ basketball team had come so close to reaching the Division 2 semifinals in recent years, only to fall short.

They finally jumped over the quarterfinal hurdle in March, reaching the Division 2 semifinals where they downed Goodrich. The Eagles would fall in the state finals 43-29 to Lansing Catholic, a team they played once in the regular season in a 74-42 loss.

Despite the loss, the excitement for the Frankenmuth community was at an all-time high with area families, friends and fans cheering on the Eagles and their seniors including leading scorer Lexi Boyke.

Frankenmuth struggled shooting the ball against the Cougars, but Boyke led the Eagles with 16 points. She also added six rebounds and two blocks in the loss.

Mia McLaughlin had six points, one assist and three rebounds.

I’m a Michigan fan, but after being on the Michigan State University campus for baseball and softball finals, and finally basketball finals, I can’t say enough about MSU’s beautiful venues, and how well the university hosts the finals.

I hope to return sooner than later.

RAIN CAN’T DAMPEN KINGSTON CELEBRATION MAY 19

BROWN CITY — The Division 4 Region 38 track-and-field regional at Brown City High School was a great event for the Kingston boys’ and girls’ squads.

The day was a wet one with the rains coming and going before a torrential rain began shortly prior to the start of the 2-mile run.

The Kingston boys’ team looked poised to capture a regional title, but the girls’ squad appeared on the outside looking in until the final results were announced.

The Cardinals flew to rare heights, winning the boys’ competition with a total score of 129 to defeat second-place Unionville-Sebewaing Area (82), while the girls scored 117.5 points to down runner-up Deckerville (109.5).

Kingston track coach Jenna Teitel and Kingston athletic director Carl Nicol believe it was the first time in the program’s history that both teams won a regional title.

The anticipation prior to the announcement of the final results was high for both Kingston squads, with many believing Deckerville as going to end up with the win.

The rains continued but the celebration began for Kingston’s soaked and tired athletes, with plenty of smiles to go around.

USA WINS RECORD NINTH SOFTBALL TITLE JUNE 17

EAST LANSING — This was a special weekend for the Unionville-Sebewaing Area softball team.

The USA’s softball program’s success is no secret, with eight state titles entering the 2023 season, including three consecutive crowns.

The Patriots have done all this under four different head coaches, dating back to coach Larry Houthoofd in 2009, followed by Steve Bohn winning a pair of state crowns in the 2015 and 2016 seasons, before Isaiah Gainforth captured state titles in 2019, 2021, and 2022.

Marc Reinhardt took over the program prior to the 2023 season with multiple questions lingering over the program after graduating starting pitcher Laci Harris.

That did not matter to USA, which allowed just two runs through the district and regional tournaments before giving up four runs to Southfield Christian in the quarterfinals, and slipping by Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 2-1 in the semifinal game.

The Patriots squared off with Mendon in the Division 4 title tilt, where USA jumped on the board first when a passed ball scored Layla Bolzman.

Mendon struck back with three runs in the bottom of the third, but the Patriots answered back with four more runs in the top of the fourth inning, highlighted by a three-run home run from Jenna Gremel.

The Hornets made things interesting in the bottom of the seventh inning with a run, but a bases-loaded line-out – caught by first-year starting pitcher Rylie Betson – ended the game and gave the Patriots their MHSAA record ninth state title and fourth consecutive crown.

The unwavering support from Thumb-area communities is amazing at East

Lansing and makes softball/baseball finals weekend one of my favorites of the year.

MILLINGTON MIRACLE? CONTROVERSIAL TD POWERS CARDS NOV. 3

MILLINGTON — This night featured a battle for a district title just like Thumb-area spectators wanted.

The Cass City and Millington football teams have some of the toughest players and diehard fan bases in the area, so it was no surprise that this game was well-attended, and a fight to the final second.

A moment that will live with Red Hawks’ fans, though, will be the final two minutes and thirty seconds of the game when they held a 20-14 lead, and eyes set on a district crown.

Millington quarterback Ian Crump fought his way to the end zone before meeting Cass City’s Landyn Schott, who for a second looked as though he made the game-clinching play by jarring the ball loose from Crump.

The official called a touchdown for the Cardinals, however, and Millington would go on to take a 21-20 lead. Cass City did not sit idly by as the Red Hawks charged down the field before throwing the game-ending interception to Millington’s Owen Kreger, which sent the Cardinals to a regional title game.

The contest had yours truly feeling like my heart was going to beat out of my chest, and not wanting either team to lose.

The Cardinals went on to win a Division 7 regional title while Cass City reminded everyone to never bet against them, despite the situation.

KINGSTON FALLS TO MARTIN IN STATE SEMIS NOV. 11

KINGSTON — The last time Kingston made it to the 8-player state football semifinals, the Cardinals had to travel to Suttons Bay.

This time around they were able to enjoy home cooking and the comfy confines of Mike Rea Field.

Despite everything working in the Cardinals’ favor, it was the Clippers prevailing 42-34 and eventually winning their second consecutive state title.

Despite that, the day was perfect, the weather cooperated, the fans were there, and a fun game occurred between two of the top teams in the state.

The game was an “Anything you can do I can do better” affair, with the two teams matching each other in the scoring department.

Martin used a 14-6 differential in the second quarter to help claim the victory.

Anytime you can be at a playoff game that deep into the postseason, you are bound to thoroughly enjoy yourself, will see some of the best displays of athleticism.

Kingston had taken down Merrill and then top-seeded North Central Thumb League Stars Division foe Brown City in the second round of the playoffs, before dueling Martin.

Kingston senior Owen Corlis closed out his varsity career with 127 yards rushing on 20 carries for three scores against the Clippers. Fellow senior James Rayl rumbled for 85 yards and one score.

The future looks bright for the Cardinals after sophomore Tanner James stepped in on a trick play to throw for one pass – a 52-yard touchdown strike to Isaiah Helton. James also led the team on defense with 16 total tackles including one for a loss.

RED HAWKS RETURN TO THE ‘CREEK NOV. 14

NEW LOTHROP — The Cass City volleyball team has been one of the most improved squads in the Thumb region over the last five seasons.

The Red Hawks have taken over the Greater Thumb Conference West Division and have two appearances in Battle Creek at the Michigan High School Athletic Association state semifinals/finals to show for it.

They were almost stopped short this season on their path back to the Division 3 semis.

Cass City, an honorable mention selection in Division 3 at the time, ran into No. 8 Valley Lutheran in the Division 3 quarterfinals.

The Red Hawks downed the Chargers the previous season in the opening round of the regionals.

Cass City opened the game with a sluggish performance, allowing 12 consecutive points to fall 25-18 to the Chargers and put the Red Hawks in a situation they hadn’t been in often during the season.

They rallied in gritty fashion to finish off Valley Lutheran 26-24 in the second set, 25-21 in the third, and 25-23 in the

fourth set to punch their ticket to the state semifinals at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The Valley Lutheran match was a thrilling one and made Cass City face adversity for the first time in quite a few contests, as the Red Hawks swept their conference foes.

The fans for both squads brought electricity to the stands with both sides cheering and jeering numerous times throughout the game to make sure they were heard.

Cass City then went on to win the opening set of the Division 3 semifinal match against Traverse City St. Francis, but the Gladiators rallied to win the next three setso finish the Red Hawks’ season.

Cass City will return all but one player for next year, so something tells me the Red Hawks will be featured in the 2024 list.

NORTH BRANCH WINS SECOND STRAIGHT TITLE NOV. 18

BATTLE CREEK — It’s no surprise to anyone that North Branch volleyball is good.

They were really good, though, in 2023. That was evident by the Broncos’ final record of 56-4-1, a 19th consecutive district title, and a three-set rally against Marysville in the regional opener to keep their season alive.

The Broncos set out to win two consecutive Division 2 state titles for the first time in program history, and reached their goal with a sweep of Grand Rapids Christian in the semifinals before sweeping Grand Rapids West Catholic to capture the second consecutive title.

The team was built primarily on seniors playing in their final season, so it made the victory extra special not only for them and coach Jim Fish, but for me as a sports writer who came to know some of the girls on a personal level. They were great athletes, but even better kids.

The 2023 North Branch volleyball team will become part of Thumb-area folklore, but no story about the team will ever truly tell you how good the players were, with such a complete package at each position.

Starters and bench players alike were talented, and a lot of the players coming in off the bench could start for most teams in the state.

The postgame interview room was one of the more emotional settings I’ve ever been in with Fish along with seniors Alana Deshetsy, Clara Gyomory, Adrienne Greschaw and Hailey Green mixing laughs and smiles with tears, as they came to the realization that the state title meant the end of their run together.

Despite the bittersweet ending, it was a memorable weekend with plenty of good moments that will not be soon forgotten. I’ve said it once and I’ll say it again: That was the best volleyball team I’ve ever seen personally.

CASS CITY’S CARDIAC KIDS REAPPEAR DEC. 2

KOCHVILLE TWP. — This is the latest game on the Best of 2023 list, and for good reason.

The Cass City boys’ basketball team was arguably one of the most exciting teams during the 2022-23 season, which featured a number of buzzer-beater wins.

The Red Hawks also finished the regular season with just one loss before winning a Division 3 district championship.

Cass City eventually was bounced from the playoffs by eventual Division 3 state champion Beecher.

But last month the Red Hawks picked up where they left off at Saginaw Valley State University’s Louis O’Neal Tournament.

Cass City squared off against Nouvel Catholic Central in the final game of the tournament with both squads featuring some of the top shooters in the area with the Panthers’ Donny Yeager and M.J. Yeager, and Cass City’s Carter Patrick.

Nouvel held a 15-13 lead after the first quarter and extended it to 32-21 at halftime in the nonconference tilt.

Nouvel would eventually take a 16-point lead in the third quarter, but Cass City fought back to cut the lead to 45-35 entering the fourth quarter.

The Panthers would attempt to play keep-away against the Red Hawks and drain the clock, but the Red Hawks whittled the lead down to three points before Nouvel took a timeout with 1:20 left in regulation.

Patrick held the ball for Cass City with less than 30 seconds remaining in the game and with Nouvel clinging to a 53-52 lead.

Patrick drove along the baseline before finding a wide-open Matthew Mellendorf on the right side of the lane for the layup and the winning basket, ending the first episode of what figures to be more hard-court drama in 2024.

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Village, school reach a compromise on stadium

By MARK HANEY | Reporter
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CASS CITY — Cass City Public Schools can use the football field and track for another 25 years.

The school district and village of Cass City agreed Dec. 11 to a new lease agreement for the facilities. The school district’s board of education approved the agreement on Dec. 18.

Cass City is one of the few places where the school district doesn’t own the football stadium or the track that surrounds it. The village does. As a result, the school district pays the village \$1 a year to continue to use them. The new lease begins Jan. 1.

The new lease, however, includes a few changes. Village officials wanted to be informed about any changes being made to the facility. This came after the school district, with a list of contributions, made some major improvements to the facilities this past summer.

The village wanted to be informed of any improvements in excess of \$5,000. The school district wanted the threshold to be set at \$25,000. The lower amount, school officials argued, would require them to notify the village about even minor maintenance work.

In the end, the two compromised on a \$15,000 limit on projects before village officials are informed. The higher limit gives the school district more flexibility.

“For an annual total, \$15,000 isn’t much,” village manager Deb Powell said. “I mean

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Photo by John Cook | *The Advertiser*
The village of Cass City, which owns this football stadium and running track used by Cass City Public Schools, has signed a new 25-year lease allowing the school district to continue using the facility.

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Cass City to build school health clinic



File photo | *The Advertiser*
Cass City Public Schools leaders have hired TDM Construction of Cass City to build a 1,500-square-foot school health clinic just northwest of the day care center.

By MARK HANEY | Reporter
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CASS CITY — Building, apparently, is cheaper than buying.

That’s what the Cass City Public Schools learned when seeking bids for a school health clinic. At its Dec. 18 meeting, the board of education opened two bids for the structure.

Tracy Moore of TDM Construction of Cass City offered a bid of \$241,045.75 for

a stick-built 1,500-square-foot structure. Northwood Modular Homes of Cass City, in turn, bid for \$287,887 for a modular building.

“That was interesting,” Superintendent Allison Zimba said. “It was surprising for us.”

District officials had planned to use a modular building for the health clinic, but the bids changed their plans. The bid

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Cass City wrestler Chelsea Roach, center, stands with coaches Mike Milligan, left, and Adam Dorland following Saturday’s Lady Mat Cat Invitational in Montague. Roach finished sixth in the 135-pound weight class with a 3-2 record.

Roach finishes sixth at invitational in Montague

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was awarded to TDM Construction. The construction will take longer than the placement of a modular building, “but it still is a relatively aggressive timeline,” Zimba said.

That bid comes just under the \$250,000 construction grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for construction of the community adolescent health care clinic, which will go up just northwest of the day care center.

This is the fourth change in the health clinic since the idea surfaced earlier this year. Originally, the plan was to renovate a former home economics classroom at the high school to house the clinic. Then the focus changed to renovating a classroom at the elementary school to serve as the site of the clinic. Then the board moved to seeking a modular building to house the clinic.

The district also received \$75,000 for the planning phase and \$25,000 for construction renovations. About \$75,000 of that will be carried over to spend on the clinic.

The construction is on hold until the agreements with Hills and Dales General Hospital and Thumb Psychological Services have been signed. Then the school district will have full approval to proceed.

In the meantime, the policies and consent forms for the health clinic presented last month have been reviewed by the lawyer and have been sent to the state for its review and approval. Both are needed before the health clinic can move forward.

The district will get \$180,000 a year from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to fund the clinic. The clinic will be able to provide wellness checks and annual preventative care, and make it easier for parents to get those services for their children without removing the child from class for a whole day. And the services will be available to parents even after most physicians’ offices are closed.

The board also:

- Gave Zimba an effective rating at her evaluation. Her contract was extended for another year, remaining three years long, and she will get the same 3 percent wage increases given to the district’s other administrators back in July. Superintendents in Michigan can earn one of four evaluations – highly effective, effective, minimally effective and ineffective.
- Received a request from student representative Shelby Vowell to improve student safety when students cross Seeger Street. The school district has ordered two electric speed signs to warn drivers to slow down in that area. The village of Cass City has agreed to the signs and they are waiting to install them once they arrive. Safety funds from the state are paying for the signs.
- Received two bids for lawn mowing, from Josh Mackoviak and Big Mack’s Lawn Care of Cass City, and from All Season Sales and Rent-All of Cass City. Each bid \$30,000 to do all of the lawn and lawn maintenance for two years, except for the football stadium and softball and baseball fields. Those are done by school staff. The board approved a contract with All Season.
- Recognized Tom Montgomery of the Cass City Chronicle for his years of service covering school news and events. Approved donations of \$10,810 from the Pinney Foundation of Cass City for the football stadium, \$6,750 from the Pinney Foundation for new pitching machines and \$10,000 from the Rawson Foundation of Cass City for the football stadium. “We have a very generous community and they are beyond appreciated,” Zimba said.
- Hired Sheila Robinson, a retired teacher, to help organize the after-school tutoring program.
- Accepted the resignation of teacher Andrea Roth, who has been on long-term disability leave but has decided to retire. Zimba said she hopes Roth, who started with the district in 2010, will be able to return to a part-time position in the future, if her health permits.

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Welcome to The Advertiser

Several hundred new subscribers joined The Advertiser family today. The Cass City Chronicle’s last issue was Wednesday, Dec. 27.

After 72 years in the Haire family, Owner/publisher Clarke Haire stepped away Dec. 31.

“It was a difficult decision, but it was time. And I have found the best solution for quality local news coverage to continue, having sold the publication to The Advertiser,” said Haire. “For Chronicle subscribers, as of Jan. 1, 2024, your subscription was transferred to The Advertiser. Not only will you still receive Cass City news, you will also receive much more delivered to your home each week, plus an online Saturday edition.”

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Longtime Cass City Chronicle employee Krysta Boyce joined The Advertiser’s staff Jan. 2.

“Krysta Boyce, who has been my employee for 12 years, will remain a vital

part of Cass City while working as an employee of The Advertiser,” said Haire. “She’ll help to ensure a smooth transition.”

The sale happened quickly, with it becoming final the week before Christmas. The final stages of what is next in the transition is still a work in progress. The first goal was to make sure subscribers received a paper in today’s mail. The Advertiser’s circulation department worked throughout the weekend to ensure that would happen.

“When Clarke and I started talking months ago, his specifics were clear – taking care of his subscribers and taking care of Krysta,” said Tim Murphy, publisher of The Advertiser. “The Haire family has been a part of Cass City for over seven decades. Clarke will still be a part of Cass City. And he has promised he will assist me through this transition. I plan on taking full advantage of that.

“Will there be some bumps – yes. That is why Krysta joining The Advertiser was vital. She plays a huge role in the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, knows the community, and loves the community. That won’t change.”

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Village, school reach a deal

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that’s just in repairs and maintenance. Everything costs so much.”

“I think that was a positive compromise,” Cass City Schools Superintendent Allison Zimba said. The number means major changes, like a new building, would require notifying the village but doing something like adding a little fencing would not.

“It just means more communication,” Zimba said. “The biggest piece that was stressed as we collaboratively worked through this was that we want to have very positive, open communication between the village and the school.”

That limit applies to each improvement project. If the district were to plan two \$10,000 capital improvement changes to the facility in one year, village officials would not have to be notified.

The school district also asked for a two-year exit clause. It requires written notice.

“If we ever wanted to go in a different direction or the village wanted to go in a different direction, we’d have that option,”

Zimba said. “That is not our intention by any means. If nothing else we’re investing in that football stadium. But I just feel that is language that should be in there, going forward.”

The village council also:

- Approved the Michigan Department of Transportation resolution to allow for closures of M-81 for repairs, parades, etc.
- Approved paying Michigan AgriBusiness Solutions of Saginaw \$10,341.76 to apply biosolids from the sewer plant on local farm fields. Powell said the biosolids cost was within what was budgeted for the year.
- Appointed Dallas Rabideau to a three-year term on the planning commission. The appointment fills the planning commission.
- Made final amendments to the 2023 budget and approved the 2024 budget. The proposed budget, which calls for revenues of \$5,764,477 and expenses of \$5,606,378, was amended to account for the premiums for 2024 general liability and property insurance from the Decker Agency. The coverage starts Jan. 1.

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Are Cass City coyotes at an all-time high?



Michigan Outdoors with Tom Lounsbury



Predator hunting has become quite popular, with the coyote as the main star of the event these days. The coyote is an amazingly adaptable, and very prolific, critter that has expanded its range across North America – beginning in the 20th century – and has recently ventured beyond the Panama Canal into South America.

The coyote is now found in states where coyotes have never been documented before, and can be found in every county of Michigan, even in suburban and urban areas.

I first began seeing coyotes in the Thumb area during the 1980s, and their population has steadily increased. From what I’ve observed in the field and heard from others, as well as what has been regularly seen on trail cameras, is that coyote numbers are now at an all-time high in my neck of the woods. One thing assisting the coyote in the Lower Peninsula is an overabundance of deer and a steady supply of the resulting roadkill. Besides being superb hunters, coyotes are very adept scavengers and foragers.

Now that the New Year has begun, I place a special focus on coyote hunting, with January and February being my favorite months to do so. This time frame features some very active coyotes, especially at night. Coyotes are generally very nocturnal, which is why they can thrive close to human habitation and remain pretty much unnoticed. This nocturnal activity has led to the fast-growing outdoor pastime of nighttime predator hunting, which entails calling while using spotlights, lasers, and thermal or night-vision optics – of which are legal to use in Michigan for predator hunting.

Some nighttime predator hunters are quite serious about this pastime and have invested in costly accoutrements such as a thermal scope and a suppressor (aka silencer) on a finely-tuned rifle, not to mention a deluxe electronic caller (aka e-caller). I have a friend, a passionate nighttime predator hunter, who says it is well worth it, and when he told me how much his thermal scope and the suppressor cost, well, folks, it sort of took my breath away. But he sure has a great time and more power to him!

My nighttime technique is a bit more economical, and I have a soft spot for cloudless, full moon nights, especially with snow on the ground, and lights and high-tech optics aren’t required. Otherwise, I use a powerful LED flashlight with a red lens – experts say coyotes can’t see red – which attaches to my gun. As much as I enjoy using mouth calls, and still do, I’ve grown to appreciate the advantages of an e-caller, which uses recordings of actual animals, and can be placed away from the hunter and operated by remote. My e-caller is about the size of a small lunchbox and very easy to transport. A decoy of some sort placed near the e-caller and offering an animated focal point doesn’t hurt, and I have a fuzzy battery-operated affair which looks like it’s half-squirrel and half-rabbit that wobbles around on a stake.



Photo courtesy of Don Burnette | *The Advertiser*
Zack Burnette of Cass City used an electronic caller and a winter full moon to lure a Thumb-area coyote into range and shoot it with his scoped AR-15 rifle in .223.

An advantage to placing the e-caller a bit away is that coyotes are very alert and cunning, and often do their final approach from downwind of the calling. I prefer placing my e-caller about 50 yards upwind of my position to fool a circling-in coyote, and sometimes there is more than just one! It can get interesting, not to mention thrilling, when the pieces come together and, yep, folks, it is a unique atmosphere which can become addictive. Last winter, a friend of mine was in his deer blind when he turned on his e-caller and four coyotes suddenly appeared. He shot three of them using an AR-15 in .223 which was equipped with a light. He knew the coyotes were around because he had shot a buck during the deer season just before dark, and when he went in to recover it the following morning, it had been completely devoured.

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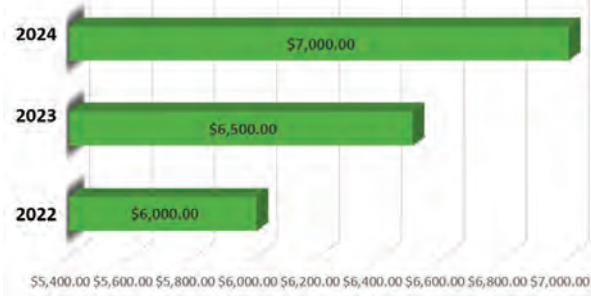
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Bob Walker of Kingston shows a large male Thumb-area coyote. Michigan coyotes can sometimes run on the hefty size.

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Cass City-area couple being evaluated

By TOM GILCHRIST | News Editor
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CASS CITY — A judge is set to hear an update this week on the mental competency of a Cass City-area couple accused of running a “puppy mill.”

Sanilac County District Judge Gregory S. Ross is scheduled to hear an update on Friday morning in the case against Linda G. Holzhausen, 76, and her husband Daryl R. Holzhausen, 73.

Ross ordered the couple to be evaluated for their mental competency after authorities, in April, said they removed 46 dogs, four cats and one bird from a home along Huron Line Road east of Hoadley Road in northwest Sanilac County’s Greenleaf Township.

Daryl Holzhausen owns the home, according to the Sanilac County Treasurer’s Office. Police and Sanilac County Animal Control officers reported an “overwhelming” smell of ammonia inside the dwelling.

“Dogs were located throughout the home and in cages, living in fecal matter and on urine-soaked flooring,” Sgt. Shelly Park stated in a press release.

“Many of the dogs were covered in feces and were urine-soaked.”

Police said they searched the home after receiving complaints about a person breeding and selling animals there, with the animals living in “deplorable” conditions.

Linda Holzhausen and Daryl Holzhausen each are charged with abandoning/cruelty to 25 or more animals, abandoning/cruelty to four to 10 animals, and abandoning/cruelty to one animal. Linda Holzhausen also is charged with having an unlicensed dog.

The Advertiser couldn’t reach Daryl Holzhausen’s lawyer, Marlette attorney Eric G. Scott, for comment.

Last week, Sanilac County Animal Control employees declined comment when asked what happened to the animals removed from the home. They referred questions to Sanilac County Prosecutor Brenda S. Sanford, but The Advertiser couldn’t reach Sanford for comment.

In 2015, officers removed about 20 dogs — puppies and adult canines — from the home, but returned the animals within several weeks, Linda Holzhausen said at the time. No criminal charges resulted from that raid.

As far back as 2015, some Greenleaf Township residents have accused the Holzhausens of running a “puppy mill,” violating a zoning ordinance to sell dogs for commercial gain.



File photo | *The Advertiser*
A gate limited access in April to this home along Huron Line Road east of Hoadley Road, where police say they seized 46 dogs, four cats and one bird living in deplorable conditions inside a home at this address.

Cass City Red Hawk ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Chelsea Roach improved on her season record with a 3-2 record at the Lady Mat Cat Invitational in Montague over the weekend to finish sixth in the 135-pound bracket. She is Knights Insurance Agency’s choice for Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week honors.

Roach competed in the invitational which featured a total of 54 schools and 230 total female wrestlers.

Roach won her first match via pin 30 seconds in the first round against Columbia Central’s AnnaBelle Sturdevant, before falling in the second (18-4) against Bronson’s Mackenna Webster. She bounced back with a third-round pin (3:18) before earning a 14-7 win in the fourth match against Allen Park’s Brynna Alwell.

Roach then battled Alledale’s Terra Booe in the fifth-place match losing via pin (3:52).

She now owns a 4-2 season record.

Roach is the daughter of Jennifer and Glenn Guilds.



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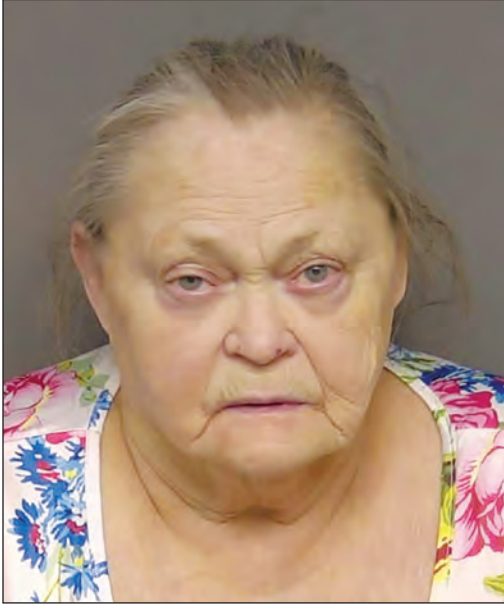
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nighttime predator hunting and centerfire rifles or pistols .269 caliber and smaller are also allowed, but only on private land in the Limited Firearms Zone. Buckshot no larger than No. 3 can be used, and the hunter orange law applies only to daylight hunting hours. A base license is required only for Michigan residents to hunt coyotes, but a fur takers’ license is required for foxes (both red and gray), which are just as apt to respond to calling, and I enjoy hunting them, too. Purchasing a fur takers’ license is something I always do.

I know of a nighttime predator hunter using a mouth call, and clad in snow camo except for his

rabbit-fur hat, when he got a real surprise. A great-horned owl was convinced the rabbit-fur hat was the genuine article and swooped down to grab the goods. Fortunately, the talons grabbed fur hat only, which was tied on and stayed in place, and the owl quickly realized it had more “rabbit” than it wanted to handle! For a fact, birds of prey are drawn in by a calling sequence as readily as four-legged predators. Needless to say, folks, I tend to avoid wearing my warm beaver fur hat when predator calling, night or day.

More times than not, I prefer a shotgun for nighttime predator hunting, using No. 4 buckshot in a 12-gauge, and No. 3 buckshot turns a 20-gauge into a handy “varmint gun.” There is now specialized shotgun ammo available with predator hunting in mind, and nighttime coyote encounters in “woody” Michigan can often be relatively close in heavy, brushy cover. I frequently hunt predators near tall prairie grass (CRP) fields and I can attest that grass of this nature can cause a rifle’s bullet to go awry — at least that is my excuse.

When it comes to rifles for nighttime applications, I have a couple favorites: a vintage Ithaca lever-action in .22 magnum rimfire topped with a 1.5 x 5X scope, and a Bushmaster AR-15 in .223 topped with an electric red/ green dot sight (I prefer the green option for night work when using a “red” flashlight). The .22 magnum rimfire round is what I consider as the minimum for coyotes, which in Michigan can weigh up to 40 pounds or more. I know of one killed at night in the Thumb area which tipped the scales at over 60 pounds. The average weight is usually in the 30-pound range, but this is a lean and sinewy critter covered with thick, winter fur and can prove to be tough and tenacious.

Today, there are all sorts of “necessaries” available for the nighttime predator hunter, including how-to videos, books and even magazines. This outdoor pastime has really grown in popularity and is a great and challenging way to enjoy Michigan winters.

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A ladder toss game, like the one seen here, will be installed in the spring at the Cass City Recreational Park. During the fall, the village received a grant for \$4,813 to buy concrete gaming systems for the park. The grant was from the Claude D. and Etta H. Andrews Fund.

Cass City park to get concrete yard games

By ALEX SZWARC | For The Advertiser
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CASS CITY — Some new amenities are planned to be in place by the spring in Cass City Recreational Park.

Tuscola County Community Foundation officials announced in December that the village of Cass City received a grant for \$4,813 to buy concrete gaming systems for the park, located near Church Street and Scott McCullough Drive. The grant was from the Claude D. and Etta H. Andrews Fund, one of the funds administered by the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

“We wanted to expand on the recreational park amenities,” said Melanie Radabaugh, community development and parks and recreation director with the village of Cass City. “Concrete gaming equipment is relatively new.”

Outdoor concrete gaming systems are installed in the ground and allow folks to enjoy the weather while playing some favorite games. The games Cass City will use are manufactured by Doty & Sons Concrete Products Inc.

Concrete games the village plans to have are cornhole, ladder toss, and a checkers table with pedestal chairs surrounding it. The games will be strategically placed around the park’s day camp center and the back side of the baseball fields.

“That will give another area of the park something other than traditional playground equipment which is on the other side of the (community) pool,” Radabaugh said. “These will be on the north side of the Helen Stevens

Pool. It expands the games and activities at the park.”

The plan is for the games to be installed and ready for use by April. Radabaugh said the grant covers all costs associated with the project.

“I think the games are multi-generational,” Radabaugh said. “When you look at some of the old-fashioned games like checkers, we wanted to include new amenities that might attract various age groups.”

Radabaugh said the village applied for the grant on behalf of the parks and recreation department.

“The Cass City Recreational Park is a great place to offer these additional gaming amenities to residents and visitors of all ages,” Radabaugh said. “We are very grateful to the Tuscola County Community Foundation and the Claude D. and Etta H. Andrews Fund for providing the grant for these new park features.”

In the past, the Community Foundation has assisted in other improvements at the park improvements, such as the covering of softball dugouts.



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Melanie Radabaugh, right, Cass City’s director of community development, parks and recreation, receives a grant check from Kate Van Auken, who represents the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

SANILAC COUNTY

Dairy Banquet to host comedian Andy Beningo



DECKERVILLE — The 87th annual Thumb Dairy Banquet is set for Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Mi-Dahs Well Banquet Hall in Deckerville.

Andy Beningo, described as one of the 40 “up-and-coming comedians” in the country, is set to perform his stand-up act.

Banquet organizers will present awards to dairy producers in Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, Lapeer and St. Clair counties for superior milk quality, overall herd

production, individual cow production, lifetime production and largest improvements in production during the past five years.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Michigan State University Extension Office in Sanilac County at 810-648-2515. Attendees also can contact thumbdairybanquet@gmail.com with any questions.

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A message from.

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems



1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness

17% of youth (6-17 years of age) experience a mental health disorder

Source: NAMI

It is essential to prioritize ones mental health and stay connected with friends, family and peers. No one should feel alone in their mental health journey or without the resources and support they need.



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WINTER 2023

Cass City Jr. / Sr. High School Sports Schedule

Boys JV & Varsity Basketball

Date	Opponent
11/29	Sandusky
12/2	S. Nouvel - Varsity
12/5	Deckerville
12/8	Marlette
12/13	Capac
12/15	Bad Axe
12/21	Kingston
1/3	USA
1/5	Vassar
1/10	Caro
1/17	Reese
1/19	EPBP
1/24	Bad Axe
1/26	USA
1/31	Vassar
2/2	Caro
2/7	Millington
2/9	Harbor Beach
2/14	Reese
2/16	EPBP
2/20	MLS
2/23	Memphis

All games begin at 6 p.m.

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball

Date	Opponent
12/5	North Branch
12/7	Marlette
12/12	Richmond
12/14	Bad Axe
12/20	Kingston
1/2	USA
1/4	Vassar
1/9	Caro
1/11	Harbor Beach
1/16	Reese
1/18	EPBP
1/23	Bad Axe
1/25	USA
1/30	Vassar
2/1	Caro
2/5	Millington
2/8	Hemlock
2/13	Reese
2/15	EPBP
2/19	Imlay City
2/27	Sandusky
2/29	Memphis

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR HAWKS!

Varsity Wrestling

Date	Opponent	Time
12/6	Memphis GTC Quad	6:00 p.m.
12/9	Birch Run - Team	9:00 a.m.
12/13	Marlette - GTC Quad	6:00 p.m.
12/16	Ryan Mercer - Indiv.	9:00 a.m.
12/21	Freeland - Team	6:00 p.m.
12/28	Montague - Female	6:00 p.m.
1/3	Caro - GTC Quad	6:00 p.m.
1/6	Imlay City - Indiv.	9:00 a.m.
1/10	Cass City (Parent Night)	6:00 p.m.
1/13	Vassar - Team	9:00 a.m.
1/14	Standish - Female	TBD
1/17	Caro - GTC Quad	6:00 p.m.
1/19	Mio - Female	6:00 p.m.
1/20	Mio - Individual	9:00 a.m.
1/26	Caro (School Assembly)	1:00 p.m.
1/27	Carrollton - Team	9:00 a.m.
2/3	Bad Axe - GTC Conf.	9:00 a.m.
2/8	Districts Team @ Bad Axe	TBD
2/10	Districts Individual	TBD
2/14-17	Regionals Team	TBD
2/18	Regionals Individual	TBD
2/23-24	Finals Team @ Kalamazoo	TBD
3/1-2	Finals Individuals @ Ford Field	TBD

Bowling

Date	Location	Time
1/9	Harbor Beach	4:00 p.m.
1/11	Caro	4:00 p.m.
1/16	USA	4:00 p.m.
1/18	EPBP	4:00 p.m.
1/23	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
1/25	CPS/N Huron	4:00 p.m.
1/30	Reese	4:00 p.m.
2/1	Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
2/6	Boys Position Round	4:00 p.m.
2/8	Girls Position Round	4:00 p.m.
2/10	GTC Single/Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
2/17	GTC Team/Caro	4:00 p.m.

Gymnastics

Date	Opponent	Time
11/18	HV Invite	9:00 a.m.
12/2	Holt Invite	9:00 a.m.
12/8	EPBP Invite	6:00 p.m.
12/13	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
1/6	Fraser Invite	9:00 a.m.
1/15	Huron Valley Tri Meet	11:00 a.m.
1/19	Escanaba	6:00 p.m.
1/20	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
1/27	JC Invite/Huron Valley	9:00 a.m.
2/3	Haslett Invite	8:00 a.m.
2/12	Vassar - Conf Meet	6:00 p.m.
2/21	LFLF	6:30 p.m.
3/2	Regionals @ Grand Ledge	TBA
3/9	State Meet	TBA

Hockey - Boys (Co-op @ Bad Axe)

Date	Location	Time
11/17	Troy United	6:30 p.m.
11/18	Bay Area Thunder	3:30 p.m.
11/24	L.M. Tourn v. Marysville	1:00 p.m.
11/25	L.M. Tourn v. PH/PHN	1:00 p.m.
11/29	FNV Griffins	6:30 p.m.
12/1	Tawas	5:00 p.m.
12/7	Tri-Valley	7:15 p.m.
12/9	Downriver Unified	5:00 p.m.
12/13	Tri Valley Titans	7:15 p.m.
12/14	L.M. Tourn v. TBD	TBD
12/15	Gladwin	6:00 p.m.
12/18	Grand Blanc	6:30 p.m.
1/4	North Oakland	6:00 p.m.
1/6	Downriver Unified	3:30 p.m.
1/12	Mid-Michigan Raptors	6:30 p.m.
1/19	Thunder Showcase V. D.U.	8:00 p.m.
1/20	Thunder Showcase V. K.U.	12:00 p.m.
1/27	New Boston United	4:30 p.m.
2/1	Port Huron	7:15 p.m.
2/2	Bay Area Thunder	7:00 p.m.
2/3	Lenawee United	7:30 p.m.
2/10	Bishop Foley	3:30 p.m.
2/14	FNV Griffins	7:00 p.m.
2/16	Mid-Michigan Raptors	7:20 p.m.
2/17	Tawas	3:30 p.m.
2/19-28	Regional	TBD

Home meets in Bad Axe.

Home games in bold.

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