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We have a new reporter. Her name is Mindy Raglin. See her first article on page 4.

Remus Heritage Days are this weekend, July 17 through 20.

Also, Vestaburg Community Days are July 18-20.

Then Montcalm Heritage Festival is coming July 31-Aug. 2. See the full schedule of events on page 2.

Enjoy the fun.

Summer Forecast

Thu A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, high 75. West wind 7 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Thu Night Partly cloudy, low 54.

Fri Sunny, high 77.

Fri Night Mostly clear, low 57.

Sat A chance of showers after 2pm. Partly sunny, high 81.

Sat Night A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, low 63.

Sun Partly sunny, high 81.

Sun Night Partly cloudy, low 60.

Mon Partly sunny, high 80.



Three New CASA Volunteers Sworn in to Advocate for Children in Montcalm County



from left to right, CASA Program Coordinator, Jamie Gorby; CASA Volunteer, Sarah Johnson; The Honorable Judge Charles W. Simon III; and CASA Volunteers James Hohler and Casey Mumby.

By Amy O'Brien

The Montcalm Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program welcomed three new volunteers during a swearing-in ceremony held on July 14, 2025, at the 8th Circuit Court Building in Stanton. The Honorable Judge Charles W. Simon III administered the oath, officially bringing the number of active CASA volunteers in Montcalm County to 20.

Joining the team are

James Hohler of Lakeview, Sarah Johnson of Stanton, and Casey Mumby of Gowen—each having completed the program's rigorous 30-hour training to prepare for this vital role in the child welfare system.

Friends, family, court staff, CASA board members, and fellow volunteers gathered to celebrate the milestone and congratulate the new advocates on their commitment to making a difference in the lives of children.

"We are excited to

welcome these new volunteers and are continually grateful for the strong support we receive from our agency partners and the broader community," said Jamie Gorby, Montcalm CASA Program Director. "Our work relies on collaboration, and these volunteers will help ensure that children's needs are identified, communicated, and met in the most effective and compassionate ways possible."

About Montcalm CASA

Montcalm CASA is a program administered by EightCAP, Inc., a Community Action Agency serving Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, and Montcalm counties. CASA trains and supports volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the Montcalm County Juvenile Court system. Volunteers are assigned to individual cases, advocating for the child's best interests in court until a safe, permanent home is

secured.

For many children, a CASA volunteer may be the only consistent adult in their lives during a time of trauma and uncertainty. Their advocacy ensures that the child's voice is heard, and their best interests are prioritized.

To learn more about the Montcalm CASA program, how to become a volunteer, or ways to support the program, please contact Jamie Gorby at (989) 831-3561 or montcalmcasa@8cap.org.

38th Annual Heritage Festival offers various activities and events

By Alex Freeman

MCC Communications Specialist

Take a trip to the past and experience Montcalm County and its history during the 38th annual three-day Montcalm Heritage Festival, July 31-Aug. 2, on Montcalm Community College's Sidney campus.

"People of all ages enjoy the village festival," said Shannon Kilduff, president of the Montcalm Heritage Village Committee.

Heritage Village is comprised of numerous historic buildings native to Montcalm County. Several activities and displays

are available all three days, including historical displays in Heritage Village buildings, live music, an antique tractor display, children's activities, iron-work demonstrations in the Blacksmith Shop, a display of a railroad speeder and equipment, demonstrations by the American Mountain Men, a Civil War Encampment, craft demonstrations, an ice cream parlor and dairy equipment display, antique small engine displays, steam engine display and demonstrations, cake walks and more.

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