Random acts of badness? Man charged in weekend crime spree

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Kevin R. Dusza is accused of using his pickup truck to damage vehicles at a car dealership, setting fire to his camper, and breaking windows and door glass at the dealership, setting fire to his camper, and making statements such as "Come and get me, you coward" to firefighters and law enforcement officers.

Dusza, from Chesterfield Township, is charged with fourth-degree assault, malicious destruction of a building causing between $1,000 to $20,000 in damage, and two counts of malicious destruction of property valued from $1,000 to $20,000.

He was arraigned on the charges this week in Tuscola County District Court. If convicted of any or all of the crimes, Dusza would face a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Witneses, however, obtained the white Chevrolet truck's license plate number and called 911, according to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office. Later, Caro Police Department officers said they learned the

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Police chief: Trucks carrying large turbine parts to pass through city

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The Caro City Council at its Monday meeting voted to pay Caro Police Chief Brian Newcomb an extra $500 to have his city vehicle towed through Caro for a wind turbine parts through Caro for 17 days.

Newcomb was told the company will be transporting wind turbine parts through Caro for several days in July.

"My first response was – That's not going to happen," Newcomb said Monday. "But my negotiations with (the Michigan Department of Transportation) did not go well. I did convince the transportation company to take the biggest of their rigs and sail them around the Thumb and drop them off at Port Huron."

The turbines are destined for a wind energy project in Huron County's Venosa Township. They are due to be transported by boat to Bay City, and then by semi-trailers.

Newcomb said trucks carrying mainly turbine blades are to roll through Caro on State Street (M-81) for 17 consecutive days beginning on July 12.

About eight to 10 trucks per day will drive through the city.

"I suggested they take (M-40). Which makes more sense. I suggested (M-25), which makes more sense," Newcomb said. "But they couldn't do it on 25 because of weight limits or 46 because of construction."

Also at Monday's meeting, the council approved City Manager Matthew Lane's recommendation that Newcomb be named acting city manager while Lane

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Vassar Twp looks to have a mile of Caine Road crossed by a crosswalk

That mile is just north of the intersection with Saginaw Road. This summer, the mile south of that intersection is getting attention. As to the intersection itself.

After being contacted by township officials concerned with the safety of the intersection, especially in light of a crash last year, the Tuscola County Road Commission agreed to place larger stop signs at the intersection as well as signs indicating Saginaw Road traffic does not stop there.

Larger “Stop Ahead” signs also will be added.

The cost to the township would be $260.82 per sign. Treasurer John Stack, however, had other ideas. He wants to have the road commission install a red light-controlled stop sign at the crossing. Those signs will light-emitting diodes along the edge of the road to a vehicle approaches. The signs will flash around the perimeter of the sign.

“We put $50,000 away to improve our safety,” Stack said at the township board’s June 14 session. “If not, then give it to something else.”

“Will the road commission’s signs plant improve (the intersection)? Sure, it will improve. But what’s the sense if we want to improve it better?”

Board member Ben Partidge didn’t want to delay any improvements and wanted to know when the work would be done.

“Is there a way we can get this ball rolling?” he said and tell them to go higher expenses.

Rather than tabling approval of the road commission’s plan, the board went on to send the paperwork back to the road commission to have the solar signs used instead.

At the same time, the township board is awaiting a response from the road commission on its request to have something done to improve Oak Drive, a subdivision road of less than a half mile that runs off M-15. Supervisor Bruce Foether said he forwarded the request to the road commission and had received no reply.

Stack said he drove down the drive and confirmed it is a horrible shape.

“This is worse than Miller Road, the gravel road next to it,” he said. Partidge said Township officials were going to ask again for a response to its request.

The board also:

■ Approved giving the planning commission an additional $14,000 for the purchase of a used computer.

■ Approved a two-year contract with Vassar Township paid to have something done to improve Vassar Township Road, the gravel road next to the road commission and had received no reply.

■ Sold a used paper folder for $50 and a used paper-tuner for $10.

■ Approved the 2022-23 meeting schedule, keeping it at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

■ Approved the budget to be the second year. The board at the end of last year.

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Police rescue
malnourished dogs

HURON COUNTY

Sanilac County Animal Control officers were contacted to look over the dogs, which were taken to a local veterinary clinic. The dogs were treated and taken to the Thumb Animal Shelter.

“What happened in this incident was inexcusable and preventable,” Hanson said. “Dog owners not taking care of them, or not being able to take care of them, cannot just hope for the best.” Hanson said dog owners having difficulty taking care of their pets should call the Thumb Animal Shelter at 989-375-4204 for information or assistance.

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PORT HOPE — A pair of dogs living alone and without care in a Port Hope home were rescued after the afternoon of June 17 after a deputy discovered them.

The dogs — a pit bull mix and sheep dog mix — were barking at a Huron County sheriff’s deputy who was attending a separate matter near the home, located on Main Street, at about 1 p.m.

After speaking to neighbors, the deputy surmised that no one was living at the residence and the dogs had been unchecked for at least three days. A door to the house was unlocked, so the deputy entered and found the dogs living in “deplorable” conditions, according to a press release from Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

“Large amounts of dog waste covered the floor throughout the residence, which was also filled with household debris and likely infested with harmful insects,” Hanson said. “Not to mention a horrific odor came from inside.”

Both dogs suffered from open sores, from what appeared to be flea, and had dried fecal matter on them. The tail of one dog had been “chewed raw” likely due to its dealing with insects on the tail, Hanson said.

Investigators discovered that the homeowner hadn’t lived at the residence for some time due to medical issues, and asked someone else to look over the dogs.

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is on vacation next Monday through Friday. I” she also proposes he gets an extra $500, for not just taking on the city manager job, but also filling in for director of (department of public works) and the wastewater treatment plant,” Lane said.

The council agreed, but Newcomb declined the payment, instead opting to use the money to purchase a personalized beach chair that will be placed at Bieth Memorial Park or the nearby splash pad.” Both are located on Park Drive between M-81 and the Tuscola County Fairgrounds. The Caro Parks and Recreation Department is selling the chairs for $350 each. The back of the chairs contain the name of the purchaser, a business or a residence.

Lane is presently handling the duties of DPW and wastewater treatment director following the May resignation of David Johnson, who stepped down after six weeks on the job. Lane has also announced his resignation, effective August 3.

Also at Monday’s meeting, the city council:

■ Made end-of-year revisions to its 2021-22 budget. “At the end of the year, we make sure everything winds up where it should be in terms of revenue and expenditures,” Lane said. This year, multiple city projects were delayed, “due to many reasons.” Lane said, causing the city to decrease the budget by $1.98 million – from about $10 million to about $8 million. “The money we aren’t going to use goes back into the fund balance, so if there are areas where we need more money, we can move it to cover other things.” The city’s fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

■ Changed the date in which residents’ water bill is due from 30 days past the first of the month to the fourth of the month. Caro residents pay the water bill every two months.

■ Voted to approve paying $483,076 to MDOT for a grant to help build trails inside city limits. About $75,000 will come from the federal government and the city will pay for the rest. Construction is set to begin later this summer.

■ Heard Caro Clerk Rita Popp announce that anyone interested in the council’s vacant spot must send a letter of interest to the city’s office by July 15. The council will appoint a new member at its July 18 meeting. The council at full strength consists of six members, but has been short one since Kory Battatulke resigned earlier this month. The new council member will fill Battatulke’s four-year term, which ends in November 2024.

■ Heard from council member Bob Eberman in regard to the council’s liaison to the planning commission – who said that Caro Taco Bell, 301 S. St. St., will be remodeling soon. The restaurant will make improvements to its parking lot and exterior, and add outdoor seating, he said.

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due to the discovery of new evidence – to Dec. 10. Thompson, her attorney, and Tuscola County prosecutor travelled to Bad Axe.

Thompson’s hearing was heard by Bay County Judge Harry P. Gill.

On March 1, 2022, Thompson signed a Cobbs agreement – a deal between the state, defense and court – outlining a likely sentence should a defendant plead to specific counts. The Cobbs agreement on Thompson’s case states that she will remain in jail until her Aug. 18 sentencing. At that time, a one-year delayed jail sentence will begin. If Thompson stays out of trouble for one year, she will not have to serve additional time. Also as part of her likely sentence, upon release Thompson will be placed on three years of probation.

Had Thompson elected to take her case to a jury trial, her two most serious charges – one felony and two weapon counts – each carry a maximum sentence of five years in prison. A no-contest plea is not an act of negligence; (2) If you’re negligent and cause an accident, you’re at fault; (3) you’ll face some hefty fines and what you pay for auto insurance will increase. Getting injured in an auto accident is serious stuff and when you’re at fault it’s bad news. The solution is to leave home a bit earlier and relax. Why? Thanks to Chief Mawer for proofreading this article!

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Starbrite Restaurant & Coney changes ownership

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Park has been there for most of that time. "I’ve been here for 23 years," he said. "I offer the best food in Tuscola County, and I’ve worked for it for years. I’m just tired of making the customers come true.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic hit Starbrite hard, and on March 26, 2020, the restaurant closed the business and put the building up for sale. Fast forward to August 2021, and the Hoopers had a change of heart. Starbrite reopened, bringing back most of its staff. The only change was that the restaurant would only be open four days a week, and have shorter hours Thursday through Sunday when open.

"We’ve always wanted to own a restaurant. I’ve been working here for some time, I cook, waitress, whatever is needed. And I’ve been living with my mother, and I’m just ready to do it on my own," Thompson said. "I’ve been good at it. I enjoy making our customers dreams come true.

"I always hoped I’d have this opportunity, and on March 20, 2020, we opened the restaurant. Starbrite is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., six days a week. We’re right here in the heart of Caro. We’ve always wanted to own a restaurant, and we’ve been working at it for a while. We’re lucky to have all of them. And we’ve got great customers, they’ve supported us for years, and they keep coming back.

Starbrite is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

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 Thinking and Driving

by Larry Michael

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Oh baby! Millington church keeps sweet tradition alive

By Hannah Philo | For The Advertiser

Dustin and Rochelle Soule brought their baby, Brielle, to Millington United Methodist Church on June 17 for a ice cream social. The family stood by the table full of homemade pies, chocolate and vanilla, enjoying the summer weather. The event was hosted by the Millington United Methodist Church as a way to bring the community together.

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suspect was angry about not being able to sell his car. Officers tracked the vehicle to a camper along Chambers Road. Later on, officers found a suspect who was on fire, according to police, who believe Dusza traveled several hundred yards into the woods to take shelter in the woods.

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Making a Difference in TUSCOLA COUNTY

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Tuscola County homeowner approximately $5 per year for every $1,000.
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Board raises credit card limit for officials, sexton

By Mark Haney | Reporter
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ARBELA TWP. — Arabela Township has had credit cards for use by employees for years.

Until this month, however, it didn’t have a formal policy covering the use of those cards. At its June 13 session, the board approved a credit card policy.

Supervisor Ed Hunt said the policy was sought by the township’s auditors. It formalizes what had been an unwritten rule. It states who can use the credit card — the treasurer, the clerk and the cemetery section — and sets a spending limit of $5 percent of the township’s annual budget. It also requires the credit card bill, plus any interest, be paid within 60 days, which Hunt said isn’t a problem since the board pays the bill each month.

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The official limit, Hunt said, had been $2,000. That has been causing problems for clerk Mary Warren and treasurer Jody Sexton. When ever either of them had to mail a lot — tax bills, absentee ballots, etc. — they had to issue half of the mailing through the U.S. Post Office, get that paid, and then issue the second half because the postage for all of the mailings exceeded the limit. The board needed to address that limit with summer tax bills and absentee voter applications for both the Aug. 2 and Nov. 8 elections to be mailed this year.

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AAA: Dip in oil price and gas demand gives Michigan drivers a break at the pump

CARO — The national average for a gallon of gas fell below $5, bringing modest relief at the pump for beleaguered drivers. The primary cause is the tumbling cost of oil, which fell from $112 to around $100 per barrel due to fears of a global recession and its associated economic slowdown. As a result, the national average for a gallon of gas is $4.96, a nickel less than a week ago.

“The recent high prices may have led to a small drop in domestic gasoline demand as fewer drivers fueled up last week,” said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. “This is happening right before drivers gas up for what AAA forecasts will be a busy July 4th travel weekend.”

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks fell by 700,000 bbl to 217.5 million bbl last week. Meanwhile, gasoline demand declined slightly from 9.2 million bbl to 9.09 million bbl. The slight drop in gas demand has helped to limit pump price increases. However, as crude oil prices remain volatile, the price per gallon for gasoline will likely remain elevated.

Today’s national average of $4.96 is 57 cents more than a month ago, and $1.89 more than a year ago.

Oil Market Dynamics

At the close of Friday’s formal trading session, WTI decreased by $0.05 to settle at $109.56. Crude prices dropped last week amid broad market concern regarding the potential for economic growth to slow after the U.S. Federal Reserve raised interest rates by 0.75 percent. Slower than expected economic growth would likely lead to a decline in crude demand. Crude prices would likely follow suit. Additionally, crude prices decreased after the EIA reported that total domestic stocks increased by 1.9 million bbl to 418.7 million bbl. If EIA’s next report shows crude stocks increasing again, prices would decrease further.

Quick Stats

The nation’s top 10 largest weekly decreases: Indiana (−10 cents), Florida (−9 cents), Wisconsin (−9 cents), South Carolina (−8 cents), Ohio (−8 cents), Maryland (−8 cents), New Jersey (−8 cents), Michigan (−7 cents), Kentucky (−7 cents) and North Carolina (−7 cents).

The nation’s top 10 least expensive markets: Georgia ($4.46), Mississippi ($4.54), Louisiana ($4.51), South Carolina ($4.52), Alabama ($4.57), Tennessee ($4.58), North Carolina ($4.61), Oklahoma ($4.62) and Texas ($4.63).
President Biden is asking Congress to suspend the federal tax on gas and diesel for three months to bring down record-high fuel prices.

Under the proposal, the 18-cent tax per gallon on gasoline and 24-cent tax per gallon on diesel would be paused through September. The federal fuel taxes go toward to Highway Trust Fund, which Biden claims could be funded using “other revenues” to the tune of about $10 billion to offset the losses from a tax holiday.

Biden is also calling on states to take “similar action to provide some direct relief” — suggesting they suspend their own gas taxes.

“President Biden understands that a gas tax holiday alone will not, on its own, relieve the run up in costs that we’ve seen,” a White House fact sheet on the proposal stated.

“But the President believes that at this unique moment when the war in Ukraine is imposing costs on American families, Congress should do what it can to provide working families breathing room.”

According to GasBuddy, Michigan had the 11th-highest average regular gas price in the nation as of June 22, 2022, at $5.10 per gallon. While there was a slight decline in the national gas price average last week — falling 4.2 cents, to $4.97 per gallon — the national average for diesel increased by 2.6 cents to $5.80 per gallon.

The national average for regular gas is $1.92 per gallon higher than a year ago.
‘Welcome’ home gesture: Helicopter rides set for Freedom Fest

Dennis “Joe” Merchant, of Cass City, is a Vietnam War veteran. He is organizing a unique helicopter flying opportunity during the Cass City Freedom Festival July 1 and July 2.

Merchant, of Cass City, is a Vietnam War veteran, serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from June 1970 to May 1971. He was a specialist 4th class, working in fire direction for artillery. He was primarily stationed in Xin bai, Vietnam, about 60 miles northwest of Saigon.

During the Cass City Freedom Festival, the Huey helicopter is coming to that village on Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2 courtesy of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation. Flights will take off and land at the soccer field, east of Cass City High School.

“This has been two years in the making and was supposed to happen last year,” Merchant said. “Unfortunately, I got sick and was supposed to happen last year,” Merchant said. “Unfortunately, I got sick and it wasn’t able to take place.”

Huey is a nickname for the Bell UH-1 Iroquois, a utility military helicopter. The UH-1 first saw service in combat operations during the Vietnam War, with around 7,000 helicopters deployed. The Foundation is based in Georgia and is a nonprofit organization composed of veterans, their families, and civilian supporters.

Merchant said bringing the helicopter to Tuscola County is a costly endeavor. It will arrive June 30 for its crew to review the landing and take-off zone.

“I have a friend in Brighton that has been very helpful,” Merchant said. “He was a combat pilot in Vietnam who has helped set this all up.”

Flights are available to the public from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 1 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 2.

As part of the Freedom Festival parade on July 1, the Huey will do a special flyover of Cass City and a salute to military veterans. Public flights will not be offered during the parade.

A flight costs $99 per ride, per person, for what Merchant estimates will be a 12-minute flight. Ten people can go on each flight, not including the four-member crew. Folks can show up the day of the ride and board the helicopter, with no pre-registration needed. The minimum age to ride is 5, and children younger than 15 have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

“We have some veterans we are paying for to go up that want to take a flight,” he said.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH

6:00 PM Bingo - Lions Pavilion
Check in at 6:00, Start 7:00

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Cass City’s Got Talent - 6544 Main Events
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FRIDAY, JULY 1ST

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Sky Soldiers - Helicopter Display & Rides
Behind High School

Noon - 7:00 PM Craft Show - Park

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Kid’s Block Party - West Street
Sponsored by Revive Ministries

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Lion’s Kid Sight Eye Screening
West Street

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Food Trucks - Park

5:30 PM Home Run Derby - Little League Field
Sign up 5:00 | $5 12 & under | $10 13 & up

FRIDAY, JULY 2ND

6:00 PM Cornhole Tournament
Rolling Hills Golf Course
Sign up 5:00 | $20 team | 100% payout

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Ice Cream Social - Rotary Park
Sponsored by Rotary Interact Club

6:00 PM Classic Car Show - Main Street
Sponsored by Cass City Gavel Club
Registration begins at 5:00 PM

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Music in Rotary Park
John Rames Band

SATURDAY, JULY 2ND

7:30 AM BK Run | 5K Run/Walk | Toddler Trot
Sponsored by Hills & Dales Hospital
On Site Registration 6:30 - 7:30

10:30 AM 43rd Annual Grand Parade
Grand Marshals: Tom & Linda Herron

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sky Soldiers - Helicopter Display & Rides
Behind High School (No flights during the parade.)

Noon Lion’s BBQ Chicken Dinner - Lion’s Pavilion

Noon Fire in the Sky 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
Registration 11:30 - Basketball Courts

1:00 PM Sand Volleyball Tournament
Teams of 4 | $10 per person | Cash Prizes

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM AAUW Kids Area Paint In - Gazebo

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM MT Pocket Pullers Tractor Pull

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Gospel Concert - Justified Quartet
Lions Pavilion

Dusk
Grand Fireworks

FREE SWIM at Helen Stevens Memorial Pool
SATURDAY 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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‘Welcome’ home gesture: Helicopter rides set for Freedom Fest

Around 15 Vietnam veterans will receive a free ride.

“The whole purpose is to hopefully bring some closure to the Vietnam veterans,” noted Merchant, when asked what he hopes this experience will mean for Vietnam War veterans. “Let them take a ride in an aircraft without getting shot at.”

Hearing from other veterans who have taken rides later in life on a Huey, he said they have found it to be a therapeutic experience.

“We can welcome back the Vietnam veterans that never got their just dues when they came back,” Merchant said. “We as Vietnam veterans needed to talk about our time there, but kept our mouths shut.”

When he returned home after the war, Merchant said he had good family support.

“My best buddy over there in Vietnam has been spit on several times and called a baby killer,” he said. “He wasn’t treated as well as I was. Everybody’s experience is a little different.”

Regarding the return to the U.S. by soldiers who served in Vietnam, Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Director Mark Znieterki has said it’s important to honor them because when they came home, so many of them were not received well.

“There was protesting and people think we shouldn’t have been there or it lasted too long,” Znieterki commented. “People spit on them and the reception was so bad in some areas that veterans wouldn’t even tell people they were veterans.”

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Fourteen local softball players were acknowledged for their performance this season with all-state honors from the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association.

Division 3 state champion Millington led the way with five players – Emma Dickie, Lillia Sherman, Trinity Fessler, and Ashley Ziel – earning first-team recognition while Dylan Holmes earned honorable mention all-state honors. Unionville-Sebewaing Area, which won a Division 4 state title, landed five members on the first team with Olivia Jabar, Macy Reinhardt, Gabby Crumm and Laci Harris gaining the accolade. Davis and Ashley Ziel – earning first-team honors. Davis was named to the all-state first team by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association.

By Scott Bolsby | sports@tcadvertiser.com

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Local baseball players compete in all-star game

By SCOTT BOLSBY | Sports Editor
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Five Advertiser-area baseball players competed in Flint on Wednesday in a game that celebrates the top senior baseball talent in the Flint-area.

Marlette’s Ethan Marshall and Travis Fuller, Millington’s Leyton Mays and Drew Kihn, and North Branch’s Ray Strzynski competed one final time at the 2022 Bruin Club All-State Classic in Flint.

Three players from the Flint-Augusta area – and Saginaw Valley State University commit – competed in Wednesday’s Bruin Club All-State Classic in Flint alongside teammate Drew Kihn and Marlette teammates Ethan Marshall and Travis Fuller.

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Drew Kihn, and North Branch’s Ray Strzynski competed one final time at the 2022 Mott Community College Bruin Club All-Star Classic.

Fuller, the Red Raiders’ catcher, hit .435 this season with 37 hits, nine doubles and 19 RBIs while teammate – and Saginaw Valley State University commit – Marshall put together a strong campaign with a .477 average with 50 hits, 32 singles, nine doubles, one triple and eight home runs.

North Branch’s Jasmine Mauk, left, watches the pitcher during a Blue Water Area Conference game against Richmond on May 12. Mauk, a junior, earned Division 2 first-team all-state honors from the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association.

Mays broke the program’s career record for most stolen bases (90), walks (78) and runs scored (103). He closed out the season with 30 stolen bases and hit .323 with 30 hits, six doubles and 18 RBIs.

Drew Kihn batted .289 with 24 hits, 20 singles, three doubles and one triple with 19 RBIs and 19 stolen bases for the Cardinals.

Jabar finished with a perfect fielding percentage of 1.000 while hitting .380 from the plate. She had 46 hits, 47 runs and 326 strikeouts. Compau also led the team in batting average (.477) and home runs (5) and accumulated 51 hits, nine doubles, 37 RBIs and scored 18 runs.

Holmes prepared for playing college softball at Cornerstone University by batting .457 this season with 53 hits, 12 doubles, four home runs and 36 RBIs.

Frankenmuth junior Brooklyn Compau prepares to make a throw to first on one knee during a June 1 game against Cass City. Compau was recognized by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association with first-team all-state honors in Division 2.

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Jenna Gremel played a key role for the Patriots, who won their third consecutive state title. She had a .444 average with 44 hits in 99 at-bats. Gremel blasted nine home runs and drove in 46 runs while scoring 45.

Renee struggled with numbers and injuries this season, but one constant throughout the year was VanOchten, who had team-highs in batting average (.492), slugging percentage (.746), hits (29), triples (5), RBIs (19), and hit the team’s only home run of the season. She also had
1. TELEVISION: Which TV show is set at UC-Sunnydale?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is an affogato?
3. MOVIES: Which famous movie features a character named Almira Gulch?
4. HISTORY: Which U.S. state was the first to legalize marijuana for medicinal use?
5. ENTERTAINERS: What rapper/songwriter's real name is Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr.?
6. SCIENCE: What part of the brain controls hunger?
7. GEOGRAPHY: The Gulf of Cadiz lies off the coasts of which two countries?
8. LITERATURE: Who are the best friends of Nancy Drew in the mystery series?
9. LANGUAGE: The archaic term “grippe” was used to describe what common ailment?
10. ASTRONOMY: What kind of star is the sun in our solar system?

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Answers
1. “Buffy the Vampire Slayer”
2. Italian dessert of coffee and ice cream
4. California, 1996
5. Snoop Dogg
6. Hypothalamus
7. Portugal and Spain
8. Bess and George
9. Influenza
10. Yellow dwarf
ACROSS

1. Kitchen boss
2. Churchill’s “so few”
3. Epochs
4. New York time
5. Evergreen trees
6. Fresh Air Duct Cleaning
7. Thumb-up catch
8. Cause and effect cycle?
9. Stock exchange, in Paris
10. Full of enthusiasm
11. “The Little Mermaid” domain
12. “Watch out!” on a golf course
13. East of Java
14. “You and Son’s LLC #1 Roofing Contractor”
15. Mixed up
16. Emanation
17. East of Java
18. Mr. Popper’s birds
19. Like “Goosebumps Classic”
20. Newspaper piece
21. “For ____ a jolly ...”
22. “What?”
23. Clement Clark Moore’s famous
24. Live it up
27. Female sheep
28. North American purple berry
29. “What?”
30. Middle Eastern meat dish, pl.
31. Corduroy or Paddington
32. Stiff grass bristle
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44. Serves a purpose
45. “Pole Barns • Basements • Pole Barns • Houses”
46. Isis’ brother and husband
47. The Compassionate Attorney
48. Caffeine-containing nut trees
50. RBG’s collar, e.g.
51. “You and Son’s LLC #1 Roofing Contractor”
52. Screen
53. Lymphatic swelling
54. Robert Warju, Owner
55. campaigners
56. Movie “____ Brockovich”
57. Karl of politics
58. New York time
59. Looking for a partner
60. Obscene
61. Middle of March
62. Fringe benefit
63. Side for Green Eggs
64. Put in the outbox

DOWN

1. Chlorofluorocarbon, abbr.
2. Obstacle to jump through
3. Great Lake
4. Tiny fox with large ears
5. Two halves of a diameter
6. Like one in isolation cell
7. Evergreen trees
8. “Blah, e.g.”
9. Thumb-up catch
10. Full of enthusiasm
11. “The Little Mermaid” domain
12. Stock exchange, in Paris
13. Affair, to Emmanuel Macron
15. For a jolly
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17. Live it up
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19. Aid in crime
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CITY OF CARO REFURBISHMENT PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

The City of Caro will hold an open house Tuesday, July 5, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Caro Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 317 South State Street, Caro, Michigan on the necessary for proposed refurbishment improvements. Projections, project specifications, estimated costs and special assessment to the property owners will be the topic of this open house.

The public is invited to discuss the side- walk improvement project and how it may affect them.

Rita Papp, City Clerk

CITY OF CARO PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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Those persons wishing to comment on the side walk improvement project may appear at the Public Hearing, or unable to appear may make their comments available for the Public Hearing to the office of the City Clerk, 317 South State Street, Caro, Michigan 48723. Written comments rec eived prior to the meeting will be read and entered into the minutes.

Questions prior to the Public Hearing may be directed to the office of the City Manager, Matt Lake, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723 or at 989-673-7671.

Rita Papp, City Clerk

BID NOTICE TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION - 173 S. MERTZ ROAD, CARO, MI 48723

Sealed bids will be received Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the office of the Tuscola County Road Commission at 173 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan for the following item(s) at the time(s) specified:

- Lewis Road Culvert Replacement over the Elkhart Branch of the Smith Drain - Project includes complete removal of existing culvert and installation of 54' of 60" C.S.P. with metal headwalls.

- Bank Stabilization on Vassar Road at the following locations - Vassar Road between M-25 and Carson Road, Vassar Road between Aiken Road and Bay Park Road Project includes excavation of existing banks, placement of rip rap and stabilization of various locations indicated on the plans. Approximately 750 tons of riprap.

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

The Board reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals and to resubmit or to accept the proposal, that in their opinion, is in the best interest of the Tuscola County.

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DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Under the direction of the City Manager, performs a broad range of complex assignments in support of activities related to planning, organizing and executing the City’s strategic goals and objectives. Performs research for ongoing and special projects as well as assists in the development and implementation of policy initiatives or operational modifications related to community and economic development, planning, zoning and other strategic initiatives. Serves as staff support to the Downtown Development Authority. Manager of the Caro Farm and Forestry Commission, City Parks and Recreation. Performs incumbent exercises considerable initiative and independent judgment within assigned areas of responsibility.

Salary $54,080. Benefits include: Medical, dental, vision insurance, life insurance, STD/LTD, vacation, sick time, holidays, friendly work environment, phone allowance and education reimbursement.

Please send resume and letter of interest to: City Manager, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723 or via email to rita.papp@carocity.net no later than July 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

A full position description is available at City Hall or on the www.cityofcaro.net.
Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. at The Brentwood in Caro. The meeting on Wednesday will be held at 7 p.m. under the direction of Dr. Phillip Burkett, City Manager.

Sensibly) meets Thursdays at the Brentwood at 7 p.m. for more information, call 989-577-8148.

TOPS MI 0221 CHAPTER

V ASSAR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY meets Tuesdays at Anchor Cove, 201 E. Perry – Treasurer, Randy Heckroth – Manager, Rita Papp – Clerk, Michele Jones-Holubec to approve the FY 2022-2023 budget with amendments.

Motion by Batschke, seconded by Eschenbacher to postpone the FY 2022-2023 budget.

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to accept and approve the FY 2022-2023 budget with amendments.

Motion by Eschenbacher, seconded by Campbell to approve the FY 2022-2023 budget with amendments.

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Ladder Fire Truck. It was determined to pay $200.00 per day per election inspector, and replace with a Part Time Project Manager effective 60 days as per resolution.

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After bagging roebucks in Scottish Highlands, now seeking a red stag

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Visiting Balmoral Castle in Scotland were, from left, Josh Lounsbury, Ginny Lounsbury and Tom Lounsbury.

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Outdoors

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V i s i t i n g S c o t l a n d, e s p e c i a l l y its historical Highlands, has been a lifelong quest of mine which finally came to fruition recently. My son, Josh, and I had a five-day roebuck hunt scheduled with International Adventures, and my wife, Ginny, was coming along as a non-hunter. Our plan was to arrive in Edinburgh three days early to enjoy the local sights before the hunt, and then return to Edinburgh after the hunt for two more days of sightseeing before flying back home.

It was a great way to be pressed for time as we were just getting to the hotel after a five-hour flight — during the night-time, no less — to Edinburgh. It was rather neat crossing time zones and easing out of night into day, with our landing in Edinburgh at 8 a.m. Getting a taxi at the airport was a breeze, and we were shown at our hotel, the Holiday Inn Express/Royal Mile. Despite jet lag, we went there to enjoy the sights, and we walked a couple blocks up (everything is either up or down in Edinburgh) a narrow cobblestone street beside the hotel, and quickly reached the “Royal Mile,” a bustling street lined with stores, eateries and bars, leading to the fully visible historic Edinburgh Castle.

One of our first ventures was taking a tour in a double-decker bus, followed by dining, browsing and shopping. Having a strong Scottish heritage, I had a desire to purchase a genuine kilt, and in the Weir Clan tartan of my ancestors. According to Gary, the shop owner, the Weir Clan tartan wasn’t ready to see me hunting in a frugal Scotsman, and I guess the world really wasn’t ready to see me hunting in a Tweed cap, instead, which I wore on my head, and I thanked him, and bought a Harris Weir Clan tartan in a special, very thick shop.

But it was with great anticipation when we boarded our jet in Detroit, and did a two-hour flight to Houston, and then another five-hour flight — during the night-time — to Edinburgh, which was also used for touring which I find to be quite tempting! I have shown us the start-to-finish process of how a genuine kilt is sewn, and it is readily available. Danielle Gross, who, with her husband, Michael, and son, Justice, runs the outfitting business — was our tour guide.

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All too soon, we found ourselves traveling through the heather-covered Highlands, back to Edinburgh. We would have stayed at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel next to the airport, during our last two days. A short walk allowed flowing a tram which took us to various Edinburgh locations.

Various bus tours were also a great way to travel in the city, and would half to allow passengers to get on or off at frequent stops.

It had been a great experience spent in the Highlands of Scotland, which ended all too soon, and there is little doubt I’ll be returning there at the first opportunity. I wouldn’t hesitate going roebuck hunting again, and I’ve always had a hankering to give hunting “Hill County” red stag a try.

Only time will tell.
**Báez on ‘encouraging’ power tear for Tigers**

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Javier Báez hit his first home run as a member of the Tigers on April 11 against the Red Sox. At the time, he was batting .333 with a .808 OPS through the first four games of the 2022 season.

Two months later, when Detroit opened another series against Boston, Báez’s average was down to .194 and he’d added just two more home runs. Báez then homered in back-to-back games at Fenway Park, including a two-run shot in the first inning of Wednesday’s 6-2 loss to the Red Sox.

It was the first time Báez homered in consecutive games since July 5-6, 2021, suggesting that his recent struggles are the result of a season-long slump and not just this week.

In the month of May, Báez hit just .159 in 28 games. Through 57 games in June, his .262 average trails only Miguel Cabrera (.313) in the majors. Ahead of the series, Báez was batting just .186 with one home run and very dangerous as a hitter, and he’s obviously, we’ve seen him do a little bit of everything so far in his time here with us. But when he is selective, and when he does not go on an offensive tear, he can do a lot of damage. And he’s doing it to all fields.

In his next at-bat, Báez faced Wacha’s first pitch he hit right into the corner. The ball came off the bat of Red Sox slugger Rafael Devers, and had an expected batting average of .920.

“I think his at-bats are very encouraging,” manager A.J. Hinch said. “I think it’s obvious, we’ve seen him do a little bit of everything so far in his time here with us. But when he is selective, and when he does not go on an offensive tear, he can do a lot of damage. And he’s doing it to all fields. The inconsistencies are the key here.”

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Michigan corn, soybean planting continues to outpace 5-year average

Michigan farmers capitalized on good weather last week, with corn and soybean planting continuing to outpace five-year averages despite the rough weather that started the season. Corn planting in the state finished at 93% as of June 5, according to the latest crop progress report from USDA’s National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS). June 5 also marked the final planting date for crop insurance in Michigan. Planting progress for corn was up 13% from the previous week, marking an 89% leap from less than a month ago when just 4% of Michigan’s corn was in the ground. Planting progress is now 11% higher than the five-year average for the same week. Corn emergence is also progressing well, according to NASS, growing from 47% to 74% over the past week. Michigan soybean progress saw an even larger jump last week, climbing 24% from the prior week to finish at 84% overall — also 11% above the five-year average. Soybean emergence rates also saw major gains over the same time, nearly doubling to 62%.

From a national perspective, 94% of corn has been planted, according to NASS — 2% above the 5-year average. North Dakota farmers have clawed their way up to 81% planted after tornados and severe storms battered the state in late April — but a vast majority of that progress came well after most of their state’s crop insurance cutoff date of May 25. Soybean planting is now just 1% below the 5-year average nationally, sitting at 78%.

PEST PRESSURE FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

The most recent NASS report also noted insect activity was ramping up on vegetable farms throughout Michigan, with producers applying pesticides where necessary. Pest presence included onion thrips on cabbages, Colorado potato beetles on potatoes, and striped cucumber beetles on gourds and pumpkins. Fruit growers also reported an increase in insect pressure, with codling moth catches increasing due in part to warm weather early in the week leading to steady fruitlet growth.
Michigan Farm Bureau is weighing in on a controversial proposal by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that would have a devastating impact on agriculture and open farmers to intrusive data-mining practices.

The 510-page Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors would require public companies to report on emissions — including Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions — which are the result of activities from assets not owned or controlled by a publicly traded company but contribute to its value chain, which is how this rule impacts farmers.

While farmers wouldn’t be required to report directly to the SEC, they provide almost every raw product that goes into the food supply chain. If not altogether wildly burdensome and expensive if not altogether impossible for small and mid-sized farmers to comply with, as they require reporting of climate data at the local level, MFB’s letter states.

Instead of overreaching, mandatory rules, MFB said it strongly believes that voluntary, market-based incentives and programs are best at helping farmers achieve additional positive environmental impacts.

MFB urged the SEC to make major changes to proposed climate disclosure rules.
Trade data shows YTD ag export values higher

New trade data released by the U.S. Census Bureau shows the value of U.S. ag exports are up 13% in the first quarter of 2022 compared to last year, according to American Farm Bureau Federation Senior Economist Veronica Nigh. But she cautions that figure is somewhat misleading due to inflationary pressures evidenced in the commodity markets currently.

"After adjusting for inflation, 2022 year-to-date exports are up 4% by value compared to the same period last year," Nigh said. “However, when we look at export volumes, the story isn’t quite as rosy; export volumes year to date are actually down 4% compared to the same period last year.”

Nigh said many are closely watching the global supply of corn and wheat and changing trade patterns due to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Despite the estimation that Ukraine’s 2022-23 wheat export volumes will be down nearly 50% because of war, and U.S. wheat exports are projected to be down 4% due to dry weather, USDA is projecting that global wheat exports will be up a little bit this year.

"That’s mainly based on increased volumes out of Russia," Nigh said. “So far, 2022 wheat exports out of the U.S. are weaker than a year ago, (and) U.S. export volumes of corn are estimated down in the current marketing year, mainly related to higher prices.”

Beyond corn and wheat, Nigh said other U.S. products are enjoying increased exports, including ethanol exports which are up 67% for January through April 2022 compared to a year ago.

"Soybean oil is up over 50%, that’s likely a result of folks choosing soybean oil as a substitute for sunflower seed oil which is a major export crop out of Ukraine and Russia," Nigh said. “Cotton is also up over 50% by value, (and) beef and beef products are up over 38% compared to the same point last year.”