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NANCY JOHNSON, CORPORATE director, dialysis services, was among the Thumb Area Dialysis Center (TADC) officials who provided guided tours Sunday afternoon at the Cass City facility, which recently underwent a \$750,000 expansion project. Johnson (far left) is pictured above with Bonnie Ralston of Ubly, Donna McMullen of Bad Axe and Connie Rosinski of Ubly. The tour was a homecoming of sorts for McMullen, who was a TADC patient until undergoing a kidney transplant 3 years ago.

## O-G out of 'sharing' plan

After many weeks of discussion, Owen-Gage Schools has been taken out of the loop in a proposal to share a superintendent with the North Huron and Port Hope school districts. The shared superintendent committee of the North Huron Schools last week recommended to its board that North Huron continue exploring the plan with Port Hope Schools alone. Committee officials indicated they believe the arrangement would be easier to work out, at least initially, between 2 districts rather than with 3 involved. The committee issued a statement recommending that North Huron Schools "continue talks with the Port Hope School District. Further, it is

felt that at this time to continue a 3-way dialogue which includes the Owendale-Gagetown School District would not be advantageous to any of the districts involved. If at some future date, once North Huron and Port Hope have worked out any problems in the process, Owendale-Gagetown or any other district which may be interested in joining, (that district) would be encouraged to make their wishes known."

Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton indicated last week that he still believes all 3 districts, which have a combined enrollment of about 900 students, could have resolved their respective concerns and come to an agreement.

"I think that a shared superintendent is a unique approach. It does exist in the state and it has been successful," he said. "But, you know, I think anytime a school board looks at these kinds of things, they look at it with concern and how things are going to work out.

"Honestly, from my perspective, I think it would still be a viable option," Compton added. "I do think that it would take some adjustment. It would take putting together a monthly schedule for all meetings, and adjustments would have to take place throughout the year, but it's not an impossible task."

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## Flu shuts down classes at O-G

If you have any doubt that the cold and flu season is here, just ask Owen-Gage School District officials, who were prompted to close their doors Friday after losing a host of students and staff members to illness during the week.

Friday also brought a flu update from the Tuscola County Health Department. Officials there reported the department had received a confirmed report of Influenza A H3 in the county.

"This year's flu vaccine does help protect against this strain of the flu," said health department spokeswoman Ann Hepfer, RN, who pointed out it's not too late to be vaccinated this year.

At Owen-Gage, school Supt. Dana Compton prescribed a 3-day weekend for the district after seeing student numbers plummet by Thursday.

"We had almost 25 percent of our student population that either didn't report or went home sick. We started out the day with 42 or 44 students who didn't report in the morning, and we had, by the end of the day, 16 or 18 students come through the office who went home sick," Compton said. "Virtually all of our transportation department was ill," he added. "We had over half of the (teaching staff) down and out and we lost another one or 2 during the day."

The staff and students reported similar symptoms — fevers of 100 to 102 degrees, nausea, headaches and body aches. "And it just ran the gambit, the youngest students to the seniors, and it seemed to be a one or 2-day thing," Compton said.

"We knew with our teaching staff that we were going to have problems filling all of the spots Friday," added Compton, who noted it wasn't fea-

sible to fill so many classrooms, not to mention 4 busses, with substitutes. "So we just decided we had best take a long look at what we (were facing) for Friday. It really came down to a judgement call based on the numbers, and we thought it might be best to give them a 3-day weekend to try to get well."

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Symptoms of the flu include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. Stomach symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea also can occur, but are more common in children than adults.

Complications can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions such as asthma or diabetes.

"Influenza is generally spread person to person through coughing or sneezing by people already infected with influenza," noted Hepfer. "People may become infected by touching something with the flu virus on it and then touching their eyes, mouth or nose."

"Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to 5 days after becoming sick. This means that you may be able to pass the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while

you are sick," she said.

Hepfer said residents can reduce their risk of getting sick by avoiding close contact with people who are ill. "Stay at home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school and running errands," she



continued. "Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. A more effective way to protect others from your cough and sneezing is the new 'coughing etiquette'. This technique uses the bend of the elbow to cover the mouth and nose. A video clip on this technique can be found at [www.tchd.us](http://www.tchd.us).

Hepfer also reminds residents to be diligent in their hand washing techniques, and to avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth. "Practice other good health habits — get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food," she said.

Area residents interested in learning more about getting a flu vaccine should contact their own physician or the health department at (989) 673-8114 (ext. 110).

## Close vote

### Novesta residents approve commission

Novesta Township residents narrowly approved establishing a planning commission during the Jan. 15

presidential primary election. The vote was 136 to 134.

The election also saw Tuscola

County voters overwhelmingly approve renewal of .6316 of a mill for mosquito abatement for the years 2008 through 2013. The "yes" vote totaled 6,074, with 1,780 residents rejecting the millage.

For the owner of a home with a market value of \$80,000, the mosquito abatement tax adds up to about \$25.26 a year, while the owner of a \$100,000 home pays roughly \$31.58 annually.

In Novesta Township, officials requested establishment of a planning commission in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, which became effective July 1, 2006, and requires all townships to create such a body by 2011. Novesta Township previously had a zoning commission, formerly known as a zoning board.

Township Clerk Karen Mozden explained that a planning commission and zoning commission basically consist of the same board members and terms of office. The primary difference is that a zoning commission can only handle matters related to the zoning ordinance, while a planning commission can deal with both zoning and planning issues.

With the planning commission approved, Mozden indicated last week that officials plan to move on now with township business, including rewriting Novesta's outdated zoning ordinance. She offered no comment when asked about the close vote. Deford area resident Bob Dickson, Please turn to back page.

## Osentoski legacy about giving back

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Marty Osentoski can still remember when he and his brother, Dave, would polish their auctioneering skills as teens while taking care of their chores in the barn at their parents' dairy farm on M-53.

Milk buckets, cows, hay - the brothers "sold" everything in sight. "My gosh we sold a lot of things in there; cats, dogs, you name it," Marty joked.

The ability to learn the unique skill of the auctioneer came naturally for the pair as well as their younger brother, Ken, all sons of Ira Osentoski, who taught himself how to auction off goods years earlier while seated in a tractor, plowing or discing a field.

The neighbors still talk about that, recalled Marty. "Man, he had a deep voice. He didn't need a PA system," he said.

Ira Osentoski established the auction branch of Osentoski Realty and

Auctioneering, Cass City, back in 1950. Today, the family-owned and operated business continues to enjoy not only financial success, but also a solid reputation for giving back to the community time and time again.

From auctions to benefit cancer and accident victims, to an annual fundraiser hosted by the Shabbona United Methodist Church, to the Bluewater Youth for Christ auction held each summer in Cass City, the Osentoski family has donated literally thousands of hours of time and their services free of charge to various causes.

"We probably do around 80 of those (a year)," said Marty, who is quick to talk about one of his favorites, an auction in the North Huron Schools in which students and staff each donate 8 hours of work to winning bidders. This is Marty's 23rd year for that event, which raises the money

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KEN OSENTOSKI (top, left) and Marty Osentoski (far right) work a YFC auction in Cass City in 2006. Osentoski Auctioneering, established in 1950 by Ira Osentoski, annually donates hundreds of hours to various auction fundraisers.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Tax exemption an option for some

Dear editor,  
I would like to let the Novesta Township residents know that certain persons may be eligible for and request an exemption on their property taxes. They must be persons who own and occupy their principal residence, to which the exemption is requested, who may be suffering financial hardship in these very trying times who fall under certain guidelines. I would like them to know that when it comes to paying their property taxes, there may be some relief for some of them this year if they fall under certain guidelines recently adopted by the Novesta Township Board. I haven't seen them published in the newspaper so I would just like the people to be aware of this.

The law which required the township to pass these guidelines is MCL 211.7u and is part of the Michigan General Property Tax Act 206 of 1893 and it requires governing bodies of local assessing units (in this case the Novesta Township board) to adopt guidelines which are to be designed to be no more stringent according to the persons income than set by the federal poverty guidelines but may be less stringent. Asset levels of claimants are also considered as well as total household income and assets.

Also considered is the number of persons in the family to determine the amount of income considered to fall under these guidelines. A family with more persons are allowed to make larger income amounts and still be eligible.

It is a poverty tax exemption, and if you fall under these guidelines, you may be eligible for an exemption of all or part of your land taxes. Some people might be surprised at just how much income they can earn and still be eligible.

The law says "The governing body of the local assessing unit (The township board in this case) shall determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines the local assessing unit uses for granting exemptions under this section."

The details, the policy and the guidelines are available and may be obtained from the Novesta Township clerk upon request. A friend of mine has already obtained the forms from her so I know they are currently available.

The clerk may charge for these items under the townships Freedom of Information Act Resolution. I believe the current rate is 25 cents per page plus \$8 per hour to prepare the package, plus cost of postage. However if the person requesting these items states that they are receiving any form of governmental aid and makes that statement in affidavit form (just write affidavit on the top of the statement and affirm everything is true at the bottom with a date and signature), then according to the Freedom of Information Act Resolution of this township, that person can receive up to \$20 worth of documents per request from the township clerk at no cost.

I hope this helps some people who would otherwise face hardship because of not being able to pay their land taxes. Anybody in Novesta Township reading this who thinks they may be eligible should act quickly if they want to participate this year because the application must be filed no later than the day prior to the last day of the board of review.

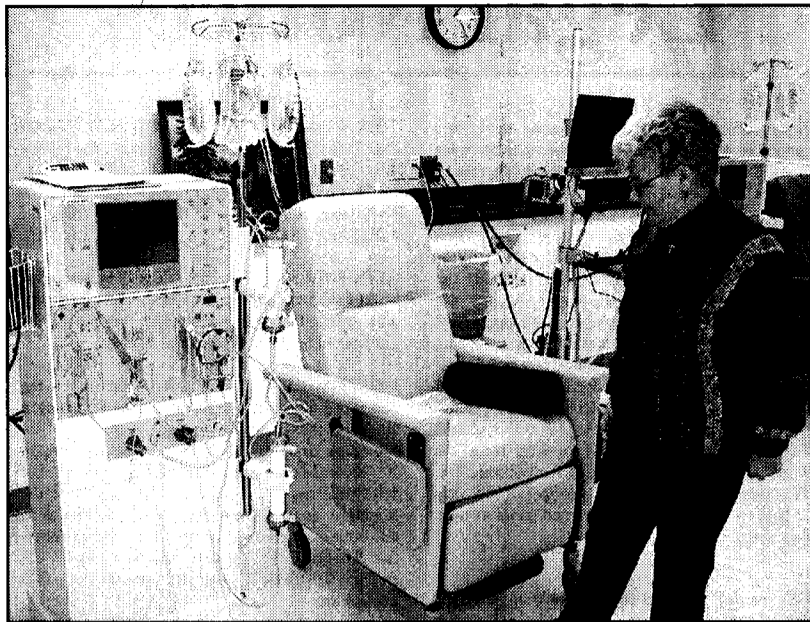
If there are some of your readers out there reading this and live in another township, their township board, if it is the "governing body of their local assessing unit" (at the township level of government it's most often the township board, but not always. Readers will have to inquire for their particular situation), is also required to adopt these guidelines and make the policy and guidelines available to them. Hopefully their township or whoever is the governing body of the local assessing unit has done so. If the governing body of the local assessing unit hasn't done so yet then the potential claimant should demand that it does so quickly.

The forms must be filed with the supervisor or the board of review after the first of January, but before the day prior to the last day of the board of reviews so there isn't much time left to do this, this year. A new application must be done and filed each year. Any other details can be answered by the clerk.

I hope this helps some of your readers in need.

Sincerely,  
Bob Dickson  
Deford

**Letters to the Editor**  
The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.  
Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.  
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We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.



**DONNA MCMULLEN** looks over a dialysis station during an open house hosted by the Thumb Area Dialysis Center Sunday. McMullen relied on life-saving dialysis treatments at the Cass City facility before she underwent a kidney transplant. (Related photo, page one)

## HDC: ranks of working poor are growing in state

When many hear the word "poverty" a certain image and set of probable circumstances spring to mind. Most often, the person or family is not working for either reasons beyond their control or lack of trying. This vision of poverty, however, is far from the truth.

Nationwide, and particularly here in Michigan, the "face" of poverty is changing rapidly. As families struggle with rising energy costs and increased health care expenses, more and more families are sliding into poverty.

In 2001, 7.9 percent of Michigan families were living in poverty. In 2006, that percentage climbed to 12.3.

Since Michigan has consistently ranked between 48th and 51st in the nation (U.S. and the District of Columbia) for unemployment, that adds an additional factor. Individuals and families that were making a solid living have been thrust into poverty.

"The face of poverty in Michigan is changing," said Mary Ann Vandemark, executive director of the Caro-based Human Development Commission (HDC). "More of our services and assistance is going to the working poor than ever before." The "working" poor are those that are out there working and doing the best they can to provide for themselves and families, but are falling short.

Vandemark referred to several real life situations of people currently seeking help from HDC. "We have a family in Tuscola County where the husband lost his job in February of 2006. He found another job, but took a \$25,000 pay cut per year. The family has since filed for bankruptcy and is now struggling each week to make ends meet."

Vandemark shared other examples of real people, including a married couple with 3 children in Huron County. Both parents have bachelor's degrees and were working full time when they both suffered separate accidents that resulted in them both losing employment. And another similar story about a family of 4 in Lapeer County, where both parents are working but the husband's health care coverage was ended by his employer. Unable to join the wife's policy for nearly 10 months, the family is now faced with thousands of dollars in healthcare expenses.

According to the Michigan League for Human Services, households in Michigan are earning less now than they did 5 years ago when adjusted for inflation, with the median income now below the national average. Rent and utilities are eating up bigger shares of income and stagnating incomes are a huge factor.

Vandemark said the Human Development Commission is joining an effort of other Community Action Agencies across Michigan and the United States to fight a rejuvenated war on poverty. "We need to start working even harder to stop this trend before even more U.S. families slide into poverty," she added.

In a national campaign, Community Action Agencies (CAA's) are addressing 5 key points to battle the increase of poverty, particularly among our working poor. The first is to build an economy that works for everyone. This means career opportunities as well as financial literacy for all. A big undertaking with multiple facets, this effort will be a leading push both nationwide and statewide. Secondly, CAA's are working to invest in the future. The goal is universal health and quality education. Rising healthcare costs are causing enormous burdens on many families, and often prevent children and adults from obtaining the healthcare they need to stay healthy.

The third key point in this campaign is to ensure healthy people and places through safe communities, child care and good nutrition. The fourth is to maximize equality of opportunity by creating better public policy. Finally, CAA's hope to maximize participation of all citizens through voting and participation. Things cannot change unless the voices of those affected come through loud and clear.

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 February 7, 2008.

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Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 8 and the North 22 feet of Lot 7, Block 18 of the Village of Postoria, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Pages 44-45, now being Pages 45A-46A.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the

## O-G out of plan

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Although never officially selected to serve as superintendent for all 3 districts in the earlier discussions, Compton was considered a likely candidate because North Huron School Supt. Maryann Thompson is working part-time this year and is planning to retire at the end of the school year. Port Hope Supt. Larry Johnson, meanwhile, is also leaving at the end of the school year.

Compton said that any shared administrator arrangement involving Owen-Gage Schools in the future could be an extension of cooperative agreements school officials have already entered with other area districts. For example, Owen-Gage shares football, soccer and track programs with Caseville Schools, and the district has shared a foreign language teacher with North Huron for the past 2 years.

Compton has said that one of the biggest concerns among district residents is that a move towards sharing a superintendent would be the first step towards consolidation of schools, but he emphasized that he would not be a part of any consolidation plan.

Owen-Gage wants to continue to see all area schools remain independent and viable, serving their communities, he said, and they can continue to do that while still exploring shared administrators.

"I think the question right now for

our school board is, if we have another opportunity in the future, do we want to look at that and explore it. Are there ways to do things more economically and efficiently? We're going to be looking for those. We have to," he added.

Huron Intermediate School District Supt. Bob Colby, who has been actively involved in the talks among North Huron, Port Hope and Owen-Gage, said shared administrative arrangements have worked in other parts of the state.

"It's an option, and it's certainly viable to some extent. It's really determined by the expectations of the school districts involved — weighing the benefits and the drawbacks," he said.

"The benefit is cost savings right off the bat," added Colby, who pointed out school coffers have been hit hard throughout the Thumb and state by dwindling student numbers. "And in times of dwindling resources, boards are prudent to look at the options."

Compton, whose district stood to save an estimated \$40,000 annually by sharing a superintendent with North Huron and Port Hope, agreed, "I think that every school district in the Thumb...has to be very prepared to look outside the box a little bit and consider these types of options from the standpoint of our size, funding issues and the state's stand on more cooperation" in terms of school districts sharing services, he said.

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**Mr. Dana B. Compton, Superintendent**  
Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools  
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Send resume and references to:  
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Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools  
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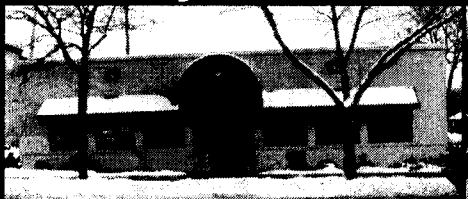


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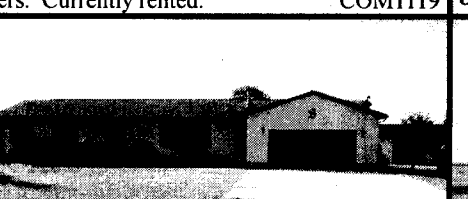
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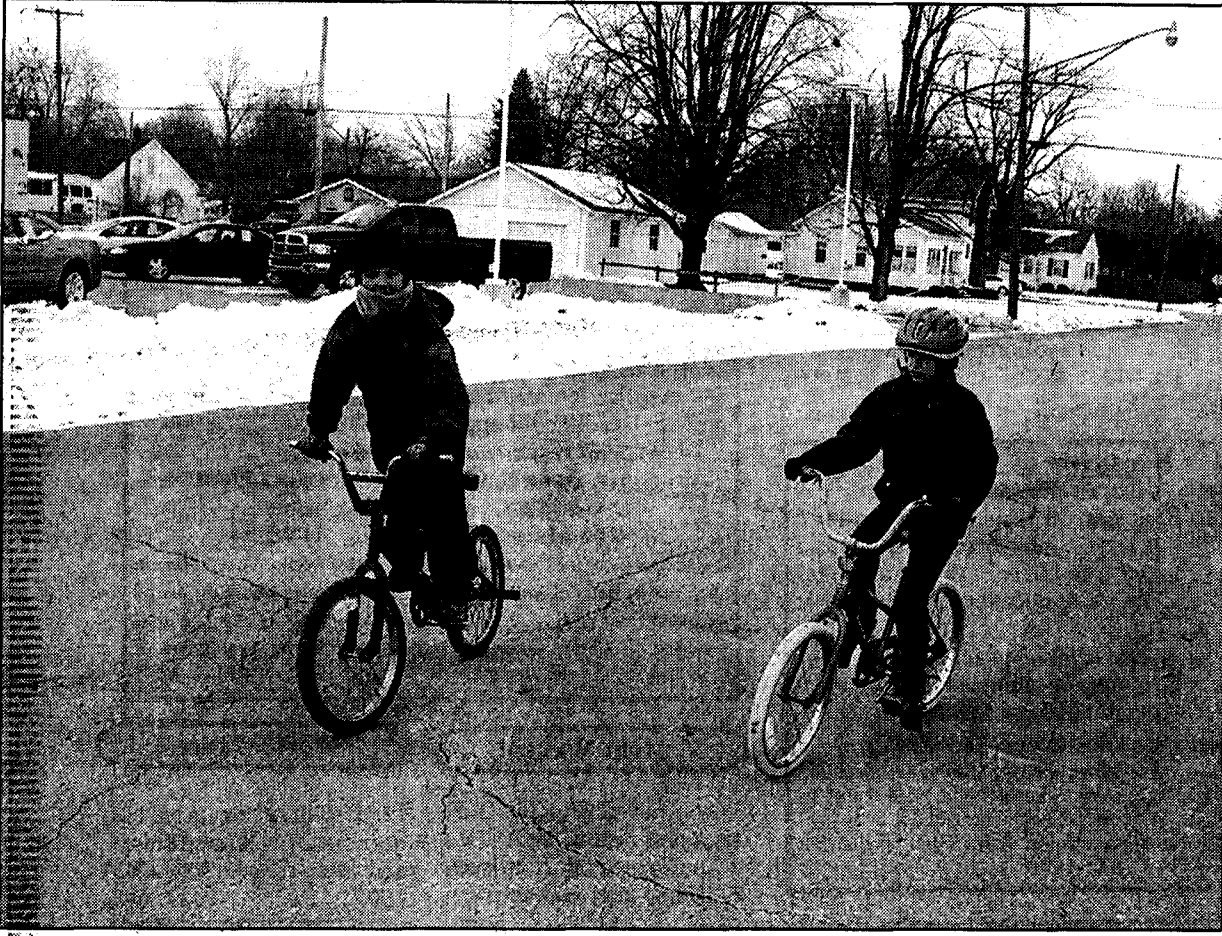
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**GOOD FRIENDS** in all kinds of weather — Jeremiah Eagleson, 9, and Jade Galinski, 9, both of Cass City, braved the cold Sunday to enjoy a bicycle ride in town. Single-digit temperatures and a stiff breeze resulted in windchills dipping as low as minus-20 degrees over the weekend.

## Osentoski legacy giving back

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needed to keep the district's Future Farmers of America chapter up and running.

The time spent on those benefit auctions - 35 to 40 nights a year in addition to the family's regular auctioneering business - are worth the effort, according to Marty.

"It just makes you feel good. It keeps us sharp, it's good work - helping people," he said. "It's not all about money. When we grew up on that farm, we grew up with great work ethics, all of us. It's (economy) tough out here right now, you know it? There's definitely a need for it."

And with 58 years of auctioneering experience, the Osentoskis are well seasoned to handle just about any event.

"Nothing too large or too small, households to farms, estates to antiques" is the business' motto, with family members running auctions in locations spanning from Escanaba to Ecorse and all points in between. Among the most famous bidders? Back in 1998, Tonight Show Host Jay Leno, represented by another individual, was a back-up bidder at an Osentoski auction on M-53. Leno didn't end up buying the classic Harley-Davidson motorcycle on the auction block.

The auctioneering business involves a great deal of preparation and attention to detail, from advertising to taking inventory and photos, to settling after a sale, Marty noted.

"There are endless hours to some of them, and we travel. This is my office, but my (real) office is on wheels."

The family business is being carried on today not only by the Osentoski brothers, but also a host of other family members, including children and grandchildren.

The real estate office was established by David Osentoski in 1972 and operated on the front porch of his parent's farm home. Marty and Ken also earned their real estate licenses years ago and are active in real estate sales.

## Close vote in Novesta

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who spent months campaigning against approval of a planning commission, said the wording on last week's ballot was confusing, with the term zoning board used instead of zoning commission. Dickson has maintained that township officials failed to meet the legal deadline to make the name change from zoning board to zoning commission - and transfer the powers from one body to the other - then acted without the authority provided by law for a zoning commission.

"The bottom line here is that when the township board created the zoning commission in October of 2006, they took the powers of the 'yes'

tate sales.

The family farm is also alive and well, with Marty's son, Chris, being the third generation to operate the business.

"A lot of families don't get along. We've been able to hold it together all the time," said Marty, who indicated that bond, along with his father's influence over the years, have enabled the family to prosper and share its prosperity with others. "Honesty and hard work - it all goes back to the ethics of work," he said. "You believe in what you can do. And I hope I can do it another 37 years."

voters away," Dickson said. "The answer to the question on the ballot of 'should we transfer the powers, authorities and duties of the zoning board to the planning commission?' had to be 'no'. Period. The answer could not be 'yes' (because they cannot transfer the powers from the zoning board after October 2006 after it (zoning board) had, and currently has, no powers, authorities or duties to transfer."

Among Dickson's biggest concerns has been what he describes as the further erosion of personal land rights. And handing those rights over to township officials, whom he claims have selectively enforced zoning laws in the past.

"I am absolutely astounded (by the vote). This will cost our community a lot of money," Dickson said. "This will cost the oppressed even more. How many well-to-do people worry about zoning ordinances?"

"I have to wonder if the people that just voted 'yes' to give these people powers to plan and regulate the future of their and their friends' and neighbors' land, let alone giving powers to zone in addition to planning, just want to be led around like sheep by 'big brother'," Dickson added.

## Huron bean day slated in Bad Axe

The annual Huron County Bean Day will be Thursday, Jan. 31, at 10:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe. There will be a \$7 charge at the door for the catered noon lunch. No reservations are needed.

The morning's program will cover a variety and field trial report by Greg Varner, Michigan Dry Edible Bean Research Board; the Michigan Bean Commission Report by Bob Green, executive director of the Michigan Bean Commission; and the Huron County Bean Producers Report and Elections by Don Roggenbuck, Bean Board president.

The afternoon's program includes a presentation on the production costs of dry beans; a market overview by Rob Chandonnet of the Cooperative Elevator Company; a presentation by Connie Tenbusch, Huron County and Michigan Bean Queen; and reports from Cliff Roggenbuck and Neal Gettel, Michigan Bean Commission area representatives.

Anyone wanting more information on this event is encouraged to contact MSU Extension - Huron County, at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 603).

# Obituaries

## Mary Cook

Mary Lee Cook, 63, of Cass City, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008 at her residence.

She was born March 22, 1944 in Detroit, the daughter of the late Cyril and Leona (Jacques) Claes.

She married Dennis Cook Nov. 1, 1996 in Detroit.

Cook worked in parts assembly in the automotive industry.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis; children: Sally Seyuin of Redford, Steven (Miroslava) Seyuin of California, Kevin (Mary) Seyuin of Southfield, and Christine Marchione of Livonia; 2 grandchildren; and a brother, Richard (Cathy) Claes of Harbor Springs.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a half brother, Alger "Pat" Osentoski of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Alfred and Sylvester Osentoski; and a sister, Leona Wahowski.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 21, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Stephen J. Fillion, officiating.

Burial will be in the Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Margaret Turner

Margaret F. Turner, 91, of Penney Farms, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008 in the Medical Care Facility of Penney Retirement Community at Penney Farms, following a long illness.

She was born Jan. 6, 1917 in Arenac County, the daughter of Maguire and Harriet Glougie.

She married Clayton Turner Aug. 12, 1944 in Chicago, Ill.

Turner was a graduate of Gagetown High School, the Tuscola County Normal and Central Michigan University. She taught at Clohiger Elementary School in Kingston Township, and Cedar Run Elementary School in Elmwood Township. She also taught at Gagetown Public Schools, Flushing Community Schools and Lapeer Public Schools. Turner and her husband were former members of the Thumb Area Antique Auto Club and the Thumb Area Old Engine Club.

She was a "Friend" of the Thumb Octagon Barn. She was a member of the Penney Memorial Church at the Penney Retirement Community.

Turner is survived by her husband, Clayton; her children: Janice (Don) Severance of Palm Harbor, Fla., Phillip (Pam) Turner of Montrose, and Eric (Diane) Turner of Flint; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Turner.

A private family memorial service was held Sunday, Jan. 6.

Interment will be in the Ellington Township Cemetery with a memorial service in the spring.

Memorials may be made to the Thumb Octagon Barn.

## EMT course scheduled in Sebawaing

The Huron County Medical Control Authority, in cooperation with the Huron-Sanilac EMS Network, is offering an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)-Basic Course Feb. 4 through July 2 at the Sebawaing Township Hall.

The course is sponsored by Sanilac Medical Services. For more information or to register, contact Steve Kipp at Sanilac Medical Services at (810) 648-3092. For information regarding scholarships, contact Leslie Hall, Huron-Sanilac EMS Networking Director, at (989) 284-5345.

The Huron-Sanilac EMS Networking Group was formed to help EMS Services find common areas of need; Over 3 years, the group has carried out several projects. They include 2 mobile training trailers, EMT classes, and an EMS Scholarship Program.

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