White Fright: Thumb’s nemesis, blowing snow, plays part in wrecks

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Dozens of vehicle crashes occurred Wednesday and Thursday in the Thumb area – plagued by icy roads and the old foe of snow blowing across flat, treeless land.

Five people were injured – including a 20-year-old pregnant Akron woman who lost her unborn child – in a two-vehicle crash at M-24 at Graf Road on Wednesday afternoon.

Michigan State Police said an 85-year-old Caro man drove a 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee south on Graf Road when he was unable to stop at the stop sign at M-24, sliding into the path of a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox traveling east on M-24.

A 20-year-old Akron man was driving the Equinox, and the pregnant woman was in the front passenger seat, while a 3-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl were in child-restraint seats in the back seat.

Following the 1:30 p.m. crash in Tuscola County’s Almer Township, the pregnant woman was transported by Mobile Medical Response personnel.

ACROSS THE THUMB

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Lotto tickets produce winners at Watrousville and Wild John’s

GREENLEAF TWP. — Someone, or some people, won a total of $17,604 on four Daily 4 lottery tickets – all purchased Dec. 9 at Wild John’s party store.

The lucky individual – or group – remained unknown as of Thursday, at least among employees at Wild John’s, 6348 VanDyke Road (M-53) in Sanilac County’s Greenleaf Township.

“I didn’t have a clue – if I knew, I could tell you about it, but I didn’t know,” said Olivia Vanderpool, employee at the party store who spoke to The Advertiser.

“Yes, there’s been nobody here that we’ve come across. They have not claimed it yet. Most people would come in and tell us they won – and nobody’s told us yet.”

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Heavy winds blew falling snow across the country roads of Michigan’s Thumb, where dozens of vehicle crashes were reported Wednesday and Thursday. This is a view on M-24, south of Dickerson Road, on Wednesday afternoon.

Dakotah Sherman sold a Vassar man a winning $5,000 Club Keno ticket on Jan. 1 at Watrousville Market.

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Two snow plows and a truck with a plow attached were used by a gang of men working for the road commission Friday to clear the main traveled roads of the county of snow. Twelve inches of snow fell the day before and the men worked all night Friday, finishing the big task at 9 o’clock Saturday morning. One of the best years in history of the organization has just been finished by the Colling Cooperative Shipping Association. Manager Ewell reports that there were 329 cattle, 2,367 hogs, 1,022 calves and 172 sheep shipped during the year. Farmers of the vicinity of Colling were paid $106,391.31 after deducting shipping expenses.

Theresa Corian Parrent, wife of Oliver Parrent, died Wednesday, January 12, at the Schulte home from burns suffered when she pared kesseneen from a two-gallon can into the kitchen range.

110 YEARS AGO

About 200 members of the Caro Fair association attended the usual meeting at the courthouse Saturday afternoon. The officers were re-elected as follows: Pres. R. M. Olin, sec. F. B. Ramsford, treas., Wm. Eldridge. It was voted to double, practically, the size of the grandstand before the next fair, at a cost of about $5,600.

Mr. William, an inmate of the county farm, was found dead beside the Michigan Central tracks at Armywood Sunday morning. It is supposed that he was struck by a freight train which closely followed the passenger train. J. F. Butcher of Vassar, while coasting with his 12-year-old daughter, was struck by a passing wagon as he shot across a street in the village on a handled day, and was painfully injured. His daughter was not hurt.

Gordon Knowles is remodeling the interior of his home on E. Frank St.

Mrs. Mathew Bruden, while carrying a pail of water Wednesday morning, slipped on the ice and fell, breaking her ankle.

Dr. F. P. Bender returned from Oregon, Mo., where he was called by the illness and death of his mother.

125 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 21, 1897

F. Craig has secured a widow’s pension of $8 a month for Mrs. Madeline Palamount, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomas spent last Sunday in Cass City with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Austin.

Mrs. Ruth Gamble who has been visiting her son here left last week for Washington, D.C.

Frank Dyer has been confined to his home by illness this week, but is now able to be at the store again.

The Boston Clothing store and Mrs. R. Hinehod’s Millinery store will close at eight o’clock each evening from now until March 1.

Former County Clerk Peter P. Dawson has been appointed supervisor of Waterston, to fill out the unexpired term caused by the removal of County Treasurer George Kinyer.

The Republican state convention will be held at Detroit Feb. 22. The county convention will be held at Vassar at the time of the Lincoln club anniversary.

A. L. Kieff, the tailor, left this week with his stock of clothes for Owosso where he will establish himself in business. His family will remain here until spring.

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Vassar to send officer back into school

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Charter service
Vassar looks to update its foundational documents

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VASSAR — The city of Vassar is approaching its 77th birthday. On Feb. 19, 1945, with the adoption of the city charter, Vassar went from being a village to being Tuscola County’s first city.

Since that Monday, however, the city’s charter has remained untouched and unchanged. The current city council wants to change that. On Monday, the council began the process of revising and updating the charter by approving a resolution calling for the question of a charter update to be placed on the Nov. 8 ballot.

City voters then will get to decide if the charter revision effort moves forward.

City manager Andrew Niedzinski said revising the charter has been one of the goals of the current city council.

“We still are operating under our original charter,” Niedzinski said, “and it is extremely antiquated.”

For example, the current charter bans anyone who is in default to the city from running for elected or appointed office in the city.

“I am actually seeking clarification from our attorney because I don’t think that is legal,” Niedzinski said. “Your ability to run for office is your right to speech, and I think that limits your right to speech.”

That Nov. 8 ballot also has to include a resolution allowing city residents to serve on a charter commission.

“We are going to have some amazing stuff,” Niedzinski said.

Niedzinski is well aware of the process.

“With my goal is to make it as easy as possible for the charter commissioners,” Niedzinski said. “I want to have a few examples ready to go for them.

At the same time, Niedzinski said he also said he wonders what local leaders were thinking when they decided to take Vassar from a village to a city. The nation was thinking when they decided to take Vassar from a village to a city. The nation was thinking when they decided to take Vassar from a village to a city.

“People are happy to bring the program back,” Niedzinski said.

The city will cover 80 percent of the expense for three years, with the city covering the remaining 20 percent, about $18,400 a year. “Which I think is a great deal for the city, and the schools,” Niedzinski said.

The officer will work full-time at the school during the school year but will be working full-time in the city during the summers. The officer also will be available to help with emergencies in the city, even during the school day.

The position has the potential to night work to cover sporting events at the school.

“We like to have that presence at those events,” Niedzinski said.

Feamster spent 19 years at Fenton Public Schools, serving on the school resource officer there. She’s already been trained by the state and has the background and the curriculum she’ll need to teach some things to students at the school.

“We are very excited to have her fulfilling that role,” Niedzinski said. “And I think it will reverberate through the community. We have a lot of issues that came up last summer with kids and vandalism and we think this officer will be really impactful to counter that.”

The change, however, won’t happen right away. First the city has to find another officer to fill Feamster’s open slot.

“We told the school we aren’t any indications over until we find her replacement,” Niedzinski said, “because we are not going to add any more overtime to the budget.”

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“Since there is an accident due to the road conditions, at M-25 and Zimmerman Road – in that area,” said Sgt. Michael P. Roth of the Caro post.

“Once I lost control on M-25 and crossed the centerline and hit another vehicle, basically head-on. Within 35 minutes or so after that, there was still backup due to that accident, and another accident occurred there, because traffic was slowing down for that first accident, and due to the road conditions.

“When in that second accident, a vehicle got rear-ended, and the vehicle that got rear-ended off the road way, and then hit that vehicle that hit him, crossed the centerline and hit another coming car.”

A total of three people were injured in the two incidents north of Unionville, which saw firefighters block M-25 at Loomis Road on the south, and at Gotham Road on the north.

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“There were a couple of younger people involved, but which cars they were in, I don’t know,” Roth said. “And there were a couple older people involved.”

Blowing snow limited visibility on Wednesday in areas along M-25, and M-24, between Sebewaing and Caro.

“The cold air was rushing in, and Sebewaing’s right there along the shoreline, and that stretch of road is kind of vulnerable to the wind off the water,” said meteorologist Bryan Tilley of the National Weather Service office at Oakland County’s White Lake Township.

Winds peaked to a peak of 36 mph at Caro and 32 mph at Bad Axe on Wednesday afternoon, according to Tilley.

Wind gusts peaked at 44 mph at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Port Hope in Huron County.

Tilley calls for high temperatures in the low-30s around Tuscola County today, and in the mid-30s on Sunday.

“We get another front coming through Sunday night, which takes us down into cold temperatures next week,” Tilley said.

Monday night’s low temperatures around Tuscola County will drop below zero, with Tuesday night lows ranging from 5 to 10 degrees, according to forecasters. The temperatures figure to warm a bit mid-week, with high temperatures reaching the low-30s on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Blowing snow, plans part in Thumb wrecks

Tickets produce winners at Watroutsville, Wild John’s

A customer at Vassar’s Forward Corp. Shell station won $2,000 on Dec. 21 buying a Lucky$100 instant ticket there, and someone won $1,000 on a Club Keno ticket purchased there Dec. 18.

A customer was won $2,000 on Dec. 15 when he bought a $150 Ca$h Explosion instant ticket at Bronco & Bridge Market in Vassar. Someone won $1,000 on Dec. 16 buying a Wild Time Millions instant ticket at the same location.

Five winning Daily 4 tickets – totaling $2,000 in winnings – were sold Dec. 27 at Mapko’s East Side Party Store, 786 E. Huron Ave., in Bad Axe.

Someone in Kingston won $5,000 playing the online Treasure Combs game on Tuesday. Another online player, based in Huron County, won $5,000 playing Robos Cash on Sunday.

A buyer won $1,000 after purchasing a Wild Time Supreme instant-lottery ticket at Deford County Grocery on Dec. 16.

In Saginaw County, a buyer won $5,000 after buying a Daily 4 ticket on Dec. 21 at Sandusky Party Store, 73 Sandusky Road (M-46).

In Lapeer County, two winning Daily 4 tickets – each worth $2,916 – were sold Dec. 15 at Bryan’s Supermarket, 8002 N. Lapeer Road (M-24). A visitor to North Branch Bar & Grill won $3,000 on a Club Keno ticket purchased there Dec. 10.

In Saginaw County, the buyer of a Daily 4 ticket at the Jan. 1 Franklinhurst Kroger store won $5,000.

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Kingston schools to add security cameras

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■ Spent $1,300 to install cameras.
■ Learned elementary principal Justin Haney had some issues with coverage,” Superintendent Matt Drake said. “We had holes in the system and we decided now would be a good time to do this.”

■ Approved the modernization of the cafeteria with light-emitting diodes (LED). The added security, in part, was a response to the Nov. 30 shooting at Oxford High School in Oakland County, where four students were killed and seven other people were injured. But it also was a response to a apparent need.

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Stuck in neutral? Gas prices stagnant to start the New Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Gasoline prices barely budged over the past week, as fears of an omicron-driven economic “soft shutdown” dominate the news. Meanwhile, the pre-Christmas fire at the Exxon Mobil Corp plant in Baytown, Texas, is causing reduced output. Recent reporting, however, indicates the damage was to a non-refining section of the complex. The plant is the nation’s fourth-biggest oil refinery, with the capacity to process 600,000 barrels per day of crude. The national average for a gallon of gas remained at $3.28 on the week.

“There is a lot of uncertainty about the potential economic impact of the COVID-19 omicron variant. Will it peak sooner than others fear?” said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. “And we are seeing this reflected at the pump in the form of uneasy price stability.”

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks decreased slightly by 3.5 million bbl to 222.7 million bbl last week. Gasoline demand increased slightly by 1.5 million bbl to 93.7 million bbl.

Oil Market Dynamics

At the close of yesterday’s formal trading session, WTI increased by 87 cents to settle at $76.08. Despite demand concerns over the omicron variant of COVID-19, crude prices have increased since the EIA reported that total domestic oil stocks decreased by 3.6 million bbl last week to 420 million bbl. The current stock level is 14.9 percent lower than at the end of December 2020, contributing to domestic crude prices. This week, prices could continue to climb if EIA’s next weekly report shows another decrease in total stocks.

Quick Stats

The nation’s top 10 largest weekly changes: Oregon (+6 cents), Texas (+5 cents), New Mexico (+4 cents), Arizona (+4 cents), South Carolina (+3 cents), Washington (−3 cents), Alabama (−3 cents), Utah (−3 cents) and Delaware (−3 cents).

The nation’s top 10 most expensive markets: California ($4.65), Hawaii ($4.33), Washington ($3.88), Nevada ($3.83), Oregon ($3.82), Texas ($3.76), Alaska ($3.70), Arizona ($3.64), Idaho ($3.56), Pennsylvania ($3.52) and Connecticut ($3.49).
Local SVSU students receive clinical placements

UNIVERSITY CENTER — In a state hard-hit by a nursing shortage, 77 Saginaw Valley State University students are stepping toward nursing careers with clinical placements. The students are enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing Science degree program at Saginaw Valley State University and began nursing clinicals in the fall semester.

Students engaged in clinical experiences include:
- Lilly Piorkowski of Vassar
- Paige Prime of Caro

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In 2015, SVSU received the Community Engagement classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a distinction achieved by only 7 percent of U.S. colleges and universities. By their senior year, 84 percent of students have engaged with community employers and agencies in internships, field placements or some other component of their academic preparation.

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A REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

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TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION - 1733 S. MERTZ ROAD, CARO, MI 48723

Sealed bids will be received Thursday, January 20, 2022, by 8:45 AM at the office of the Board of Tuscola County Road Commissioners at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan for the following item(s) at the time(s) specified:

Bray Road Non-Motorized Pathway from Ormes Road to Van Cleve Road - Project includes construction of 0.31 miles of 6’ widened shoulder along the east side of Bray Road along with approximately 600’ of 36” storm sewer installation and all associated structures; the shoulder widening includes earth excavation, sand subbase, aggregate base, concrete curb and gutter and HMA paving, guardrail improvements, signing upgrades, permanent pavement markings, and installation of erosion control measures.

Bids are to be submitted on the Road Commission forms in a plainly marked and sealed envelope. No electronic bids will be accepted. Specifications are available on line at www.tuscolaroad.org. Please contact Brent Dankert, P.E., Tuscola County Highway Engineer at 989-550-2983 or highwayengineer@tuscolaroad.org with any questions.

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Cardinals take care of business - and the ball

Logan Curtis, left, scored eight points, and Nic Yorke added 10 on Wednesday night as the Millington Cardinals defeated the North Branch Broncos, 42-48.

By Brandon Coleman's Cardinals scored when its ball handlers slowed the tempo.

Coach Brandon Coleman's Cardinals scored when its ball handlers slowed the tempo.

"We have at least three very good ball handlers, and we have other guys that can handle the ball too," said Yorke, a senior guard who tallied 10 points – and made six consecutive free throws in the fourth quarter.

"It's going to be easier to win games if you don't turn the ball over. That's been a goal for all four quarters and tonight, he averaged about 28 a game, but tonight our goal was to get up and down the floor as fast as we can, and use nine athletes," said Coach Coleman.

"Normally Wisenbach is our go-to guy, he's a man-to-man format. Wisenbach's Broncs lost 20-17 after the first quarter, powered by five points in the first quarter from junior Griffin Mabery.

Junior William Damaska scored 11 of his team-high 15 points in the second half for the Cardinals. Wisenbach, a junior, collected 20 points.

 Coach Brandon Coleman's Cardinals scored for game's final nine points, including a free-point play by Wisenbach, who scored on a drive with 1:32 remaining, and drained the free throw.

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Yorke and freshmen Brad Coleman added 10 points apiece, and Logan Curtis and Calvin Dipolipinski registered eight points each.

"Normally Wisenbach is our go-to guy, he averaged about 28 a game, but tonight our goal was to get up and down the floor as fast as we can, and use nine athletes," said Coach Coleman.

"We have nine or 10 really good athletes, we can do. She is a special player, she stepped up and made some big shots and I was really proud of her." Ketterer said. "She knows what she can do. She is a special player, she stepped up and made some big shots and I was really proud of her.

Katherine Himmel was fouled on a shot at the buzzer. She stepped to the line for two free-throws and hit one to force the extra stanza.

Cass City opens GTW play with double-overtime loss

Halabis opened the second overtime with a bucket, drawing the foul in the process, sending her to the free-throw line where she hit the bucket to give the Red Hawks a 43-40 lead.

Then, Clancy took over for the Hatchets scoring the next five points.

The Hatchets regained the lead, 45-43, but Krueger once again came up clutch with another three-pointer to give the Red Hawks a 46-45 lead.

Engler hit a bucket with 50 seconds left to give the Hatchets a 47-46 lead and forcing a Cass City timeout. Ignash missed a last second opportunity and Bad Axe held on for the win.

Kettner credited Bad Axe’s strong defensive play.

"They ran some box-and-one and triangle-and-two defenses," he said. "It’s something we haven’t seen yet but will probably see more of it now in league play."
North Branch, which led 45-43 after three quarters.

“We just have to get into a flow,” Damaska said. “Once we get out of a flow, we have to work on getting back into it. It’s just working together. That’s what it always comes down to, no matter what.”

Gabriel Boka, a 6-foot-4 senior, and Mabery, a 6-foot-3 junior, each garnered nine points for the Broncos. Swiwiak, a guard, added seven points for North Branch in the final quarter.

The Cardinals turned the ball over nine times, compared with eight turnovers for Millington. Millington connected on 17 of 22 free throws, including 11 in the second half. North Branch converted six of 14 free throws.

Demirski, a senior, made all four of his free throws, while senior guard Drew Kihn made both of his attempts, and Wisenbach connected on five of seven.

Wisenbach, Yorke and Brad Coleman are “our go-to guys at the end of the game – we count on them to take care of the ball and hit the free throws,” coach Coleman said.

The Broncos made five of 18 attempts from beyond the 3-point arc, cooling off after their three treys in the first quarter.

The Cardinals dropped in three of 13 tries after their three treys in the first quarter.

“Logani’s typically a starter for us,” coach Coleman said. “He’s had a lot of knee troubles that he’s fighting through, and we’ll take whatever we can get from him right now.”

Curtis ended his junior season of basketball after injuring his ACL in his knee in football his junior year. Edwards, North Branch varsity assistant coach.

“The experience is something we’ll take moving forward,” he said. “We’ve now been in the ‘shaking in our boot’ situation and with two overtimes and the gym going crazy, they stayed calm, had poise, and worked their butts off.

“We went up against a good team, so to know you can go up against a really good team like that and hang in a pressure situation, that’s a huge positive we can take moving forward.”

Cass City opens GTW play with double-overtime loss

The Hatchets and Red Hawks are long-time rival of the Cardinals.
Old Reynard, the legendary trickster, is still alive and well

Michigan Outdoors with Tom Lounsbury

The red fox has quite a range, covers the entire northern hemisphere. E\textsuperscript{x}p\textsuperscript{erts} describe it as being this and that, a region, but in my eye, it is the same very unique critter, whether it is found in England, for example, or locally in Michigan.

When it comes to wild critters, the red fox happens to be one of my favorites, and I have grown to recognize it as truly being “Old Reynard,” the legendary trickster, which can, at times, even have an obvious face. I was first introduced to fox trapping as a kid, I discovered that a red fox was patrolling our farm’s orchard on a late February morning. Well, folks, my discovery was hardly wait to check it out the following morning. According to that specific cedar fencepost, and could have quite a humbling experience. According to the fresh tracks in the snow, the fox was patrolling our farm’s orchard on a bit. Although the plowed field was disappeared, which left me puzzled for quite a while. I was then able to continue my tracking efforts by the slight soil debris being left on the snow. It is found in England, for example, or for that matter, anywhere in the world.

A passion of mine since childhood is tracking wild critters in a freshly fallen snow, which began first with cottontail rabbit hunting, and it is how I bagged my first rabbit. This would soon lead to tracking down red fox (I refer to it as “walking-up” a fox), which can be quite a challenge, and you can learn quite a bit from a critter when you track it. Fox do a lot of nocturnal hunting, and typically rest up during most of the day, and usually do so from a high vantage point such as on top of rock pile or bush pile. I’ve been able to successfully stalk into range of snapping fenses, when I’ve been able to spot them while I’m tracking, but it isn’t easy, because they are very fast, and seem to always have one eye open.

If you realize you are tracking the fox, don’t get discouraged, it is a very prevalent critter, but a solid black body color is very rare. Jay Tuckey of Caro recently took this photo by Jay Tuckey (989) 872-2696 | 6588 MAIN ST. CASS CITY

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Some think, whether they are using one eye open. When coyotes first started to become quite prevalent in my home Thumb area almost four decades ago, I became a bit of a local red fox population, because coyotes and red foxes don’t cohabitate a set area well. It is known as “interspecific competition,” when different species compete for the same food sources. A prime example of this is when wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone Park, and once established, the wolves began to systematically annihilate or drive out the coyotes, which had become quite prevalent in the park. On the other hand, coyotes will do the same thing to red foxes, when they move into the end result is that the red foxes can move to another territory, or die. That might be a blunt way of putting matters, but it is how it happened on the world.

I personally look upon the coyote moving into the forest area as being an interloper of sorts, and I was quite dismayed when I discovered coyote tracks regularly on my farm, and the red fox tracks definitely began disappearing. And that would be the case for several years until recently. Last year, I started noticing the presence of red foxes again on my farm, much to my delight. During the

Red foxes can come in a variety of color variations, other than the typical rusty red body coloration, but a solid black body color is very rare. Jay Tuckey of Caro recently took this unique photo of a black (red) fox crossing a road in Tuscola County. 2021 deer season, my son Jake observed a very large, deep-rust-red fox (obviously a male) travelling by the deer-hunting station at daybreak, and it was soon followed by a smaller blonde-colored fox (obviously the female) carrying a dead hen pheasant in its jaws. Jake evidently witnessed a mutual pair which were hunting together in our neighborhood.

Coyotes are definitely still around, but territories can change for whatever reason. Maybe coyote numbers are locally down a bit, because I’ve been getting quite a few red fox sightings reports. One is a farmer I know, whose wife raises Muscovy ducks, and recently the ducks normally roosted near about a pond began noticeably disappearing, one by one. The farmer, also an avid trapper, soon resolved the issue when he stepped up a pair of red foxes near his outbuildings. When it comes to easy to obtain and delicious poultry, Old Reynard has never been a sait.

I will never forget a snowy December pleasin hunt on my farm with friends and our dogs. We had moved through a field, and pleasants we had flushed ahead of us out of range (or were missed) circled around, and landed well beyond our reach. We later when we hunted through that area, I discovered quite a show by tracing the tracks in the snow. A large red fox had been shadowing and flanking our movements, and had been ready and waiting, a ways back, when flushed pheasns came coming in and landing nearby. According to the tracks, feathers and fine blood on the snow, an unlook rooster pheasant had landed nearly on top of my dog, who had to do quite a turn around to come to a conclusion.

I do believe it was a well-planned hunting move made by a very clean red fox, which says a whole lot about the character of Old Reynard, the trickster. A very unique wild critter which I deeply admire.
1. GEOGRAPHY: Which Russian city used to be called Leningrad?

2. SCIENCE: What is the coldest city in the northern hemisphere?

3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "persona non grata" mean?

4. U.S. STATES: Which state's flag is the only one currently that is two-sided?

5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the first animal to appear on a U.S. coin?

6. FOOD & DRINK: How many herbs and spices are in the original recipe of Kentucky Fried Chicken?

7. MOVIES: How many movies did Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire make together?

8. LITERARY: In the Harry Potter book series, what are N.E.W.T.s?

9. TELEVISION: How many children were in "The Addams Family" sitcom?

10. HISTORY: In what year was the first email sent?

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Answers

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2. Oymyakon, Russia
3. An unwelcome person
4. Oregon (state seal on one side and a figure of a beaver on the other side)
5. An eagle
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Sealed bids will be received Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 4:30 PM at the office of the Board of Tuscola County Road Commissioners at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan for the following item(s) at the time(s) specified:

1. A request for bids for the construction of 0.31 miles of 6' widened shoulder along the east side of Bray Road along with debris-blocking gutter installation in as little as 0.05 miles of Bray Road along with debris-blocking gutter installation forever!

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- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp chopped parsley
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Section 1 Finding of Fact:

A. There is a need for an electrical ordinance.

B. An electrical ordinance is necessary to promote health, safety and welfare of Township residents.

Section 2: Electrical Compliance Permit

A. A Property Owner shall apply to the Township to secure an electrical compliance permit upon request.

B. The Township has the authority to issue an electrical compliance permit.

Section 3: Standard for Permit Approval and Disapproval

A. The electrical compliance permit shall be issued if the electrical service complies with the Township’s electrical ordinance.

B. The electrical compliance permit shall be denied if the electrical service does not comply with the Township’s electrical ordinance.

Section 4: Enforcement

A. Any electrical service installation not in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance shall be considered to be in violation of the ordinance unless approved by the Koylton Township Board.

B. The Township Board has the authority to issue an electrical compliance permit.

C. The Electrical Compliance Officer shall enforce the ordinance and require corrective action.

D. The Township Board shall have the authority to issue an electrical compliance permit.

City of Caro

Public Hearing Notice

Special Condition Use Permit for 744 S. State Street

Notice is hereby given that the City of Caro Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI. To consider a Special Condition Use Permit Request from Righteous Automotive Credit, regarding Parcel No. 050-003-200-0001-744 S. State St., to establish an outdoor sales space for the exclusive sale of new and used automotive vehicles.

Public comments may also be heard by submitting a written public comment to City Clerk, Rita Papp at rita@carocity.net by Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 5:00 pm. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

This notice is given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and minutes of said meeting will be kept and will be made available as required by said Act.

Rita Papp
City Clerk
Posted: January 7, 2022

Koylton Township

Public Hearing Notice

Proposed Electrical Ordinance

Please be notified that a Public Hearing will be held on Proposed Electrical Ordinance On January 20th from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

At the Koylton Township Hall located at 3955 Ross St. Kingston, MI.

A copy of the proposed Electrical Ordinance may be viewed at Kingston Village Hall at 3955 Ross St. Kingston MI.

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MARLETTE – The Vikings took a low-scoring 2-0 lead in the first quarter, before outscoring the Vulcans 20-5 in the second and 26-23 entering the final stanza.

Cate Welsh and Natasha Nickell clipped in with seven points each.

Osborn and Bickel pace Broncos to home win

NORTH BRANCH – The North Branch girls’ team won its second game in as many days with a 58-29 win over Mount Morris here on Wednesday.

The Broncos held a 31-13 lead at halftime and extended it to 50-18 entering the fourth quarter in the nonconference showdown.

Bailey Gormley led North Branch in scoring with 15 points while Elizabeth Dreger and Natasha Nickell chipped in with nine points apiece. Courtesy Ludgesch assisted eight points.

North Branch (4-2) returned to action on Friday hosting Annville in a Blue Water Area Conference matchup.

Tigers return from break with win over Red Raiders

CARO — The Caro girls’ basketball team quickly shook off the rust in a 53-43 win over Marlette here on Tuesday.

Not having played since Dec. 21, the Tigers bristled back from a 67-32 loss to Freeland before the holiday break.

“Coming off Christmas break, I thought our team competed hard for the entire game,” Caro coach Jay Riley said. “Obviously, Adriyn (Moore) picked up some of the slack from where she left off before break, but it was nice to see Jacque, Alexa and Maddie get some shots to fall.”

The Tigers took a 17-11 lead entering the second quarter before extending it to double digits, holding on to a 26-18 lead at halftime.

Moore led the Tigers with 23 points including eight-point quarters in the second and third. She also pulled down 11 rebounds, swapped seven steels and dished out four assists. Jacque Pettiets chipped in with 13 points while Alexa Long helped with eight points.

For the Red Raiders, Gabby Martinez led the way with 14 points and Olivia Findlay recorded a double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds.

“We needed to build some momentum with league play starting,” Riley said. “I think we accomplished that.”

Caro (4-3) returned to action on Friday at Lake.
MOUNT MORRIS – Kingston dropped its second game of the season, losing 25-41 to Mount Morris here on Tuesday. The Cardinals and Panthers were tied at the end of the first quarter, 15-15, before a 9-3 second quarter propelled Mount Morris to a 24-18 halftime lead. The Panthers went on to outscore Kingston 28-25 in the second half to secure the win.

“We struggled scoring tonight and had some breakdowns defensively,” Kingston coach Dave Lester said. “We played hard, but we have to play smarter.”

Carter Getzler led the Cardinals (3-2) with 15 points while Owen Corliss chipped in with nine points.

Kingston returned to action on Friday at Kinde-North Huron.

Eagles handed first loss of the year despite 18 points from Gleeta SAGINAW TWP. – A strong second and third quarter guided Saginaw Heritage to a 73-58 win over Frankenmuth here on Tuesday. The Hawks led 30-22 after the first quarter before extending it to 50-30 at halftime. The Eagles outscored Heritage 28-25 in the second half.

Trent Ciesla led Frankenmuth with 18 points while Drew Tissworth helped with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Frankenmuth (4-3) traveled to Saginaw Town Valley on Friday for a Tri-Valley Conference 10 showdown.

Broncos fall in overtime on the road to Algonac

ALGONAC – North Branch battled to an overtime period, ultimately falling short.

“We never played like we wanted to win the game,” North Branch coach Mike Snoblen said. “We were very flat and looked to get in the win column at Richmond on Tuesday.

Millington wrestling wins home quad

MILLINGTON — The Millington wrestling team defeated Sanford-Meridian in the finals of a varsity quad meet here on Wednesday.

The Cardinals were victorious 57-18 over the Mustangs.

Ryan Ramsey and David Tebedo each scored pinfall victories in the win. Luke Sherrman (140) won via a 5-0 decision over his opponent.

Millington returns to the mat today at Vassar with action beginning at 9 a.m.