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County eyes millage levy

With the handwriting on the wall, Tuscola county commissioners Tuesday explored the idea of putting a millage proposal on the ballot for support of county operations.

The concern is that direct or indirect federal revenue sharing funds to the county will be eliminated.

Although the county may not lose the federal aid it receives directly from Washington, it appears the \$100 million the state receives in federal revenue sharing may be dropped after this year, which in turn would presumably mean Tuscola will get less money from Lansing.

"Kicked around," in the words of Commissioner Royce Russell of Elmwood township, was .8 mill, which if approved by voters, would bring in about \$400,000, enough to offset an aid loss from Washington.

The county board has until early June to decide and still get a millage proposal on the Aug. 5 primary ballot.

The board was presented with a request from the county Health Department to provide it with "pool cars" for use by employees.

At 17 cents per mile, it cost the county \$19,894 last year to reimburse them for use of their own cars.

Commissioners decided to explore whether the Health Department might make better use of some of the present county cars than those from other departments presently entitled to inste



CITIZENS OF THE YEAR -- The 1979 Citizen of the Year, Bill Kritzman (center), presented the plaques to those receiving the 1980 honor, Esther McCullough and Dr. Delbert E. Rawson, DDS.

Authorizes condemnation

Fifty-five

Council delays vote on levying of added millage

The Cass City Village Council Monday evening delayed a decision whether to levy an additional mill on summer tax bills until a

special meeting April 7. It did decide Wickes Agriculture had delayed long enough in tearing down the old grain elevators on Vulcan Street and authorized village attorney Clinton House to begin condemnapostponed to March 27 and from Village President now to April 3, at the request Lambert Althaver that the of contractors who wanted extra mill be levied.

more time to prepare bids. He is also recommending that the 2.5-mill debt levy for contractors have taken out the bid the sewage plant project be document blueprints for the continued for a second year. estimated \$6 million project. Council members saw for The council delayed a the first time Monday the 1980 assessment report, decision on a possible 1 mill increase from the present which shows state equalized

mills would produce revenue of \$233,193. An additional mill would bring in \$17,938 more.

The council appears to be leaning in the direction of adding the mill because, in the words of Althaver, "I'm looking at our budget and listening to what has been said in state and federal legislatures." 13-mill levy for village oper- valuation for the village of \$17.938 million, compared to

What it appears will hap-

McCullough Kawson **Citizens of the Year**

18-year history of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year program, two persons received the honor Saturday evening, Esther McCullough and Delbert E. Rawson, DDS.

Martin top junior

Ken Martin was named Junior Citizen of the Year. The 1979 Citizen of the Year, Bill Kritzman, presented the honor at the chamber banquet at the Colony House.

Mrs. McCullough came to Cass City from Illinois in 1927. She taught school here three years and two years elsewhere.

She married Raymond (Mac) McCullough in 1931, who purchased what was to be Mac and Scotty Drugs with his brother in 1937 (now Coach Light Pharmacy).

1951, she took an active role in the business until she sold her share in 1963.

Much of her contribution to Cass City has been in music. She taught piano and violin, performed at numerous public functions, played for a women's church chorus, belonged to a popular piano and string trio and for more than 40 years, until she retired in December, 1978, played the organ and piano at Salem United Methodist church. She still teaches an adult Sunday school class

and sings in the church choir, having started doing both about the same time she started playing piano and organ there. She has served on the local

library board since the late 1950s and has been secre- and throughout the village. tary-treasurer for the past several years.

She is also a member of the Tuscola County Library Board and the county Board of Canvassers.

Mrs. McCullough is an active member of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary, American Associ-Club and for 40 years, the Order of the Eastern Star.

resident of Cass City. His ing in the Junior Honor father, former state Sen. Society. Audley Rawson, now living in Florida, was citizen of the ball, basketball and baseball year in 1970.

The dentist was one of the secretary his freshman year original members of the and class vice-president his

Cass City Development junior year.

For the first time in the After her husband's death in Corp., first president of the Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of the Rotary Club.

A former member of the Gavel Club, he was active in the beginning of the Christmas decoration program started by that group. He was a member of the Cass City School Board and Tuscola Intermediate School District Board of Education

for several years in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Rawson has served on the village council since 1964

and presently is president pro-tem. While on the council, he worked to obtain land for park expansion and for support for construction of

the swimming pool. He has championed planting of new trees in the park A trustee of the Trinity

United Methodist church for many years, he was in charge of the building program during its remodeling.

JUNIOR CITIZEN

Ken Martin will be graduating in May from Cass City, ation of University Women, High School fifth in his class Zonta Club, Historical So- of 163. He presently has a ciety, Arts Council. Hobby 3.952 grade point average. He has been a member of the National Honor Society Dr. Rawson is a lifelong since the ninth grade, start-

> He has been on the footteams all four years, class

Martin was a member of the Trip Club his first three years, served on the student council in 12th grade and has been in the Varsity Club the past two years. He is in the co-op program, working for his father as an apprentice

electrician. Outside of school, he has been active at Good Shepherd Lutheran church in its youth group and for the past two years as an usher. He has been a volunteer at the hospital gift shop for three years.

The Junior Citizen of the Year is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin of 4180 Hurds Corner Road. His award was presented by Intermediate School Principal Robert Stickle.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE

A traditional part of the Citizen of the Year banquet program is presentation of the State of the Village address by village President Lambert Althaver.

Although the village is in about the same financial condition as it was a year ago, he said, the future is cloudy because of the uncertainty of federal and state funds Cass City will receive. "We don't know what the future of those revenues will be.'

The village will spend about \$770,000 this year, which includes some state and federal money.

In addition, Althaver pointed out, the village re-Please turn to page 8.

buying more cars.

In January, the board approved paying a 50 percent share, \$1,392, for purchase of various radio equipment to go into the car used county Emergency bv Services Coordinator Frank Kroswek to enable him to be in contact with police agencies, fire departments, etc., during emergencies, such as tornadoes.

Federal funds were to pay the other half.

However, the state Department of Natural Resources, which controls the federal grant, has only authorized \$1,009, so commissioners Tuesday appropriated \$383 additional so that all the equipment can still be purchased.

The Michigan Employment Relations Commission was to have conducted a hearing Monday on the county board's complaint filed against the union representing courthouse employees over its negotiating a separate contract for probate court employees.

The hearing has now been postponed to May 5 at the county's request because the board wanted its labor attorney, Michael Ward, at the hearing.

He couldn't be there Monday, hence the postponement to when all parties will be available.

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tion proceedings Main purpose of the spec-

condition Friday they have

been all winter, according to

Tuscola County Road Com-

mission Clerk Jim Miklovic.

everyone knows, is that it

has been a mild winter. Still,

that wasn't a consolation to

those who had to be out

Classes were cancelled in

the Kingston and Ubly

School Districts. Classes

were held in Cass City, but

students were sent home

The Tuscola County Sher-

iff's Department reported

numerous traffic accidents

Friday because of the poor

road conditions, but none

was in the Cass City area.

hands full on primary and

state highways Friday,'

Road crews "had their

about two hours early.

driving Friday.

What that means, which

ial meeting will be to award construction bids for the wastewater treatment plant expansion and improvement project. Bids were originally to be opened March 20, then

members, Elwyn Helwig \$16.104 million in 1979. and Dorothy Stahlbaum, were absent. It continued its discussion

ations because two council

Roads bad, power

out in Friday storm

Roads were in the worst local roads until late after- to reach downed power

Saturday, they started

working on unpaved local

roads first, while the sur-

faces were still frozen. The

plow drivers had to be

careful, lest they tear up the

soft surfaces once the roads

Paved local roads were

plowed last and by the end of

Saturday afternoon, Miklo-

vic said, apparently all

roads had been plowed or if

not plowed, were passable.

completely snow covered.

The problem was the strong

winds Friday which caused

drifting in spots and at their

peak, blowing snow some-

times made it very difficult

The muddy unpaved roads

for drivers to see.

None of the roads was

noon. They worked about

two hours overtime.

thawed

from past meetings about whether the added mill is needed. It did have the recommendation before it

Daniel Erla, \$263,100 is due to new construction; the rest is due to inflation in property values.

The \$17.94 million times 13

lines, which fell because of

the heavy snow on them and

George Anderson, Detroit

Edison supervisor for Tus-

cola county, said several

repair trucks got stuck.

Thumb Electric Co-opera-

tive Manager John Kutter

said his men had to make

use of a buildozer-track

vehicle borrowed from a

contractor to reach all the

Anderson said there were

about 1,500 customers with-

out power in clusters in the

Fairgrove, Millington, Vas-

sar and Indianfields town-

ship areas, plus scattered

outages elsewhere in the

early Friday morning and

continued throughout the

Power lines started falling

the strong winds.

downed lines.

county.

pen is that Congress will eliminate federal revenue Of the increase, according sharing to the states as a to the report of Assessor budget cutting move, which will cost Michigan \$100 million In turn, Lansing distribu-

tes some of that money to local governmental units. It now appears that Cass City lose \$18,000 from that source, slightly more than the additional mill would replace.

In addition, it is expected that because of the recession in Michigan, sales tax revenue will decline, so Cass City will get less from that source

The apparent consensus is that the 1980 village budget so tight, there aren't Please turn to page 8.

Township meetings

Saturday

Township annual meetings take place Saturday afternoon, the date mandated by state law.

At most such meetings, business is fairly routine, with the major items being presentation of the annual budget and approval of salaries for township officials. At the Novesta township meeting, however, electors will be asked to consider whether the township should purchase the present Novesta Church of Christ building on Cemetery Road for use as a new township hall. The building is bordered on three sides by the township cemetery. The church is building a new and larger structure on the opposite side of Cemetery Road. As of February, it was asking \$20,000 for its old building.

The present township hall, where the meeting will be held, is on the west edge of Deford.

The meeting there and in the following area townships will start at 1 p.m.: Austin, Brookfield, Ellington, Elmwood, Evergreen, Greenleaf, Kingston, Moore.

Starting at 1:30 will be the meetings in Elkland, Argyle, Columbia, Grant, Lamotte and Sheridan townships

The Bingham township meeting starts at 2.

JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR honors went to Ken Martin, who received the plaques from Intermediate School Principal Bob Stickle. The plaque in Martin's left

in trucks, parts

A warrant has been requested by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department charging a person in connection with the \$150,000 in trucks and parts seized last Wednesday morning when a search warrant was executed at a location in

Until then, there will not be an arrest.

The search warrant was executed on a residence and large garage on property adjacent to the speedway on M-53, north of M-81.

Seized, according to the sheriff's department, were four semi-truck tractors, and numerous truck and other vehicle parts, all suspected of having altered vehicle identification numbers

Two deputies from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department auto theft squad and an investigator from the National Auto Theft Bureau assisted at the scene.

The seizure culminates an intensive investigation by the sheriff's department and others.

According to Detective Sgt. Donald Trowhill, of the Sanilac sheriff's department, the investigation began in early January after some tips were received from citizens. The Federal

Bureau of Investigation also received a call, he said. A warrant has been requested from Prosecutor J. Aninony Sykora for the arrest of one man, with the charges to be decided by the

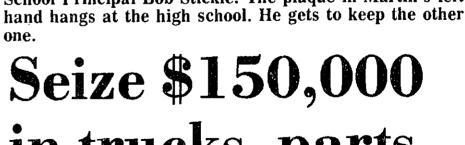
Sykora was trying a case. expected to take most of the week, so Trowhill didn't expect the warrant would be issued for a few days yet. Until then, the person involved would not be named.

vestigation is continuing and there may be more arrests. "I don't know who it will encompass before we're through.'

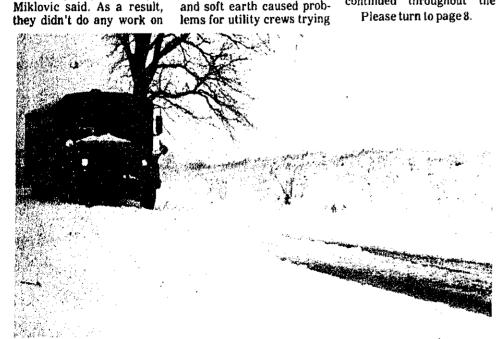
Part of the continuing investigation, the detective said, is to determine where the seized items were stolen from.

The Wayne county (Detroit) deputies were at the scene because of their expertise in such matters, he explained, not necessarily because the trucks and parts prosecutor. As of Tuesday, were stolen from there.

Trowhill added that in-







SNOW GOING -- Cass City school bus drivers had to contend with conditions like these and sometimes worse when they transported students Friday. This bus was making its way through a drift on Koepfgen Road to return students home. School was let out about two hours early.

Greenleaf township.

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