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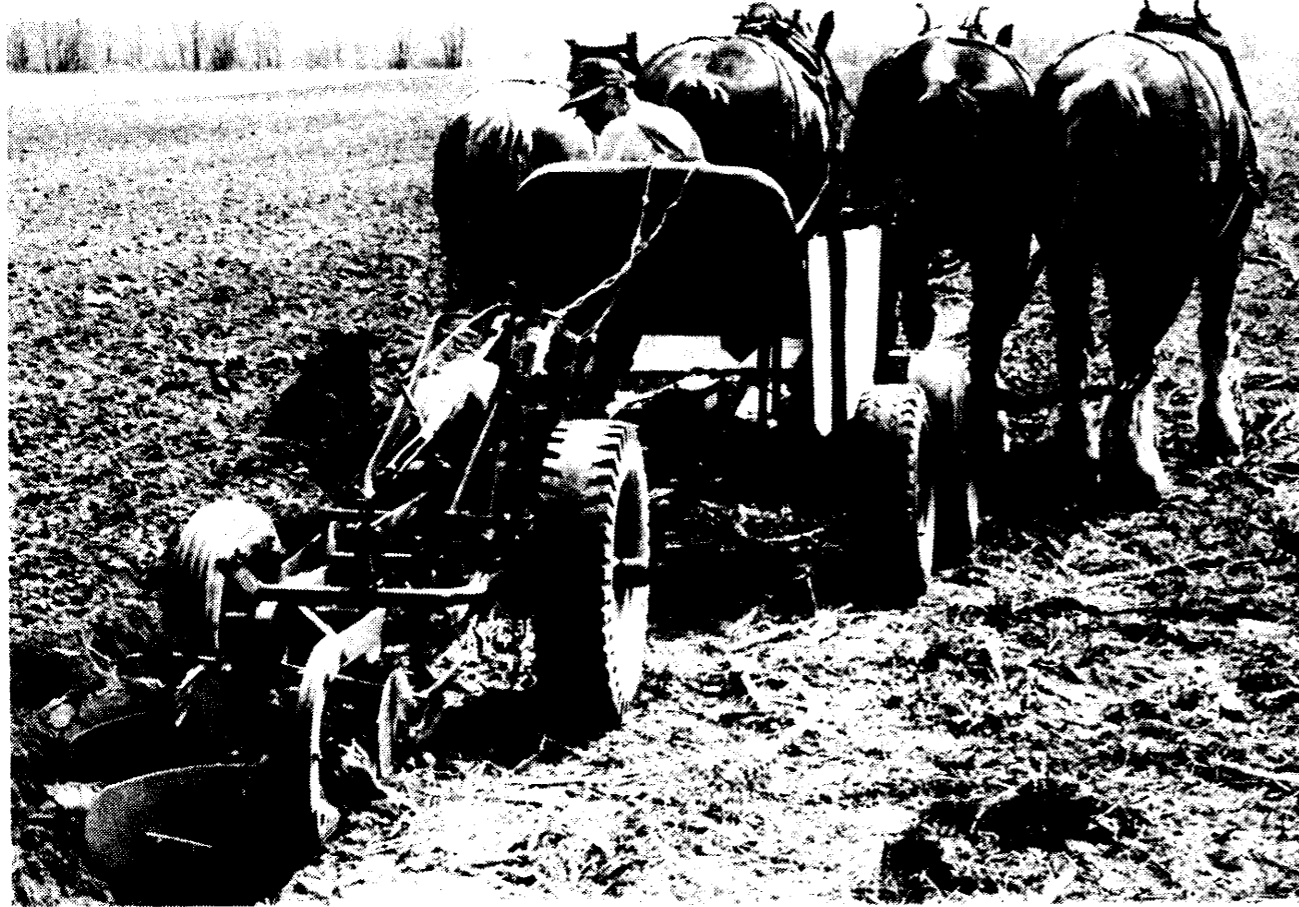
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AREA FARMERS WERE quick to get into their fields with the recent mild and dry weather. Above, Cass City's Walt Putnam does it the old fashioned way, behind Ben, Mike, Jeff and Buster — his sturdy team of Belgians, which weigh in at some 9,500 pounds. A veteran horse puller who still competes at age 73, Putnam plows about 22 acres and plants corn, which provides a crop to sell as well as feed and training for his horses.

## At Owen-Gage

### Hire new senior class advisor

An Owen-Gage High School teacher criticized by students and parents last month won't continue in her role as senior class advisor next year.

Instead, high school teacher and counselor Ron D'Aoust will fill the post, held this year by Peggy Randall.

The job of senior class advisor as well as a host of other extracurricular staff positions were filled by the Board of Education during a

monthly meeting Monday night.

High school Principal Manuel Thies' recommendations for each job were approved following a 20-minute executive session.

Senior class advisor was one of few changes in the list, approved one month after a handful of parents and seniors told the board that the senior class was upset with Randall. They charged the veteran teacher denied seniors input into

year-end activities, particularly baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies.

Thies stated at that time that he was aware of the situation and had discussed areas of dispute with both sides.

Randall, who attended neither last month's meeting nor Monday's session, will continue to serve as sponsor of the school's Business and Office Education Club as well as serve on the district's Curriculum Committee

along with Thies, Rhonda Powers, Sandy Parks and William Britt.

Other staff members approved for various extracurricular positions next year are:

Arnie Besonen, head football coach; Brian Wright, junior high basketball coach and sophomore class advisor; Dean Roller, varsity basketball coach (fall) and driver's education instructor; John Osterland, junior varsity basketball coach (fall); Harvey Billy, golf coach; D'Aoust, SADD Club advisor; Connie Baranski, seventh and eighth grade class advisor; Britt, driver's education instructor; Les Packard, yearbook advisor, and Thies, National Honor Society sponsor.

#### EQUIPMENT REQUEST

Turning to other matters during the 3-hour meeting, the board again tabled a request to help fund new volleyball equipment.

JV Volleyball Coach Sheila Pawlak last month asked the board to pay about half of the estimated \$6,000 cost for a new 3-net volleyball system. The coach stated the school's booster club has agreed to chip in \$3,000.

Pawlak, who noted the school's existing equipment is old and dangerous to use, said the new system would allow both the varsity and junior varsity to play/practice at the same time as well as allow the school to host tournaments.

School Supt. Harley Kirby, however, recommended Monday that the board take no action at this time due to the district's financial outlook.

Kirby acknowledged the equipment would help the athletic program, but added, "I don't see where the board can afford to do that this year."

The superintendent indicated the situation isn't critical and won't be, provided delinquent taxes come in on time. However, even if they do, he said, tougher times

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THE NEW UNIFORMS are in, and band director Mindy Nash, along with band members Tammy Bliss, Tara Charboneau and Mike Marshall, is looking forward to May 25, which is the band's first performance in its new uniforms.

## More than 4,000 cases here

# Delinquency in child support on the rise

by Brian D. Bell  
Staff Writer

Sometimes it takes help from a friend to get what you have coming.

Such is the case for a Cass City area woman, who along with the Tuscola County Friend of the Court has been pursuing her ex-husband for 11 years in an effort to collect overdue child support.

Her ex-husband now owes \$21,000 in support for her 3 children. Her children are now 20, 18 and 15 years old.

Friend of the Court is a branch of circuit court that helps collect past due child support, alimony and medical confinement payments. When those payments become more than one month delinquent, the FOC becomes involved.

"Joan," who asked that her last name remain confidential, said her ex-husband — who has moved out of Michigan, remarried and fathered 2 more children — doesn't think he should owe her the money.

"He pays when he wants to," she said.

Joan's story is only one of hundreds of millions of delinquency cases in the state of Michigan, including more than 4,000 cases in Tuscola County alone. These cases represent a multi-million dollar collection industry for the county and state.

In 1991, the Tuscola County FOC collected \$5.6 million in overdue support and had a caseload totalling 4,500.

In 1990, the latest year for which statistics are available, the state of Michigan collected \$758.4 million, with a caseload of 717 million.

And the number of cases is rising each year, according to Tuscola FOC Director Mary Lou Burns, who said Tuscola County's FOC work load grows by some 200 cases annually. She attributes the increase to a growing number of divorces and teenage pregnancies.

#### NOT SHRINKING

"I cannot foresee it getting any smaller in the near future," she added.

Although neither the state nor county keep statistics as to the percentage of cases involving delinquent mothers or fathers, Burns estimated nearly 95 percent of Tuscola County delinquencies are by men.

But the number of delinquency cases involving women seems to be increasing.

"In fact, we find there's kind of an increase in the amount of fathers that are getting custody of their children," she pointed out, adding she believes an increasing number of men are taking an active interest in raising their children.

A lack of support payments can have a profound effect on those expecting them.

"Some are almost forced into applying for welfare and (Aid to Dependent Children)," Burns remarked. "That is our whole goal here, to try and keep people here off ADC and welfare."

Welfare is not an option for Joan, who said she wouldn't take it if offered and doesn't qualify because she owns her own home and car and has adequate employment.

But that doesn't mean her family couldn't put the support owed by her ex-hus-

band to good use. Her 2 oldest children have held jobs since they were 15 years old, and the support their father should have provided might have made those years a little easier for them.

#### SEVERAL OPTIONS

FOC offices in Tuscola County and elsewhere utilize several options in their effort to ensure people receive the support they're entitled to.

Before any court action is initiated, Friend of the Court employees notify the delinquent parent that they have 14 days to pay or make arrangements to resolve the delinquent amount, Burns said. If that fails, FOC seeks a court order summoning the individual to appear in circuit court. If they fail to appear, a bench warrant is issued for their arrest.

From then on, if the individual is stopped by a police officer anywhere in the United States, computer records will show the warrant was issued and he or she is taken into custody. Individuals remain in jail until the disputed amount is resolved.

Burns indicated delinquent

parents, when asked why they're not keeping up with their payments, offer a wide variety of excuses.

"And a lot of lies," she continued. "They come up with so many things it's hard to remember right off the top of your head. Some will say they're starting a new job, even if they aren't, (but) we call right on the spot to verify."

In some cases, the FOC requires individuals to provide proof, often on a weekly basis, of their employment search efforts, according to Burns. She said such proof might include signatures from prospective employers.

Another common method of collection is income withholding — an automatic deduction of payments from an individual's pay or unemployment check. In 1991, the Tuscola County FOC netted \$2.1 million in collections with that method.

#### OTHER METHODS

Another option is a tax offset, which takes the amount owed out of individuals' state or federal tax refunds. Tuscola County's

FOC office collected \$204,000 with that method in 1991.

Other methods include attachment of liens (legal orders to hold property or money so it may be sold or applied for payment of a claim) to property, real estate, crops or lump sum payments possibly resulting from insurance claims. The county FOC office collected \$3.1 million last year using this method.

Although court action is common, Burns noted her office must justify requests for such action. "We have to have good reason to bring a petition."

But even then, there are no guarantees.

Joan said each time the court takes action, her ex-husband has a reaction. She cited his employment changes to avoid paycheck garnisheeing, and manipulating his income tax return — so he doesn't receive a refund — to avoid a tax offset as examples.

But despite attaining only limited success, she has no plans to stop.

"It's a confusing mess, (but) I won't let it die," Joan said. "I mean, why should I?"



RICHARD BARNES and his wife Sharon are both hopeful an \$850 knee brace will allow them to get back on their feet. Richard injured his knee 4 years ago and has since been unable to retain employment and support his family.

## Donations sought to help Deford area family

by Brian D. Bell  
Staff Writer

The Cass City unit of the Salvation Army is looking for people willing to share some of their financial resources to help an area man during a time of need.

Richard Barnes of Deford injured his right knee about 4 years ago in July and since then has been unable to work and support his family, which includes wife Sharon and daughters Jill, 13, and Melissa, 10.

He needs \$850 to pay for a special brace which will provide support to his knee and allow him adequate mobility.

The Salvation Army is trying to help raise money to fund the purchase of the brace. The organization has established a special ac-

count with Chemical Bank of Cass City for this purpose, said Mike Weaver, service unit coordinator. So far, the fund contains \$50 donated by the Salvation Army.

Barnes' injury occurred when the wheel of a tractor pinned his leg against a tree, crushing bones and cartilage and ripping out ligaments and tendons.

The knee continues to cause him severe pain, and without the support offered by the metal brace, he can't stand, walk or drive for long periods of time, or carry anything weighing more than 20 pounds.

Barnes said if he walks without the brace, his knee might give out without any warning, and he could fall to the ground.

Anyone may contribute to the fund, Weaver said, add-

ing contributors should make checks out to the Salvation Army and send them to Chemical Bank to the attention of Dick Wallace, service unit treasurer. Contributors should designate their donations as going to help Barnes.

Attempts to have Medicaid, the Salvation Army or other human services organizations pay the entire cost for the brace were unsuccessful, according to Sharon Barnes.

Before the accident, Barnes said he worked in road construction, earning \$25 an hour and more than \$40,000 annually. He noted his family was accustomed to having the money to purchase most things it needed.

But things have changed since the accident.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zawilinski**

Anna Spencer and Fred Zawilinski were united in marriage Feb. 8 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Apopka, Fla.  
The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles C. Spencer of Hagerstown, Md. Fred is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zawilinski of Cass City.

The new Mrs. Zawilinski is a graduate of Ohio University and is a geriatric social worker. Zawilinski is a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is the executive director of Friendship House of South Florida.  
The couple resides in Immokalee, Fla.

**Engaged**



**Rhonda McIntyre  
David VanErp**

Duane and Elaine McIntyre of Bad Axe and Joe and Carol Van Erp of Bad Axe announce the engagement of their children, Rhonda Lynn and David Alan. She is a 1988 graduate of Bad Axe High School and attends Saginaw Valley State University. David is a 1989 graduate of Cass City High School and farms with his father. They plan to be married in April, 1993.

**Engaged**



**Harold Hendrick  
Erica Earl**

Harold C. Hendrick and Erica M. Earl have announced their engagement. Hendrick is currently stationed at Upper Hayford Air Force Base in England, where he will be until June 1994. He is the son of Donald and Barbara Hendrick of Cass City. Erica will be graduating in May from Boise State University in Idaho with a degree in dental hygiene. She is the daughter of Dennis Earl of Reno, Nev., and Kathy Earl of Ely, Nev.  
The couple plan a June wedding at the Upper Hayford Air Force Base in England.

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Genevieve VanAllen, Cass  
City;  
Roger Ewald, Arnold Bell,  
Unionville.

**Cass City  
Personal Items**

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Justin and Brent Salas, sons of Louie and Linda Salas, made their First Holy Communion at St. Pancratius Church Sunday, May 10. The boys were honored with 2 First Communion parties. Sarah Hoppe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hoppe, also made her First Holy Communion.

Miss Gertie Erla and Karen Wright had dinner at Titn's Restaurant in Imlay City Sunday.

**Movie time  
at library**

Rawson Memorial Library's "movie time" for senior citizens will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City.

Films scheduled to be shown are "Bluebirds up close" and "Ironclads — The Monitor and the Merrimac."

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult program is offered free of charge.

Mike and Deanna (Sawdon) King, Marlette, announce the birth of their son, Brandon Michael. He was born April 25, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19" long. He joins sister, Caitlin, 2 1/2, at home. Grandparents are Clayton and Dorothea Sawdon of Deford and Merwin and Luera Steinacker of Decker. Great-grandparents are Lela Terbush of Cass City and Edward Brauer of Deford.

Frank and Mary Ann Cumper and son David took Ella Cumper to dinner at the Charmont for Mother's Day.

Dale and Mary Damm, Marion McClorey, Tim and Susan Wooster of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Hunter of Port Hope were Mother's Day dinner guests of Wes and Nancy Frederick in Caro.

**Kubacki on  
dean's list**

Janet Kubacki, Cass City, was one of 351 students to be named to the Dean's List for the winter quarter at Baker College in Flint. Just 12 percent of the students qualify.

**Engaged**



**Jennifer Gordon  
Nicholas Colwell**

Jennifer Joy Gordon, daughter of David and Rinda Smith and Edwin and Barbara Gordon of Caro, and Nicholas Raymond Colwell, son of Rod and Rae Ann Colwell of Kingston, will be married Dec. 19, 1992.

The bride to be is a 1991 graduate of Caro High School and is currently attending Michigan Christian College in Rochester Hills. The prospective groom is a 1987 graduate of Deford Christian Academy and is currently attending Saginaw Valley State University.

**Mother-daughter  
dinner held at  
St. Pancratius**

The St. Pancratius Women's Council's annual mother-daughter potluck dinner was held May 4, with 125 persons attending. The Rev. Julius Spleet said the opening prayer.

Following dinner, a mother-daughter tribute was read by Brenda Phillips and daughter Shere. There was a slide presentation by a representative of Mary Kay cosmetics and 4 members from the audience had face make-overs. Fashion Bug of Caro presented a show of summer styles.

Iris Kappen was chairperson for the evening, assisted by Monica LaValley, Marilyn Tyo and Brenda Phillips. The June meeting will be held June 1 at the Charmont.

**Marriage licenses**

Daniel Ray Tuckey, Cass City, and Andrea Elena Gomez, Caro.

William Edward Campbell, Caro, and Frances Anne Hatch, Saginaw.

Douglas Earl Peplinski, Vassar, and Pamela Sue Schlereth, Caro.

Gary Michael Holik and Felicia Jean Hessling, both of Caro.

Mathew Mark Taylor and Laura Sue Pedrotti, both of Millington.

Edward Carl Rievert and Ame Lee Gill, both of Gagetown.

Larry Don Weller and Shawn Marie Schwab, both of Caro.

David Keith Curtis and Barbara Ann Walker, both of Cass City.



**Mr. and Mrs. Carl Engelhardt**

**Dinner reception set for  
Engelhardts' anniversary**

Carl and Lorene Engelhardt will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday at the VFW Hall in Pigeon, with a dinner reception hosted by their children. Lorene Hafner and Carl Engelhardt Jr. were married May 16, 1942, in Sebewaing.

Their attendants were: maid of honor, Arlene (Engelhardt) Piekny; best

man, Roland Hafner (deceased); bridesmaid, Dorothy Hafner, and groomsman, Omar Hafner. The couple have 4 children, Kenneth of Owendale, Jeanette Williams of Garland, Texas, David of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Joy Sprague of Owendale.

They also have 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



**Ronald and Aletha Fox**

**Foxes celebrate  
60th anniversary**

Ronald and Aletha Fox, Cass City, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Colony House Sunday from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Friends and neighbors are welcome. The couple requests no gifts.

**Public hearing date changed**

The public hearing on Cass City's proposed Downtown Development Authority has been rescheduled from May 26 to June 15 at 7 p.m. at the village municipal building.

adopted a resolution March 31 stating its intent to establish a DDA. Questions and comments regarding the plan and proposed DDA boundaries will be heard at the upcoming public hearing.

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If you answered yes to several of the above questions, and if the thought of getting old has left you depressed, consider the alternative.

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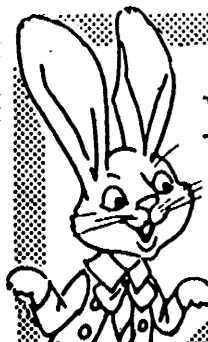
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### Rabbit Tracks by John Haire (And anyone else he can get to help.)

A little over a year ago the "Michigan HIV Report" published by the Michigan Department of Health showed one reported case of AIDS in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac County.

Last week the same publication listed 4 cases, 2 in Huron and one each in Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

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That new face you see buzzing around town is Brian Bell, the Chronicle's summer intern from Central Michigan University. He's in town until mid-August when he returns to school for his senior year and job as editor of Central Michigan Life, the school newspaper.

\*\*\*\*\*  
A former Cass City resident, Dick Hillaker, son of Ed and Belva Hillaker of Cass City, will be honored as one of 10 to be named to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.  
An induction ceremony will be held June 17 at 7 p.m. at Zuccar's Holiday House in Mount Clemens. Ticket prices are \$15 and can be purchased from Port Huron High Athletic Director Ken Semelsberger, phone 313-984-2611.  
Hillaker is a 1957 graduate of Cass City High School.

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# County land values up 1%; few face bigger tax bills

As promised, taxpayers who haven't added to the value of their homes or businesses with new construction or approved higher mileage levies won't see an increase in taxes this year, thanks to a statewide freeze in property values.

Despite the freeze, however, the value of all real and personal property in Tuscola County rose by one percent, to \$1,350,221,850.

The increase — \$14,676,206 — is due to new construction, according to Equalization Director Ed Karr, who recently pre-

sented 1992 equalization figures to county commissioners.

The report sets equalized agricultural land values at \$224.6 million, up .3 of a percent from 1991. Commercial property, also up by .3 of a percent, is equalized at \$47.2 million. Residential property, meanwhile, is set at \$329 million, up 1.7 percent, while industrial property is up 5.8 percent to \$9.85 million, and timber cutover property is set at \$4.56 million, about the same as 1991.

All personal property is

equalized at \$59,954,910. The equalized values are set at one-half the market value, using assessed amounts and applying factors where necessary to reach the 50 percent mark.

Although good news for taxpayers, this year's freeze in property values is bad news for governmental units, which rely on tax dollars for operations.

County-wide, property values have been steadily increasing since a 3-year trend in 1986-88 that saw values plummet by more than 21 percent.

The turn-around began in 1989 with an overall increase in land values of 4 percent, followed by hikes of 5.5 percent and 8.3 percent in 1990 and 1991, respectively.

Karr said the equalized values presented recently to commissioners are subject to final approval by the state. The new figures will be reflected in tax bills sent out this summer by villages and in December by most other taxing units.

### Amy Ross earns honors

Eleven Tuscola Area Skill Center students qualified and attended the Business Professionals of America National Competition held April 29-May 3, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Amy Ross, daughter of Pam Adelberg of Cass City, received honors in the competition. Ross received a third place in administrative specialist.

Approximately 3,000 secondary students from throughout the United States participated in the 26th anniversary national leadership conference. Activities included general sessions with keynote speakers, business meetings, leadership workshops, occupational and specialized competitive events, election of national officers and tours of Cincinnati sites.

### "If It Fitz...."

## Onward and

By Jim Fitzgerald



As various possible newspaper strike deadlines approached and passed, and in the true spirit of the joint operating agreement (JOA), she insisted I read an item from each of Detroit's 2 joined-at-the-wallet newspapers. She was upset by both items.

The first said a scheduled "tribute to the late Jackie Gleason in Miami Beach has been canceled for lack of interest." The second said "Ernie Swann, one of Detroit's favorite musicians, plays jazz piano in a Noontime concert Tuesday in the Downtown Library."

"They're going to have a postage stamp honoring a drug-head like Elvis Presley, but nobody is interested in a tribute to Jackie Gleason. You should write about that," she ordered.

And she also ordered: "You should go to that concert and apologize to Ernie Swann for misspelling his name. If he is one of Detroit's favorite musicians, and he certainly is, they should at least know his last name has only one 'n.'"

It was last Tuesday morning, at our breakfast table, and my wife was graciously planning my day for me. She said my office is a short walk from the Downtown Library and it would be no trouble for me to see Swann play with one "n." I protested that we'd heard Swann just a few days earlier, at the Omni Hotel, and, more important, the library didn't offer the requisite jazzy accessories, namely vodka and tonic.

of my column. Noting that my daughter's shopping honesty prompted a Toys 'R' Us clerk to award her 2 extra puppies in the womb of a pregnant stuffed dog, I'd concluded:

"Honestly paid off, litterally."

But in thousands of papers it said simply: "Honestly" The awful pun was eliminated by a recurring production error that, according to an editor, no one in production can explain. Even worse, there was no period after the last word in the column. No punctuation mark to inform readers I was done writing and they could move on to reading something else. I envisioned all those frustrated people stopped dead, waiting for me to finish my thought.

Now it is finished, over a week later, and those early-edition readers can get on with their lives. And my wife can understand that I have problems enough with my own newspaper and hardly have time to apologize for the other newspaper's misspelling.

No, she can't. "Both newspapers are printed by the same people and you should apologize to Ernie Swann on behalf of all local journalists," she said in the true spirit of the JOA.

So I reluctantly promised to see how jazz piano sounds with no waitress nearby. It's a promise I didn't keep, but I figured she'd never find

out. Unless the strike deadline was extended and this confessional column was published in the true spirit of the JOA.

### 'WHAT COULD I TELL HER?'

As for the offending item in my newspaper, and Jackie Gleason versus Elvis Presley, what could I tell her? That booze is also a drug, and Gleason probably drank more than Presley injected? That her age is showing and she should realize Gleason is dead and mostly forgotten by his few surviving contemporaries? And Presley lives on, never forgotten, in supermarket tabloids everywhere?

No. To really cheer her up, I reminded my wife it's more appropriate to compare Presley with another old-time favorite, Groucho Marx, because they allegedly died the same year and Marx hasn't yet been proposed for a postage stamp. The good news is I recently discovered that Marx, like Presley, isn't really dead.

Groucho plays a featured role in a new crime movie called "Deep Cover." According to the credits, the role is played by Gregory Sierra, former cop on the "Barney Miller" TV show. But that's a lie. It's really Groucho, coming out of deep cover.

Onward and

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	VALUE INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (DECREASE)
Elkland	851,200	1.56%
Ellington	98,409	.68%
Elmwood	(91,830)	(.49%)
Kingston	170,833	1.12%
Koylton	194,228	1.3%
Novesta	10,951	.08%
Wells	233,500	1.5%
<b>TOTAL OF COUNTY:</b>	<b>7,338,103</b>	<b>1%</b>



When I was in school the best news that I could hear was that French (or any foreign language) had been banned forever from the curriculum.

It just goes to show that you don't always know what's good for you.

Let me tell you a story about my career in French at Michigan State. I was placed in the same class with my elder sister and with the same name naturally was assigned in the next seat.

We were asked to translate on one of the first days and my sister breezed through her share of the text and the professor beamed. The beam turned to a frown when I stumbled and stammered awhile before he mercifully turned to another student.

That year I never took French, it took me. I quit that class just in time to avoid getting a failure.

So, you can see that I'm not prejudiced because foreign language gave me a chance to shine.

It took me 3 years to get the 2 years of French that were required to graduate and I felt that I never would make any use of what it took me so long to learn.

That was wrong. It's true that there is no way that I can point to French courses and say because of it I make X-numbers of dollars.

But learning the language widened my vocabulary and widened my horizons and there have been an uncounted number of times

I've been grateful for what I learned suffering through those classes in school.

The current rage in school is to prepare students for a place in the work force, make them more employable. That's certainly a lofty aim, but the target keeps changing.

It must have been 25 years ago now that a factory owner got up in a meeting when we tried to swing a community college here and said, in support of the plan, we need someone to teach them how to read a blueprint, we can teach them how to run the machine.

Well, it takes more than that now as plants aim for defect-free production spurred by the computer age. See, it's a moving target.

There's a new emphasis in up-grading the standards of our schools and a stiffening of the basics, reading, writing and arithmetic.

You can't argue with that. But remember that it's been estimated that the average person will change jobs 3 or 4 times during his career.

Learning the basics won't hurt when those changes occur, but learning how to think may be even more vital.

In addition, exposure to those "non-job essentials" like art and literature may just add a little something that makes a difference when in competition for select jobs.

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# O-G 'young authors' recognized

Several young writers from the Owen-Gage Schools attended the Young Authors Conference held May 2 in Cass City.

The students were recognized for their writing achievements and heard author and illustrator Paul O. Zelinsky. They also attended special programs designed for young writers.

The Owen-Gage authors were presented with T-shirts designed with a logo by Zelinsky. The shirts were provided by the Owen-Gage School Boosters.



FIFTH AND SIXTH grade Owen-Gage students who recently participated in the Young Authors conference in Cass City are (front row, left to right) Joey Salcido, Jamie Dietzel, Mickey Thompson, (back row, left) Brandy Halasz, Amy Joles, Kristy Fahrner, Melissa Vargo and Justin Anthes.

# Old Wood joins Legend Pharmacies

Old Wood Drug of Cass City recently joined Legend Pharmacies of Michigan. Legend is a member-owned cooperative of independent drug stores that provides its members with access to special programs and services that are designed to benefit customers. As a Legend Pharmacy, Old Wood Drug will continue to be independently owned and operated by Thomas Proctor.



Tom Proctor

Proctor is a 1958 graduate of Ferris State College School of Pharmacy. He has been serving the community of Cass City for 30 years. Tom is active in Rotary, where he has served as District Governor and is currently correspondent for Scandinavian Exchange Students with Rotary. He is active in the local Chamber of Commerce and has headed the Downtown Development Authority.

Tom and his wife, Elaine, have 2 children, Kurt Proctor and Kris Lukacs.

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# Against Gagetown woman

# Embezzlement charges dismissed

The jury trial of Charlotte I. Zimmerman, 45, 4903 Center St., Gagetown, came to an abrupt halt May 5 in Tuscola County Circuit Court when the defense

attorney's motion to dismiss all charges was granted by Judge Patrick R. Joslyn. Jury selection in the case began May 4. Zimmerman had been

charged with 4 counts of embezzling bank deposits from the Caro Elias Brothers Restaurant July 12, 1990, in the amount of \$2,553.76; July 29, 1990, in the amount of \$2,887.46; April 9, 1990, in the amount of \$1,255.66, and May 4, 1991, in the amount of \$2,834.14.

Zimmerman had been employed at the Caro Big Boy as a manager for a number of years. After listening to defense counsel and the prosecutor's arguments, Joslyn dismissed the charges, ruling that there was no question that the money had been embezzled, and that there was some possibility or a chance that Zimmerman had embezzled the money, but that the evidence presented to the jury did not rise to the standard of proofs that applies to criminal cases.

Several employees from Caro had testified during the 2 days of testimony. The case was investigated by the Michigan State Police Post in Caro.

# Jordan College honors students

A wish of good luck to Jordan College graduates and recognition of other Thumb area students who have achieved success was the theme of Friday night's Graduation and Awards Banquet at the school's Cass City campus.

More than 150 students, faculty, staff and their family members turned out for the event.

Three students were recipients of the campus' first Outstanding Graduate Awards: Jeffery Bader of Decker, Marvin Hobart of Unionville and Shirley Nichols of Elkton.

Twelve full-time students were recognized as members of the dean's list, which requires a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Twenty-five part-time students were recognized as members of the

academic list for having a semester GPA of at least 3.5.

Twenty Jordan sophomores were recognized as graduates of the 1991-92 school year. The 3 December 1991 graduates are Lorraine Brooks of Cass City, Charlene Hill of Deford and Jo Ann Izydorek of Decker.

The 17 May 1992 graduates are: Elaine Armstrong, Thomas Ponder and Theresa Schwartz, all of Cass City; Bader, Rhonda Brunni of Elkton, Susan Dunstan of Caseville, Donna Gliniecki of Ruth, Hobart, Carmen Jenkins of Kingston, Julie Klee of Palms, Thomas Lane of Caro, Dieter Mohr of Pigeon, Nichols, Sharon Pritchett of Sandusky, Deborah Sontag of Marlette, Michael S. Walkiewicz of Deford and Karen Wood of Pigeon.

# 2 injured in 2-vehicle collision in Cass City

A pair of Cass City residents were injured in a 2-vehicle accident in the village Friday afternoon.

Wald, also of Cass City, was cited for driving without a license.

Cass City police stated a vehicle driven by Donald A. Dohn, 38, Cass City, was southbound on Maple Street south of Main Street when another vehicle, driven by Kristie A. Wald, 17, backed from a private drive into his path.

# Grass fire scorches 20 acres

A grass fire scorched about 20 acres southwest of M-53 and Shabbona Road Sunday afternoon.

The vehicles collided, according to reports, which indicate Dohn sought his own treatment for minor injuries, while his passenger, Tammy Lynch, 21, was treated at Hills and Dales General Hospital and then released.

Elkland Township fire fighters were called to the scene at 4:30 p.m. and remained there for about 2 hours.

Assistant Fire Chief Milt Connolly said the cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

# Letter to the editor

# Walking trail idea nice, but won't work

Dear John,

I saw the article on business people meeting with people in the condos. I think it is a great beginning. However, please extend it to other senior citizens, parents of young children, handicapped, etc. This way I think the village council and the business groups could get good input.

lems, they can easily find help. Unless you are in a group, I doubt the trail will get much use.

My blind brother-in-law, before he died, walked every day. He often stated there were only certain sidewalks he could walk on as many were unsafe or broken out.

The village is spending \$10,000 of our tax dollars for a nature walk; the DNR, \$30,000. Nice idea, but I feel it won't work. Who is going to see that it doesn't become a bike trail or trashed? I feel the money would have been better spent on new sidewalks!

I've been to the "Mort Orr Woods" twice. Once, with my grandchild. It was a beautiful fall day but we ran into some rowdy teenage boys. We left. The second time, my husband and I walked the trail, we shook our heads over the damage that had been done to the exercise things that the Rotary group had spent so much time and money on to provide our community. We live near the woods and have heard gunfire there. Again, I'd have to be in a group to go for a walk through the woods.

There are a lot of senior citizens who walk downtown to a bakery, Hardee's or drug store. By the time they get downtown, they want to rest awhile. They drink coffee, have breakfast and visit with others. They may stop in a store for small shopping and then walk home. Some walk to the post office and back. Some walk to Shell gas station, buy an ice cream cone and eat it as they walk home. Others walk to the bank and back. They want to walk where they feel safe. If they get chest pains or other problems, they can easily find help. Unless you are in a group, I doubt the trail will get much use.

A Sidewalk Walker, Jacqueline Freiburger

P.S. Let the people know that in cold weather, walking the halls in our elementary and high school halls is a good way to get exercise and see the many activities going on in the schools. I love to see the artwork.

# Cass City bike-a-thon rescheduled

Although several area residents planned to have the 12th annual St. Jude's Children's Hospital Bike-A-Thon last Saturday, nature had different plans.

The event was rained out and is rescheduled for this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Cass City. Registration for the 10-mile bike-a-thon is the day of the event in the parking lot of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

# Baptist women make items for missionaries

The Ladies Missionary meeting of the First Baptist Church was held May 4 for Project Night at 6:30. There were 22 present.

Jewelry bags and note pad holders were made for the missionary closet. Johanna Hanselman was pianist when the group sang a hymn. The secretary's and treasurer's report were read by Marlene Langmaid. Shirley Shaw gave devotions, "Women With a Worthy Walk", with a scriptural formula for accomplishing such a walk.

A thank you note was read from Amy Moody for baby shower gifts. Isabelle Whitenburg read letters from Continental Mission, Gerald Webber and the Rev. Earl Dannenberg, former missionary in Africa and now a missions teacher at Faith Baptist College, Ankeny, Iowa.

Groups divided and prayed for missionaries. The tables were decorated with May flowers and the hostesses were Jean Wood and Betty Ewald.

# DR. REED M. BOUCHEY RECEIVES SURGERY PRIVILEGES IN CASS CITY AND BAD AXE



Dr. Reed M. Bouchee, co-owner of Great Lakes Eye, P.C., an Ophthalmology practice founded and co-owned by Dennis M. Tibble, M.D., has recently been granted permission to perform surgery at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, and Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe.

Dr. Bouchee holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University and graduated with high distinction, Doctor of Medicine from Wayne State School of Medicine in Detroit. Having completed his formal eye residency training at The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa, Dr. Bouchee has been practicing at Great Lakes Eye in Saginaw and Alma since January, 1991.

Bouchee is qualified to offer a full range of Ophthalmic services, including treatment of retinal diseases of the eye, glaucoma, YAG and Argon laser treatment, and no-stitch cataract surgery.

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# Cass City High School announces honor roll

## 12TH GRADE

All A's - Bart Hall, Diana Loomis.  
B or Better - Deb Adams, Julie Adelberg, Jeremy Bogart, Melanie Churchill, Catherine Coe, Jenel Connolly, Jodi Erla, Leslie Goslin, Rusty Hrycko, Stephanie Leiterman, Leonardo Martens, Essi Reponen, Reuben Rienstra, Amy Ross, Jeff Schember, Kristen Seurnyck, Heather Shaft, Trina Whittaker, Greg Woodruff, Soo Yun, Beth Zeidler.

B or Better - Tracey Burns, Bill Graham, Heidi Hall, Mark Hawley, Nadine Hoppe, Candice Horne, Bill Johnson, Barb Kelley, Nicola Kuperus, Laura Langenburg, Melissa Micklash, Julia Milligan, Tina Pallas, Robert Roach, Roxanne Rutkoski, Ben Schott, Lyle Severance, Steve Smith, Jenny Storm, Heather Stratton, Kristi Turner, Robin Voss, Andrea Wallace, Tara Wentworth.

## 10TH GRADE

All A's - David Bills, Melanie Fritz, Noel Hornbacher, Stacey Klinkman, Mike Sherman, Lindy VanVliet, Sarah Wright.  
B or Better - Becky Britt,

Pauline Byron, Barry Hornbacher, David Hutchinson, Ryan King, Robin Longuski, Rachel Malone, Kristy Messing, Darcie Monroe, Tracy Moore, Paul Murphy, Ed Nizzola, Kelli Opal, Michelle Peruski, Sam Rienstra, Jodi Schember, Heather Shagena, Marc Wallace, Jason Walther.

## 9TH GRADE

All A's - Michelle Brown, Amy Burns, Lisa Deering, Leana Edwards, Scott Iwankovitch, Nathan Mastie, Mandy Nizzola, Lindi Parrott, Marlene Shimer, Andrea Speirs, Lisa Wallace, Kristy Wood.  
B or Better - Erin Benitez, Cori Bullock, Lisa Burns, Erica Frederick, Brian Grichen, Carol Guza, Angie Hill, Ben Hobbs, Jennifer Laming, Brad McNeil, Margaret Morgan, Mandy Pheutepiece, John Rea, Joenie Remsing, Shawn Rienas, Tammy Stine, Shannon Turner, Melissa Veldman, Clayton Venema, Danette Ziehm.

## 11TH GRADE

All A's - Rosie Blue, Kristy Gnagey, Tamara Mearns, Rachel Sugden.

### EXERCISE REDUCES BLOOD PRESSURE

Exercise helps the body in many ways. One of them is by lowering the blood pressure. High blood pressure is harmful because it increases the risk of heart disease, strokes and kidney damage.

There are many excellent medicines for lowering the blood pressure and should be used when necessary. But many people can avoid the cost and possible side effects of these medicines by lowering the blood pressure through exercise.

How does exercise lower the blood pressure? The exact mechanisms are not known, but there appear to be a variety of reasons for the improved blood pressure.

As the heart becomes more fit it beats at a slower rate and the blood vessels appear to relax slightly causing less resistance to the blood flow. Exercise also makes the blood more slippery--it flows through narrow vessels more easily.

Many people will have changes in their diets when they begin to exercise. They may eat less salt, consume less alcohol, and very likely decrease or quit smoking. Most people who exercise also lose weight. It may be only a few pounds or many pounds, but any weight loss has a good effect on the blood pressure.

Another reason is the relaxation that exercise brings many people. A person has less anxiety and less adrenaline-like hormones in the system.

The reasons may be complex but the results are good and can be accomplished by exercising 20 minutes three times a week.

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# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hagen and family of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hagen and Eric Hagen were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen. Mrs. Ken Osentoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming Monday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franzel were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer.

Becky and Marty Felmler, Jennifer and Jill of Bay City, Susan Sofka of Davison, Steven and Carol Sofka and Krysten were Sunday dinner guests of Henry and Winifred Sofka.

Mrs. Jack Ross of Uby was a Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were among those who attended the 60th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Leo Shagena at their home Sunday, May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ballagh.

Ann Orton was a Tuesday overnight guest of Emily Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tom of Cass City were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Susan Sofka of Davison was a Sunday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight of Bad Axe were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey at Caseville. The Conkeys' granddaughter, Cindy of Grand Rapids, was spending the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Anthes were Saturday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and family.

Bernice Gracey of Florida and Elsie Blades were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer and Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka went to Western High School in Bay City to watch Jennifer and Jill Felmler play softball Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Earl Schenk spent Wednesday with Edanna Sweeney.

Gordon Farrelly and Nancy of New Baltimore were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Matt Miller went with the Cass City school sixth grade on a field trip to Detroit, where they toured awhile before going to see the Detroit Tiger-Oakland ball game Wednesday.

Brenda Tyrrell of Midland was a Tuesday overnight guest of Kathryn Tyrrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck returned from Florida Wednesday, April 22, due to the death of her sister, Mrs. Marian Furness, at Caseville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick

of Cass City and Jerry Decker were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Larry Konkel was a Friday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski and Mrs. Alex Cleland visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland Monday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena visited Pearl Shaw at 4 Seasons Health Care Center in Bad Axe Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ross in Bad Axe Tuesday.

Mrs. Doug Cleland and Sara were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jackson in Bad Axe.

Mrs. Fred Haas of Maumee, Ohio, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Jeff.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hagen and family of Alma spent the weekend with his parents, Fred and Myrtle Hagen.

Mrs. Evans Gibbard was a Monday guest of Stella Leszczynski Monday.

Mrs. Harold Ackerman was a Tuesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer.

Mrs. Clare Sowden was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka had dinner with the Florida Club in Uby and visited Cindy Premier at her bar and restaurant in Ruth and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie O'Berski at Parisville.

Edanna Sweeney and Reva Silver were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs.

## 42 Owen-Gage sr. citizens at potluck dinner

The Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met at the Gagetown Municipal Building for a potluck dinner at noon. Stella Erer said grace before the meal. There were 42 members present.

President Orville Mallory brought the meeting to order with everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer and pledge to the flag.

The president welcomed guests, Sheldon and Lorraine Martin and Irma Chisholm, and members who had returned from their winter vacations.

Happy Birthday was sung to members with May birthdays.

Mary Thomas brought a birthday cake as a treat for her 80th birthday.

The women's door prize was won by Stella Pisarek and the men's by Louis Ouvry.

After the meeting, cards and bingo were played.

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### Village of Gagetown

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## May 18-22

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# Hills and Dales receives awards

Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, was recently lauded by the Michigan Hospital Association Insurance Company in Traverse City for distinguished achievement in risk management program development for "excellence in claims management," "excellence in education" and, "excellence in risk identification and analysis."

## Tuckey honored at WMU

These 4 awards will reduce the hospital's malpractice insurance premium by 9.5 percent resulting in thousands of dollars saved. The maximum discount allowed by MHAIC is 10 percent for dedicated risk management activities.

In accepting the awards on behalf of Hills and Dales, Ken E. Jensen, hospital president, remarked, "All of our employees helped in earning this recognition and deserve the plaudits."

"I especially want to thank Jean Anthony, RN, risk manager, who did a monumental job; Jane Mitchell, RN, director of nursing/in-service education, and Janet Stucken, RN, assistant administrator - medical services, who also serves as our patient advocate. I would not be collecting these awards without their outstanding efforts!"

Daniel R. Tuckey of Cass City is one of 9 outstanding students recently honored by the Western Michigan University Department of Biological Sciences. The students received the awards at a department spring luncheon last month. Tuckey was named Distinguished Pre-Professional in Biological Sciences. He received a \$25 award and a subscription to "Science" magazine.

The award is given to the student deemed by the department to be the outstanding biology or biomedical sciences major in a pre-professional curriculum. The recipient must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

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## New senior advisor approved

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are ahead because the district won't see much of an increase in tax revenues due to this year's statewide freeze in property values.

Kirby later asked the board to authorize him to begin the process of borrowing on anticipated tax revenues. The request was approved.

### BORROW \$500,000

He estimated the district will have to borrow some \$500,000 — twice the amount needed last year — to provide adequate cash-flow until January, when this year's taxes will come in.

Kirby told the board he doesn't have exact figures yet because he isn't sure when the district will receive delinquent taxes, and

the amount to be borrowed hinges on the district's millage rate, 14.8 mills of which voters will be asked to renew in the annual school election June 8.

Without the renewal, the district would have only 24.5 mills for operations, and "24.5 will not do anything much for us," he remarked.

As for the volleyball equipment, board members suggested Pawlak go back to the boosters club as well as gather specific equipment estimates for later consideration by the board.

In other business Monday, the board:

- Met in executive session for 70 minutes to discuss teacher contract negotiations and a teacher's grievance.

- Accepted "with deepest regret" the resignation of

second grade teacher Jacqueline Goodell, who has taught in the Owen-Gage Schools for 27 1/2 years. Her resignation is effective at the end of this school year.

- Changed the location of the board's next monthly meeting from the Owendale Library to the Gagetown Cafeteria due to the annual school election.

- Hired workers for the school election. They are Christine Wissner, Kay Karg, Stella Errer, Willis Farnum and Tom Laurie.

- Hired a Curriculum Committee update report from teacher Sandy Parks.

- Approved Renee Murawski as "student of the month."

- Approved a resolution commending juniors, parents and advisors for their efforts in organizing and putting on the junior-senior prom.



FOR THE THIRD year in a row Mike Miracle, Deford, has been a successful turkey hunter. This year he hit the jackpot with a bird that weighed 23 1/4 pounds, with 10 1/2-inch beard and one-inch spurs. The trophy bird was shot Wednesday morning near Deford on his last day to hunt. I missed 2 birds earlier, Miracle said. I was lucky to be successful in the lottery for hunting permits each year and if I'm lucky next year I will be back to make it 4 in a row.

## Donations sought for family

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"It's a big nightmare," he remarked.

Sharon agreed. "I wish I'd wake up." Now the family is on welfare, which covers their monthly mortgage payment of \$275 and provides \$113 every 2 weeks for expenses such as a monthly electric bill of about \$80 and a quarterly payment of about \$90 for home insurance.

A monthly allotment of \$295 in food stamps and an adeptness for coupon clipping helps keep food on the table. Some expenses such as annual property taxes and credit card bills remain unpaid.

"I hate to borrow (money) all the time," Sharon said. "I owe now. I owe my life." Although he's attempted to find a job since the accident, Richard said it's difficult because of his physical limitations. He believes most places won't hire him because of his knee.

"So a lot of times when I go to apply for a job, I won't even tell them about the knee," he added. Sharon is trying to find New band uniforms arrive

employment as well, but is having an equally difficult time.

"I've never worked. I've never had to," she commented. "I've been looking for work, but because of my lack of experience, I can't find employment."

She indicated the situation is hardest on their children. "I feel bad for them lots of times," she said. "(Recently) we had to keep our

daughter home from the (school) field trip because we didn't have the \$10.

"If it wasn't for my parents helping us out they wouldn't have shoes and clothes and that kind of thing."

But if anything positive comes from her family's situation, it's stronger family ties, she said.

"It's made us a lot closer, and we appreciate things a little more."

### 'Decision final'

## Barcia back in District 5 race

State Sen. James A. Barcia (D-Bay City) is back in the race for the new 5th District Congressional seat. He re-announced his candidacy Monday.

"I would like to explain what has brought me to this decision", Barcia said in making his announcement. "Like many of you, I was surprised when Rep. Bob Traxler announced his retirement plans just days ago. After Bob's announcement, I fully intended to run for his office and was stunned when he threw his support behind his district director.

"Believing there was a consensus candidate for the Democratic Party nomination, I reconsidered my decision to run," Barcia continued. "However, it is now clear that there is no such candidate and my decision to enter the race is final. This decision was cinched by a draft movement started by my constituents and friends who have shown overwhelming support for my candidacy."

Barcia pledged to "build upon my 16 years in the Michigan Legislature to restore economic strength to our communities, insure that American farmers see increased export opportunities for agricultural commodities, and implement educational policies that help teachers make our students more competitive in the global market."

Barcia said health care reform is long overdue, and called unacceptable this country's sale of technology to other nations, resulting in the closing of manufacturing plants and loss of jobs. Also unacceptable, he said, is flooding of the American market by foreign products at the expense of American workers, while U.S. goods sit in dry dock in foreign

markets.

The band couldn't have done it without the community's help, Nash remarked. "Cass City came up with all the money very quickly," she added. "We were really very lucky to have all the support from the community."

Although current band members are happy to get rid of the old hats, those who want to purchase them may do so for \$2 each by contacting Nash or any band member. Money raised will go to the band boosters fund.

Community members also will have the opportunity to help the band Saturday and get their cars washed and vacuumed in the process.

The band will put on a car wash in the Hardee's parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A car wash alone is \$3. A wash with a vacuum of the inside is \$3.50.

ports. "You have a right to be angry," he added. "You have a right to expect responsible leadership."

"To me, there is only one special interest group in this country, and that is the many hard-working men and women whose voices are not being heard in Washington. Those voices will be heard."

Community Hospital Board for 11 years, Muxlow has done extensive study on both the Canadian health care system and the British Universal Health Care System. "Our government must help provide affordable insurance coverage for each and every citizen," he said.

Muxlow said the U.S. must again become competitive in the job market. Congress' inability to balance its own budget, he added, demands immediate attention.

A businessman and former farmer, Muxlow, 58, served as mayor of Brown City from 1972-80. He was elected to the Michigan House in 1980 and has served 6 consecutive terms. He's been the assistant Republican Leader for the last 4 years and served 4 years on the House Appropriations Committee.

He and his wife, Virginia, live in Brown City.

## Muxlow also seeks nomination

Keith Muxlow, a 12-year veteran of the Michigan House of Representatives, announced recently that he is a candidate for the 5th Congressional District seat. Muxlow sees the move to Washington as an extension of his career and as an oppor-

tunity to help make positive changes for the people of the 5th District and the country. The Brown City Republican cites 3 major issues facing lawmakers in 1993: health care reform, jobs and a balanced budget.

## Thumb gospel trio to appear at Argyle church

"From the Heart," a men's gospel trio, will appear in concert at the Argyle United Methodist Church Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

The trio, comprised of men from Bad Axe and Cass City, offers an evening of traditional and contemporary gospel music as well as a time of testimony.

Members of the group are Dave Batzer, Richard Binder and James Hobbs. Batzer is a guidance counselor at Bad Axe Public

### Top rating for band

The Ugly High School Band earned a Division I rating at the State Band and Orchestra Festival held at Romulus High School, Saturday, April 25. No high school band in the history of Ugly had ever received a superior rating at state band festival. The band is under the direction of Stacie Detgen.

### Summers is Delta graduate

Terri J. Summers, daughter of Larry and Carol Summers of Gagetown, graduated April 25 from Delta College. She earned an Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene.



Terri Summers

While at Delta, she was a class representative and received the Crest Leadership Award.

Following a June 20 wedding, she will be seeking work in the Walled Lake area, where she will be living.

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## Student of the Week

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### Senior AMY ROSS

Amy, the daughter of Pam Adelberg, has placed 3rd in the nation in Administrative Specialist Program in Cincinnati, Ohio. Further plans are to attend Baker Business College.

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