UKRAINE

Pastor who visited Cass City flees war in Ukraine

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IRVINE, UKRAINE — It’s been an intense week for a pastor in Ukraine who visited Cass City four years ago.

Rev. Slavik Horpynchuk, a citizen of Ukraine, was the featured speaker at an “Old Fashioned Mission Rally and Pig Roast” at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in Cass City, in 2018.

An Advertiser reporter interviewed Horpynchuk, 56, by Zoom at 10:30 p.m. Eastern European Time on Friday.

“About an hour ago there was an announcement about an air raid by Russians,” he said. “They expect helicopters to come from Belarus to attack our towns.”

Horpynchuk lives in Kyiv (population 3 million), the capital during peace talks.

As of Monday, the report was that the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv was bombarded with shelling during peace talks.

Horpynchuk lives in Kyiv (population 1 million), the capital

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Fire drives family of seven from home

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VASSAR TWP. — Richard W. Smith lost his home to a fire in 1986, and to a fire on Saturday, but he offers this advice.

“It’s a good day; I woke up this morning,” said Smith, 68, of Vassar Township, standing outside the charred remains of his Tuscola County house on Saturday afternoon.

“We will come through this just fine. Country boys survive.”

Smith, a 1972 Millington High School graduate, said he and his wife, Laurie Gleason, and their three children besides Pasheek — his son, Bradley Smith, right, near Mayville. No one was hurt due to the blaze, which is believed to be of electrical origin.

Smith is staying at the home of his son, Bradley Smith, right, near Mayville. No one was hurt due to the blaze, which is believed to be of electrical origin.

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Water quest for Putman complex hits another snag

By John Schneider

Officials from the city of Caro, and Indianfields Township, continue negotiations on providing water to this $7 million medical complex under construction along M-81 near Caro. The facility is owned by Putman Development, but is in Indianfields Township rather than the city.

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Zachary Booth begins work as new Caro Athletic Director

By Mark Hans | reporter hansy@tcadvertiser.com

CARO — At a special meeting Feb. 23, Caro Community Schools filled an athletic director position. It was the second empty slot the board of education filled in February.

On Feb. 9, the board filled one of its own empty seats — at least until the November election. Earlier in the month the board also hired a new athletic director, filling a vacancy that arose in November when Connor Thomas left to become athletic director at Mason High School near Lansing.

The decision of the Feb. 23 meeting was to choose a board member to replace Ritta Papp, who resigned in January because board sessions clashed with her need to attend city of Caro council meetings, now that she is the city’s treasurer.

Two people — Kathleen “Kate” Curtis and Katrina Skelton — applied for the open seat on the board. Each will serve until November, when the seat will go on the ballot.

Curtis is a Caro High graduate with a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in public administration. She also has a teaching certificate in both Michigan and Colorado. She works for the Tuscola County Foster Care Team and has two children, one of whom will be starting at Caro High this fall. She also previously worked for the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The opening for an athletic director attracted more applications than in previous years. Curtis said more than 40 people applied for the position. In the end, the finalists went through multiple interviews before Zach Booth was selected as the new AD.

Booth began in the full-time position on March 1. He grew up in Pinconning and played baseball at Delta College before moving on to finish his studies at Union College in Schenectady, New York. He has been working at the YMCA in Bay City.

Superintendent George Rierson said the district had hoped to have a new AD hired by Jan. 1, but delays in the hiring process pushed that back to March.

Rierson said an earlier start would have paid off for the district about $250,000 and will lower the district’s regular debt payments. That money could “help us with our budget,” Rierson said. “It doesn’t impact our fund balance or anything like that.”

Zachary Booth has begun working as the new Caro Community Schools athletic director, succeeding Connor Thomas until the August start of the next school year, but Rierson said an earlier start would pay off for the district as well as the new AD.

“We’ve had some people filling in here and they’ve done a great job and so we appreciate everything they’ve done,” Rierson said, “but we wanted to get somebody here as soon as possible.

“It will be a big adjustment for anyone coming in, but the good thing is he’s going to start the school year next fall knowing who everybody is, knowing our programs and having a little bit better start than if we had waited until the start of the next school year.”

The board also:

• Decided to loosen the requirement that all staff be masked. The decision was based on a drop in the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) case rate and number of positive cases, both in school and in the surrounding community. Staff will retain the option to wear a mask. The district is seeking bids after changing the specifications to eliminate the purchase to repair the failed trusses. Instead the district is seeking bids where the trusses will be replaced.

• Approved refunding the 2015 bond. The closing is March 16. Northland Securities of Minneapolis offered the lowest bid. The change will save the district about 20% and will lower the district’s regular debt payments. “That money will be great,” Rierson said. “It doesn’t impact our fund balance or anything like that.”

• Expelled a student for the rest of this school year. The decision came after a closed-session hearing.

• Named Jeff Schember as the district’s Friend of Youth for this year’s Meet of Champions track meet. Schember is the high school’s junior and community coach, the elementary school physical education teacher and has been the district’s driver for more than 20 years. He’s also started a youth running program during his time in Caro.
New ‘Faith Quest’ camp to offer one-day programs for kids

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GRANT TWP. — Bay Shore Camp’s new Faith Quest program, which opened near Owosso, will be a safe space for kids to play, connect with others and receive Bible-based lessons, Jeff Parsons said.

Parsons, executive director of Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries in Huron County’s Sebewaing Township, said renovations are underway at Faith Quest — the former Noah’s Ark property donated to Bay Shore by the late Duane Planta.

“The new facility gives us the opportunity to focus on one-day camp programs,” Parsons said. “It moves the location more central to the Thumb area and the little communities that will take advantage of it.”

Faith Quest, at 4330 Farver Road in Grant Township northeast of Owosso, is awaiting parts for further adjustment. Its motor has been replaced and the city is awaiting parts for further adjustment.

“During the winter and due to the cold temperatures, the water levels dropped quite significantly and sediment comes with the water to the community, two of which — No. 2 and No. 5 — are having issues. And on Feb. 21 the city council decided it’s time to look for a new well,” Parsons said.

“While we do some canoeing on the bay at Bay Shore Camp, it’s more susceptible to wind and weather patterns,” Parsons said. “The lake at Faith Quest gives us a more sheltered space and we think we can expand boating activities there.”

Bay Shore Camp’s stated mission is “to provide an invitation for all people to experience Jesus Christ and to nurture them in their relationship with Him.” The camp near Sebewaing hosts summer camps, retreats and events, and rents its facilities.

The organization notes that more than 1,100 children and youth attended summer camp programs hosted by Bay Shore last summer.

The 22-acre Lake Wonneta, shown here, is part of the former Noah’s Ark Family Fun Center near Owosso. The facility is being renovated to become Bay Shore Camp’s “Faith Quest” complex, which will add a new day summer camp program for year kids from kindergarten through fifth grade.

City looks for spot to dig new well

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CARO — A pair of wells that feed water to the city of Caro treatment plant are having issues. And on Feb. 21 the city council decided it’s time to look for a new place to dig.

The well presently six wells providing water to the community, two of which — No. 2 and No. 5 — are having issues. In particular, located near Gun Club Road, is at the end of its service life.

“We think it might be time to abandon that well and find a spot for a new well,” Parsons said.

Well No. 1 is in need of maintenance. Its casing was previously replaced and the city is awaiting parts for further adjustment. Lane suggested replacing wells from Well 3 to fix Well 1, and then keeping the parts ordered as backups.

In the past, city officials pointed to the area of M-24 and Deckerville Road as a potential home for a new well, but the council decided to explore all options.

In Feb. 21 meeting:

■ Heard from Caro Exchange Club member June Kennedy, who updated the council on the club’s 2021 activities. “Our major project was to replace all signs in the Exchange Club Forest. Many of them have been there for 20 years and are beginning to rot,” she said. The forest is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of M-24 and Gun Club Road. The club inform community members of the types of birds, animals, trees and plants that call the forest home. Kennedy also said the Exchange Club continues to support local youths by making donations to Great Start Imagination Library, Tuscola County Child Advocacy Center and other programs.

■ Passed a resolution to establish an election commission for the May 3 election. The resolution is on the ballot in Caro — a millage renewal for Cass County Wastewater treatment center supervisor. The council also decided to name member Colleen Russell to the city’s election official for May 3 and Terry Ewald as the qualified elector. It voted to pay both Eshchenbacher and Ewald $225 per day (which includes any necessary training) and electors $50 per day.

■ Named Colleen Russell to the city’s and Recreation Committee, where she will serve a three-year term.

■ Welcomed Dale Van Bird and had conducted an interview for the city’s public works/ wastewater treatment center supervisor position. In April, Caro Department of Public Works Director Jeffrey Graham left for a similar position with the city of Lapeer. Wastewater treatment plant operations of Faith Quest are having issues. And on Feb. 21 the city council decided it’s time to look for a new well. Parsons said that due to winter weather, not much outside work has been completed at Faith Quest, but as spring approaches, the plan is to work on the grounds — such operational this summer, when Faith Quest will host day camp for kids from kindergarten through fifth grade. Parsons, in his 10th year with Bay Shore Camp, said an open house for Faith Quest will likely happen around Memorial Day weekend in May.

The camp will oversee operations of Faith Quest. Parsons described Faith Quest’s summer day-camp mission as one offering faith-building and developmental activities for kids.

Parsons said the church on the Faith Quest property, Bay Shore Baptist Church – is being used as a children’s worship space.

“There was a gift shop there that we are renovating to have open with summer camp merchandise,” Parsons said.

The council also:

■ Told by Lane that he had conducted interviews with candidates for the similar position with the city of Lapeer. Wastewater treatment center supervisor.

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“Faith Quest really came about because of the donation,” Parsons noted. “We’ve been doing a couple day camps at our Sebewaing location the past few years and know there is a strong interest in day camps, but our schedule was already full.” He anticipates the first week of day camps to begin June 13. Staff are planning to host up to 50 children a week for day camp. In the future, that number could increase to 100. Parsons said the ideal child-to-camp counselor ratio is less than 10 to 1.

Faith Quest is accepting applications from older high school students and college students wanting to serve as camp counselors. Folks can apply at bayshorefaithquest.org.

A climbing wall, inflatable attractions and an archery set are among the recreational activities at the Faith Quest complex.

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A street in Rivne, Ukraine, sits quietly prior to the conflict in Ukraine.

Jen Bagnall and the Rev. Steve Bagnall, of Cass City, have known Horpynchuk for Friday night in that city. He said there were four missile strikes that went off, but no planes approached. Around 6 a.m. that day, a missile strike hit a local Ukrainian airport, about 10 miles from Horpynchuk’s location. He said there were four missile strikes that day in a town about five miles from him.

“It’s not real pleasant when you sit in a house and all things begin to shake and there are explosions that are getting closer and you don’t know if it will hit you or not,” he said. The pastor noted that Kyiv was under constant strikes – either from warplanes or missiles – including locations in civilian areas.

“Just try to get all your civilians located, be located, because the military stayed,” he said. “We want to have a free society in Ukraine, where he has his own church.”

In addition to air attacks, Horpynchuk – who suffered through the breakup of the Soviet Union – said there were four missile strikes that went off, but no planes approached.

“I’m trying to help all our civilian laymen with prayer,” he said. “To get to any safe place from Kyiv will be bad,” said Caro council member Bob Campbell.

And that worried some Caro City Council members. Putman has said that all of the space in the facility is spoken for, with minor medical labs, aesthetics, urgent care and others. The agreement doesn’t exist because we don’t have a franchise agreement. "This is how it works." The agreement allows for any amount of water to be provided to the property, not a mere private water utility, Fahey wrote in an email to Campbell. "And by God, all we’re doing is providing water to the property, not a mere private water utility, we’re doing to the city. But in early February, township attorney William Campbell recommended Fahey not sign the franchise agreement with the township, which states that the city has no obligation to provide water to the property, but it does obligate the city to provide water service to the city, nor does it obligate the city to provide water service to other properties in the township. The city’s provision of water service to the property will be governed by a separate written agreement with the owner(s) of the property,” it reads. This provision would allow the city of Caro to negotiate water rates with the property owner after a franchise agreement is signed.

“This is not a standard provision at all,” Fahey wrote to Campbell.

Jen Bagnall is the public relations director at the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), an organization that translates and publishes books of the Lutheran faith for churches around the world. Pastor Bagnall is the pastor at Good Shepherd.

“When you meet him, he’s a very intense person. If you sense is serious and capable,” Jen Bagnall said. "Not just on a pastoral level, but he has been through a lot in his life. Ukrainian officially declared itself an independent state in 1991, the same year the Soviet Union collapsed.

Jen Bagnall said it’s no coincidence that 2022 marks 30 years for LHF, which was in the Soviet Army from 1984 to 1992, and saw the majority of tanks come into cities, with Russian subterfuge working in Ukraine. He estimates there being roughly a 200-mile traffic jam to get out of Kyiv as of Friday night in that city.

"To get to any safe place from Kyiv will take about six hours," he said. Water quest for Putman

"We want to have a free society in Ukraine, where he has his own church."
Fire drives family of seven from home

This home of Richard W. Smith and his wife, Laurie Gleason was destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon. The dwelling is at 3697 Brown Road, west of Sheridan Road. Dave Russell, Millington Arabela Fire Department chief, said the cause of the fire “seems to be electrical in origin,” noting no one was hurt to the blaze.

Strong winds on Saturday afternoon “hampered the fire operations; they just kept fanning the fire,” Russell said.

Russell estimated the blaze caused a $240,000 loss to the home and its contents. Smith said the home is insured.

Following the blaze, Richard Smith and Laurie Gleason are staying with their son, Bradley Smith, near Mayville. The Pasheek family is staying at a Birch Run hotel.

“We lost our home in the flood of 1986, when I was 11,” said Smith, noting he and his wife have lived at the home at 3697 Brown Road for 20 years.

Richard Smith, who grew up in Millington Township, said he rebuilt his home in Vassar after the damage from the flood. He said he and his wife intend to rebuild a home at the scene of the fire – after the rubble is removed by a contractor.

“I don’t intend to leave the area. I grew up here,” said Smith, noting he and his wife have lived at the home at 3697 Brown Road for 20 years.

Richard Smith said he wants to extend a “heartfelt thanks” to firefighters from the five departments who responded to the fire scene.

“They worked very, very hard to try to save this, but there just wasn’t any hope,” said Smith.

Richard Smith, a machinist at Merrill Technologies Group in Merrill as western Saginaw County, urged good Samaritans to donate to a charity, or to the Millington Arabela Fire Department – rather than to his family – following the fire.

“Enough to me to know that people care, and it’d rather people pay it forward,” he said. “Give it to somebody else. I’d rather that people would get with one of the pastors in their town, and give the money to a food bank, or a needy family. I’ll do just fine. I may look familiar because I was recently featured but for some unknown reason I haven’t been adopted yet. Perhaps you didn’t know I was giving them warning it was going in place.

Bishop told the commissioners that all of his employees were vaccinated and agreed with the policy but he wanted it in place before he filled an opening for a part-time account clerk. At the time he also told commissioners he wasn’t asking for their permission to institute the policy, but he was giving them warning it was going in place.

Bishop, the commissioners, however, stood against the policy, saying allowing it to stand would permit a hodge-podge of similar policies around county offices and departments.

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Eventually Grimshaw accepted that Bishop is done making policies.

“That answers the question for this board,” he said. “That the board is the policy maker for employee matters in Tuscola County. That is what it is.”

The commissioners then voted unanimously to hire Rachel Chaney Ruiz as part-time account clerk II.

She started Monday.
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## Owen-Gage plans different graduation

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OWENDALE – This year, graduation will be low-key at Owendale-Gagetown Schools.

The district has just five students in this year’s senior class, so there won’t be any valedictorian or salutatorian named.

The district’s board of education made that decision last month. At a session late last month it also approved the senior trip. It will be to Minnesota, where the five will get to visit the Mall of America, Nickelodeon Universe, Sea Life aquarium, FlyOver America, SD Extreme, the Science Museum of Minnesota, Como Park and Zoo, and other general sightseeing destinations. During the trip the seniors will be staying in a rented home.

At a parent/student meeting prior to the board meeting, the group decided to have a reception-type graduation at 7 p.m. May 26.

“Although they chose to keep many of the traditional items in place, they plan to have all five speak to those in attendance and to have some type of food,” Superintendent Terri Falkenberg said in an email. “They truly didn’t want much; a few white lights and maybe some confetti. We plan to make it a nice event for them.”

## Dust to cost Akron Twp. more

By Mark Haney | Reporter
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AKRON TWP. – Controlling dust is going to be a little more costly this year.

The Akron Township board voted Feb. 17 to hire Wilkinson Corp. of Rich Township to apply calcium chloride on the township’s unpaved roads this summer.

The solution is designed to cut down on the dust raised by vehicles using those roads.

Wilkinson’s proposal called for two applications at $9.10 per square yard for a total of $10,240. That’s up from the $17,100 the township paid Wilkinson last year.

That contract, however, came with a bonus for townships that signed up before the end of February. Wilkinson did not offer that bonus this year.

The board also:

- Approved the federal poverty guidelines for property taxes.
- Will have a zoning/planning public hearing on April 6 concerning reconstruction of a gate in the village of Akron.
- Approved the separation of an acre from a 19.62-acre parcel of farmland. The land division removes a residence from the farmland.
- Received and reviewed the preliminary 2022-2023 budget.

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105 years ago

W.H. Chapman has been transferred from his position as city mail carrier to that of general delivery clerk to replace Walter Burch, resigned. It is thought probable that H.L. Hemingsway, clerk in the Vassar post office, will be appointed to Mr. Chapman's former position.

A very important Monday morning was the halting Cremony was destroyed by fire, caused, it is believed, by defective wiring. The loss is estimated at $8,000, and citizens hope that the situation will be repaired.

Burning out chimneys caused fire alarms at two places in the city. The first was Saturday at the home of Guy Dutcher on Norman street, and the second was Sunday at the Vassar School for six years, has resigned his position, and will go to Detroit to accept a position as clerk in the Detroit post office.

Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Palmer are preparing to operate the Atwood farm residence near the Standpipe. The big house is undergoing extensive repairs, and hardwood floors are being laid. The rooms are being redecorated, and the Palmers expect to move out of April 1.

119 years ago

As soon as the campaign for the year was finished, work was begun on increasing the local sugar factory's capacity from 600 to 1,000 tons per day. The work will necessitate a huge payroll for the entire summer.

Fred Utter has gone to be “Singer boy,” having enlisted in Detroit last week for service in the Philippine Islands. He joined forces with David Steele of Akron, and they expect to leave for Manila soon.

The marriage of Mr. George VanTine and Miss Nettie Foster, of the Vassar creamery, was announced last week. They returned to Caro Saturday evening, where they will reside.

It is rumored that this summer a railroad will be built connecting Caro and Croswell. The Peninsular Sugar Co., owners of the sugar factories at these places, is reported to be heading the plan, and is working hard to secure the right of way.

The plan of building a dam across the Cass River is likely to result in more talk than talk this year. It is claimed that a contract has been let, and material is being brought to the site. Work on the contract is to begin July 1 and be completed within 60 days.

Claus and Ralph Riley and Miss Grace Vandekerkhove, both of the Bay City Business College, were home visiting their respective parents over the weekend.

Dr. Carl Portius, superintendent of the sugar refinery, and Edmund Starke and family of the sisters of Mrs. Starke. Misses Pauline and Henrietta Hauke, will leave for a trip to Germany in about two months. They expect to be gone about two months, and the young ladies will remain longer.

Miss Mary A. Whett is taking a course in shorthand at the Bay City business college.

124 years ago

Two of the new Abbott voting machines are in the city hall and will be used for the first time here at the village election March 14. The inventor, Mr. Abbott of Hudson, will be in Caro Monday and will spend the balance of the week here, giving lessons in the use of the machines.

J.J. Parker shipped 200 packages of lettuce to a wholesale house on Wednesday.

The daily papers this week report the fact that Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Chapman have moved to the big house in Caro. They have engaged two young ladies last Friday evening, driving over here for a hearty supper at the Carrie Block, next to The Advertiser office, and will open the first class bazaar there about March 20.

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Preparing for a Wet Spring

by Larry Michael

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A number of years ago, I gave an insurance presentation to some high schoolers. I was doing my best to be witty, funny, and not too technical. People seemed to enjoy it. I even had a cup of fruit punch for the students to enjoy. Financial planners and insurance agents are not known to be party people, but I wanted to do something different.

One of the high schoolers asked a question that I still remember today. It went something like this—"What do you mean by flood insurance?" I replied by asking for another question. He said, "How do I know if I need flood insurance?"

The answer I gave was simple. I told him—"Look into this! Recovering from a wet basement can be an incredibly draining experience! Don't gamble by waiting until your belongings are soaked and floating in your basement to realize your policy limits. Do it when the threat of rain is high. That’s why we offer flood insurance."

Insurance agents and brokers are often thought of as the "bad guys" because they "make you pay" for what you need. The truth is that they help you avoid certain situations. Flood insurance is just one example. It’s important to understand that you are not just protecting your home, but also your belongings. Flood insurance can protect you from not only natural disasters, but also from other events that could lead to a wet basement.

The national rankings for 2021, according to Banker's Caddy, are in parts of the country where the banks are "mature and local." These banks tend to support their local communities, providing many of their core customers, obtaining many of their core customers, and making loans to small businesses.

In general, community banks provide traditional banking services to their customers, according to Forbes.com. These banks tend to support their local communities, providing many of their core customers, and making loans to small businesses.

In the same way folks like to buy local and support local small businesses, others prefer to do their banking with a local community bank, according to Forbes.com. "Many of the banks near the top of the national rankings are in parts of the country where there are relatively fewer community banks," Ford said. "The fact that Tri-County Bank, a community bank, placed No. 243 in Banker's Caddy 2021 rankings. This is the Kingston location of Tri-County Bank, a Brown City-based community bank.

Tri-County Bank, with locations in communities including Kingston, Marlette and North Branch, is Michigan’s highest-performing bank in 2021, according to rankings by bankerscaddy.com. The bank, based in Brown City, ranked No. 142 – highest among Michigan banks – in Banker’s Caddy’s National Bank Rankings for 2021.

The banks were ranked in five key areas: profitability, loan quality, capitalization, growth and the ability to meet short-term cash needs of depositors and borrowers.

"Being ranked the first of all Michigan banks by Banker’s Caddy is a great achievement for our bank," said John Goetz, president and CEO. "It is an honor that we have earned in helping our customers obtain the services they need. We thank our customers for their continued support and loyalty."
Addressing ice storm damage to trees

By Matt Cregg | Michigan State University Extension

Winter is always a challenging time for landscape trees in Michigan. One of the most significant and lasting impacts of winter on trees is ice and snow damage. Events such as a week’s ice storms in northern lower Michigan could trees with up to half an inch of ice. This amount of ice can weigh down tree branches and cause significant breakage. Often the weight of ice results in high crown breakage, though trees can also split or lose major limbs.

Once the weather warms, homeowners can begin to venture outside and assess the damage from the storm. Michigan State University Extension notes that proper pruning and care of damaged trees is important for safety and for long-term health of the trees. If damaged trees are not properly pruned, several problems may ensue. Trees may experience severe declines, resulting in dead limbs that could fall later.

Some trees may also produce prolific sprouts or suckers along limbs that have been damaged. These newly formed limbs are often weak and poorly supported and may be prone to failure during future storms. Broken limbs that are hung up in trees are a hazard since they may fall later. Lastly, proper pruning and tree care can help to reduce the likelihood that broken limbs will become infected with disease pathogens that can further damage or kill the tree.

CAN THIS TREE BE SAVED?

Deciding whether a tree is too severely damaged to be saved is often a difficult question. Key considerations include the extent of the damage, tree age, tree condition and location of the tree. Additionally, it is important to consider what might be best if the tree health should go downhill and subsequently fail. The National Arbor Day Foundation has a very useful illustrated guide for assessing trees after a storm.

CAN I PRUNE OR REPAIR THIS MYSELF?

Everyone has a different comfort level for DIY projects based on their experience and equipment. My personal rule of thumb is if I can’t reach a limb from a ladder or other equipment (PPE). A professional arborist can further damage or become infected with disease pathogens that can further damage or kill the tree.

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New class aims to help student mental health

Reese Middle School students do exercises Friday in the high school auditorium. School athletic trainer Sara Kehl led the impromptu class, explaining the physical movement can help alleviate depression symptoms. It's Jones Scovenna

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RESE – A new class at Reese High School offers students the opportunity to raise mental health awareness -- and help fellow students.

Called Peer to Peer (P2P) program, the class consists of 12 students. On Friday, the group invited mental health professionals to the Reese High School auditorium to speak to the student body.

At three, one-hour sessions, the professionals spoke to Reese Middle School students, high school underclassmen, and juniors and seniors, respectively. The conversation revolved around factors of mental health, causes of mental-health problems, and potential remedies.

“The first thing I want you to know is, if you need help, speak up,” said Maria Victoria Lorenzo, a third-year medical student at Central Michigan University, during the noon to 1 p.m. session.

“Mental health comes in a wide variety of forms. There's depression. There's anxiety. There's (post-traumatic stress disorder). And most of these conditions manifest physically. You can feel your heart is about to come out of your chest, you're short of breath, a lack of sleep, weight gain. And mental-health professionals aren't the only ones students should reach out to, according to Lorenzo.

“There can often be a long wait to speak to a psychiatrist,” she said. “There are more people who can help -- a school counselor, teachers, friends -- make sure to let people know you're feeling.”

Dr. Kassena Franklin, of Covenant HealthCare, provided the audience with statistics about young people and mental health. She said:

- In the U.S., about 40 percent of children and adolescents with depressive disorders are not treated.
- Among youth with depressive disorders who receive standard treatment, talk therapy/counseling are the most common treatments.
- The second most used treatment is medication prescription.
- A combination of counseling and medication is the best approach for helping with mental health issues.
- Kyle Kewish, a Michigan State Police trooper from the Caro post, spoke about bullying as a cause of depression and anxiety, and noted that those who bully could get in legal trouble.

“There are some long-term consequences for those behaviors,” Kewish said. “Obviously, you can get suspended from school, but there's also some legal consequences that may affect your future that you may not realize.”

Kewish said youths convicted of bullying-related crimes such as racial intimidation, cyberbulying and assault face up to a juvenile facility -- or jail. Plus, he told the audience, conviction will be on your permanent record and could haunt you for the rest of your life.

Friday’s program was presented by Coral Mark, a Reese social worker who works closely with the school district. Hall Hewett, a nurse practitioner at Reese Family Medicine, and Sara Keller, of Covenant Physical Therapy -- who is the Reese Public Schools physical trainer -- also spoke during the program.

Near the end of the noon presentation, Keller spent a few minutes leading the middle-school audience in simple exercises that have proven to help relieve stress and anxiety.

Jennifer VanTol, the school district’s mental health specialist, told The Advertiser that the Reese Peer to Peer program is the first of its kind in Tuscola County, but -- as of this school year -- each school in the county has a mental health specialist.

And VanTol expects a similar program will be in place at all county districts in the near future.

“Our bigger plan we have for building peer-to-peer at each school is we want it to be in every classroom, and we’re working on it,” she said. “We want it because we know there is a need.”

Members of the Peer to Peer program performed skits during Friday's program. Courtey Kalkman and Farrow Deming performed a skit about “dealing with” Kalkman said. "I would get super bad anxiety and I struggled to talk about it and ask for help. This is a way to teach kids how to deal with that and how to ask for help."
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CARL D. SLOZZER
MILLINGTON

CARL D. SLOZZER, age 81, passed away on Monday, February 21, 2022. Carl was a devoted father and husband. He will be dearly missed by so many.

CARL D. SLOZZER was born on May 3, 1941, to the late George and Mildred (Hulett) Slosser. Carl joined the Air Force where he gained his GED and served during the Korean War. Carl was united in marriage to the love of his life Nancy (Dew) Carl. Together they have four children.

Following the Air Force he went to work for General Motors for 30 years. Carl was a devoted father and husband. He will be dearly missed by so many.

The family welcomed guests to Millington Memorial Medical Care Center (4855 Barnes Rd. Millington, MI 48746) on Thursday, February 24, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Funeral services were to be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Millington Church of God (4855 Barnes Rd., Millington, MI). Burial will be at a later date.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation to Carl’s name are asked to consider The Alzheimer’s Association.


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ALICE IRENE NELSON BARANIC

Alcine Irene Nelson Baranic, age 93, passed away on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility. Mother-in-law, Carol Nelson. In addition to her parents, Elinor is survived by one brother and his wife, Francis “Butch” & Quyless Force of Florida, Michelle & Jay Demo of Florida, Darci LaPratt of Caro, Staci Force of Cass City, and Kathryn Belle Frederick of Florida, as well as many extended family members.

Alcine Irene Nelson Baranic was born on August 13, 1928, in Bay City, Michigan, the daughter of Charles & Elinor Thomas Nelson. She is the widow of Joseph Baranic in Sandusky. He preceded her in death by 14 years. She is the sister of John Baranic, Daniel Osentoski, Wesley Anderson, Rick McGunegle, and Brian Nelson, Jason Nelson, Kristine Anderson, Rick McGunegle, and Jennifer Harris.

You may share an online condolence at www.marlindfuneral.com. You may be eligible for certain benefits if you served as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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ELINOR M. MOYER, age 68, passed away on Monday, February 28, 2022, at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro. You may call Kranz at (989) 871-4591. courthousefunerals.com.

Elinor was born July 12, 1953 in Cass City, the daughter of the late William M. & Elizabeth H. (Hale) Force. She was a graduate of Cass City High School and a member of St. Columbkille Church. Elinor was united in marriage to John Arthur and in 1970 had two children, Gene and Linda. In addition to her parents, Elinor is survived by her husband, Carl D. Slosser; four children; George (Cecelia) Slosser, Alex (Jenny) Slosser, Carl (Karri) Slosser, and Michelle (Marcy) Bublitz; and seven sisters, and one brother.

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JANICE MARIE WARNER DEFORD

JANICE MARIE WARNER, age 61, of Deford, died Thursday, February 24, 2022, in Heritage Hill Assisted Living, Caro. She was born June 11, 1959 in Cass City to Frederick and Kathryn Belle Frederick (Roth) Martin. She married Jeanie Louise Sweeney on August 1, 1992 in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Sandusky. She graduated from Cass City High School in 1977. He went to Fortis State University where he earned an Associate of Science Degree in Chemistry. He worked for Cass City Sports, selling sporting goods and later went to work with Richard Jones at Richard’s TV and Appliance of Caro. He became the sole owner for a while of Richards. He was a member of St. Columbkille Church and a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus-Uly-Sheridan Council #2850. His favorite outdoor activities included snowmobiling, riding dirt bikes, and camping. He was a music lover and could play almost every instrument. He was a skilled pianist and keyboardist. Together, he and Janice enjoyed traveling, especially the Caribbean Cruises to warm and sunny destinations.


JANICE MARIE WARNER was born on May 24, 1960 in Caro. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home, Cass City.

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North Branch’s Hyde picks Mott for volleyball

By SCOTT BOLIAZ | Sports Editor

NORTH BRANCH — The North Branch volleyball program produces college caliber talent every season. This year is no different, with Gracie Hyde, daughter of Krissy and Charles Hyde, signing to continue her volleyball career at Mott Community College in Flint.

“I’m feeling amazing about it,” Hyde said. “I love that I can continue my athletic and academic career there, because it’s a great school.”

Hyde, the lone senior on North Branch’s 2021 Division 2 state runner-up squad, had a few other options before deciding on Mott.

“I had Rochester University, Oakland Community College and St. Clair County Community College, just smaller colleges like that,” Hyde said. “The Mott coach (Katie Novak) seemed personal with me. We had a better connection than what I had with other coaches.”

Hyde, a defensive specialist, looks forward to seeing new faces on the court while attending the public two-year college.

“I’m excited to play with a new group of girls,” she said. “It’s a new perspective on the game, because I’m not playing with the same girls that I have been playing with for the past 12 years. It’s totally different and I’m excited to experience that, because I’ve always played with the same group.”

Hyde led the team in 2021 in aces (94) and finished second on the squad in digs with 434. North Branch closed out the season with a 4-1 record and an undefeated record in the Blue Water Area Conference, where the team did not lose a set.

“My senior year was the best year I’ve honestly ever had on the volleyball team,” Hyde said. “I was the only senior on the squad, so the other girls stepped up, because it was hard for me to do everything. Usually, you have two to three seniors on the team, so it was a lot of pressure to make sure everyone knew what to do or what to wear for practice, and they really stepped up to help me.”

Senior year on the volleyball team proved to be a relatively healthy one for Hyde until the Division 2 state regional volleyball team at her recent signing with Mott Community College.

State champ Osantowski chooses Cornerstone

By SCOTT BOLIAZ | Sports Editor

REESE — Maddi Osantowski helped create team history as a member of the 2021 state championship Reese volleyball squad.

On Feb. 26, Osantowski reached another milestone, by signing to continue her athletic and academic career at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids.

“This is pretty amazing,” Osantowski said. “I’m really excited to continue my playing career and being able to go to the next level at such a great college.”

The 5-foot-10 Osantowski played primarily on the outside hitter position for the Rockets, averaging five kills and 3.5 digs a set while serving at 90-percent for the season.

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After visiting Cornerstone, it didn’t take long for Osantowski’s daughter of Zach and Kristina Osantowski, to realize where she belonged.

“When I went there it just felt like home,” she said. “I knew that I wanted to be there with these girls and coaches. They were just so friendly. They went out of their way to do stuff, show me around and it was just a nice community that I knew I wanted to be a part of.”

The school was not the only thing to catch Osantowski’s attention as the city of Grand Rapids, population 198,917, played a role in drawing her to Cornerstone.

“We went out to eat in East Grand Rapids while we were visiting, and I loved the vibes of the city,” she said. “I loved that I

Frankenmuth rolls its way to first regional title

By SCOTT BOLIAZ | Sports Editor

The Eagles rolled a 3,381 to edge out Sanford Meridian (3,376) and Baldwin Creek (3,350). Carew was among the 15 teams to compete and took seventh place with a score of 3,259.
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for business and entrepreneurship, but I’m excited I can stick to it and not have to worry about other things interfering.
She will finish up her athletic career as a senior with the hope of winning the state championship and just enjoying the travel aspect and get to see parts of the country I hadn’t seen before.
"I don’t know what I want to fully do yet," she said. "I’ve thought about finance, advice or something like that, but I honestly don’t know yet."
She will pursue a degree in business, as there are a lot of majors for her to consider, and didn’t have an official date of commitment.
"I want to thank my team, my coach Angie Compton and Mr. (Gary) Thompson," Osantowski said. "I want to thank my family and of course my friends. They are all my biggest supporters, and I couldn’t have done this without any of them.”
State champ Osantowski chooses Cornerstone
FROM B1
could get out of college and find a job so easily. That’s a really nice plus.”
While at Mott, Hyde will look to acquire a degree in business and entrepreneurship, with hopes of owning a business. She noted she wants to potentially own a sports complex, or work higher up in a big business.
“I’m excited to be able to focus on my career,” she said. "I go to Ed Tech (Lapeer County Education and Technology Center) during the day at the high school and then go to Ed Tech at night to get my associate degree in business and entrepreneurship, and took sixth in the all-around.
Our season goal was to qualify all individuals (for state competition).” Vassar coach Stu Weldon said. “We have 14 athletes that qualified individually.”
"The Vulcans’ next meet is the Division 2 regional competition in Grand Ledge on Saturday.
Frankenmuth rolls its way to first regional title
FROM B1
"What a great team effort," Frankenmuth coach Ron Krueger said. “All year long I emphasize (making) spares and how much they matter, and that is what won the regional title for us. They were awesome this year and got the job done.”
“Our two highest-average bowlers did what they supposed to do and carry us through,” Krueger said. “Taylee Nadolski bowled great, and Keenora bowled great.”
"We compete against 17 other teams for a state title," Krueger said. “We will be throwing eight frames each, and two regular Peterson games in qualifying. Total pinsfall will determine the top eight teams to make the cut and then go head-to-head for the championship."
# Basketball Scoring Leaders

**AS OF FEB. 25**

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**SATURDAY • MARCH 5, 2022**

- *The First 48*
- *Cold Case*
- *Judge Judy*
- *Shark Tank*
- *20/20*
- *America's Got Talent: Extreme*
- *The Endgame*
- *The Rock*
- *Big City Big City*

**SUNDAY • MARCH 6, 2022**

- *Home & Family*
- *Americ's Got Talent: Sizzle*
- *SpongeBob SpongeBob*
- *The Croods*
- *Brave*
- *90 Day Fiance 90 Day Fiance: Before the 90 Days*
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2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING NOTICE JUNIATA TOWNSHIP TUSCOLA COUNTY

Junia Township Hall – 1713 S Ringle Road, Caro, MI 48723

Valuation appeals will be heard on:
Monday, March 14, 2022 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 17, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING NOTICE GILFORD TOWNSHIP

Gilford Township Hall – 6320 Gilford Road, Furgone, MI 48733

Valuation appeals will be heard on:
Monday, March 14, 2022 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:00 a.m. to noon 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 5 (five) days’ notice by contacting the Township.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION -1733 S. MERTZ RD., CARO, MICHIGAN

Sealed bids will be received Thursday, March 17, 2022, at the office of the Board of Tuscola County Road Commissioners at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan for the following item(s) at the time(s) specified:

10:30 A.M. Akron and Gagetown MDT Category B Grant Project

Project Description:
Village of Akron Main Street from Church Street to the South Village Limit includes .26 miles of HMA crush, shape, and stabilization; subgrade undercutting, HMA Paving, shoulder improvements, driveway restoration, and the installation of approximately 100’ of 24” storm sewer and all associated structures.

Bid(s) are to be submitted on the Road Commission forms in a plainly marked and sealed envelope. No electronic bids will be accepted. Specifications are available on line at www.tuscolaroad.org. Please contact Brent Darke, P.E., Tuscola County Highway Engineer at 989-233-7472 or highwayengineer@tuscolaroad.org with any questions.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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John Laurie, Chairman
Gary Parcell, Vice-Chairman
Julie Natsuko, Member
Duane Weiber, Member
David Kemna, Member
### Daytontown Township Board of Review Notice

The Daytontown Township Board of Review will meet for March 2022 at the Daytontown Township Hall 4873 Hurds Corner Rd. Mayville, MI 48747.

The Board of Review will hear protests from property owners on:
- **Monday, March 7, 2022**
  - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Please call (989) 643-6000 for appointment and information on how to petition. Presented evidence/information pertaining to the appeal must remain with the board of record reviews.

**Your assessment changed for the following reason(s):** equitable to market conditions.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers necessary to compute individual state equalized assessed valuations are as follows:

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**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 10 days notice.

**Contact:**
- Matt Blatt, Supervisor
  - 4850 Merritt Rd
  - P.O. Box 216
  - Mayville, MI 48744
  - 989-643-0421

### Tuscola Township Board of Review

Tuscola Township Hall – 8561 Van Cleve Road, Vicksburg, MI 49097

Valuation appeals will be heard on:
- **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**
  - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2022 are as follows:

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**Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)**

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meeting upon 5 (five) days notice.

**Contact:**
- Douglas Kramer
  - Tuscola Township Supervisor
  - 989-673-4481
  - 989-673-4482

### Frenmont Township Board of Review

Fremont Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates at the Fremont Township Hall located at 4850 Merz Road, Mayville, Michigan, for the purpose of reviewing assessment valuations and hearing requests, protests or applications for corrections of assessed or tentative taxable valuations.

**Organizational Meeting**
- **March 8, 2022** at 10:00 A.M.

**Public Meetings**
- **March 14, 2022**
  - 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **March 15, 2022**
  - 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **March 16, 2022**
  - 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Frenmont Township Board of Review will hear appeals on the above dates and times. Letter appeals are accepted in lieu of personal appearance and will be accepted from the first Tuesday in March until the Board of Review adjourns from the public hearing for which it has met.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for the 2022 Assessments in the Township are as follows:

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The above ratios and multipliers are subject to further change by the Assessor's Office, the Board of Review, the County Equalization Department and the Michigan State Tax Commission.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice.

**Contact:**
- Matt Blatt, Supervisor
  - 4850 Merritt Rd
  - P.O. Box 216
  - Mayville, MI 48744
  - 989-643-0421

### Gilford Township Notice of Budget Public Hearing

The Gilford Township Board of Review, the County Equalization Department, and the Michigan State Tax Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 2022, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budget, budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 at the Gilford Township Hall located at 9877 S. 600 N. Gilford, Michigan, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

There will be a Public Hearing on March 22, 2023, concerning the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget for Gilford Township. This meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. and will be held virtually prior to the regular Township Board Meeting. The Property tax millage rate proposed to be levied in support of the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing.

**Meeting Details:**
- **March 16, 2023**
  - 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
  - 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
- **March 17, 2023**
  - 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available at the Gilford Township Clerk's Office. This notice is posted in compliance with MCL 216.26 (as amended Open Meetings Act, MCLA 47.2 et seq) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**Contact:**
- Matt Blatt, Supervisor
  - 9877 S. 600 N. Gilford, MI 48738
  - 989-643-0421

### Tuscola Township Notice of Budget Public Hearing

The Tuscola Township Board of Review will meet at the Tuscola Township Hall, 2190 Frankfort Rd., Caro, MI 48723 on the following dates.

- **Tuesday, March 8 at 1:00 P.M.**
  - This is an organizational meeting and no protest will be heard at this meeting.

**Monday, March 14, 2022**
- **2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.** 
- **6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.** Appeal Hearing

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**Contact:**
- Karen Varney, 2300 Franklin Rd, Caro, MI 48723, supervisor@welstop.org or call 989-673-4481

### Tuscola Township Notice of Budget Public Hearing

The Tuscola Township Board of Review will meet at the Tuscola Township Hall, 3600 Village Hall Drive, Richville, MI 48758 on the following dates.

- **Tuesday, March 8, 2022**
  - 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
  - 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Valuation appeals will be heard on:
- **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**
  - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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**Contact:**
- Douglas Kramer
  - Tuscola Township Supervisor
  - 989-673-4481
  - 989-673-4482

### Tuscola Township Notice of Budget Public Hearing

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  - Tuscola Township Supervisor
  - 989-673-4481
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TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS
NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
The Indianfields Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 at the Indianfields Township Hall, 1633 Merz Rd, Caro, Mich. 48723 on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Indianfields Township Hall, 1633 Merz Rd, Caro, Mich. 48723.

“The property tax rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.”

William E. Campbell
Indianfields Township Supervisor

Please take notice that a meeting of the Ellington Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on March 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ellington Township Hall, 2791 East Caro Road, Caro, MI.

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

- Variance submitted by Brian Kostelnik for property located at 1684 Colwood Rd, Caro, Mich. 48723 Parcel No. 008-030-198-00 to remove a mobile home with a new mobile home on a non-conforming parcel.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is receiving written comments concerning the proposed request. The Zoning Board of Appeals will be in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110.

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

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Clerk.

SUZY ROCKWELL
Ellington Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISINTERMENT AND RE-INTERMENT OF CERTAIN GRAVES LOCATED IN “OLD SECTION, BLOCK C AND BLOCK D” OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

The Township intends to disinter the remains of the above-named decedents from their graves into the Cass River, as follows: “Old Cemetery, Block A, Lot 59,” within the Tuscola Township Cemetery so they are not lost or destroyed and to disinter the remains of the above-named decedents from their graves located in “Old Cemetery, Block A, Lot 59,” within the Tuscola Township Cemetery so they are not lost in the Cass River due to erosion. A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Clerk. The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signs for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of print materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to Tuscola Township by writing or calling the Zoning Clerk.

Please take further notice that if you have any comments, concerns or questions regarding this proposed disinterment/reinterment of the identified deceased individuals listed below, you may contact Michelle Hicks, Tuscola Township Clerk, in writing and will be made part of the record in this matter.

TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
The Board of Review is authorized to act upon written request from all Indianfields Township residents who are unable to attend the meeting in person concerning their current property assessment.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers necessary to compute individual state equalized values are as follows:

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TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION -2733 S. MERTZ ROAD, CARO, MI 48723

Sealed bids will be received Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the office of the Tuscola County Road Commissioners at 2733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Mich. for the following item(s) at the time(s) specified:

- 9:15 a.m. Grade, Base, and Drainage Ditch Road from Ringle Rd to M-24. Project includes excavation and widening approxi-
  mately 6’ to a 28’ top width. Placement of one foot of sand subgrade. 8’ of 23A-6 limestone aggregate base, 4’ inches of 23A aggregate across the entire roadway, and installation of erosion control measures.

Bids are to be submitted on the Road Commission forms in a plainly marked and sealed envelope. No electronic bids will be accepted. Specifics are available on-line at www.tuscolaroad.org.

Please contact Brent Dankert, P.E., Tuscola County Highway Engineer at 989-673-8009 or brian.dankert@tuscolaroad.org with any questions.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to readvertise or to accept the proposal, that, in its best interest of the Tuscola County.

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2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

ELLENGTON 2022 EARLTON MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ellengen Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Public meetings will be held on March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., and March 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is open to all members of the public. The Board of Review will meet at the Earlton Library in the Earlton Township Hall located at 761 Earlton Road.
MEETINGS/ EVENTS

FRIENDS OF MUSIC SERIES: March 10th 12 p.m. Glenn Cora, Celtic each month at 7 p.m. Unionville American Legion Hall.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIA RY 4211 meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Unionville American Legion Hall.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 7 meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.

CARO CHAPTER 096 Royal Arch Masons meets the second Thursday of each month in the Masonic Temple, 156 S. State St., Caro.

CARO LIONS CLUB meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Brentwood, Membership applications available at anytime. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at 219 S. State St., Caro.

MI MI 0211 CHAPTER meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. at Bayshore Beauty Academy. Call Jonom at 899-551-6616 for further information.

TOPS CLUB 1212 VASSAR meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Lane St. Weigh in from 9-10 a.m., meetings begin at 9:15 a.m. For more information, contact Sallie at 867-6072 or Diane at 867-7208.

TOPS CLUB 1627 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thursdays at the Brentwood. For more information, call Cecilia at 899-673-6023 or Committee.

VASSAR FRIENDS OF THE LI- BRARY meet the second Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. at the library.

VETERAN TO VETERAN SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings at 7 p.m. every 2 months at the Albemarle Building. These meetings provide a chance to talk to your fellow veterans and experience together while serving and bringing veterans together to learn about available benefits.

Rejuvenements are provided. For more information, call 999-673-8148.

FVSF POST MONTHLY MEETINGS: VW Post 414, Caro, second Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. VW Post 5044, Cass City, second Sunday, 7 p.m.; VW Post 10084, Marysville, second Sunday, 7 p.m.; VW Post 7486, Fairgrove, first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Village Hall in Akron; VW Post 7486, Fairgrove, second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 87 meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:10 p.m. at 110 W. Frank Street, Caro.

SELF HELP

ALCOHOL AND FAMILY CAREGIVER support and education meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Huron County Human Development Commission Building, 430 Montague Ave, in Sand Beach. For more information, contact Susie at 989-673-4121.

LA-ALON FAMILY AFFAIR (AGF): Final help if your life is being affected because of someone else’s excessive drinking. There are regular meetings in the Thumb area. For more information, call Thumb Area AP (989)-912-5470 (CARO) meeting every Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 50 Paul Luther- an Church, 503 State St., Caro. (VASSAR) meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 881 Saginaw St., Vassar. For more information, call 989-577-4645.

Alcoholics Anonymous — meetings, schedules, and/or information for Huron and Tuscola Counties go to www.taarc.org. Call 877-670-4996 for the AA 24-hour Hot Line. Huron County Community Mental Health Support Group is held from 10 a.m. to noon on the second Tuesdays at the Huron Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Road, Bad Axe. Call 989-466-7407. (VASSAR) meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Reese.

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PROBATE COURT

STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of:

CARL DEAN, deceased

File No. 22-37401-DE

COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The decedent, BRANDON NEWELL CONFER, died on January 5, 2023, in San Bruno, California. Notice to creditors of the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

NEWELL CONFER, executor, 420 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723 and the personal representative, or his or her representative, in writing, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

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SEBEWAING TWP. – The Millington girls’ basketball team punched its ticket to a Division 3 district semifinal with a 58-31 win over Marlette here on Monday. The Cardinals led 14-7 at the start of the first quarter, 28-15 at halftime and 41-24 entering the fourth quarter.

For Marlette, Gabby Martinez scored a team-high 15 points while Bethany Sherman and Trinity Fessler scored six points each. Sherman and Gohsman hauled in seven rebounds apiece.

For Millington, Lillia Sherman led all Millington scorers with 16 points, Brenna Brady added 11 and Vanessa Selich had eight. Roze Gohsman and Trinity Fessler scored six points each. Sherman and Gohsman hauled in seven rebounds apiece.

Millington plays Kingston in the second game while Brown City and Sandusky compete in the opening game.

Marlette finishes the season 7-5 in the Greater Thumb Conference East Division and with a 9-12 overall record.
Readers’ Choice Award Winners

The Advertiser readers have made their choices known as they have voted for their favorite local businesses who they believe deserve the top honor for the year. Join us in celebrating who our readers have selected as their Readers’ Choice for 2021.

**BUSINESS WINNERS**

- **Accounting Firm** – Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran
- **All-Around Restaurant** – The Oven
- **Antique Store** – Antiques in the Village
- **Atmosphere** – Caro Golf Course
- **Attorney (Group)** – Biddinger & Estelle
- **Auctioneer Service** – Albrecht Auction
- **Auto Body Shop** – Vassar Collision
- **Auto Parts Store** – Vassar Automotive
- **Auto Service/Repair** – Curt Garber
- **Bakery** – Wingert’s
- **Bank** – Thumb Bank & Trust
- **Buffet** – Brentwood
- **Builder** – Star Improvements
- **Cellular Store** – Thumb Cellular
- **Cement Contractor** – WJH Concrete
- **Chiropractor** – Back 2 Back
- **Cleaning/Maid Service** – Jean Timko
- **Coffee Shop** – Petal N Bean
- **Computer Repair/Sales** – ProTech
- **Convenience/Party Store** – Patriot Party Mart
- **Credit Union** – Team One
- **Day Care** – Kids Club Daycare
- **Dentist** – Dr. Vella - Millington Dental
- **Dinner Under $10** – La Hacienda
- **Dispensary** – Premier
- **Dry Cleaner** – Eastham’s Cleaners
- **Electrician** – Ken Martin
- **Eye Doctor** – Star Vision Center (Dr. Starling)
- **Flooring Store** – Warju’s
- **Funeral Home** – Lasting Impressions
- **Gardener** – Lasting Impressions
- **Gardening Store** – Szcygiel’s
- **Gift Store** – State Street Pharmacy
- **Golf Course** – Arrowhead
- **Grocery Store** – Ben’s and Central Shop Rite (tied)
- **Hair Salon** – Time Out
- **Hardware Store** – Gambles
- **Heating & A/C Contractor** – Jack’s Heating & Cooling
- **Home Health Care Provider** – Compassus
- **Insurance Agency** – Emil Rummel & Farm Bureau Vassar
- **Interior Design** – Bella Designs (Megan Toft)
- **Kennel** – Tuscola County Medical Care Facility
- **Landscape Contractor** – Thumb Lawn & Snow
- **Lawn & Garden Equipment Store** – Kirk’s Supply
- **Lawn Care** – Debeaubien
- **Lunch Spot** – Trackside
- **Movie Theater** – Strand Theater
- **Nail Salon** – Time Out
- **New Auto Dealer** – Moore Motors
- **New Business (under 1 year)** – Putman Family Medicine
- **Oil Change** – Cook GM
- **Pet Groomer** – Tasha Dirty Paws
- **Pharmacy** – State Street
- **Physical Therapy** – Hills & Dales Center for Rehab
- **Pizza** – Pizza Hut
- **Plumber/Pump Repair** – Paul’s Pump Repair
- **Real Estate Office** – Oserfinski
- **Roofing** – Star Improvements
- **Senior Care Facility** – Tuscola County Medical Care Facility
- **Sporting Goods Store** – Gambles
- **Tanning Salon** – Generations of Beauty
- **Thrift Store** – Revive
- **Used Auto Dealer** – Pat Curtis
- **Well Drilling** – Bill Cragg

**INDIVIDUAL WINNERS**

- **Attorney** – Phoebe Moore
- **Accountant** – Tom Doran - ATBD
- **Barber** – Erin Maguire (Generations)
- **Bartender** – Ali Shuette - Rolling Hills Golf Course
- **Coach** – Scott Cuthrell
- **Financial Advisor** – Nick Bliss (Clear Strategy)
- **Hair Stylist** – Fefe Kaniszewski - Fefe Hair
- **Insurance Agent** – Julie Wendtiff - Emil Rummel
- **Massage Therapist** – Patti Gabler
- **Nail Technician** – Lynn Schmidt (Time Out)
- **Nurse Practitioner** – Jennifer Jones
- **Photographer** – Christine Anthony (Captured by Christine)
- **Physician** – Dr. Kramer (Hills & Dales)
- **Real Estate Agent** – Dave Oserfinski
- **Restaurant Server** – Stacy (Trackside)
- **Store Associate** – Jeremy - (Gambles)
- **Tax Preparer** – Dan Block (H&R Block)
- **Teacher** – Laura Curtis - (Cass City)
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#1 Store Associate - Jeremy Kuhne

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