HURON COUNTY

Sheriff: Men plucked from Huron ice floe

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CASEVILLE — First responders rescued a pair of ice fishermen Saturday after a piece of ice became separated from the shore. According to a press release from Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, the Harbor Beach men — ages 32 and 21 — were ice fishing on a lake easement near Bay Drive in Huron County’s Caseville Township. One of the men used a cellphone to call authorities at 2:25 p.m. to say they were in trouble. Huron County deputies and Caseville firefighters responded in the county’s airboat and found the men surrounded by open water about a half-mile from shore.

The rescue was the second time within a week in which the county airboat was utilized. “Although I’ve personally heard of incidents,” said Hanson, “I didn’t realize there was a possibility of the ice splitting apart. Once onshore, the men were examined by ambulance personnel from Scheurer Health, and then released.”

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TUSCOLA COUNTY

Former teacher freed from prison after resentencing

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CARO — A former Genesee School District teacher who provided marijuana to underage males around Millington was released from prison early after receiving an invalid sentence.

James M. Zwerican, 48, of Mount Hope, was released from prison Dec. 9, three days after Tuscola County Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart resentenced him to 270 days in jail with credit for 224 days served.

Zwerican had been convicted of two felony counts of delivering marijuana to minors who lived in Tuscola County. Gierhart sentenced him on April 27 to 13 months to eight years in prison for one felony count and three days after Tuscola County Circuit Judge Thomas J. Hanson resentenced him on the second offense.

Gierhart sentenced him on inaccurate information and, “was inaccurate and (Zwerican) was released from prison after resentencing,” she wrote in her discretion in sentencing Zwerican to 13 months to eight years.

Hanson argued that Gierhart didn’t abuse her discretion in resentencing Zwerican to 13 months to eight years in prison for one felony count and three days after Tuscola County Circuit Judge Thomas J. Hanson resentenced him on the second offense.

Prosecutor Eric F. Wanink wrote that the pre-sentence investigation of Zwerican showed him to 270 days in jail with credit for 224 days served.

Zwerican, a longtime Genesee teacher and volleyball coach, resigned from his position in July and by mid-August, trustees of Indianfields Township, Osborn declined comment.

Osborn has filed Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for several township documents. Osborn retired from his post in August. “I am not sure what he’s looking for,” Osborn told The Advertiser. When asked by an Advertiser reporter if he suspected any wrongdoings in the township, Osborn declined comment.

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Tom Dick and Harriet—and now Mark—step up for county

Mark Haney

About I, can resist no longer. I am throwing my hat in the ring. I want to join every other Tom, Dick and Harriet in offering Tuscola a building to use. They can have my house, and the accompanying outbuilding, if they are willing to pay me $50,000, or they can lease it for 10 years at $50,000 a year. Of course, they’ll have to maintain the place—I can see that service that’s well, spertly at best. And we’ll also have two bathrooms—I did mention that outbuilding, didn’t I? Well, that’s already a two-stoiler. I think that’s a great deal and I’m very willing to part with my place, for the good of the county and my fellow taxpayers.

Oh, and by the way—I have the 6,500 square feet of space the county says it requires. But, really, does the county really need all of that room? I mean, can’t people just squeeze in a little? If so, then my place would work.

I certainly would have submitted a bid to the county, offering up my place, if I had known they were going to consider any offer, regardless of whether it fit their specific needs or not. But, to worry us, the commissioners are listening to just about anyone willing to make an offer, so I figured I’d make mine.

What surprises me more, however, is how they seem to be so close to the most obvious solution to the county’s space problem. If the county truly does need all of the room, which I once went to be true, then why not just look to the city of Caro? It has a building it doesn’t have the neighbors gossiping, or they can lease it for 10 years at $50,000 a year, or even throw in the accompanying outbuilding, if they want to.

If the county’s space problem—what I call it—isn’t up to the specs either, and the price isn’t what they’re used to, then it is simply not up to the specs either, and the price isn’t what they’re used to. And that’s not what the tax rolls. Taking it over would be simply throwing away a ton of money.

I think it fits the bill. Taking over this building also takes the commissioners out of the political crosshairs in which they presently sit. Right now, with any one of the myriad of offers in front of them, they stand to alienate all of the others making an offer. And, in the current political atmosphere, it is also an excellent reason to avoid compromise of any kind. All of that goes away if the city is the sole bidder.

If the commissioners choose to buy any of the buildings, they would have to pay the taxpayers off the tax rolls, which certainly won’t earn them any supporters of their efforts. The city’s municipality, or the county building, already off all of the tax rolls. Taking it over would be simply alienating it from the tax rolls.

But this place doesn’t fulfill the county’s specifications, there’s always my place. It is all on one floor, so there’d be no need for the elevators required in the building the present's state, it’s just that Caro has so many other available downtown buildings for sale. But neither of these buildings suffers significant degradation over time. The former unoccupied, unused building falls into disrepair and damage, and any contractor worth their salt will tell you that unoccupied, unused building falls into disrepair and damage, and any contractor worth their salt will tell you that

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“But one might ask why she should, considering her rising success selling equine art, and that fact she won first place in the 2021 Michigan Colored Pencil Show for "Chubby and Felix," a portrait of two draft horses working on Mackinac Island."

“In elementary school I was asked by my art teacher to draw something else,” said Goforth, of Vassar, graphics instructor at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. “I even got a note sent home to my parents encouraging me to draw other things. I do, and have abandoned my subject matter, but it always comes back to my passion for horses.”

Bethany (Timm) Goforth, a 1986 Vassar High School graduate, received an associate’s degree in art from Matt Community College and a bachelor’s degree in graphic design – with a minor in art – from Saginaw Valley State University.

She received her teaching certificate from Ferris State University. Goforth used about 15 colored pencils, 2021 Michigan Colored Pencil Show. The piece is 12 inches by 9 inches, on hotpress watercolor paper.

“People would ask why I didn’t continue to create portraits of horses,” she said. “One particular document that comes to mind with this phrase is a contract. In order to assert a breach of contract claim a party must show there was a fact in contract, the other party breached that contract, and as a result of the breach the non-breaching party suffered damages. These three factors must be proven by a preponderance of evidence, which means the evidence, when weighed against the opposing side’s, is more convincing and has the greater probability of truth.

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job there. His teaching certificate expired in 2021 according to state documents, but he wasn’t immediately clear if he’ll be able to receive the certificate again.

Millington Police Chief Jason Oliver investigated Zwerican. Authorities allege Zwerican delivered marijuana, marijuana-infused products such as soap, “cake butter” or marijuana-infused vape pen cartridges, to a 17-year-old male residing in Tuscola County’s Arabela Township.

Authorities also allege Zwerican delivered Adderall pills, alcohol and marijuana to a 17-year-old male living in Millington.

Elaine Dougherty, from the Michigan State Police crime laboratory, testified that the marijuana was delivered by Zwerican to a 17-year-old male living in Millington.

Before sentencing Zwerican in April to a minimum of 13 months in prison, Gierhart stressed that Zwerican needed to stop delivering marijuana “to adolescents, whose brains are still developing.”

“I mean, if anyone should understand that, I would hope, Mr. Zwerican, that you understand the impact that vaping and use of marijuana has on an adolescent’s brain development, is catastrophic,” Gierhart said.

Court documents indicate that Oliver’s investigation noted Zwerican sold marijuana was to the Millington teenager on Jan. 28, 2019, and smoked a marijuana joint with the youth that day in Millington.

Prior to being sent to prison, Zwerican in April suggested to the judge that Zwerican might be allowed “house arrest” rather than jail. He said his father had died recently of cancer, and his mother-in-law was diagnosed with cancer in April of 2021, and that his daughter – along with Zwerican’s new grandbaby – had just moved back into his home.

If Zwerican completes requirements of the delayed sentence, the second crime would enter as an attempted possession of analogues, a misdemeanor.

Zwerican also was reported saying in a pre-sentence investigation that he not only lost his teaching job due to his legal issues, but that he “had to cash out my retirement in order to pay for my lawyer.”

Zwerican had a hearing in April of 2021, according to court records, that he believes he’ll lose his teaching license for at least a year.

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**Cause of fatal farm crash doesn’t look ‘intentional’**

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**EVERGREEN TWP. — A migrant worker drove a loader tractor that killed another migrant worker walking in a driveway at a dairy farm Sunday night, but police say it doesn’t appear the driver did it intentionally.**

The incident at 6:49 p.m. in the 3000 block of Decker Road, about 11 miles southeast of Cass City, took the life of a 38-year-old migrant worker from Mexico, according to the Sanilac County Sheriff’s Office.

Police said a 25-year-old migrant worker, also from Mexico, was driving a tractor loader west in the driveway of the farm when he struck the victim, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

The sheriff’s office is investigating the death, as is the Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration (MOSHA), which sets and enforces safety and health standards.

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**Tuscola County**

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Novesta eyes bigger parking lot with funds

**TUSCOLA COUNTY**

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**FAIRGROVE** — If she thought it wouldn’t work, Diane Foster would knock on wood.

That’s because, so far, her Akron-Fairgrove Schools district hasn’t had any big disruptions due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) wave of omicron variant cases. School has continued, as scheduled, since August. The board of education has kept on schedule, including the Jan. 10 session.

“We have not experienced a wave,” Foster said this past week. “We are watching for it. At this moment, we are OK.”

She gave credit for this immunity, as it was in students and staff receiving the first wave's district’s most prominent message. “I think our community – our folks, our staff – are really good about it,” Foster said. “If they don’t feel good, they stay home.”

Daniels will get a bid for the new parking lot with funds toward an expanded parking lot, exterior hall lighting and a storage building for township equipment.

The township stands to receive $145,803 in ARPA funds and Supervisor Chad Daniels believes those projects will meet the requirements for the funds, which were intended to offset government costs for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) expenses and safety measures as well as infrastructure improvements.

“We found at the last election that there is not enough space (at the township hall) and there were just too many people congregateing,” Daniels said, adding he’s pretty sure those uses, because they protect residents, when voting, from exposure to COVID-19, will be acceptable for ARPA money.

The storage building would allow the township to keep such things as lawn mowers at the hall instead of the private residences where that gear is kept now.

Daniels will get a bid for the new parking lot, while board member Jeez Robinson gets a bid for lighting the lot and board member Russ Rienas gets numbers on a gravel pit might cause. The township also wants all legal costs paid upfront, “otherwise we have a hard time collecting anything,” Daniels said.

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■ Approved the federal procurement conflict-of-interest policy.

■ Approved federal poverty exemption guidelines for 2022.

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■ Voted to not seek any raises for the supervisors, clerk, treasurer, board members or the planning commission liaisons this year.

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■ Set the annual meeting for 9 a.m. March 26.

■ Set the board of review sessions for 9 a.m. March 14, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 18.

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That’s because, so far, her Akron-Fairgrove Schools district hasn’t had any big disruptions due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) wave of omicron variant cases. School has continued, as scheduled, since August. The board of education has kept on schedule, including the Jan. 10 session.

“We have not experienced a wave,” Foster said this past week. “We are watching for it. At this moment, we are OK.”

She gave credit for this immunity, as it was in students and staff receiving the first wave's district’s most prominent message. “I think our community – our folks, our staff – are really good about it,” Foster said. “If they don’t feel good, they stay home.”

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Suspect said court workers "in a world of trouble"

By John Schneider

Suspect said court workers escorted out of the building by courthouse involving her son. She was eventually that day in regard to a custody case had made multiple trips to the courthouse had come up with a proposal to give to Akron in instructing by the Fairgrove council to Fairgrove leaders for a little help. While village officials told it out. While village officials felt she would have a third party transfer her police, who noted Christine Draper stated she would have a third party transfer her treatment at McLaren Caro Regional hospital in Caro.

Cooper, a suspect who physically resisted him was there to arrest the by the deputy, who was there to arrest the away and was taken down and handcuffed. The felony charges are in connection the suspect was violating bond. The officer located the suspect in the the suspect was competent to stand trial because of the alleged threats made to court officials, all Tuscola County judges have reviewed themselves and the case is being heard by Baron County judges. Herrington is the Huron County District judge. He made the trip to Caro Friday to preside over the exam. At a previous preliminary exam – which was adjourned due to the discovery of new evidence – Thompson, defense attorney David Campbell and Tuscola County prosecutors traveled to Bad Axe. The fledgling preliminary exam, on Sept. 1, was adjourned after Herrington ordered Thompson to undergo a psychiatric examination at the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Saline. A medical health professional determined Thompson was competent to stand trial.

VASSA TWP. — Police reported at least five people were hurt on Tuesday, Jan. 11 when a Jeep Grand Cherokee rear-ended a Ford Focus partially parked on Saginaw Road.

A 2007 Ford Focus driven by Makena J. Jones, 17, of Vassar, was parked partially on Saginaw Road east of Hess Road, facing east, according to police. Two vehicle’s flashers activated “due to vehicle issues, possibly stalling,” according to police.

An eastbound 2010 Jeep Grand Cherokee was driven by Christine A. Draper of Mayville, rear-ended the Ford Focus, then crossed the road’s centerline and struck another vehicle. Police said Draper suffered minor injuries due to the crash, as did two passengers in the Jeep. 11-year-old Carolyn J. Draper and 9-year-old Curtis E. Draper.

Akron for police service, so Simerson was at Fairgrove’s meeting to give the council his report on activities. The Fairgrove council also voted to not issue any more payments to the sewage lagoon authority until there is a meeting of the municipalities. The lagoon serves both Akron and Fairgrove.

Set a budget workshop for 9 a.m. Jan. 22.

Moved $30,000 from the village’s savings to balance the fire department’s budget.
Nearly 360,000 tractors and combines left dealer lots in 2021 in North America. U.S. and Canadian sales of tractors and combines finished 2021 with gains of more than 10 percent in nearly every category in both countries, according to the latest data from the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM). U.S. total farm tractor sales gained 0.3 percent for the month of December compared to 2020, while U.S. self-propelled combine sales for the month saw a gain of 25.3 percent. Those gains contributed to a total gain for the year of 10.3 percent for tractors, and 24.7 percent for combine harvesters.

For the year, the only segment in either the U.S. or Canada that gained less than 10 percent was sub-40 horsepower tractors in the U.S., growing 9.5 percent. The overall growth leader for tractors in the U.S. was 100-plus-horsepower 2WD tractors, growing 24.1 percent, followed by articulated 4WD tractors up 18.1 percent.

A total of 317,897 tractors and 6,272 combine harvesters found new homes in the U.S. in 2021. In Canada, sales of tractors for the month of December grew 10.5 percent, while U.S. self-propelled combines fell 17.6 percent year-over-year.

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“Seeing gains in the double digits across North America year-over-year for both tractors and combines is great for equipment manufacturers,” said Curt Blades, senior vice president, industry sectors and product leadership at AEM, the North America-based international trade group representing off-road equipment manufacturers and suppliers.

Extension for organic certification expenses

If you’re a certified organic producer or transitioning to organic, you now have more time to apply for pandemic assistance from USDA. The application deadline for the Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program (OTECP) has been extended to Feb. 4, 2022. The program helps cover certification and education expenses for organic producers — currently applying to costs from 2020 and 2021. An application period for the 2022 fiscal year will be announced later.

Costs covered

For each year, OTECP covers 25 percent of a certified organic producer’s eligible certification expenses, up to $250 per certification category (crop, livestock, wild rice, wool, handling and State Organic Program fees). This includes application fees, inspection fees, USDA organic certification costs, state organic program fees and more. Crop and livestock operations transitioning to organic production may be eligible for up to 75 percent of a transitional operation’s eligible expenses — up to $750 — for each year. This includes fees charged by a certifying agent or consultant for pre-certification inspections and development of an organic system plan.

For both certified operations and transitional operations, OTECP covers 75 percent of the registration fees — up to $200 per year — for educational events related to organic production and handling. USDA says that the funds will assist operations in increasing their knowledge of production and marketing practices that can improve their operations, increase resilience, and expand available marketing opportunities. Additionally, producers may be eligible for 75 percent of the expense of soil testing required under the National Organic Program (NOP) to document micronutrient deficiency — not to exceed $100 per year in applications by calling 877-506-8364. The program application and additional information can be found at farmers.gov/OTECP.
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By Vonda Van Til |
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Mr. and Mrs. Max Zimke welcomed a second little girl to their home Tuesday morning, Jan. 16. Max wears a broad smile and the tiny lady is to be called Marion Louise. John F. Palmer surprised his friends into Dr. Richardson’s residence on Sherman Street. Andrew Richards lost his Clydesdale stallion “Ashplant” this week. He was valued at $600. W.H. Carspm and his wife are moving to Fairgrove; the horse he bought for his son, Alvin, who has shown great aptitude for store, as he bought his share for his son, not be active in the management of the store, as he is ready to retire. Mr. Schultz will be ready in about two weeks. W.L. Parker is filling one of the box carloads of ice for supply the Caro public with ice of superior quality next summer. Last Monday afternoon, Dr. Ryan found it necessary to amputate both feet of young Hawley, who is accused of murdering Farmer Brown at Millington, and who, in getting back to Detroit after the deed, had his feet badly frozen.
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ELDOR RUBEN HERRMANN

Eldor Ruben Herrmann was born in 1935, went home on January 9, 2022, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Caro, age 77, passed away peacefully at home on January 9, 2022, at the age of 86. He was born to the late John and Marie Newton on May 28th, 1933. He was married to Charlene Keller on November 5, 1955 at the United Methodist Church in Caro, age 23. Eldor was a graduate of Caro High School, class of 1951. He then attended the University of Utah and graduated from the University of Utah in 1956. He then served as a Mustang Driver in the 101st Airborne. On that same property, he opened Jan's Beauty Cottage, a Caro institution that has served clients for over forty years. Jan was born on November 24, 1931, in Caro, Michigan, to Henry Franklin and Daisy Mae Horr, she predeceased him. He married Janet A. Fullmer on February 4, 1956 at the United Methodist Church in Caro. He was born August 24, 1931, in Evart to Henry Franklin and Daisy (Albertson) Herrmann. He was born on January 15, 2022 in Kranz Funeral Home, Caro City, age 77, passed away peacefully at home on January 9, 2022, at the age of 86. He was born to the late Charles M. Conat and Thelma E. Hooks and his son Mike Conat. Donald is survived by his loving wife, Jackie, his parents, and many other family members. Richard was employed as a courier and that would be his lifelong support from an early age. He graduated from Ferris State University. They later moved to East Lansing where both attended school and Jan would earn her master’s in education, attending school in the evening and running a beauty shop during the day. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home. Friends may view condolence messages online at www.RansfordCollon.com.
Thank You
for your dedicated service to Bronner’s CHRISTmas Wonderland!

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Tammy Hall
Chris Miller
Sarah Schlegel
Charlotte Hakes

Mikki Barnard
Rhonda Blanton
Alicia Heartwell
Nen Mays

Jodi Burgess
Diane Day
Malena Knueger

Denise Lothringer
Miranda Palm
Dan Schiefer

Kathy Toff
Mike Wachowicz
Not Pictured: Mary Aspin

20 years
Erin Beller
Christine Blake
Aimee Cook
Jennifer Frank
Debbi Getty
Norman Hase
Renee Hendler
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Karen Lynch
Dona Moses
Mary Reinbold
Bonnie Schlegel
Diane Stacy
Laura Williams
Not Pictured: Cheryl Kelley

15 years
Leslie Brown
Lori Ann Burwell
Barb Cramer

Misti Dickey
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CARDINALS fall to rivals on the road in tight contest

By Scott Bolsby | Sports Editor
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Kingston’s Carter Geiter goes up for a shot against a Deckerville defender in Friday night’s game. Kingston lost 51-49 to the Eagles.

“Giving up turnovers that turn into points, that’s not good but the effort they put in is good,” Lester said. “We just have to clean up some stuff. We’re having a hard time scoring, so anytime you turn it over, it’s not good.”

The Cardinals found themselves down 8-0 before back-to-back three-pointers from Owen Corlis and Ethan Green cut the lead to 10-6. Deckerville eventually pulled away to a 20-8 lead in the second quarter before another Kingston rally. The Cardinals fought back to tie the game 27-27 at halftime on an Ethan Harrington bucket.

The Eagles wasted little time getting back in the offensive groove, opening the second half on an 8-0 run before Kingston stopped the run with 4:30 remaining in the third quarter.

Deckerville regained the lead entering the fourth quarter with a 41-34 advantage. Corlis cut the Eagles’ lead to three points after a 3-pointer with 2:34 remaining in the game. Green followed that up less than a minute later with a bucket to cut the lead to one, before a 3-pointer from Green gave Kingston a 48-46 lead with 2:20 remaining in the game.

Both squads had opportunities to score but the score stuck and after a Kingston free throw, the Eagles were looking for a run of their own to regain the lead trailing 49-46.

Deckerville big man Derek Osborne hit a 3-pointer on the next trip down the court, before the following inbound by the Cardinals was stolen by Deckerville. The Eagles called a timeout, but got the ball back. Osborne once again got the ball, going up for the score and giving Deckerville

SEE CARDINALS | B2
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Lebanon Senior Levi Foco (white jersey) attempts to cut through Cros-Lex defenders Jake Townsend (12) and Trey Kolakovich (1) on his way to the basket. Foco led all Reese scorers with 34, including three 3-pointers. Cros-Lex is coming off a season that included a Division 2 quarterfinal appearance.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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- 8:15 AM Chip Seal
- 8:30 AM Crush, Shape, and Stabilize
- 8:45 AM HMA Machine Patch

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Cass City Public Schools

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Pre-Bid Site Visit will be held at 3:30 pm Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at Cass City High School, 4868 N. Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726. This is Non-Mandatory but highly recommended.

The Owner will award contract(s) on or before the 21st of February 2022.

Bidding Documents will be available to all bidders beginning Wednesday, January 19, 2022 after 9:00 am. They will be available via:

BidWeb: https://www.bidweb.com


Drop Box: http://www.dropbox.com/sh/3ct0db5f4se4uee/AAJ-LP4YF0gpp3aG5I7Pv7d1?

Questions regarding the bidding procedures, design, and drawings/specification intent are to be directed to writing to the Construction Manager, R & E Development Group, LLC email to attention: Robert Proper.

E-mail: rproper@redevgrp.com

Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the due date. Successful Bidders will be required to furnish both a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and a Performance Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of its contract amount as stated in the Construction Project Manual section 00600.

Items to Accompany All Proposals:

- A Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of Base Bid shall accompany ALL proposals or proposal combinations; refer to the Construction Project Manual section 00410 for more information.

- A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) of, or any employee of, the Bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the Superintendent shall accompany ALL proposals. The owner will not accept a proposal that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship declaration statement. See the Construction Project Manual section 00337 for the form to use with your proposal.

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THIS IS A NON-PREQUALIFIED WAGE PROJECT

Separate Proposals will be required for the following Bid Categories:

- Roof/Interior
- Truck/Welding
- Classroom Casework
- Floorings
- Acoustical Ceilings
- Science Lab Casework
- Metal Lockers
- Band Room Instrument Storage
- Mechanical
- Electrical

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

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- 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’ wide sewer installation and all associated structures, the shoulder widening includes earth excavation, sand subbase, aggregate base, concrete curbs and gutter and HMA paving, guardrail improvements, signing upgrades, permanent pavement markings, and installation of erosion control measures.

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NOTICE TO CITY OF CARO RESIDENTS

BOARD OPENINGS NOTICE

The City of Caro is accepting applications for the following Boards & Committees:

- Parks and Recreation Committee - 3-year term - 2 members
- Planning Commission - 3-year term - 1 member

(shall consist of members representing the City of Caro)

Applications are available on the City of Caro website, www.carocity.net/government/pages/government-forms. Please email to info@carocity.net or mail to the City Clerk’s Office, 317 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723.

Accepting application until February 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Rita Papp
City of Caro Clerk
Wilcox, Uhl.
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**TAKING BIDS ON FARMLAND**

If you wish to make an offer on the above parcel, your offer should be submitted to the Law Office of Phoebe J. Moore, PC, 2414 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723, Attn: Phoebe J. Moore. The offer must be in writing, subject to the following:

1. Bids shall be submitted to Phoebe J. Moore, PC, as outlined above, but must be received no later than January 31, 2022 by 4:00 p.m.
2. All bids shall be reviewed by an approved bidder from the lender.
3. Please be certain to clearly identify the parcel you wish to purchase (as Parent Parcel or “house parcel”) and which portion of the parcel is for sale.
4. The Buyer is required to submit a deposit of 10% of the purchase price within three (3) business days after receiving notice of Seller’s intent to accept the bid.
5. The successful bidder will be required to bear all closing costs associated with the sale, including but not limited to, attorney’s fees, closing, title insurance, and other easements, reservations, and/or rights of way of record.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISEMENT PLANNING COMMISSION**

There will be a Public Hearing on Feb-

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION VASSTON TOWNSHIP**

Vasseton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Permitted Commercial Medical Marijuana Facilities and Adult-use Marijuana Establishments

On January 11, 2022, at a regular meet-

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**Summary of Minutes of Regular Meeting of Charter Twp.**

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- **Decedent, K. Richard**
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Tuscola Today

Visit Visitors:

5. Water Project Workshop – Demolition Project, #2.

Motion by White, seconded by Batschke to approve the agenda with the addition of:

- 5. Water Project Workshop – Demolition – Project 22-M-6

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Juniata Township

Ron Anderson – Commented that he has a pending purchase agreement with the Caro Strand Theater. He would like the Council to consider tearing down the old police building for a parking lot. He is working with the EDC to keep the Caro Strand Theater open. Steve Erickson, EDC – Spoke in support of Ron Anderson. He explained the efforts of the EDC and working with the current owners of the Caro Strand Theater. The EDC is in support of the new owners of the theater and would like to see the theatre succeed. He assured that there will be continued support from the EDC.

All – Commented. 

Chambers. 

7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Manager, Rita Papp; Don Hall, Tisha Jones-Greene, City Council:

- Mayor Greene proposed scheduling a work project workshop for January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Packet was distributed to Council Members to read. No motion brought to the table. No action taken.
- 6. Censorship: Notice on Water on Project Work Discussion
- 22-M-6 Motion by Batschke, seconded by Campbell to approve the recommendation of the City Manager and approved the purchase of the water equipment from Kurt Trucks and Equipment. Motion carried.
- Motion – Peers Manufacturing proposed scheduling a work project workshop for January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Packet was distributed to Council Members to read. No motion brought to the table. No action taken.


For the residents and property owners of the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, and all other interested persons:

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On December 14, 2021, the Township of Juniata adopted Ordinance No. 8-2021 Juniata Township Cemetery Ordinance (the “Ordinance”). The following is a summary of the regulatory effect of the Ordinance. A true copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection or purchase at the Township Hall, 1971 S. Ringle Rd., Caro, MI, by appointment.

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 8-2021 Juniata Township Cemetery Ordinance

Title: This section states the ordinance shall be known and cited as the Juniata Township Cemetery Ordinance.

Definitions of Cemetery Lots and Burial Spaces: This section provides definitions for the terms “Cemetery Lot” and “Burial Space” as used in the Ordinance.

Sale of Lots or Burial Spaces: This section provides rules and procedures for the sale of Cemetery Lots and Burial Spaces.

Purchase Price and Transfer Fees: This section authorizes the Township Board to impose fees for the sale and transfer of Cemetery Lots and Burial Spaces.

Grave Opening Charges: This section authorizes the Township Board to impose grave opening and closing fees annually by resolution.

Markers or Memorials: This section provides rules and regulations for the use of markers and memorials for Burial Spaces.

Interment Regulations: This section provides rules and regulations for the interment of remains within Burial Spaces.

Ground Maintenance: This section governs and provides standards for ground maintenance of Cemetery Lots.

Fortification of Vacant Cemetery Lots or Burial Spaces: This section provides standards and procedures for the fortification of vacant cemetery lots and burial spaces to the Township. No action taken.

Re-Purchase of Lots or Burial Spaces: This section provides that the Township will re-purchase any cemetery lot or burial space upon written request of said owner (or their heirs or representatives).

Records: This section requires a cemetery sexton to maintain records of burials and burial owners on behalf of the Township. The records shall be available for public inspection. No action taken.

Vault: This section requires that all burials shall be within a standard concrete vault installed or construction in each burial space before interment.

Cemetery Hours: This section requires cemeteries to be open to the general public from summer season each day and prohibits entrance after hours, unless authorized by the cemetery sexton.

Penalties: This section provides penalties for violations of the Ordinance that include a misdemeanor charge, maximum $100 fine, and maximum 90 days in jail. Further, this section provides that each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Severability: This section provides that should any section or part thereof be declared invalid, or unconstitutional such decision shall affect only the particular provision of the Ordinance. The remaining of the ordinance which shall be effective and in effect.

Repealer: This section provides that all ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall be repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Effective Date: This section provides that the ordinance shall be published and take effect (30) thirty days after publication by provided law.

DENMARK TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY TO INCORPORATE AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND RIGHT TO REFERENDUM

Official certification has been received from the Michigan Secretary of State that the township of DENMARK has a population of 2,000 or more, making it eligible to incorporate as a charter township. The township board may choose to exercise options concerning incorporation as a charter township under the provisions of the Charter Township Act, Public Act 359 of 1956 (MCL 42.3a).

1. Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township.

2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township by resolution. By resolution 40 days after the adoption of the resolution of intent, the township board may adopt the resolution to incorporate as a charter township.

3. Adopt by majority vote a resolution to place before the electorate at the next regular or special township election the question of incorporation as a charter township.

The petition board may also choose to take no action.

If Option 2 is adopted by the township board, the citizens of the township have the right to file a “Right to Referendum Petition.” This petition must be filed before the final adoption of the resolution of intent as a charter township. The petition must follow in general the non-nominating petition form as prescribed in the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.485), and the heading must indicate “Disagreement of Intent to Incorporate as a Charter Township.” This petition must be signed by not less than 10% of the number of electors of the township voting for township supervisor at the last election in which a supervisor was elected.

If the petition is successful, the question of incorporation will be placed on the ballot at the next general or special township election.

BRENDA BIGHAM, Clerk

Juniata Township Hall

1971 S. Ringle Rd.

Clio, MI 48723

(989) 550-6652

April 4, 1947, as amended (MCL 42.3a):

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2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township by resolution. At 8:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Rita Papp

City Clerk
Cass City gymnasts compete at Fowlerville

By Scott Bolsby | Sports Editor
sports@tcadvertiser.com

FOWLERVILLE — The Cass City co-op gymnastics squad took third out of three teams at Fowlerville on Friday. The Red Hawks scored 32.25 to fall to the Fowlerville-Bayou-Pinecky-Perry A and B teams.

Grace Suggitt turned in Cass

City’s best all-around score with a 33.3 while Faith Hooper scored a 32.07. Suggitt took top spot on the team in vault (8.65), uneven bars (8.2) and floor exercise (9.175) while Hooper took first on the team in the balance beam (8.05).
Sherman, Selich help Millington roll to home win

By Scott Boals | Sports Editor
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CANS CITY – Carter Patrick scored 25 points as Cans City defeated Vassar 64-61 in Friday night’s Greater Thumb Conference West Division battle.

The Red Hawks led 18-16 after the first quarter before the Vikings took the lead 31-28 at halftime. Cans City outscored Vassar 36-30 in the second half to get the win.

Riley Swoloski added 13 for Cans City and Mike Fernald chipped in with 12.

LeMonge Davis put together a stat line of 15 points, five steals and four assists for Vassar. Maxx Mendham contributed 14 points while Marquis Crist scored 13.

Cans City (5-1, 1-1) and Vassar (2-3, 0-2) both return to action tonight. The Red Hawks travel to Unionville-Sebewaing Area.

Reese finishes perfect week on hardwood

REESE – Reese closed out a perfect week with a 64-61 home win on Friday against Laker in a Greater Thumb Conference West Division matchup.

The Rockets led 15-11 after the first quarter, 23-19 at halftime and 46-35 entering the fourth quarter.

Jake Rau followed up his 23-point effort from Friday night with 13 points and two blocks. Emma Kerkau helped with nine points and four rebounds.

Juniata battles back, falls short

VASSAR TWP. – The Juniata Christian School boys’ basketball team struggled to score against Community Baptist of Saginaw’s lengthy defense, falling to the Kings 45-17 in Friday’s Greater Thumb Conference East Division road loss to Memphian.

The Red Raiders led 6-4 after one quarter and 24-15 at halftime, before a third-quarter 19-point performance from the Yellowjackets cut the lead to 36-34 entering the final stanza.

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Frankenmuth – The Frankenmuth boys’ basketball team suffered a Tri-Valley Conference 8 loss to Freeland here on Friday.

The Eagles trailed 11-9 at the end of the first, 30-21 at halftime and 46-31 entering the fourth quarter.

Drew Tilsworth led Frankenmuth with nine points and eight rebounds. Travis Brenner chipped in with eight points and Cole Jankowski pulled down seven rebounds.

Frankenmuth (6-2, 3-1) returns to action on Friday, traveling to Alma.

Fatigue costs Tecumseh

The Tecumseh boys’ basketball team suffered its first loss of the season here Monday against Laker. The Red Hawks led 18-17 after one quarter, 25-19 at halftime and 46-35 entering the fourth quarter.

Jim Christian scored 10 points as Cass City defeated Vassar 64-61 in a Greater Thumb Conference 10 matchup.

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The host Eagles rallied to pull within one point of the Kings with 4.5 seconds remaining in the game. After forcing a turnover, the Eagles inbounded from midcourt, but were unable to get the winning basket.

Emily Smith led all Juniata scorers with 10 points, while Amanda Bryan had 8.

Juniata hosted Midland Calvary Baptist on Tuesday.

Kings prevail in battle of cardinals

BAY CITY – The Akem-Fairgrove girls’ basketball team battled Bay City All Saints in a North Central Thumb League Stripes Division matchup here on Monday.

The Vikings fell 58-29 after trailing 27-10 at halftime and 45-19 entering the fourth quarter.

Riley Cosby led all A-F scorers with nine points while Bailey Dettl doubled down with seven points and seven rebounds.

The Vikings (7-2, 2-1) travel to Owendale-Gagetown on Friday.

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Reese senior guard Tanner Bellbush attempts to float a shot over an overreached Donovan McDonald. Bellbush scored 10 points in Monday’s loss.

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