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Third time's the charm?

Kingston School officials ready to ask voters for bond extension in the November 2017 election

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Kingston Community School officials are gearing up for their third attempt to pass a school bond since March of 2016.

District officials are hoping residents will be willing to support the proposed extension of a debt service millage in November, meaning there would be no increase in taxes, although taxpayers would continue paying the same tax amount for several more years.

If approved, the extension would generate money to address some serious capital improvement needs, including replacement of old boilers at the high school, and aging roofs at both the high school and elementary buildings, according to school Supt. Matt Drake.

Back in early 2016, school officials were looking at a list of repairs, upgrades and new construction totaling some \$10 million, and they whittled that amount down to roughly \$6 million before taking a proposed bond issue to voters for the first time in March 2016. The measure failed by fewer than 100 votes.

Kingston officials then sought input from residents who rejected the measure, and opted to ask voters to approve a reduced, \$5.4-million version of the bond issue that addressed concerns about a then-proposed new restroom/concession stand to replace a deteriorating facility. In addition, a plan to tear down an old bus garage was abandoned, with school officials opting to renovate an existing structure instead.

However, residents rejected that request, too — by fewer than 50 votes.

“After the first two attempts failed, we thought it would be insulting to our voters to just throw it on the ballot again. We needed to back away from it and figure out what we needed to do to get a swing in the small margin of defeat,” Drake said last week.

“We heard from our residents that they did not want to increase their school millage — property tax rate — from the current 5.62 mills,” he added. “There was also a concern with the outdoor bathrooms and concession stand at the sports complex.”

In an effort to accommodate those two issues, Drake said, “We just took the outdoor concession stand/bathroom building off the project list. We also waited until some existing millage was about to (ex-

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THE WEEKEND weather was picture-perfect as Cass City residents and visitors celebrated the July 4 holiday in style during the community's 39th annual Freedom Festival. As always, members of VFW Post 3644, Cass City, including post Commander Joe Merchant (pictured above, left) led the grand parade Saturday morning.

Festival crowds enjoy perfect weather

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The 39th annual Cass City Freedom Festival over the weekend was one of the best.

Although there was some rain in parts of the Thumb, there were no issues during this year's festival.

“The weather was perfect here. We didn't get any rain, so all of the events went

off as planned,” said Cass City Chamber Administrator Judy Keller. “Everything worked out as planned.”

The festival started Thursday with a golf tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Several events went off without a hitch Friday, and there was a full slate of activities throughout the day Saturday, culminating with the annual fireworks display.

In spite of all the activity filling the

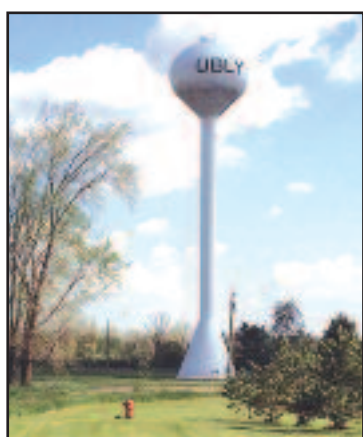
weekend, area residents took time to be thankful for the blessing of freedom — the local Independence Day celebration wrapped up Sunday with a well-attended community worship service downtown. For three years now, several area churches have coordinated the interdenominational community Freedom Festival service on Sunday.

“I have no idea how many people at-

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UBLY Village residents are being asked to participate in a survey over the next few weeks that is designed to collect input to include in updated master and recreation plans for the community of about 870 residents.



And the survey says: Ubly Village officials seek input for master plan

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Officials in Ubly are working towards making their community an even better place to live, work and play. And they're asking for residents to take an active role in the process.

“The village of Ubly wants to hear input from the community as part of the update to its master plan and its recreation plan,” said Alan Bean, project planner with the Saginaw-based Spicer Group, which is working with Ubly officials on the project.

Bean said the village has launched a survey that is accessible online at www.ublysurvey.com. Hard copies of the survey are also available at the village hall and at Sleeper Public Library.

“The survey is intended to help the village obtain feedback from the community and to gain new ideas about how Ubly should change and develop,” he explained. “The village is currently drafting a master plan and a recreation plan, and the feedback that is obtained from the online survey will be used to develop goals and a community vision.

“The survey is brief and should

take no more than ten minutes to complete. We want to hear from those who live, work, and go to school in Ubly, and other interested parties that want to make a difference in the village,” Bean said.

The Ubly Planning Commission believes input from the Ubly community will be a critical factor to the success of this planning effort, he said, noting the online survey will be available for one month,

starting today (Wednesday) through Wednesday, July 26.

Village officials began the master plan update process earlier this year and they expect to complete the document in mid-2018.

“The master plan is an official document that describes the future vision of the village, acting like a blueprint to help guide future growth. The plan evaluates land use, demographics, community

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Hospital welcomes physician

Hills and Dales General Hospital recently announced the addition of Dr. Steven Jensen, a board-certified urologist, to its clinic staff.

Dr. Jensen was scheduled to start seeing patients Tuesday at the Hills and Dales Urology Clinic. He is the managing and senior partner of Tri-City Urology and specializes in adult and pediatric urology, urological cancers, female urology, and minimally invasive treatment of kidney stones and cancer.

In addition, Dr. Jensen has specialty training in renal transplantation and vascular surgery.

“He is the only urologist in the Tri-City Area trained and experienced



Dr. Steven Jensen

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Ubly students say “thank you” to hospitals



FOURTH GRADE students in Ubly last week presented quilts they made to both Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City and Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. The gifts represented a “thank you” for the hospitals’ donations towards the students’ entry fees in the DNR HeartMISnow 5K walk last winter. Pictured above with the Hills and Dales quilt are the students and Danielle Blaine, the hospital’s community relations director.



HURON Medical Center representative Rachel Voss is pictured above with the Ubly fourth graders who recently presented a quilt to the Huron County hospital for its donations towards the students’ entry fees in the DNR HeartMISnow 5K walk last winter.

Senior movies at library slated July 21

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting its next monthly Senior Citizen Movies Friday, July 21, at 1:30 p.m.

Films scheduled to be shown are:

*“Bigger Than T. Rex” — Bringing together experts in paleontology, geology, climatology, and paleobotany, this NOVA/National Geographic special brings to life the Spinosaurus, a 53-foot-long

behemoth that is larger than a Tyrannosaurus Rex (60 minutes).
*“Poland: Krakow, Auschwitz and Warsaw” — Visitors who imagine Poland as a backward, impoverished land of rusting factories, smoggy cities, and gloomy natives are left speechless when they step into Kraków’s vibrant main square, Gdansk’s colorful Royal Way, or Warsaw’s lively Old Town.
While parts of the country do still feel like a time warp, today’s Poland also has a vibrant urbanity, enticing food and design culture, dynamic history, and kindhearted natives (30 minutes).
Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

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Our local businesses owners giving back

Another Cass City Freedom Festival is now in the books, and by most accounts, it was another big success, with the young and young at heart gathering to share a weekend packed with great food and fun activities.

It's a holiday that reminds us all that individual freedom still prevails in this nation and is the envy of people across the globe.

Hopefully, we're also reminded that it came at a dear cost to many of our friends and families.

If you enjoyed Cass City's brand of Independence Day celebration, we'd like to encourage you to offer a simple "thank you", when the opportunity presents itself, to those whose contributions of time, skill and money have made the Freedom Festival a staple of summer fun in the Thumb for decades.

We frequently don't stop to express our appreciation to others when they step up to make life a little more enjoyable for all. But we should.

Start with the organizers who made countless contacts with various groups, from food vendors and crafters, to prospective parade entries, classic car enthusiasts and service clubs. These are the folks in the trenches shortly after the new year begins, planning events and soliciting donations to fund what is largely a free festival – but doesn't happen free of charge by any stretch of the imagination.

Consider, too, the source of those donations of cash and merchandise.

Local business owners give out of their own pockets to help bankroll community celebrations, and we're not just talking about the Freedom Festival. Christmas in the Village is another great example – Cass City businesses do more than their fair share when it comes to making sure this popular holiday extravaganza remains a largely free attraction for area residents.

Of course, the best way to thank them is to patronize them. Show you appreciate their many contributions to their (and our) town by shopping locally.

Here are a few other good reasons:

*Several studies have shown that when you buy from an independent, locally-owned business, rather than a nationally-owned business, significantly more of your money is used to make purchases from other local businesses, service providers and farms, continuing to strengthen the economic base of the community.

*Non-profit organizations receive more support from smaller business owners than they do from large businesses.

*Small local businesses are the largest employer nationally, and in many communities, provide the most jobs to residents.

*Local businesses often hire people with a better understanding of the products they are selling and take more time to get to know their customers.

Local businesses not only help to make community celebrations happen, they are owned by many people who live here, are less likely to leave and are more invested in the community's future.

We can't think of a better reason to not only thank them, but to do business with them.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

No magic in Google



I love watching sunrises and sunsets, wheat as it turns from green to lime green and then amber, and seeing animals in nature.

I think today's children miss so much of the world around them because of watching DVDs in vehicles or texting. Yet, in some ways, they are wise beyond their years.

I think it is because of television. Television has been a babysitter for many youngsters from the time they are old enough to hold their head up and focus their eyes. And, another reason: as soon as they start to have hand-eye coordination, they are using computers, whether it is parents letting them play with their cellular phones or actually working on computers in elementary classrooms.

Today's kids are all facts and figures.

Back in the day when I was raising children, the Internet wasn't around. It had been invented about 26 years ago. The Internet wasn't the information highway that it is today. Because of that, I could bluff my way through most of their childhood questions, like why is the sky blue? Why is the grass green? And, things like that.

Today, pre-school children know how to use web-sites like Google — look information up on the Internet. Because of that, I've had to make some changes to be prepared for the many, many questions my little granddaughter bombards me with.

Towards that end, for some reason, lightning bugs seem to be abundant this year, and I knew it would be just a matter of time before she would ask questions about them, so I did extensive research on fireflies on the Internet.

The following is some information I found on Google that describes the unique insects: Their life span is about two months, and they are actually a beetle instead of a fly.

Fireflies are the world's most efficient light producers. An average electric light bulb gives off 90 percent of its energy as heat, and only 10 percent as light. If fireflies produced that much heat when they lit up, they'd probably incinerate themselves. Fireflies produce light through an efficient chemical reaction that allows them to glow without wasting heat energy. All 100 percent of the energy goes into making light.

With that biology lesson at the ready, I also did a Google search regarding the all-important question, "How do fireflies light up?"

"Fireflies make light with special cells in their bodies. It is called bioluminescence. The cells contain a chemical called luciferin and make an enzyme called luciferase," I proudly explained, hoping she would think she had a really smart grandmother. "To make light, the luciferin combines with oxygen to form an inactive molecule called oxyluciferin."


I was so proud of myself as I imparted all that

Googled wisdom to a three-foot tall child, but she just gave me this blank look.

With a big sigh, she said, "I'd just rather think of it as magic!" And with that, she took off to chase a firefly.

There is hope for the next generation after all. Her response warmed my heart and made me smile.

That is something that can't be Googled.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

With more than 92 hitters signed up Jacob Wright stole the show with an impressive 14 home run hits during Cass City Freedom Festival first Home Run Derby. Additional winners of the following age groups were: 10 and under, Trent Patrick with four home runs; 11- and 12-year-olds, Tyler Cumper with two home runs; 13- and 14-year-olds, Jordan Mester with five home runs; and 15- and 16-year-olds, Tyler Hennessey with one home run.



Jacob Wright



Trent Patrick



Tyler Cumper



Jordan Mester



Tyler Hennessey

Local Ligrow's Fitness Strongman contestant Brett Ross earned first place honors during Saturday afternoon's competition in the Heavy Weight division, runner up was Corey Loper. For the Light Weight division first place went to Ryan Smith with runner up Aaron Desentz. Woman's Light Weight first place winner was Nicole Kelley. The competition featured 17 participants from all over the state.



Brett Ross




Nicole Kelley



Ryan Smith

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- Thursday, July 6**
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Monday, July 10**
•Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
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•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

- Tuesday, July 11**
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
•Tuscola County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
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•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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First Sunday:
•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

First Monday:
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
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Second Wednesday:
•Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

Second Thursday:
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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Third Tuesday:
•Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

Third Wednesday:
•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

Third Thursday:
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, “Healing Together.” Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Third Saturday:
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

•**Fourth Monday:**
•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:
•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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Circuit court proceedings

Several appear in court on charges last week

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:

*Jackson M. Lindland, 26, Saginaw, was sentenced to 93 days in the county jail and 24 months probation following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor – causing incapacitating injury, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Aug. 13 in Ellington Township. The jail time was delayed for two years, according to court records, which state the defendant was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,908.

*David W. Stranger, 40, Snover, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with work release, following his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 11 in Kingston Township. He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Leo E. Hartung, 65, Reese, was sentenced to 330 days in jail and 60 months probation following his conviction on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 10 in Denmark Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction). In addition to jail time, the defendant was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,358.

*Zachary JD Neuville, 30, Caro, pleaded no contest to assault by strangulation April 8 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*William Douglas-Mitchell Dewey, 56, Vassar, pleaded no contest to two counts of child abuse, second degree, between Jan. 1 and Jan. 11 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was revoked and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be set.

*Lindsay M. Sinclair-Tank, 21, Mayville, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 12 months probation following her pleas of guilty to charges of falsely reporting a felony (unlawfully driving away an automobile), operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and failure to report and accident Feb. 23-24 in Elkland Township.

The jail term delayed for one year by the court, which ordered the defendant to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,708.

*Timothy W. Craig, 43, Caro, was sentenced to 150 days in jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of no contest to two counts of accosting children for immoral purposes March 21 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction). In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,276.

*Joshua Steven-John Puchalla, 25, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation following his plea of no contest to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Feb. 16-18 in Vassar Township.

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Robert T. Cornelius, 56, Port Huron, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with work release, following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and carrying a concealed weapon while under the influence of liquor June 18 in Indianfields Township.

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,408.

*Christopher A. Shaft, 29, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, second offense, July 14 in Caro. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Thomas J. Zaracki, 40, Charlotte, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to change his address Dec. 15 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Robert A. Raney, 43, Mayville, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent July 30 in Vassar Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Derek A. Williams, 37, Clio, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, June 1 in Arbela Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Cory J. Nehls, 37, Caro, pleaded no contest to absconding or forfeiting bond Feb. 6 in Caro, and to possession of an altered or forged registration tab and driving while his license was suspended or revoked June 4, 2016, in Reese. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Joshua H. Stevens, 26, Vassar, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 2 in Millington Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$3,500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Nancy J. Johnston, 64, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to charges of possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, and possession of a controlled substance Aug. 31 in Mayville. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jennifer Ellison, 29, Otter Lake, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following her pleas of guilty to home invasion, second degree, and delivery/manufacture of marijuana Jan. 24 in Vassar Township. She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,326 plus attorneys fees of \$500. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Robert Anthony-Thomas Cerasoli, 34, Millington, pleaded guilty to one count of delivery/manufacture of marijuana Nov. 28 in Millington Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.





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Reporter’s notebook

No pain, no gain?
That’s the reality

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Lately the spam in my email accounts have taken an interesting turn. Of the 75 or so pieces of junk that wind up in my inbox on a typical day, fewer and fewer are encouraging me to have an affair — because my wife will never find out.

Okay, first of all, they’re wrong; my wife would find out, because she finds out about everything. Secondly, I have the best wife in the whole wide world. Really.

But I digress.

These days I’m being greeted by message after message promising how simple, natural, easy and quick weight loss can be for me.

Multiple taps on the delete button quickly send all of this dumb crap into the old recycle bin, but I’m left feeling a little perturbed because we’re all to blame for enabling the shysters behind these half-truths to continue earning a living.

Of course these advertisements — and the infomercials like them that clog televisions everywhere — pair their claims with 18- or 19-year-old models who have been an ounce overweight in their entire short lives. But that’s beside the point.

The fact is, we’re a terribly lazy society with a myriad of bad habits and very little interest in doing what it takes to change.

I know what you’re thinking: pretty strong talk from a guy who is never far from a pack of smokes. Fair enough. I’m guilty, too. On the other hand, I was a hardcore alcoholic when I had my last drink about 5 1/2 years ago. I had a great deal of help, but I can only measure how difficult the journey has been by comparing it to the hell I was already living in when I decided to get better.

Let’s face it, failure is easy. Success? Not so much. And that’s why we spend millions each year on gadgets and pills and formulas that promise to help us shed pounds (or whatever) without making any real change in our lives.

It doesn’t matter if you’re talking about drugs or weight or smoking — experts say they all lead to an early grave — turning things around is hard, often painful, but it’s possible if you’re willing to take a one-way flight out of your comfort zone, at least for a while.

Change isn’t about pills or secrets, it’s about making a decision and then sticking with it, being patient and getting through the really crappy moments that make you want to toss in the towel.

In the end, there’s nothing like the feeling that comes with successfully navigating change.

Sure, getting there can be a big pain, but you should save a bundle by ignoring the folks who tell you they have simple, easy and painless ways to change that simply don’t exist.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Every year, dozens of local 4-H members get set for the livestock sales at the Tuscola County Fair. Each member spends the year buying and raising livestock in hopes of being named a champion. Caitlyn Healy, 14, and her brother Ethan, 10, are both 4-H members from the Cass City area who participate in the livestock auction during the fair. Their parents, Cathy and Jeff, have a cow and calf operation. They sell calves after they are weaned from the cows in the fall. Caitlyn has been a member of 4-H for the last 9 years. She has shown sheep for 4 years and this is her second year that she will show a steer. Caitlyn also has her own dairy calf raising business that she started this spring.

AMANDA KUZAK, a 1999 Cass City High School graduate, is enjoying success as a professional organizer in California, where her blog, kuzakscloset.com, was recently named the San Jose Mercury News’ Best Blog of 2012.

Among those attending this year’s YPCS was Alexina Somerville of Cass City, representing Tuscola County Farm Bureau. A packed schedule of informational, recreational and social events centered around a 4-day campaign challenging participants to rally around causes, develop political platforms, caucus, organize campaigns and ultimately win over the hearts and minds of their peers in a bid for office. Those who register to vote make their choices by casting ballots in actual voting booths.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

Daniel Hrabec of Cass City has been named to the dean’s list at Grand Valley State University for the fall and winter semesters for maintaining a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Hrabec, who is studying pre-med, is the son of James and Diane (Leslie) Hrabec, Cass City, and the grandson of Dale and Audrey Leslie, Decker.

Ashley Froede has been named to the dean’s list at Albion College for the spring 2007 semester. Students named to the dean’s list must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Froede graduated from Albion College earlier this month, earning a degree in biology with a minor in chemistry. A Cass City High School graduate, she is the daughter of Bryan Froede of Bad Axe and Gloria Froede of Cass City.

Nicholas James Turner graduated from Grand Valley State University April 28, 2007. He earned his Bachelor’s of Business Administration Degree in Management with an emphasis in information systems. He has accepted a position as a business analyst with Wolverine World Wide in Rockford. Turner is the son of Jim and Joyce Turner of Cass City. He is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School.

Bette L. Hurford has earned the Legal Nurse Consultant Certified (LNCC) credential. By becoming a LNCC, she has demonstrated not only a background in nursing, but also experience, education and involvement in the specialty practice area of legal nurse consulting. Hurford is a graduate of Cass City High School and Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit. She has an extensive background in administrative and supervisory nursing positions both in Florida and Michigan; she is certified in rehabilitation and gerontology, and licensed to practice as a registered nurse in Michigan, Florida and Texas.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

One-year-old Abby McCallum of Cass City enjoyed sharing cotton candy with her mother, Beth, as much as eating it herself. Great weather for Cass City’s annual July 4th Festival boosted sales of the sweet treat by the Elkland Township Firemen’s Women’s Auxiliary, which netted \$325 for new fire fighting equipment.

Troy M. Benitez, a 1992 graduate of Cass City High School, the son of Connie and Manuel P. Benitez of Cass City, recently enlisted in the United States Army for a 2-year, 17-week tour of duty as a combat engineer. He is scheduled to report for active duty Oct. 1, and is slated to receive his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Terri S. Lagos, the daughter of David and Paula Lagos of Cass City, has been awarded the doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. A 1986 graduate of Car0 High School, Dr. Lagos resides in Jackson, where she has accepted a position with Dr. Edward F. Greene at the Kibby Park Animal Hospital.

Three area residents have been named to the dean’s list for the spring term at Northwood Institute, Midland. They are Mark Hirn, a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hirn of Cass City; senior Darin Gyomory, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gyomory of Deford; and Harold Swartzentruber, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Swartzentruber of Ubly. He is a sophomore. To achieve dean’s list recognition, students must earn a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Ellen Palmer was crowned Fourth of July Festival queen Friday evening. The new queen, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Palmer of Crawford Road.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Fred MacKay and daughter Tina of Marshall spent from Thursday till Monday with his mother, Mrs. Evelyn MacKay.

District Rotary governor Carl Hendershot of Bay City, presented a certificate to Lambert Althaver signifying he is a Rotary Fellow. The award means that \$1,000 has been donated in his name to the Rotary Foundation, a fund used for scholarships. Holly Althaver holds a pin which she later placed on her husband’s coat. Althaver is the sixth member of Cass City Rotary to receive the award.

President-elect Toni Proctor presented a plaque and gavel to retiring president Ken Jensen at a party held at Ubly. The installation was one of the highlights of the dinner held for members, Rotary Anns and guests.

Marine Pvt. Durrell E. Marquart, son of Lester and Virginia Marquardt of White Creek Road, Kingston, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. During the 11-week training cycle, he participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Nancy Olney, 8, of Lansing, went to the Sebawaing Sugar Festival all three days with Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Avery of Cass City. Nancy has been staying since June 18 with the Averys, who are friends of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olney. She will return to Lansing Sunday with her parents, who will spend the week end with the Averys.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Ann, to Dale Thomas Laming, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Bernard Laming of Ubly. Miss Gibbard is a 1976 graduate of Cass City High School. She is employed by Dott Manufacturing, Deckerville. Mr. Laming is a 1973 graduate of Cass City High School and is currently employed as a farmer.

Carl Palmateer spends most of his time working indoors sitting down. Only he sits down behind a steering wheel inside the cab of a big semi-tractor, hauling chemicals all over the United States and Canada. He has been in every state except Alaska and Hawaii. “I like to travel and meet different people. It’s kind of an adventure,” said the former Cass City police chief. He has been driving a truck full-time since 1970. But he also says that truck driving “is a lonely life”, that much of it is routine, and that “the food never changes”. A native of Deford, Palmateer, 45,

dropped out of high school to take over his parents’ farm. He got his high school diploma while serving in the Navy.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

MUSIC FOR EVERY MOOD AND every age is available at the Cass City and Elkland Township Public Library now that their new record collection includes classical, semi-classical and children’s music. New records are ordered and added every month to provide a well rounded collection.

MOVING UP TO the top job in Cass City Rotary is Tom Proctor who accepts the president’s gavel from Gerald Prieskorn who completed his year Saturday. Rotary officers serve from July to July each year. Other officers are: Richard Drews, vice-president; Lambert Althaver, secretary, and Keith McConkey, treasurer.

Al Bosch and Dan Erla combined their pitching talents Friday to top Carling’s 4-0 and remain undefeated in four games in the Ubly Recreational Softball League.

Phyllis Elaine Ewald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ewald, received her certificate completing the course of training at the Hurley Hospital School of Nursing June 23. She was one of 93 students participating in the commencement exercises, held in the IMA auditorium in Flint. Miss Ewald is a graduate of Cass City High School and plans to enroll in Johnson City Theological Seminary, New York, in the fall.

Tri-County Post No. 507- American Legion elected officers for the coming year at a special meeting June 27. Casmir Bartnik was elected commander to succeed Garrison Stine. Other officers named were: senior vice-commander, Garrison Stine; junior vice-commander, Arthur Little; finance officer, Robert Speirs; adjutant, Dorus Klinkman; historian, Alex Tyo; chaplain, Vernon McConnell; sergeant-at-arms, Luis Salas, and service officer, William O’Dell. Delegates to department convention are Bartnik, Stine and McConnell.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Mrs. James Maharg was completely surprised Tuesday evening, June 30, when several members of her family gathered at the home of her son, Alfred Maharg, in celebration of her 86th birthday. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maharg, those present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Maharg, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Townsend, children, Betty and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Maharg, son, Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dodge and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maharg. A potluck supper was enjoyed and Mrs. Maharg received many gifts.

A.K. Paston, local manager of the Aikman Bread Company’s branch, is now directing the business here as an independent operator. He is conducting an oven to home service, selling the Aikman products in the Cass City territory.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

Phil Quinn, well known among the well-to-do farmers of Elkland township raised a 40 by 60 hip barn on his farm four miles north and one half mile west of Cass City, Monday afternoon. A large company of Mr. Quinn’s neighbors and friends assisted him at the raising Monday and 150 enjoyed the bountiful supper served at the conclusion of the afternoon’s job.

During the next 60 days Cass City will be one of the most talked of places in the state. In the summer of 1904 the first mile of state reward road was built in Michigan. This is the road beginning at the cemetery corner and running one mile east. As an honor to this first miles and its builders, the several automobile and good roads clubs of Michigan will erect a monument to “Good Roads” Earle, who was state highway commissioner at that time. This will be a real red letter day in the Thumb as every good road leading to Cass City will be traveled by thousands as many have not been able to see the wonderful garden spot of Michigan.

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Hills and Dales welcomes new physician

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in laparoscopic urologic surgery, including laparoscopic prostatectomies and partial nephrectomies,” said Danielle Blaine, community relations director at Hills and Dales. “He has extensive experience in office ultrasonography, cystoscopy, vasectomies and many other advanced services. He is also a leader in the state of Michigan for his technique used on the bladder for urinary incontinence.” Dr. Jensen has also incorporated cryotherapy into his prostate/kidney cancer treatments — minimally invasive and offers decreased side effects compared to surgery and radiation, according to Blaine.

Fest crowds enjoy perfect weather

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tended. I haven’t had time yet to review and talk to people,” said Keller early Monday morning. “I know that everything went well. The streets were lined for the parade, and the park was full. “The crafters did well and the food vendors were busy.” The village of Cass City hosts the Freedom Festival each weekend before the Fourth of July, and puts on an impressive fireworks display along with a variety of family-friendly events. “The weather was good and we had a very good turnout for everything,” said Keller. “The Lion’s chicken barbecue sold out. Some of the new events were a greased pig contest for kids, a strong-man contest hosted by Ligrow’s Fitness, and a home-run competition. “The new events were well received,” said Keller. “The kids really liked the greased pig contest.”

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News briefs

Variance in Koylton approved

KINGSTON — The Tuscola County Road Commission recently approved a variance for improvements to White Creek Road in Koylton Township. The variance will allow placement of two inches of crushed limestone on White Creek Road between Denhoff Road and M-46 before paving, with the understanding that doing so represents a level of improvement below road commission standards. Koylton Township Supervisor Doug Kramer discussed options for paving the road. Township officials tabled the issue.

Road board rejects sign plan

UNIONVILLE — The Tuscola County Road Commission recently denied the Columbia Township Board’s request for a four-way stop at the intersection of Huron Line Road and French Road.

Truckin’ Tuesday set in town

CASS CITY – The staff at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City are gearing up to host their Truckin’ event Tuesday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. Area residents are invited to stop by and take a close-up look at all kinds of trucks and vehicles seen on Thumb area roads every day. This free program is fun and educational for young children as well as their families.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Kingston bond request set

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pire) so we could bring an issue to the voters that will not raise taxes.” The third bond proposal request that will go before voters in November is for \$4.8 million to be paid back over a period of about 19 years and will leave the tax rate unchanged at 5.62 mills. In comparison, the original bond issue request totaled just over \$6 million – an additional 3.1 mills for a total of 8.72 mills – with a 20-year pay-off. The second proposal last August was reduced to an increase of 2.64 mills in the first year for a total of 8.26 mills. Drake said the most expensive projects facing the district are roof and boiler replacement, with roof sections at both buildings approaching or beyond any reasonable life expectancy – 20 or more years – and now present a very real risk of leaks that could result in significant damage to classrooms and equipment such as computers. As for the high school boilers, he said, the district has a 1,000-gallon hot water heater that is original equipment back when students routinely showered immediately following physical education classes. “We still have to heat 1,000 gallons a day, and basically we use that in our kitchen to wash 15 dishes,” Drake added, noting on-demand water heating equipment would save a significant amount of money. Should voters support the latest bond proposal, school officials would also spend some of the money to ensure all students have access to technology devices every day, according to Drake, who said replacing the high school’s fluorescent lights with a digital lighting system – which would save thousands of dollars in utility costs — and installation of a new security system are also high on the priority list. The latter would include moving the high school office to a location where the staff can see anyone wishing to enter the building before allowing them access, he said, adding improved security is also vital because the community’s public library is located within the high school building. School officials are also hoping to install new bleachers at the football field after having to remove the old ones due to liability concerns. While the school board has worked to continue paring down its proposed bond requests, the revisions needed to do that haven’t come without a price tag. For example, plans to remove crumbling sections of tile in the high school building that could have presented an asbestos exposure risk were included in the earlier funding proposals. After both failed, however, school officials spent about \$230,000 in fund equity to pay for the removal and replacement of flooring, Drake said. He pointed out the board also has a plan to fund smaller repair costs in the future by banking a combined \$100,000 in school bus and tractor payments annually – the equipment is now paid for – and placing those dollars in a fund specifically for capital improvements. However, Drake said, every effort already made to save money will not eliminate the need for the funding that would be generated by the upcoming bond request. “We have some pressing issues that are already impacting our district in a negative way financially. When we have to spend money to repair and replace big ticket items likes roofs, boilers, and HVAC units it takes money away from the classroom and away from students,” he said. “Unfortunately, with the current school funding mechanisms in place, districts are forced to go to the voters for major upgrades and repairs.” Drake added, “Our residents work hard and they care about our students and our school. It is just a matter of us getting the proposal right and they will support us.”

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The TEEN Miss Dynamite crown went to Mikayla Reeder, right, and the runner-up was Madison Venema during the annual Pageant in the Park.



MEMBERS OF Excel Dance entertained the crowd while the judges decided winners of the beauty pageant Thursday evening.

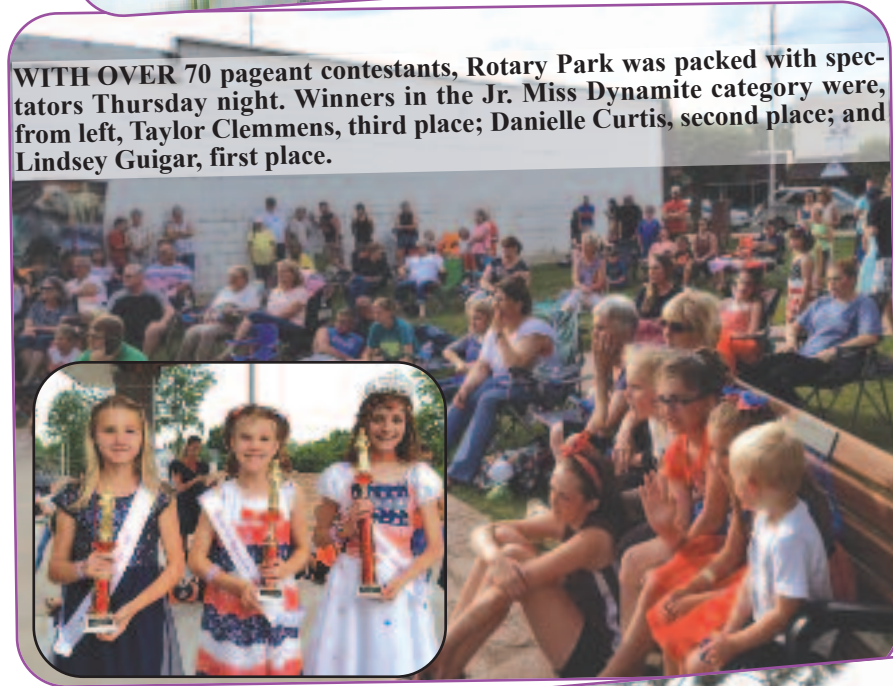


LOCAL MUSICIANS Jerry Lamoureux, left, and Tom Guinther played a variety of tunes Friday night in Rotary Park.

Cass City's
Freedom Festival
in photos



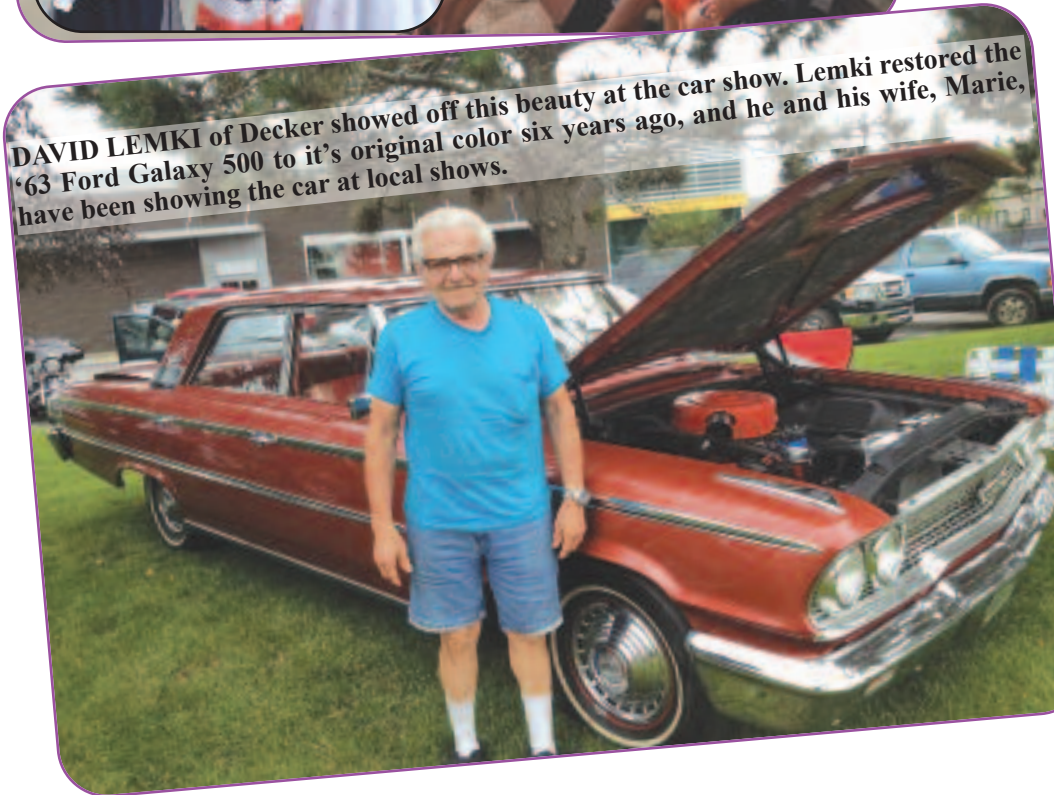
THE TERRIFIC Toddler Girl title went to Paislee Ball, center, with second place awarded to Karlie Allen, right, and third place going to Maggie Mae Simmons.



WITH OVER 70 pageant contestants, Rotary Park was packed with spectators Thursday night. Winners in the Jr. Miss Dynamite category were, from left, Taylor Clemmens, third place; Danielle Curtis, second place; and Lindsey Guigar, first place.



CHILDREN OF ALL ages went up against these little piglets as Freedom Festival organizers brought back the celebration's greased pig contest.



DAVID LEMKI of Decker showed off this beauty at the car show. Lemki restored the '63 Ford Galaxy 500 to it's original color six years ago, and he and his wife, Marie, have been showing the car at local shows.



SAMANTHA HUGHES of the Thumb Area Tail Waggers 4-H Club leads her Brittany Spaniel, Bristol, around the course.

More photos from the Cass City Freedom Festival



THE FIRST ANNUAL Home Run Derby drew a whopping 92 contestants. Admission profits were split between the Cass City Little League and Cass City Freedom Festival organizations. Trophy winners pictured on page 3.



YOUNGSTERS flocked to the petting zoo at Cass City Recreational Park following Saturday's grand parade.



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by GERI BARACONI, a single woman, as Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated OCTOBER 25, 2013, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on NOVEMBER 5, 2013, in LIBER 1295 on PAGE 818 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THREE AND 58/100THS (\$97,463.58) DOLLARS at 6% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on JULY 13, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 16, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, WHICH IS NORTH 928 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE, NORTH 200 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID EAST LINE, WEST 327 FEET; THENCE SOUTH, 200 FEET; THENCE EAST, 327 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 AND POINT OF BEGINNING. During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 6-7-17

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property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: June 14, 2017 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #466548F02

6-14-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR COLLECTING A DEBT. IF THE DEBT WAS DISCHARGED IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THAT DEBT. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foregoing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Diana Woodruff, Unmarried to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fidelity Mortgage of NY a division of Delta Funding Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2007 and recorded February 20, 2007 in Liber 1111 Page 451 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage was assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-1 by assignment dated May 25, 2017 and recorded June 6, 2017 in Liber 1375 Page 898 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Eighty- Three Cents (\$94,855.83) including interest 4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 AM on July 13, 2017 Said premises are situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: COMMENCING 375 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH-EAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, THENCE WEST 175 FEET; THENCE NORTH 140 FEET; THENCE EAST 175 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 140 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 2185 Luder Road, Caro, MI 48723 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 06/14/2017 HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-1 Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 Our File No: 106315

6-14-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeff McCrandall a/k/a Jeffrey C McCrandall , a single man, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. "MERS" as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC f/k/a GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 13th day of December, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of December, 2007 in Liber 1137 of Tuscola County Records, page 1115, having been corrected by a Scriveners Affidavit to correct legal on mortgage recorded 3/24/2016 in Liber 1348 Page 6, said Mortgage having been assigned to Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve and 83/100 (\$98,712.83), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of July, 2017 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Court-

house in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 2.00 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: The North 353.00 feet of the South 2318.00 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 8 East During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney Dated: 06/28/2017 Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC 700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 362-2600 GTAZ FNMA MCCRANDALL

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Anthony R. Beecher, a single man, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Towne Mortgage Company dba AmeriCU Mortgage its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 19, 2010, and recorded on April 5, 2010 in Liber 1195 on Page 400, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Three and 67/100 Dollars (\$80,873.67). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 27, 2017. Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of Land lying in the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 7 East, described as: commencing at a point 2 rods West and 8 rods South of the North 1/4 stake of the North and South 1/4 line of Section 32; thence West 6 rods 10 feet; thence South 70.00 feet; thence East 109.00 feet; thence North 70.00 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: June 28, 2017 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #460283F03

6-28-4

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE –PAUL D. SAPORSKY and CAROLINE D. SAPORSKY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, granted a mortgage to ASSOCIATED LENDERS, INC., Mortgagee, dated October 31, 1997, and recorded on December 16, 1997, in Liber 726, on Page 803, and assigned by said mortgagee to

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as certificate trustee on behalf of Bosco Credit II Trust Series 2010-1, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$31,742.64).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 27, 2017 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at a point that is 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds West, 775.28 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence continuing South 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds West, 221.51 feet; thence North 0 degrees 38 minutes 31 seconds West, 1324.22 feet; thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes 25 seconds East, 221.93 feet; thence South 0 degrees 37 minutes 25 seconds East, 1324.66 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20170510164510 CONV

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GILBERT, A SINGLE WOMAN, granted a mortgage to CSMC INC., DBA CENTRAL STATES MORTGAGE, Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2008, and recorded on June 24, 2008, in Liber 1152, on Page 866, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Three Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$116,303.80). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on August 3, 2017 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: THE SOUTHERLY 150 FEET OF THE EASTERLY 250 FEET OF THE NORTH 50 ACRES OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, ALL IN SECTION 15, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20170615142356 FHA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS the Estate of Marilyn Jean Morgan born November 13, 1928, died on May 6, 2017. Creditors are notified that any and all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to N.J. Vernon, trustee, within 4 months after the first date of this publication of this notice. Dated July 5, 2017. Please contact N.J. Vernon 3240 Juhl Rd., Marlette, MI 48453.

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Obituaries

Tyler Venema

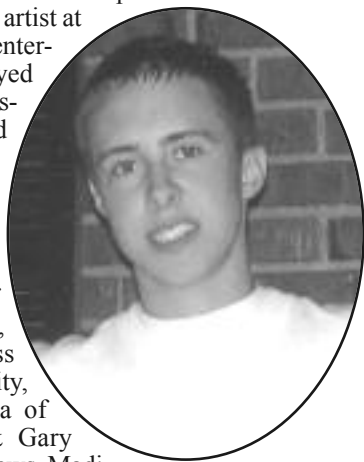
Tyler Joshua Dale Venema of Cass City, age 28, passed away on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 in Ann Arbor. Tyler was born August 3, 1988 in Bay City, the son of Calvin & Karen (Hutchinson) Venema, and graduated with the Class of 2007 from Cass City High School. He worked in logging in this area and as a production operator in Ann Arbor. Tyler's world revolved around his nieces and nephews, and he'll be remembered for his selfless spirit that led him to help the disadvantaged and homeless. An artist at heart, he loved to create music and entertain others with his talents. He enjoyed freestyling on his BMX bike, exercising, running, playing basketball and football. Tyler possessed a strong faith in the Lord and spent countless hours studying his bible.

Left to cherish his memory are his father, Calvin Venema of Cass City; his mother, Karen Hutchinson of Cass City; siblings and their spouses, Marshall & Jacki Venema of Cass City, Clayton Venema of Kansas City, Missouri, Jordan & Sarah Venema of Lawrenceville, Illinois, Janelle & Gary Grates of Cass City; nieces and nephews, Madison, Aubree, Zane, Trenton, Logan and Cole; maternal grandfather, Adrian Hutchinson; aunts and uncles, Mark & Betsy Martin of Cass City, David & Cindy Martin of Cass City, Jeff Martin of Cass City, Peter Martin of Cass City, Al Venema of New York, Doreen & John Asher of Florida, Edwin Venema of Arizona and Frank Venema of Cass City. Tyler was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Elaine Martin; and paternal grandparents, Pete & Pearl Venema.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 2, 2017 at the Colwood Church in Caro with Rev. Dr. Jason Garwood officiating. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Elmwood Township, Cass City, Michigan.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to Venema Family Discretionary Fund, c/o Calvin Venema, 205 West Sherman Street, Caro, MI 48723. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro.

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Winners in the Young Miss Fire-cracker division during the annual Pageant in the park were, from left, third place Aurora Reeder, second place Brystal Klinkman and first place Jaidyn Vanvliet.



4-and-5-year-olds competed for the Tiny Miss Sparkler title during Thursday's Pageant. Winners were, from left, third place Ella Ligrow, second place, Aubrey Boyce, and first place, Charlie Phelps.

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAM ON HEROIN, OPIOIDS & NARCAN



Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) and MSP Trooper Mark Swales have partnered to offer an awareness/prevention program.




The program is designed for individuals to gain knowledge of the Heroin and Opioid (misuse of prescription pain medications) Epidemic and how the use of Narcan can possibly save a life.

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Rawson Memorial Library Community Room
6495 Pine Street, Cass City, MI**

- Heroin and Opioid Awareness - MSP Trooper Swales**
- A loved one lost too soon - Heather**
- What is Narcan/Naloxone and how to use it - TBHS Representative**
- Question and answer period**



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CDC conducting health, nutrition survey among Tuscola County residents

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Over the next few months, representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Health Assessment Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) will be conducting a survey in Tuscola County.

“This is a national survey that is conducted across the country each year and Tuscola County was randomly selected,” explained Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent. “They will be using the health department parking lot as their base set-up for the health screenings. They will set up in June and stay until September.”

The health survey was scheduled to begin June 28 and will continue through Sept 17.

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners approved a temporary lease for the mobile examination center in the health department’s parking lot, contingent upon legal review.

NHANES is a population-based survey designed to collect information on the health and nutrition of the U.S. household population, selecting participants via random sampling methods, according to the CDC.

“The surveyors do phone calls and go door to door so the more people that know, the less likely they will be afraid when the surveyors show up,” Skrent said, noting the CDC will be issuing press releases and marketing related to the survey.

NHANES has used data it has gathered to influence policy and improve the health of the U.S population. Examples include getting lead removed from gasoline; creating and updating pediatric growth charts, and establishing national baseline estimates for cholesterol, blood pressure and Hepatitis C in this country, according Ann Hepfer, RN, health officer for the Tuscola County Health Department and Huron County Health Department.

“NHANES data is used to design health programs and services, and expands our knowledge about the health of people in the U.S.,” she said.

The mobile examination center slated to be located in the health department parking lot will consist of four trailers that will take up a 60-foot by 70-foot space.

NHANES interviewers go to each selected household and ask for information — age, race and gender of all persons in the household. A computer algorithm is then used to randomly select some, all, or none of the household members.

The selected participants are then asked to participate in the survey, which can include a comprehensive health exam, dental exam, blood testing and nutrition assessment.

“Within each county, smaller groups — with a large number or households in each group — are formed, and between 20 and 24 of these smaller groups are selected,” said Hepfer. “All of the houses or apartments within those selected small groups are identified, and a sample of about 30 households is selected within each group.”

NHANES interviewers are hoping to interview about 435 people in various age groups.

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