



BIG CATCH -- Especially when you're only 3½ years old. Matt Anthony of Ubyly was fishing for perch Sunday morning off the breakwall at Caseville with his father, Kim, and Uncle Kevin Anthony. Instead of a perch, Matt hooked this 11-pound, 30-inch Coho, which his uncle helped him land.

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Novesta electors say keep old town hall

Novesta township electors Saturday decided they wanted their township hall to remain right where it is. They voted 24-14 that the township should not purchase the old Novesta Church of Christ building on Cemetery Road, to instead keep the present building on Deckerville Road on the west edge of Deford.

Some of those present also indicated they didn't like the Cass City landfill and a proposed mobile home park in their township.

The annual meeting drew about 40 persons, one of the largest turnouts ever.

Dan Allen used the turnout as an example why. "We definitely don't have a need

for it (the church building)." Despite the large number of people at the meeting, he said, there was still plenty of room.

The \$20,000 the church is asking for the building, he suggested, was only the tip of the iceberg, as there would be other expenses, plus there were other needs in the township.

Linda Yost questioned the lack of parking there and suggested the present township hall could be fixed up, possibly including installing an inside bathroom.

A question was raised about heating the church building, to which Keith Little, the church board president, responded that the restrooms have a separate heater, that the rest of the building doesn't need heat when it isn't being used.

The church is now using its new building across the road from the old one for Sunday services. Little said later in the discussion that the old building had not been offered yet to anyone else, that church members wanted the township to have first choice to buy it.

Arguments used in favor of the purchase included its central location in the township, larger size kitchen and restrooms. Supervisor Bill O'Dell suggested the building would serve as a community center, and thereby be used much more than the present township hall.

It was Allen who made the motion to not buy the church.

After the vote, O'Dell expressed the opinion the vote might be different if a public referendum were held on the question. He said some persons had called him to say they favored buying the church building but wouldn't be able to attend the meeting.

A petition drive, he suggested, could put the issue of buying the building on the ballot or it could come up at another township meeting.

which is located in Novesta township.

The 1980-81 budget, presented at the meeting, allocated \$5,000 for use of the landfill by township residents. (Townships pay Cass City \$3.75 per resident, which allows residents or trash collecting firms which serve them the right to use the landfill.)

The alternative discussed was contracting with a private waste disposal firm from Bad Axe, which would haul trash to its own landfill.

According to O'Dell, the township would have to provide a one-acre fenced in site for location of a large refuse box. Township residents would bring their trash there and the disposal firm would empty the container twice a month. That would cost the township half or less what it pays to Cass City, he said.

The supervisor said the landfill was "getting to be quite a monstrosity out there and it will continue to be," which led to discussion about its continued existence in the township.

One person suggested that if Novesta starts contracting with the private trash disposal firm, the loss of income to Cass City might eventually force the village to close its landfill.

would not need to be rezoned for the trailer park.

Gould is in the process of obtaining various permits from government agencies, O'Dell indicated, and to stop the project would first require a petition drive.

(Gould later told the Chronicle essentially the same thing, that he is learning all the requirements he must comply with, such as those of the Health Department and Department of Natural Resources, in order to obtain the needed permits.)

It was suggested there may be no legal means to stop the project, though one person commented that if the proposed project were taken to court by opponents, the developer might have to drop the idea because of the legal expense.

BUDGET

Novesta township finished the 1979-80 fiscal year with a balance of \$27,386.

Major expenditures during the year included road construction, \$31,278; salaries, \$8,262; cemetery, \$6,340 (including replacement of a stolen tractor-mower); landfill, \$4,455, and ambulance subsidy, \$3,420.

The 1980-81 budget presented at the meeting projects total expenditures of \$64,379.

The largest single item is \$28,000 for road construction, which includes paving of one mile of Severance Road between Crawford and Englehart Roads. That will cost the township \$12,000 for crushed stone and \$10,000 for paving, O'Dell said, with the Road Commission picking up the rest of the cost.

The supervisor received a pay raise from \$3,000 to \$3,500 and treasurer and clerk, each from \$1,750 up to \$2,000. Pay for trustees remained the same at \$35 per meeting and for the ambulance board representative, \$25 per meeting.

Fire protection was budgeted at \$5,500; cemetery, \$2,000; ambulance subsidy, \$1,000; the Rawson Memorial Library, \$384, and Cass City recreation program, \$250.

MOBILE HOME PARK

More opposition was expressed to a proposed mobile home park, to be located near the southwest corner of Severance and Cemetery Roads. Developer is Raymond Gould of Spencer Road, Cass City.

O'Dell had suggested it would be an asset to the township, as well as adding to the tax base, but those who spoke on the subject weren't agreeable.

Planned are 105 lots on 16 acres.

"How can they get that many units on that small area and not bother anybody?" asked William Shaw of Severance Road.

"How can we stop this before it gets too far?" asked another man.

Township Clerk Nurse Kloc said the land is zoned residential agricultural and

More money needed for roads, 2 townships slate millage votes

Voters in Elmwood and Grant townships will be asked to approve special millages later this year to finance road improvements, electors decided at their respective township annual meetings Saturday.

Road conditions took the spotlight at several annual meetings Saturday.

Discussed at the Greenleaf township meeting was the board's decision to pay \$10,000 per mile for paving of four miles of Germania Road. The Sanilac County Board of Commissioners is willing to put up \$10,000 more per mile, but the Road Commission has yet to decide whether it will put up an

equal share.

Township board members received pay raises at several meetings.

Highlights in area townships are as follows.

TUSCOLA COUNTY

Ellington -- Of the general fund budget for 1980-81 of \$73,540, there is \$43,212 allocated for roads.

In addition, the three mills levied for the same purpose will contribute \$54,075 and the estimated \$6,000 in federal revenue sharing funds will be spent for roads.

A representative of a solid waste hauling firm from Clio will meet with the township

board in May to discuss contracting to provide the service within the township. The new budget allocates \$3,500 to Cass City for the right to use its landfill; the aim will be to see if the private firm can provide the service at less cost.

Salaries will remain the same: Supervisor, \$2,420 annually, plus \$2,170 for assessing; clerk, \$2,541; treasurer, \$2,783, and trustees, \$290.

Nine persons attended plus board members.

Elmwood -- It was decided that voters will be asked during the Aug. 5 primary election to approve a 3-mill levy for five years, with the

money to be spent on roads.

Because the township will have to help pay for five drain projects this year, \$25,000 had to be allocated from the general fund for that purpose, and only \$5,000 for roads. Another \$6,000 in federal revenue sharing funds will be spent for roads.

The general fund budget projects total expenditures of \$76,300 and revenues of \$80,560.

Salaries remain the same except for supervisor, who receives a \$500 increase for assessing duties, bringing his total pay to \$5,000.

Only one person attended in addition to board members.

Kingston -- A request was made by some township residents to be served by the Lamotte Township Fire Department as they are closer to that department's fire station than the one in Kingston.

The request will be forwarded to the Kingston township department, which will discuss it with the township board.

Of \$82,880 budgeted in general fund expenditures, \$99,263 will be spent on roads, \$16,000 for drains (plus \$10,000 is being put aside for the purpose in 1981) and \$4,500 for fire protection.

Board members received an 8 percent pay increase, from \$4,000 to \$4,320 for the supervisor; clerk and treasurer, each from \$2,300 to \$2,485, and trustees, from \$25 per meeting to \$27.

Twelve electors plus board members attended.

SANILAC COUNTY

Evergreen -- With hopes of getting the Leslie and Arnold Road bridges over the Cass River replaced this year, \$8,000 is being appropriated from the general fund for that purpose. Present load limits on both bridges prohibit school buses from crossing them.

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Elkland budget \$146,618

Elkland township will spend an estimated \$146,618 in 1980-81, according to the budget presented at the annual meeting Saturday.

Other than presentation of the budget and financial statement for the past fiscal year, most of the discussion concerned roads.

Township board members received pay increases, their first since 1978.

The less than one hour session attracted 14 persons including board members.

Ed Hahn wanted to know whether anything could be done to repair the first mile of Elmwood Road, east of Cemetery Road, which he said was in terrible condition.

The road is the dividing line between Elkland and Novesta townships and that portion is Novesta's responsibility.

Hahn lives on the Elkland side. According to township Clerk Carol Ware, he said he had contacted Novesta officials but had yet to receive an answer, so wanted to know if his own township could do something.

He was told Elkland Supervisor Jack Gallagher may now ask Novesta officials to look into it.

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DeLong lucky to be alive after farm accident

It will be a long recovery period for Francis DeLong, but according to his mother, Lucile DeLong, he is "very lucky" to be alive.

The dairy farmer suffered a broken back, leg and pelvis, plus internal injuries, when silage in a bunker silo fell on him, Tuesday, March 25.

He was removed from the intensive care unit at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw Tuesday of this week, his mother said, but will have to undergo surgery on his back in about a week and will probably be in the hospital about two months, according to the doctors.

Once he gets home, it will probably be another 10 months before he can go back to work.

DeLong of 3183 N. Englehart Road, is in partnership with his father Donald and brothers Duane and Richard on the family dairy farm in Novesta township.

According to Lucile DeLong, her son was using a front end loader to remove silage from the open bunker about 10 p.m. when the loader stopped running. He got out and was attempting to get it restarted when a section of silage broke loose and fell on him, burying him completely.

Duane was standing beside him, but fortunately wasn't caught in the silage. He uncovered his brother's face, then summoned his (Duane's) wife and other brother to help dig him out.

Francis was taken by ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital, then transferred to St. Luke's.

He has remained conscious throughout the ordeal. What helped save him, according to his mother, was he was wearing a hard helmet, which fell over his face, giving him an air pocket to breathe in, the

brief time he was buried.

What also saved him, of course, was the presence of his brother, Duane. "Someone was looking out for him," Lucile DeLong said, "for Duane was with him and he ordinarily isn't with him."

Francis and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Steve, 8, and Sharie, 6.

Cards and letters can be sent to him at home or to St. Luke's Hospital, Room 533, 705 Cooper Street, Saginaw 48602.

Friends who would like to visit are asked to call the family first.

Detroit woman killed

Accidents send several persons to area hospitals

A Detroit woman was killed in an accident on M-53 early Wednesday, March 26, which left a Cass City woman seriously injured.

Pronounced dead moments after being brought to Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, was Rita Gold, 39.

Reported in fair condition there Tuesday afternoon was Doris M. Lefler, 42, of 8254 Van Dyke Road, who was employed at the hospital as a diet checker and was on her way to work when the accident occurred.

It took place at 5:50 a.m. Huron county deputies reported Mrs. Gold was southbound on M-53, north of Atwater Road, when she lost control of her car. It crossed the centerline and collided head-on with the northbound Lefler auto.

Officers reported the Lefler auto left 70 feet of skid marks. There were no visible skid marks left by the Gold auto.

Mrs. Gold was the fourth person to die in a Huron county traffic accident this year.

THREE INJURED

A 10 a.m. accident Sunday at M-53 and M-81 sent three persons to the hospital. (See photograph, page 20.)

Richard Badgley, 36, of Sebawaing, was treated and released from Hills and Dales General Hospital after the mishap; however, his wife, Mitsuyo, 45, a passenger in the pickup he was driving, was admitted. She was reported in fair condition there Tuesday after-

noon.

The other driver involved, Clarence Coupar, 78, of Marlette, was transferred from Hills and Dales to Saginaw General Hospital, where he was reported in fair condition Tuesday afternoon.

Sanilac county deputies reported Coupar was northbound on M-53 and started turning left onto M-81, into the path of Badgley's southbound pickup, and the two vehicles collided.

Coupar was not ticketed.

Elkland township firemen were called to the scene to wash down the pavement after the mishap.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

Geoffrey W. Gibor, 25, of 3040 E. Deckerville Road, Cass City, was reported in

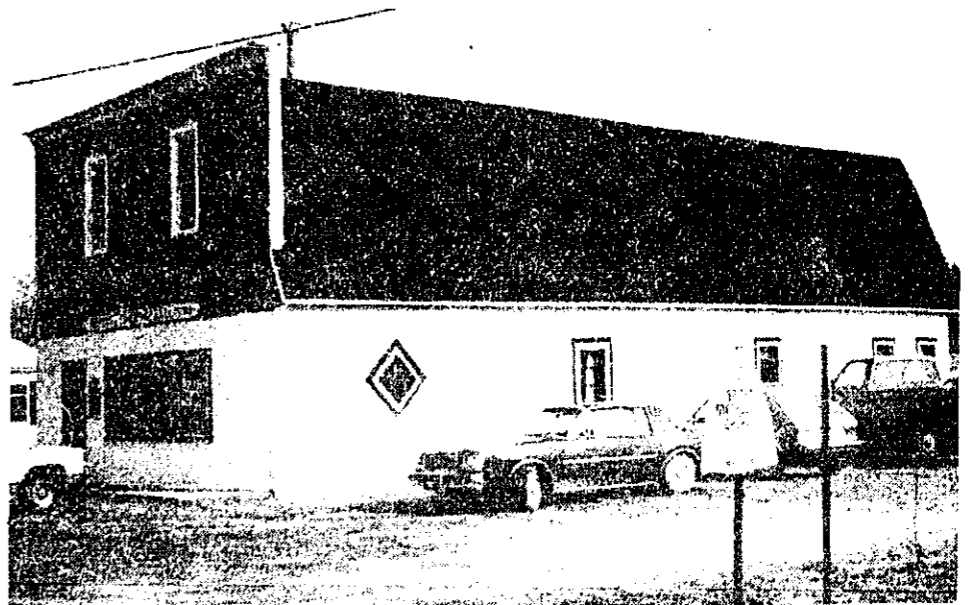
fair condition Tuesday afternoon at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw, where he is recovering from injuries sustained in a 1 a.m. accident last Thursday.

He was transferred there from Caro Community Hospital.

Tuscola county deputies reported Gibor was eastbound on Deckerville Road, west of Orr Road in Ellington township, when he lost control of his car. The vehicle went off the south side of the road and rolled over.

Gibor told officers he lost control after another vehicle pulled in front of him from Colwood Road.

Ten-year-old Andy Arellano of Mushroom Road, Please turn to page 20.



STAYING PUT -- Novesta township electors Saturday decided to keep the present township hall in Deford (top photo), rather than buy the Novesta Church of Christ building on Cemetery Road (bottom photo).

