Two incumbent commissioners face primary opposition at polls

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CARO — Short of an independent or write-in challenge, the makeup of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners will be determined Aug. 2.

The bulk of the current five-person body will retain their seats for another two years. District 1 Commissioner Tom Young, who represents Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Winor townships; District 2 Commissioner Thomas Hardwell, who represents Almer, Ellington, Kingston and Novesta townships and the city of Caro; and District 3 Commissioner Kim Vought, who represents Dayton, Fremont, Indianfields, Koylton and Wells townships, and Novesta townships and the city of Caro; and District 5 Commissioner Dan Grimshaw, who represents Arbela, Millington, Tuscola and Watertown townships and District 7 Commissioner Dan Grimshaw, will face no declared Democratic Party opposition in the Aug. 2 Republican primary.

Bardwell, who represents Almer, Ellington, Kingston, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Winor townships and the city of Caro, will face primary opposition Aug. 2. The makeup of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners will be determined Aug. 2.

Nearly 20 local proposals on Tuesday, Aug. 2 ballot

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TUSCOLA COUNTY — Residents of Tuscola County who head to the polls for the Aug. 2 primary election will see at least three proposals on the ballot. Some will see more.

A total of 19 proposals — most of which are renewals of the same millage as the last time on the ballot — will be approved or declined. Three of the proposals are county-wide millage renewals, which will appear on the ballot at all county voting stations. Some, such as an Elmwood Township Fire Department request and Millington Arbela District Library request are asking residents to again approve a 0.9657-mill tax, the same tax that was dispersed to county municipalities.

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**MSU Extension**

MSU Extension is asking voters to approve a 0.4807-mill (.4807 cents on every $1,000 of taxable valuation) tax for the county’s 4-H program and other activities and education programs. This is the same millage that passed in 2016 and is for the next six years. If approved, the millage will raise an estimated $203,574 in its first year.

**Bridge and Street Improvement Renewal Proposal**

In 2016, this renewal passed 70 percent to 30 percent. Using the same language, the Tuscola County Road Commission is asking residents to again approve a 0.4807-mill (4807 cents on every $1,000 of taxable valuation) tax. The millage is for eight years, from 2024 through 2031. If approved, the millage will raise about $978,581 in its first year. Money will be used by the road commission and could be dispersed to county municipalities.

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“We continue to expect the project will be complete,” Rierson said in an email, “by the time school starts on Aug. 24.”

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Horsemen harness big revenue -- from sports betting

Hammsace racing returned to the Tuscola County Fairgrounds last weekend for the first time in about 10 years. Competition was strong in the fourth race, shown here, featuring, from left, Kim Pitsa driving Harper Jane, Rick Dobson driving Grey Lingerie, Tim Roach driving Nina Quit Smokin, Jeff Novak driving Blazingmachine, and Charles Taylor driving I’m A Lady. The race was won by Grey Lingerie, bringing $5,589 for first place.

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CARO — Sports betting became legal in Michigan in 2019, and it’s boosted the horse racing revenue — according to Kent Hess, a driver and trainer from Tuscola County’s Arbela Township. “We’re breeding more horses in Michigan because our purses have picked up so much,” said Hess, 57, a harness-racing industry veteran. “It’s good that the races are back,” said Hess, like Caro-area driver and trainer Scott Altizer, and Caro-area native Carl Putnam Jr., 70, drives Two Birds Trotter, Smash the Rail, across the finish line first in Saturday’s fifth race, winning his first race on the Caro track 40 years ago.

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Hess, a 1983 Millington High School graduate, drove his first race on Saturday’s nine races in Caro were for Michigan-sired colts and fillies only. One race saw only three horses enter, and three races drew only four horses apiece, guaranteeing a share of the purse no matter where a horse finished in the race.

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FROM A1
I have drawn challenges from within the Republican Party. DuRussel is facing off against Jerome Grimshaw, who is running to take on Matt Koch. 

Lut: 60, was elected in December after 30 years at Ferguson Block, where he started as a truck driver and later rose to became plant manager. Before that, he was a team leader at an automotive facility for approximately five years. He serves on the Mid-State Title Planning committee and on the security team of the Redding Foundry. He and his wife, Shelly, who is the county’s human resources director, have three married children and a number of grandchildren.

GM: 61, has owned and operated Koch Financial Design since 1987. He previously was the chief executive officer of Tern Ranch Inc. He just finished 25 years on the Vassar Public Schools board of education and 15 years as an assistant basketball coach at Vassar High School. He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren.

GM: 61, is the owner-operator of Accessible Consulting, where he helps people make buildings and businesses handicap accessible. He is finishing his first term on the commission. He previously ran, unsuccessfully, for county commission 10 years ago.

Koch: He’s the former operator of a small business. “I can do something about it.” He said the commission needs to get their foot in the door, “to try to bring back employers as Means Stamping or Grede Group. I don’t think that is happening. I can sit at home and complain about it or I can try to do something about it.”

Why do you think you have a primary opponent?

DuRussel: He believes his opponent was urged to run by someone “who doesn’t like the way I vote and ask questions.”

What are the issues facing the county?

Lut: The big issue, he said, is money and it is being spent. “I just don’t think we are spending as they should be,” he said. As an example, he talked about the time and money spent in the past year looking for a building to use until “the commissioners eventually came back to the offer from mid-Russel and Danian Waski, who had started off everything by offering the former People’s State Bank building.

DuRussel: He said the county needs more office space and to save taxpayer dollars, especially in critical needs for county workers, and making sure the county isn’t spending too much for materials and services needed by the county.

What particular issues does the district that you represent face?

Lut: He said people are telling him they need more and better representation. “They say they call and nobody answers,” he said.

“Do you think you would bring (have brought) to the county commission that you think it lacks (lacked)?

DuRussel: He said he would bring people skills, a knowledge of the trade, where he worked for years, and a background as a former operator of a small business. “I can listen to people and take care of their little problems and their big problems,” he said. “That’s what I want to do.”

He also said he wants to retain and attract people to the area, and especially to county offices and agencies, where he wants the employees to know they are appreciated and respected. “I want to get people to come to Tuscola County and for them to believe that (and) that they have invested in Tuscola County. And that is not happening.”

DuRussel: He said has brought to the commission the ability to ask for that information needed to make an informed vote “instead of just going along with things.” He also said he finally got the budget background – he previously was an investment representative – is an asset.

“My number one thing that I ran on two years ago and that I am running on now is the same thing I have been doing since I have been in office,” he said, “and that is keeping taxpayer dollars in their pockets instead of spending it in the county.”

DISTRICT 5

What prompted you to run for the county commission?

Koch: After his term on the school board ended in December, some people approached Koch and asked him to run for a seat on the county commission. They kept asking and he said he turned people to try to get their interest.

“Every person I kind of bounced it off of expecting to get a ‘no, you’re crazy,’ I thought I would get a ‘no, you’re crazy,’ I thought I would get a ‘no,” he said, “but then he decided to file the papers to run for office.

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Grimsdaw: “You’ll have to ask my competition,” he said. “I’ve had no conversations on it I know.”

What are the issues facing the county?

Koch: He said the county still is losing manufacturing businesses. “I think we have admitted that,” he said, “Michael Paul, middle school reading teacher James Wynn, social studies teacher. Leigha Drohn, third-year probation to special education teacher Jennifer Bock, middle school special education teacher Shane Hood and middle school math teacher Stephanie Shaggy, and secondary probation to elementary music teacher Heather Horve, high school social studies teacher Brenda Gilmart and elementary Play Pals teacher Cathy Convery.

Caro Schools still waiting for roof repairs

FROM A2
worker Brian Bennett and high school math teacher Daniel Cook, fourth-year probation to second-grade teacher Jessica Augeste, elementary Title 1 teacher Sarah Depels to second-grade teacher Jessica Arquette, elementary Play Pals teacher Leigha Horve, fourth-year probation to high school science teacher Allison Sirci, middle school language arts teacher Melissa Anger, kindergarten teacher Krista Sihvonen, high school physical education teacher Nicholas Grimshaw, high school science teacher Michelle Shears, kindergarten teacher Matthew Shears, second-year probation to special education teacher Leanne Blunt, second-year probation to special education teacher Leigha Drohn, third-year probation to special education teacher Jennifer Bock, middle school special education teacher Shane Hood and middle school math teacher Stephanie Shaggy, and secondary probation to elementary music teacher Heather Horve, high school social studies teacher Brenda Gilmart and elementary Play Pals teacher Cathy Convery.

Hired Carly Brown as middle school social studies teacher

He replaced Zachary Booth, who served just a few months after being hired in late February, for an unanticipated position left by Thomas, who left the district in November to move to Mason High School in Haskell from Pinckney. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Michigan College and has been an assistant athletic director at a school in Bradenton, Florida.
The Thumb region’s farmers are not complaining about the wheat harvest.

**FROM A1**

**SCHOOL PROPOSALS**

Saginaw ISD Special Education Millage Increase Proposal

This proposal only affects voters in the portions of Tuscola, Arabela, and Darmark townships within the boundaries of districts of Saginaw County Schools. It asks voters to approve changing the previously approved 1.411 mills by adding 1.183 mills for the education of students with disabilities. This is a renewal proposal which will generate a little over $8.6 million in its first year (2022).

**TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS**

Almer Township Road Millage Renewal Proposal

Almer Township is asking voters to approve a 1-mill proposal that will go toward township roads for four years (2023–26). In its first year, the proposal would generate an estimated $66,614. The same proposal passed 355-147 in 2018.

Arabela Township Road Repair Renewal Proposal

This 1-mill, five-year proposal, if approved, would raise nearly $80,000 in its first year (2023). Voters approved the same proposal in 2018 by a vote of 375-173.

Arabela Township Fire Equipment Renewal Proposal

The township is asking voters to approve a 0.5-mill, five-year proposal for the purchase of new, or re-conditioned, equipment for the Millington/Arabela Townships Fire Department. This proposal, which will raise an estimated $39,625 in its first year, was approved 61 percent to 39 percent in 2022.

Akon Township Emergency Services Renewal Proposal

This five-year, 0.0994-mill renewal, if approved, will raise about $18,800 per year from 2022-26.

Akon Township Road Construction and Maintenance Renewal Proposal

Last approved 227-40 in 2018, this proposal asks residents to approve a 1.873-mill, four-year proposal that will go toward township roads. It will raise an estimated $271,585 in its first year.

Elkland Township Road Construction/Repair Renewal Proposal

Voters are asked to renew a 0.997-mill, six-year property tax, to build, improve and repair roads and bridges. The tax would raise about $97,000 in its first year.

Elmwood Township Fire Equipment and Property Proposal

This millage is not a renewal. Elmwood Township is asking residents to approve a 1.5-mill property tax to provide funds for the Gagetown Elmwood Township Volunteer Department. Funds raised (about $81,000 a year) will go toward purchasing and maintaining and repairing fire equipment.

Indianfields Township Road Improvement and Maintenance Proposal

Indianfields Township is asking voters to approve a 2-mill proposal to raise funds for its roads. This is not a renewal. The last time the township brought the proposal to residents in 2018 – it was for a 1-mill renewal. The proposal is for four years and will raise about $331,750 each year if approved.

Indianfields Township Fire Protection Proposal

Though the language does not mention a renewal, this is a renewal of a 0.75-mill proposal that passed 439 to 137 in 2018. The funds generated in the four-year proposal – about $50,000 per year – will go toward a contract with the Caro Fire Department for services.

Novesta Township Road Millage Proposal

Novesta Township is asking residents to vote yes to increase property taxes for township roads. The proposal is for 2 mills and will generate about $73,615 in its first year. The last time the township asked for a road proposal to be approved was in 2018, when it asked voters to approve a 1-mill renewal (2022-2025).

Winner Township Road Millage Renewal Proposal

Winner Township is asking voters to approve an eight-year (2023-30) renewal of a previous 2-mill proposal. If approved, the additional millage will generate about $55,602 in its first year.

Bullard Sanford Memorial Library Millage Renewal Proposal

Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, of Vassar, is asking residents of Janutta, Tuscola and Vassar townships, as well as the city of Vassar, to approve a 1.25-mill renewal. The renewal is for 10 years (2023-32) and would generate about $330,900 in funds in its first year.

Mayville District Public Library Millage Proposal

Mayville District Public Library is asking for voters to vote yes on a 0.75-mill proposal, of which 0.129 mill is a renewal of a 2012 proposal, and 0.0371 mill is additional millage. The proposal is for 10 years (2022-31) and will generate about $110,200 in the first year. Voters who live in Dayton and Fremont townships can vote on the millage, which passed 663-250 in 2012.

Millington/Arabela District Library Millage Proposal

Library officials are asking voters in Arabela and Millington township to approve a tax increase of 0.359 mills. The overall request is for a 1.3-mill, 10-year proposal (2024-33) which would raise about $264,000 in its first year.

Rawson Memorial Library Millage Proposal

Library officials are asking residents to approve a 0.35-mill proposal of which 0.348 mill is a renewal of the millage rate that expires in 2022 and 0.002 mill is the increase that will restore the millage rate previously authorized. This is a four-year request that levies about $64,000 in its first year. Residents of Elkland, Elmwood and Novesta townships will see this proposal on their ballots.

**FROM A2**

Sneer, in Sanilac County’s Moos Township, is about nine miles northwest of Sandusky. Fahrner added that “from what I’ve been hearing around Cass City and Ubly and throughout the Thumb, grain prices are running pretty average” for winter wheat, planted in the fall.

Ryan Kohl, harvesting wheat July 13 along Bay City-Forestdale Road in northern Tuscola County’s Elmwood Township, described the crop as “good.”

Kohl, helped by his sons, 14-year-old Mason Kohl and 12-year-old Maks Kohl, called his sons “the main part of this operation.” The father and sons were harvesting in a field owned by Ryan Kohl’s father, Larry Kohl.

While Ryan Kohl spoke with a reporter, Mason Kohl was coaching Maks on how to operate a dumpcart to deposit wheat into a semi-trailer on July 12.

“In rough numbers, it’s about $1 per bushel higher than it would have been at this time last year, at last year’s harvest,” which is due in part to the war in Ukraine,” Fahrner said.

“Prices were a lot higher this spring than they are now,” according to Fahrner.

Farmers were receiving between $7 and $7.50 per bushel in the prior few days at Cooperative Elevator Co., down from roughly $6.90 per bushel one year ago, according to Fahrner.

But fertilizer costs in the U.S. have increased as well in that year, and it’s become harder for farmers to get parts to repair their equipment, according to Fahrner: “The increase in price per bushel hasn’t really equaled a larger (profit) due to the increased costs,” Fahrner said.

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2. Vassar City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
3. Marlette City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
4. Caywood Township Board Meeting - 7 p.m.

**MONDAY**

1. Caro City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
2. Farrant Grove School Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
3. Williamston School Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
4. Vassar City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

1. Caro City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
2. Vassar City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
3. Marlette City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
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**WEDNESDAY**

1. Vassar School Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
2. Unionville School Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
3. Cass City School Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
4. Tuscola County Commissioners Meeting of the Whole - 8:00 a.m.

**THURSDAY**

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2. Sebewaing Village Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
3. Unionville School Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
4. Cass City School Board Meeting - 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

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TUSCOLA COUNTY

County now has two State Senate districts

By Jones Smarson | Reporter
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CARO — Tuscola County is split when it comes to Tuesday’s state Senate races. Not just on the issues, but regarding who residents can vote for.

In the past, Tuscola County was part of Michigan’s 31st District, which encapsulated all of Tuscola, Bay and Lapeer counties. But after the 2020 census, district lines were redrawn. And things got a little more complicated.

For the 2022 election cycle — the primary election is Tuesday, the regular election is Nov. 8 — Tuscola County is split into two Senate districts. District 25 includes the city of Caro along with Akron, Columbia, Eildall, Ellington, Elmwood, Indianfields, Kingston, Kytylon, Novesta and Wells townships.

District 26 includes the city of Vassar and Alma, Ashlee, Dayton, Dornmont, Fargrove, Fremont, Gilford, Junata, Millington, Tuscola, Vassar, Watertown and Wilter townships.

Tuesday is primary election day in Michigan, where voters choose one Republican and one Democrat to be placed on the November ballot. This is how the district lines were drawn as the candidates who are running for a four-year term as state senator in the Tuscola district.

DISTRICT 25

Along with the eastern portion of Tuscola County, District 25 includes all of Huron, Sanilac and St. Clair counties, as well as the northern portion of Macomb County. Republican Daniel Lauwers is the incumbent, having won the election in 2018. He is running again and is unchallenged in the Republican race.

On the Democrat side of the ballot, Van Dyke — is also the lone candidate in the primary.

DISTRICT 26

Two Republicans and one Democrat are vying for the title of 26th District state Senator. The Republican race will be down to one after Tuesday’s election.

On the Republican side, Kevin Daley, who is presently the 31st District Senator representing Sherry J. Macedon, District 26 was previously located in the southwest portion of the state. In addition to the western portion of Tuscola County, including Vassar and Millington, District 26 includes most of Lapeer County, most of Saginaw County (excluding the city of Saginaw) and the north and eastern portions of Genesee County.

Van Dyke, a Carsonville-Port Sanilac High School graduate, grew up on farms in Macomb and Sanilac counties. For the past 30 years, he has worked as an instructor at Marine City High School in St. Clair County. Van Dyke, who is making his first journey into the political arena, says he has conservative values and a progressive outlook.

Lauwers, 59, of Brockway Township in St. Clair County, graduated from the Michigan House of Representatives from 2013 through 2019. He was House majority leader in 2017 and 2018. Lauwers graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics. He owns Eastern Michigan Grain Inc.

Vassar Twp. adds ordinance enforcement

By Mark Haney | Reporter
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VASSAR TWP. — Vassar Township has ordinances to govern everything from bright to manière.

Until its July 12 session, however, the township apparently didn’t have enforcement of those ordinances covered.

The township’s attorney told the board in June that it needed to pass something — a motion, an ordinance, a resolution — that named its enforcement officer or officers. While several current ordinances lay out enforcement and who will be responsible for enforcing, other ordinances refer to something that apparently did not exist, until the board acted this month.

“Apparently,” board member Ben Partridge said, “we don’t have that anywhere or it can’t be found if it is buried in a motion somewhere.”

Supervisor Bruce Foether, in reviewing the wording of the proposed action, said the board would need to pass a new version every time there’s a change in personnel in order to change the name.

Zoning administrator Troy Enich said the proposal doesn’t require that, but Partridge said it also could be read to reach Foether’s conclusion. The proposal did allow the township to include whatever sheriff’s deputy is working in the township without including a name.

“Seems this was done before,” Partridge said. “But where you find it? I believe this was done years ago.”

Foether, former Township Clerk Michael Clinesmith, in the audience, said he couldn’t remember anything like that passing before.

Partridge wanted to make certain — even if the board had acted before — that future township boards and officials could find the action. If the board were to add it to an existing ordinance, Partridge said, it would flourish the process because the revised ordinance would have to be posted, be subjected to a public hearing and be read at two consecutive meetings before passage and then wait 30 days before it could go into effect. Passing it simply as a motion would make it difficult to track or trace. But passing it as a resolution would make it permanent, traceable and therefore finalable.

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Note to self

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My feelings are valid

It’s okay to ask for help

It’s okay to make mistakes

I am enough!
**TUSCOLA COUNTY COURT NEWS**

**DISTRICT COURT**

Trevor Dean Sowers, of Caro, is charged with first-degree home invasion and larceny in a building.

Gary Richard Hoff, of Flint, is charged with first-degree home invasion, possession of methamphetamine/ ecstasy (second offense), larceny of a firearm, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, larceny in a building and five counts of possession of a firearm while committing or attempting to commit a felony.

Shannon Ashley Borison, of Millington, is charged with breaking and entering a building with intent, four counts of larceny of a firearm, larceny in a building, six counts of possession of a firearm while committing or attempting to commit a felony, squirting and breaking and entering a vehicle to steal less than $200.

Joseph Lee Jobson, of Caro, is charged with breaking and entering a building with intent, larceny of between $1,000 and $20,000, four counts of larceny of a firearm, larceny in a building, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering a building with intent, conspiracy to commit larceny of between $1,000 and $20,000, four counts of conspiracy to commit larceny of a firearm, five counts of possession of a firearm while committing or attempting to commit a felony, squirting and breaking and entering a vehicle to steal less than $200.

Brandon Stewart Miles, of Vassar, is charged with larceny, two counts of domestic violence (third offense).

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Arica Lynn Landford, 35, of Caro, pleaded guilty to delivery of manufactured of methamphetamine. A sentencing date will be set.

Brandon C. Jacklin, 38, of the Michigan Department of Corrections, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and possession of a firearm by a felon. A sentencing date will be set.

Daniel Arthur Schell, 73, of Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating while intoxicated (third offense). A sentencing date will be set.

John Edward Hudeck Jr., 45, of Clin, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and operating while intoxicated.

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**TUSCOLA COUNTY**

**Vassar Twp. adds ordinance enforcement**

“The court will be in the resolution book,” Partidge said.

So the board voted, unanimously, to name its zoning administrator and whenever was serving as the township’s sheriff’s deputy as the officers designated to enforce its ordinances.

The board also:

- Approved a contract through the Tuscola County Road Commission for work on Oak Avenue, which runs between Miller Road and Evergreen Drive, east of M-35. For $415,589, the current pavement will be crushed, the base will be shaped, three inches of new asphalt will be put on top and three inches of gravel will be added to the shoulders. The board voted to pay half of the cost upfront.
- Approved Consumer’s Energy’s 30-year franchise agreement for natural gas service in the township.
- Voted to hire Bauckham, Sparks, Thull, Seeter and Kaufman of Portage on the township’s legal council, effective Aug. 1. The township will be charged by the hour, depending on the rate of the lawyer used for the issue. The firm asked for no retainer fee.
- Received a bid of $5,800 to remove trees and brush from the site of a new township hall. That bid didn’t include stump removal. The board decided to seek additional bids. The township is relying on blueprints for a new township hall that were created two to three years ago when the topic was first raised.

Learned a mobile home park in the township has become unlicensed because the license has expired. The issue has been forwarded to prosecuting attorney Mark Renee’s office to determine what steps to take next. The township board was alerted to the issue.
Michiganders asked to be on the lookout for spotted lanternfly, an invasive species

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is asking for the public’s help by being on the lookout for spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect with the potential to severely affect Michigan’s agriculture and natural resources. This insect feeds on more than 70 different plants including grapes, apples, hops, and hardwood trees.

“Our agricultural and natural resources are part of Michigan’s identity and spotted lanternfly has the potential to forever change that landscape,” said Robert Miller, MDARD’s invasive species prevention and response specialist within the Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division. “With its ability to wreak havoc grapes, apples, hops, stone fruits and more, this could be devastating to Michigan’s farmers and the state’s food and agriculture industry.

First detected in the United States in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania, spotted lanternfly has been spreading rapidly across the northeastern states. To date, infestations have been confirmed in Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Although live spotted lanternfly has not been detected in Michigan, MDARD and the United States Department of Agriculture have confirmed five cases of dead spotted lanternfly found in separate locations known to have spotted lanternfly infestations. Spotted lanternflies cannot fly long distances, but they lay eggs on nearly any surface like cars, trailers, firewood, outdoor furniture and more. Before leaving an area, MDARD is asking people to check vehicles, firewood and other equipment for unwanted hitchhikers. Individuals and businesses receiving shipments from states known to have spotted lanternfly should also be on the lookout for adults or egg masses on goods and packaging materials.

“With the current rate of spread, it is possible that a localized spotted lanternfly could reach Michigan at any time,” added Miller. “Public awareness and reporting are essential to early detection, which provides the opportunity to contain infestation before it becomes a widespread problem.

Egg masses and female lanternfly females cause direct damage by feeding sap from host plants while secreting large amounts of a sugar-rich, sticky liquid called honeydew. This honeydew attracts other pests like ants, flies, and ants, affecting outdoor recreation and complicating crop harvests.

From late summer to the first hard frost, spotted lanternflies are in their adult stage and easiest to identify. Adults are roughly one inch long. Their folded wings are gray to brown with black spots. Open wings reveal a yellow and black abdomen and bright red hind wings with spots transitioning to black and white bands at the edge.

Female spotted lanternfly lays egg masses in the fall, which resemble old chewing gum, with a gray, waxy, putty-like coating. Egg masses can survive winter temperatures to hatch in the spring. Hatched eggs appear as brownish, seed-like deposits. Spotted lanternfly juveniles are wingless and are black with white spots. Developing red patches in their final juvenile stage.

If you find a spotted lanternfly egg mass, juvenile, or adult, take one or more photos, make note of the date, time and location of the sighting, and report it to MDARD via email at MDARD-Info@Michigan.gov or by calling 800-292-3939. If possible, collect a specimen in a container for verification.
HOLLY WALPOLE ALTHAVER
CASS CITY

February 1953, she married Lambert Althaver and joined him in June of the same year. In 1968, they moved to Cass City to be closer to Bert as he served in the Army. Upon Bert’s discharge, the family moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania where Bert became a member of the Cass City Board where Bert was hired as an associate for Walbro Corporation. Within the next three years their son, Brian, and daughter, Lauren, were born.

Bert’s career progressed, Holly became active in promoting a wide variety of artistic activities. The first of these activities involved establishing the Cass City Arts Council. In 1969, she was one of three founding members of the Cass City Council and a member of the American Association of University Women. The other members of the Cass City Council were Itsu Maki, who was secretary, and shrubs and a star-studded cast of characters, to include the likes of Jack Benny and Eddie Cantor. As a result of her work with Artrain, Holly was invited by the Michigan Council for the Arts to help in the rebuilding of the Cass City Presbyterian church’s historic Tracker organ, of the same era as the one in the church of his home town, Rockford, Illinois. After that, she met Don Jaeger, Conductor of the Michigan State University Wind Ensemble and was hired as the Director of Community Relations.

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When Bert became CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors, she proceeded to own four and was very much a hands-on owner. As program chairman for AAUW, Holly was able to promote the arts and culture to communities across the nation through a wonderful program known as Artrain. As a result of her work with Artrain, Holly was invited by the Michigan Council for the Arts to help in the rebuilding of the Cass City Presbyterian church’s historic Tracker organ, of the same era as the one in the church of his home town, Rockford, Illinois. After that, she met Don Jaeger, Conductor of the Michigan State University Wind Ensemble and was hired as the Director of Community Relations.

They had met and married the love of her life Dale W. Read. They were married 71 years until June 16, 2022. Together they had three children, David, Jeff, and Kevin.

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Shari worked for the State of Michigan, much of the time at the Cass Regional Hospital, and retired the moment she was eligible. She then worked in the Cass City, AASA of Michigan, law office for several years. As careers wound down and the road beckoned, Shari filled any spare time with cycling and gardening. She also got a chance to use her sewing skills when Michael learned at the knee of his grandmother.

At the age of 24 she married Dale Reed, who was the only girl and had four brothers; three founding members of the Cass City Presbyterian church’s historic Tracker organ, of the same era as the one in the church of his home town, Rockford, Illinois. After that, she met Don Jaeger, Conductor of the Michigan State University Wind Ensemble and was hired as the Director of Community Relations.

But of all their adventures, their family was the most important thing to them and they would do anything to help each other.

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Friends may share memories, thoughts, and prayers with the family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

Kevin’s memory will forever be cherished by his son, Zhander; mother, Kelli Gotwalt and her husband, Mark; sisters, Lori (Barb) Buech, sister-in-law, Bev; nieces, Liesl (Lionel) Gotwalt Sr. and Ray & Dorothy Johnson. Kevin’s family was present to receive visitors on Monday, July 25, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro. In keeping with Kevin’s wishes, cremation will follow. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may consider making contributions to the Family Discretionary Fund, c/o Kelli Gotwalt, 205 West Sherman Street, Caro, Michigan 48723. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts, and prayers online at www.RansfordCollon.com.
TUSCOLA COUNTY

Fremont residents pleased with road work

By Mark Haney | haney@tcadvertiser.com

FREMONT TWP. — Fremont Township residents seem to be happy with road work done already this summer.

At the township board’s July 14 session, residents complimented the board for work done on the gravel section of Waterman Road and for work done to improve Chambers Road. Supervisor Matt Blatt also said the work was due to start the last week of July or the first week of August.

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Millington senior Emily Martin tees off at the Jerry Warner Memorial Tournament held at the Vassar Golf Club on May 20. Martin signed with Alma to continue her golfing and academic career that summer.

"On most golf courses they put a lot of hazards where the men’s tees are," she said. "The women’s tees don’t have to deal with different difficulties, so I think I have an advantage of knowing how to play hazards and play those courses, and knowing where to place the ball and stuff, will help me.

Martin, daughter of Brad and Becky Martin, played alongside her freshman brother, Bryce Martin, during the 2022 season, which saw the Cardinals reach new heights capturing the school’s first conference title and regional title in golf.

"We all golf in our family. It’s a big thing. My family loves golf. My dad supports me," she said. "He has the ability to go very far in golf and I think could play at the Division I level.

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SEE MILLINGTON’S B1
Millington’s Martin ready to tee off for Alma Scots

Millington’s Emily Martin competed on the boys’ golf team due to the school not fielding a girls’ golf team. Martin will now compete on the girls’ team at Alma College in Alma.

“I remember I was up on top of the world last year at regionals,” she said. “I was the only girl on this boys’ team, and I get to play golf, and we ended up second. OK.”

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He’s no stranger—Cards’ alum to lead program

By Scott Bolsby | sports@tcadvertiser.com

Millington football coaches Lenny Dantinne, left, and Jason Germain, right, pose following a 15-7 victory over Deckerville to wrap up the 2021 season. Dantinne officially stepped down as head coach of the Millington football program on July 19 and Germain was named new head coach.

“I was so blessed to be able to continue to do that,” he said. “I don’t know what I would have done during the season if one of the guys were having a bad day. It was a great bond this season.”

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Cass City assistant coach Ross named athletic director

By Scott Bolsby | Sports Editor sports@tcadvertiser.com

CASS CITY — Cass City High School did not have to look far to find a new athletic director.

Brett Ross was recently named to the job, left vacant after Justin Ketterer stepped down to become a geometry teacher for Cass City Public Schools.

“I have always wanted to be involved with athletics and coaching,” he said. “I’m just looking forward to helping our coaches in taking the next step as a program, Cass City is a great community, and our student athletes are a tremendous source of pride for our town.”

Ross, a 2009 Deckerville graduate, earned a bachelor’s degree in recreation administration and sports management, followed by a Master of Business Administration degree from Northwood University in Michigan.

“The expectations remain the same,” Ketterer said. “We have young people who will be leaders and make a positive difference in the world. We also expect our athletes to work in the classroom and compete for championships.”

Ross played football at Deckerville and continued his playing career at Northwood, lining up along the offensive and defensive lines for the Timberwolves. Ross is an assistant coach for the Cass City football team.

Ross thinks seeing the game first as a player, and now as a coach, will benefit him in his new role when dealing with both.

“I can relate with our players and coaches because I have experienced many of the same thrills and struggles,” he said. “I do it to bring a unique perspective as someone who comes from the business world. Cass City is an extremely supportive community and has always backed projects that have benefited our students.

“I will support the coaches and do whatever possible to see our players succeed.”

Cass City will experience another major change in the fall season besides Ross taking over the reins of the athletic program. The Red Hawks’ football team was left without a coach after the Greater Thumb Conference West Division announced its league since 1997 to the GTC East Division.

Ketterer noted the importance of Cass City girls’ varsity basketball head coach, steps away after two years as the Red Hawks’ AD.

He won’t be leaving athletics completely, staying on in his coaching role.

“Coaching is my favorite part of what I do so I’m blessed to be able to continue to do that,” he said. “The hardest part about stepping away will be being involved, even in a small role, in the kids getting to compete in the sports they love.

“I’m passionate about athletics overall and seeing kids compete in the sports they are passionate about is a blessing.”

Ketterer noted he is “looking forward to a new challenge and being on the academic side of things.”

Ketterer and Ross have been working together to make the transition as smooth as possible, with all fall sports practices beginning Aug. 8.

“Justin and I had a good relationship prior to me applying for the position,” Ross said. “As an assistant football coach, I counted on him to help with many aspects of the program. These past couple of weeks he has gone above and beyond to help with the transition.”

Ketterer, a 2011 Cass City grad, gave Ross his stamp of approval.

“Brett is going to do a fantastic job,” he said. “He already has great rapport with the football athletics he coaches, and I have no doubt the same rapport will be built with all of Cass City’s athletes. He’s well organized, thorough, and hard-working. I’m looking forward to working for him.”
By Jason Beck | MLB.com/Tigers Reporter

The Tigers went into the season with a rotation that included promising young arms Casey Mize, Tarik Skubal and Matt Manning, plus free-agent signing Eduardo Rodriguez. Another veteran, Michael Pineda, was in camp and prepared to bring up the back of the staff. As the team headed north from Florida, it never could have envisioned a situation like Sunday at Comerica Park.

As Tony Garcia walked off the mound and back to the dugout with head athletic trainer Doug Teter, having reported soreness in his right arm with two outs in the third inning, he became the latest injury in the Tigers’ rotation, though he was just back from injury himself. He was also the second Detroit starter in as many games to exit early with injury, following Pineda’s exit after three innings Saturday.

The Tigers were on their way to another procession of relievers, culminating in Kody Clemens’ third pitching appearance. The 9-1 loss to the Twins, combined with a Kody Clemens’ third pitching appearance.

The Tigers announced Garcia’s latest injury as right shoulder soreness. Hinch said the injury is more around the biceps. “It’s a separate injury from what he had [previously], which he reported on the last two pitches of his outing,” Hinch said. “That in itself is a concern. I think he’s going to have to be shut down for a bit.”

“The Tigers have agreement on a point of building pitching depth in their system. With a stockpile of young pitching and a few healthy starters are Drew Hutchison, who starts Monday’s series opener against San Diego, and Skubal, who starts Wednesday’s series finale. Garrett Hill, the former 26th-round pick who began the season at Double-A Erie, is expected to be recalled for his fourth big-league start Tuesday. Tyler Alexander, who opened April in the rotation until missing a month with a left elbow strain, will jump from the bullpen to fill Pineda’s slot Thursday at Toronto.

The Tigers are hoping Alexander could be a one-time starter. Manning, who threw 70 pitches over 4 1/3 innings in a rehab start for Toledo last Friday, has another rehab start with the Mud Hens on Wednesday. Hinch, his forearm soreness subsided, is set to throw a bullpen session shortly and could make a rehab start from there.

However, Garcia’s latest injury shows the delicate balance the Tigers are trying to strike between rehabbing pitchers and vacated spots.

Fourteen pitchers have started a game for the Tigers this season, a number Hinch acknowledged would almost surely rise by season’s end. It could happen this week if they fill Garcia’s spot with journeyman Chi Chi González, who started two games each for the Brewers and Twins this season before signing a Minor League contract with Detroit this week. It could be another signing to come. It could be Spencer Turnbull, who has been throwing in Florida after Tommy John surgery last year. He hopes to pitch in September.

Regardless, they’re in a bad spot.

“We’re beat up as a team physically. Regardless, they’re in a bad spot. We’re not winning games,” Hinch said. “Put that combo together, and it’s fairly miserable.”
CONSTRUCTION

B4
63. *Progressive rock band of
62. Research facil.
59. *1971’s “Sooner or ____” by the
57. Laughing on the inside, in a text
50. Chicken pox mark
47. Stumblebum
42. Golf accessory
40. Enlist or talk into (2 words)
38. Glossy fabric
35. Open-mouthed
34. Type of list
33. As opposed to mishap
32. *“Rich Man, ____ Man” miniseries
29. Group of nine singers
28. Bye, to Edith Piaf
27. “Semper Fidelis” to U.S. Marines,
26. *“I’d like to buy the world a ____”
23. Young horses
22. Charge carrier
21. H. pylori consequence
20. Part of an eye
19. Winged
18. Francis Ford Coppola’s “The ...
17. Waltz, in France
16. Dull pain
15. Seed covering
14. One that insists
13. Detective’s assignment
12. Charity dinner
11. Before, to a bard
10. Is a light of one’s mind
9. Eye amorously
8. Hefty volume
7. *“Thrilla in Manila” winner
6. Theater employee
5. Secret stash
4. Substance with rotten egg smell
3. Capture the ____
2. Continental capital
1. Throat dangler

ACROSS
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20. Part of an eye
21. H. pylori consequence
22. Labor org.
23. **“Feathered” 1970s icon
26. One who delivers coal
30. *1970’s “Night Fever” spent 8
weeks in this Billboard slot
31. Fire-breathing monster, Greek
mythology
34. Type of list
35. Open-mouthed
37. Acorn producer
38. Chummy fabric
39. Denim innovator
40. Explot or talk it (2 words)
42. Golf accessory
43. Graciously thin
45. Must and vegetable stew
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“Roundabout” fame
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Walkthroughs are available on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 1 pm local time. Bids specifications, requirements, and required bid forms are to be submitted and are available at www.vassar.k12.mi.us.

Proposals should be addressed to:
Dorothy Blackwell, Superintendent
Vassar Public Schools
220 Athletic Street
Vassar, MI 48768

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
ELLINGTON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Please take notice that a meeting of the Ellington Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on August 10, 2022 at 5:00pm at the Ellington Township Hall, 2791 East Caro Rd, Caro, MI.

At this meeting, the Zoning Board of Appeals will consider and hold a public hearing on the following requests and any other business that may regularly come before the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Variance submitted by Stacey Campbell for property located at 2150 E Elmwood Rd, Caro, MI 48723, Parcel Nos. 008-006-006-005 to construct a 36 x 40 attached garage 80 feet from centerline of road. Current ordinance specifies 90 feet.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is receiving written comments concerning the proposed request. Comments must be received by the Township prior to the start of the public hearing. A complete copy of the applications and related materials are available at the Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (3) (d) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and published in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2004 PA. 110.

Ellington Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signs for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to Ellington Township by writing to the Township Clerk below.

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Clerk
SUZY ROCKWELL, Clerk
Ellington Township Hall
2791 East Caro Rd
Caro, MI.
Phone: (989) 673-8009
Date: August 24, 2022

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With the upgraded software, comes a user-friendly experience that will provide a wealth of account management abilities for subscribers. Users will now be able to do things like renew their own subscription, change passwords, set up vacations or change of addresses.

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The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of all of the mortgaged premises, or some part thereof, in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Michigan, 1948, MCL 600.3232. The date of sale will be on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at 31444 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. The mortgage will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in an amount that equals the debt due, and the sale will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Michigan, 1948, MCL 600.3232. The mortgagee, Trott Law, P.C., with an address at: 31444 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515, is authorized to sell the mortgaged premises.

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The undersigned examiner, RACHEL M. ESTELLE, of the estate of SUSAN JOAN BRYDON, who died 04/07/2022, is notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the undersigned examiner within 6 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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3. Someone who designs or enjoys solving crossword puzzles.
5. The tax receipts were used to buy off Viking invaders and provide for defense.
6. The Beatles.
7. Theodore Roosevelt. It was invented in his honor after he refused to kill a bear on a hunting trip.
8. About 1 inch.
9. Henry David Thoreau
10. Sprite.
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIA- RY #821 meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Unitilove American Legion Hall.

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

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TOPS MI 0221 chapter meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Boynton Beauty Academy. Call Joann at 989-551-4361 for more information.

TOPS CLUB 1212 VASSAR meets Wednesday at Jean Middleton Hall 807 Lane St. Weigh in from 8-9 a.m., meetings from 9-10 a.m. For more information, contact Ol- tisafe at 989-823-8607 or Diana at 989-225-3467.

TOPS CLUB 1627 Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets Thursdays at the Brentwood, Caro, from 9-11 a.m. For more information, call Cecilia at 989-673-6023 or Committee at 989-673-6414.

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

VETERAN TO VETERAN (VET TO VET) meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the VFW's plaza next to former Ace Hardware building. These meetings provide a chance to talk to other veterans about their experiences while serving and bring veterans together to learn about available benefits. Refreshments are provided. For more information, contact Susie at 989-551-8418.

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He’s no stranger: Cards’ alum to lead program

“<b>He is no stranger to Cardinal football.”</b>

Dantinne recently accepted the Millington High School principal job while Germain has held the athletic director’s title since 2018 and has been named assistant principal for the 2022-23 school year.

“Lenny and I had discussed the possibility of him stepping down as the head coach if he were awarded the high school principal job a few weeks back,” Germain said. “As fate would have it, Lenny was named our high school principal a few weeks later and that set things into motion. Our Superintendent posted the (football coach’s) job internally initially to gauge anyone else’s interest, but I was the only one to apply.”

Germain graduated from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and began teaching fifth grade at Millington’s Kirk Elementary School in 2000. He started coaching football in 1999 while a student teacher, coached junior high track and field for 12 years, junior high basketball for 10 years and has spent time as a baseball coach.

“He has a very successful player resume for Millington and has been part of decades of victories as a coach,” Dantinne said. “He has been on the coaching staff for four of the program’s five semifinal appearances.”

Germain stressed that any coach on the staff would do a great job but felt he earned the opportunity to lead the football program.

“Practice begins on Aug. 8 for varsity football, which would usually make a change at head coach this late in the summer a problematic one,” Germain said. “The transition will be pretty smooth because coach Dantinne and I have such a good working relationship.” Germain said. “To us, having the title of head coach is just that – a title. We both know our strengths and weaknesses and we will continue to run this program in a way that helps our student athletes become the best possible version of themselves.”

“<b>At the end of the day it’s about the student athlete.”</b>

Germain becomes just the fourth coach for the Millington football program in the last 45 years, joining Tim Furno (1978-2009), Roger Bearss (2010-17), and Dantinne (2018-21). Dantinne, a former Saginaw Valley State University football player, served as defensive coordinator for the Cardinals from 2009 until 2017 before taking over head coaching duties. He will remain with the program in a coaching role.

The Cardinals, coming off a 10-1 season, open the 2022 campaign hosting Detroit Southeastern on Thursday, Aug. 25.
County fair attendance bounces back big time

By JOHN SCHMIEDER | Reporter
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CARO — Those associated with the Tuscola County Fair will never forget 2020 and 2021.
The two summers represented an all-time high, and all-time low for the yearly event.
The 2020 Tuscola County Fair, which was scheduled to be the 140th running of the popular event, which is held annually at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 188 Park Drive, about a half mile south of State Street (M-81), in Caro, didn’t happen because of COVID-19.
The fair returned last year to record numbers.
“Attendance was excellent,” said fair board member and organizer Jackie Garner. “We had our busiest day and week ever.”
Garner said the 2021 Kids’ Day event, held each year on the Tuesday of the fair, which begins this year on Sunday, July 24 and lasts through Saturday, July 30, broke the record for single-day attendance at the fair.
“We beat the previous record by 10 percent,” she said.
Garner and fellow board members estimate about 22,000 patrons visited the fair last year, though she admits exact numbers are difficult to attain.

“Last year’s total is for paid and unpaid (patrons),” Garner said. “Remember, the Sunday and Monday are free, so it’s hard to gauge that stuff.”

With Kids’ Day also featuring a tractor-pull show at the grandstands – and with regular grandstand favorites such as the Super Kicker Rodeo (July 27 and 28) and demolition derby (Saturday, July 30) on tap, Garner expects another strong showing this year. Especially if the amount of campers who have registered to stay at the fairgrounds is any indication.

“Camping has been a bit of challenge this year,” Garner said. “We are up so many campers. We are doing our best to pack them in, but we’ve had to turn some families away.”

Also new this year, the fair board is attempting to draw more visitors to the fair’s final day.
“We find that we are really busy all week long, then you would expect a huge Saturday because that’s the weekend,” Garner said. “But a lot of people still go up north. So we’re offering a deal on Saturday (July 30) this year to see if we can’t bring out the crowd a little bit.”

Price for entry into the fair – which includes unlimited carnival rides, entry to the nightly grandstand show and entry to the fair’s sideshows – is $14 in most cases. On July 30, the cost is $12.

With the cost of gas growing, Garner offered more motivation for folks to come to the fair.
“Caro is well-known for having the lowest gas prices around,” she said. “So come to the fair and fill up your gas tank while you’re here.”

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For the duration of the 141st Tuscola County Fair in Caro, Muxlow Exotics will have a reptile exhibit for the public to enjoy and learn about several species.
Muxlow Exotics is based in Brown City and is owned and operated by Tim Muxlow. He turned his love of reptiles into a business in 2014.
“I haul an exhibit with about 27 display enclosures with over 30 animals,” Muxlow said. “They are all reptiles, ranging from tortoises to pythons, alligators, lizards and I even have an anaconda.”
Muxlow has more than 10 years involvement in coordinating and presenting reptile and amphibian demonstrations to a variety of groups, clubs and organizations.
Twice daily at the fair, Muxlow will conduct an educational presentation, which is a hands-on experience with volunteers.
“The exhibit is free to the public and I’m usually open at the same time as the midway opens,” he said.
The fair midway operates from noon to 11 p.m., beginning Tuesday, July 26.
This will be the third time Muxlow and his exotic animals will be at the Tuscola County Fair.
“Probably the pythons,” he said in response to what animal the public takes the most interest in.
“I have two that are about 17 feet long. They love the tortoises too, because they are in a fenced area.”
On the flip side, Muxlow noted that folks sometimes are unsure of snakes.
“They are animals that have been given to me from families that lost interest,” he said. “With tortoises, they get really large and a family will realize it is a lot more care than they can provide and I’ll take it in.”
What makes the local fair unique, noted Jackie Garner — the fair’s advertising chairperson and treasurer — is that the fair board consists of many members whose parents and grandparents were also on the board.
“When you have a consistent board running a fair, you don’t repeat mistakes,” she said. “The grounds are beautiful with the trees. You go to some fairgrounds where it’s in the middle of a big parking lot.”
For more information about the fair, visit tuscolacountyfair.org.
Midget Wrestling Warriors set to make fair debut

By Scott Bolsby | Sport Editor
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CARO — An event for the wrestling enthusiast — with a twist — will be making its grandstand debut July 29 at the 141st annual Tuscola County Fair.

The Midget Wrestling Warriors, which started in 2013, will put their talents on display for the Friday night crowd.

“We travel all over the United State and Canada doing wrestling shows for everyone from six months of age to 100 years of age,” said MWW owner Daniel DiLucchio, who also goes by his wrestling name Short Sleeve Sampson. “We provide a family-friendly show regardless of where we are, and everyone comes out and has a good time.”

The 20-person roster boasts 15 male wrestlers and five female wrestlers five-foot-two inches or less and according to its website “2022 promises to be our most incredible year yet as we’ve scoured the globe to find the greatest international talent in the world and we’re bringing them to you!”

“Our wrestlers come from all over,” DiLucchio said. “They come from the USA, Mexico and Canada. I do that because I want fans to see a different match and a different show every time we entertain them. I search everybody out, watch a lot of tapes and I do that so we can bring the best that is in the business.”

DiLucchio has been wrestling since 1999 and brings a strong professional wrestling resume to the ring that would enthrall any pro wrestling fan.

“I’m going on 23 years of wrestling,” he said. “I announced my retirement from wrestling back in 2013 because I had done what I wanted to do. I worked for WWE, TNA, Ring of Honor, and multiple other promotions throughout North America. I wanted to leave the right way and went on a 40-show tour.

“An opportunity presented itself towards the end of the tour to be in it more than I ever have before and start the Midget Wrestling Warriors.”

Despite DiLucchio himself being little in stature, he still receives flak for the wrestling promotion and runs into at least one person per stop.

“Everywhere we go there is honestly one or two people or even a small group of people that will basically speak out against what we’re promoting or the name,” he said. “What I’m trying to promote is a wrestling company that hires wrestlers five-foot-two and under to work for him.

“I want them to have a safe place to showcase their athleticism, abilities, energy and ability and everything that goes with it.” DiLucchio said. “So, at the end of the day, if that is exploiting someone, then I’m guilty. I do it in a great way where people come out and have a phenomenal time.”

DiLucchio stressed that the event is not just for wrestling fans to enjoy.

“You can be a wrestling fan, someone who loves little people, someone who is curious, someone who is bored, someone who is just sitting at home with nothing to watch on the TV,” He said. “Whatever the case, get up and come out to see the warriors’ show because you will have the time of your life.”

The price of admission to the fair — which includes grandstand — is $14 and includes parking and unlimited rides.

The bell time for the MWW is 7 p.m.
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**Thurs., July 28**

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7 PM ...........**Super Kicker Rodeo** (grandstands)

**Fri., July 29**

7 PM ...........**Midget Wrestling Warriors** (grandstands)

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Balloons, burnout contest return to Vassar RiverFest

A competitor makes a scene in a burnout contest during a recent Vassar RiverFest. This year’s contest occurs behind the Vassar Theatre on Aug. 5, following the 6 p.m. parade.

VAASSAR — There will be smoke on the water once again on the night of Thursday, Aug. 5 at the Vassar RiverFest, when car tires spin on the pavement at the burnout contest behind the Vassar Theatre.

Several years have passed since the contest occurred behind the theatre along M-15 in downtown Vassar, about 80 yards from the Cass River.

The contest is famous for burning rubber and rising smoke, and it begins following the 6 p.m. festival parade on Aug. 5.

For more information on the burnout contest, call 989-823-4250.

Festival-goers hope to see hot-air balloons – rather than smoke – above Vassar at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. Pilots and crews of six hot-air balloons plan to launch then from the grass near Central Elementary School.

Kayla Brown, director of the Vassar Chamber of Commerce and RiverFest director, said the chamber “has adopted the hot-air balloon launch,” formerly organized by Cheryl Deike for a number of years.

“It’s a tradition here; we had to have the balloons back, so we adopted it and we’ve got it all pulled off,” Brown said.

The Thumb Area Mud Runners host a beer tent from 3-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at Vassar Memorial Park, formerly the Vassar Fairgrounds, along Walnut Street which leads off Cass Avenue.

Kayak races on the Cass River begin at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 6 at Sivak’s Cass River Boat and Tube Rental, 200 N. Cass Ave. Paddlers can rent a kayak, or bring their own, with prizes awarded for first-, second- and third-place winners.

“Trophies, plaques, medals, cash, gift certificates and more” will be given away at the races, according to the website for Sivak’s Cass River Boat and Tube Rental.

A dunk tank, set up at Sivak’s on Aug. 6, operates all day as a fundraiser for the Vassar Wrestling Association.

The festival car show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 in downtown Vassar. For more information, call Mark Cooper at 517-202-4316. The 41st annual car show is sponsored by The Shifters.

Food trucks will set up downtown to feed festival visitors.

The Vassar Area Historical Society hosts a lumberjack breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon on Aug. 6 at T. North Pavilion.

The RiverFest duck race – featuring toy ducks purchased by donors – is set for noon on Saturday, Aug. 6. The festival fundraiser offers a buyer a duck for $5, and several thousand ducks will be dumped into the river. The first duck crossing the finish line brings half of the pot to its purchaser.

The second-place duck brings $100, and the third-place duck is worth $50 to its buyer. Tickets will be sold at the festival, and buyers can choose their numbers.
2022 RiverFest EVENTS

AUG 5  GRAND PARADE
Begins at 6PM. Route: Division-M15-Cass-Lincoln

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AUG 5  BOAT RACES
Begins at 10:30am at Sivaks Cass River Rentals. Register now!

AUG 5  BURN OUTS
Begins after parade, behind the movie theater.

AUG 5  DUNK TANK
All day, at Sivaks. Come support the Wrestling Association!

AUG 5  BEER TENT
Hosted by Thumb Area MudRunners, located at the Fairgrounds 3pm-11pm

AUG 6  LUMBERJACK BREAKFAST
Begins at 7am until noon, sponsored by The Historic Society

AUG 6  HOT AIR BALLOONS
Begins at 6:30pm at Central. Six pilots will launch into the skies as we say goodbye to Riverfest 2022

AUG 6  CAR SHOW
41st annual car show sponsored by The Shifters. Begins at 9am until 3pm

AUG 6  DUCK RACE
Begins at 12pm. Watch as we dump nearly 5000 ducks into the Cass! Tickets available now!

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