

## After school classes set in Cass City

Registration for the brand new "Afterschool Specials" and "Super Saturday" youth enrichment and recreational programs is underway in the Cass City Public Schools, according to community education director Kathleen O'Donnell.

The classes get underway this week and end June 3. Veteran educator and administrator Art Holmberg will share his talents in chemistry and physics with 4th-6th graders in a class entitled "Come With me to the La-bor-a-tory."

Katy Jackson is cooking up something special with her high school students for K-3rd graders called "I Can't Believe I Cooked the Whole Thing!" Wrestling coach Russ Biefer will lend his expertise to 7th and 8th graders in a wrestling clinic and golf coach Mike Gogola will sharpen up the golfing skills of kids age 10 and above.

Debate, forensics and drama coach Denise Gorsline will share the world of children's theatre with 4th-6th graders in theatre workshop.

Saturdays at Campbell Elementary School, 4-5-year-olds will take part in "Super Kids Club."

The Intermediate School will house the following: "Clay Cookies" for 3-4-year-

olds taught by Marilyn Biefer, "Writer's Cramps" by writer Linda Boynton, "Cheerleading Clinic" by Celeste Bader, "Sound of Music" by vocalist Colleen Stafford and "Puppets, Papier Mache, and Paint" by Linda Eisinger.

At the high school, Art Holmberg will have his chemistry class; Dotty Scollon, "Chef's Club" for 4th-6th graders, "Lots of Knots" by Linda Mason, and Cindy Schantz will teach "From Here to Creativity" for 7th and 8th grade artists.

Hair Benders will demonstrate all the do's and don't's of hair styling and care April 15 for 6th-12th graders.

Other "Afterschool" Specials will be tap dancing, taught by Mary Ellen Miller; "math madness," Carol Pasant; woodcrafts, Tim Brandon; gymnastics for 1st-4th graders, Gail Gengler; chess, Joe Guza; dog obedience, Janet Linsmier, and weaving, Alice Guernsey.

James McIntyre, assisted by Frank Cali, will be teaching the sport of soccer. It is hoped that leagues can be organized this year, as an aftermath of the interest shown by 8-14-year-olds last year. Coaches and officials are needed and interested adults can call the community education office.

Recreational classes such as wrestling, soccer and gymnastics require a health card, obtainable at the community education office at the high school.

A youth film service will be offered every other Thursday.

Registration for all activities will continue until the day before the class begins. For more information, call community education at 872-4151.



**THOSE WHO WAIT --** Have to wait. This was the scene at the AAA office in Caro Friday, when 459 persons bought license plate tags. Lines were even longer Monday, the last day to buy them, when 674 persons did so. Such scenes are gone forever, as license plates from now on will expire on the vehicle owner's birthday.

## Local Chest prexy questions county-wide United Fund

The president of the Elkland-Novesta United Way, Iris Tuckey, is withholding judgment on proposed organization of some type of county-wide United Way program.

Mrs. Tuckey hasn't been able to attend the two county meetings held so far to discuss the proposal because of schedule conflicts and as of Monday, hadn't had a chance to talk to board member Jerry Cleland, who went to the first meeting. She is planning to attend the next session, Thursday, April 10, in Caro.

After that, she said she will meet with the local United Way board to decide whether the local organization will join in any county-wide organization or effort. She predicted the board "won't be interested" if it means it will have to give up any funds raised locally beyond what it contributes already.

Most of the money raised locally is given to local organizations and causes, but the last time funds were distributed, a year ago, money also went to Big Brothers-Big Sisters, American Red Cross, Catholic Family Service, all of which directly serve the county -- and \$2,200 to Michigan United Way.

Had the local fund drive not exceeded its goal in 1978, Mrs. Tuckey said, the amount given to Michigan United Way could have been reduced. As part of a county-wide organization, she wondered if there still would be that option.

At present, there are only four United Way organizations in the county, in Cass City, Akron, Fairgrove and Vassar.

Efforts are underway in Caro to revive the organization there after a three year lapse, with the aid of the Caro Jaycees and concerned citizens.

After a meeting Feb. 25 in which C. DeWayne Dusk-in, field representative for United Way of Michigan, spoke to the Thumb Area Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee, an ad hoc committee was formed with representatives from participating agencies.

Purpose of the committee was to call together county

leaders and United Way organizations to look into the feasibility of forming a countywide program and ways to work cooperatively for the betterment of Tuscola county.

Serving on the committee are Dusk-in; David Bluem, Tuscola County Department of Social Services; Connie Gamet, Big Brothers-Big Sisters; Ted Hull, Caro Area Services to the Handicapped; Wendell R. Wood, Caro Regional Mental Health Center; Mary Hoerlein, American Red Cross, and Howard Hoskins, Human Development Com-

mission.

A countywide United Way program, according to Dusk-in, would be beneficial for the following reasons:

1) Increased financial support and services by member agencies without losing individual community funding support or involvement.

2) Increased potential for financial support. In 1962-63, a countywide United Way program raised \$24,056. In 1979-80, separate campaigns raised a total of \$23,229 in Tuscola county.

Over 50 percent of the county is unreached by a United Way appeal, while

agencies provide services without needed financial assistance.

3) Reduced cost for agencies which now must make several budget presentations, to one presentation countywide, at the same time giving support to agencies with only one community interest.

4) Increased potential of getting designated pledges at places of work out of county back into the county and increased payroll deduction plans.

5) Reduced fund-raising efforts by individual agencies.

### According to survey

## Most kids happy with parents the way they are

If kids could change anything between them and their parents, most wouldn't.

That was one of the findings in a limited survey conducted by Ilene Soldan of Cass City Road, Unionville, for a high school completion psychology class project.

She arranged to have her survey form passed out by a teacher in a study hall at Cass City Intermediate School. Parents had to sign permission slips before their children could fill out the form.

Mrs. Soldan wanted to do a study of communications between parents and children. "I was going to interview parents, but too many parents are interviewed now (for such studies)." Then

she decided, "Why don't I ask the kids?"

There were 24 students who filled out the form, eight boys and 16 girls, ranging in age from 12-14.

Fifteen live on farms, the rest in town. Nineteen live with both parents, one with foster parents, one with their mother, one with their father and two with their mother and a stepfather.

All but one or two said they are usually able to get along with and talk to both parents.

Asked if they would change anything in the relationship between them and their parents, 20 said they would not, four said they would.

What would the four like changed? "The way they

spoil me," said one. "I would like to be raised not so closely guarded," responded another.

Sixteen of the respondents go to church or want to go; eight never go.

"Did you hug your mom or dad or both this morning?" None of the boys had, but half the girls did.

The boys may not have been huggers, but five of the eight said they can tell their parents, "I love you." Fifteen of the 16 girls said they could express that emotion to their parents.

Can their parents show to their children that they have feelings, such as fear, loneliness, love, getting upset or crying? Twenty of the respondents replied "yes."

"Do your parents treat

## Annual meeting: Thumb Electric reviews year

The 43rd annual meeting of members of the Thumb Electric Cooperative was held at Ubyly High School Thursday, March 27.

Treasurer Michael Lasceski presented the financial statements for 1979.

His report showed receipts of \$5,099,332, of which \$5,031,677 was electrical operating revenues.

The major expenses for the year were the cost of purchased and generated power of \$3,187,692. Distribution operation and maintenance was \$324,548. The balance owed to REA and CFC for long-term mortgage was \$9,086,472. The cooperative showed a margin of \$335,999 for 1979.

The load growth for the cooperative during the last seven years was discussed. Demands have been reduced and kilowatt hour sales increased. This has reduced the rising trend of rate increases.

This has been accomplished through the load management program initiated by the cooperative in 1979 as well as milder weather in 1979-80.

The increase in wholesale power costs had averaged 18 percent per year from 1973 through 1978, and the increase in retail rates has averaged 13 percent per year during that period. Last year the wholesale power costs increased by 3.1 percent and the retail rates increased by 4.8 percent. This was far less than the 13 percent inflation rate in 1979.

A call service is now in use to accept emergency calls between 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. on weekdays and 24 hours on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. This was done to reduce the overall cost of emergency call service for members.

The cooperative's load management system is installed and completely operational.

There are nearly 1,500

remote water heater control units installed. It appears that there is a potential for 800 additional units that could be installed.

Anyone who has an electric water heater, but does not have a remote control unit installed is urged to call the cooperative for an appointment. There is no charge for installation or maintenance of the unit.

The load management system is fulfilling its purpose of reducing the system load during peak hours. The combination of a mild winter and peak load shaving has reduced peak load by almost 12 percent while the overall load has dropped only 5 percent in the first two months of this year.

The load management system will fully pay for itself by the end of this year through the savings in wholesale power costs.

The wholesale power supplier filed for a rate increase of 8.7 percent in November, 1979. Thumb Electric joined with two other cooperatives and three municipalities who also purchase wholesale power and negotiated a settlement in this case.

The settlement calls for a 5.6 percent increase in wholesale rates, which became effective April 1. The settlement also states that wholesale supplier cannot raise the rates before June 1, 1981.

In order to provide the lowest possible cost of service, the board is investigating three power cooperatives in Michigan and Indiana which purchase and generate power and sell it to the cooperatives which themselves own and operate the power cooperatives.

A new portable substation was completed this year, to be used to replace any of our permanent substations on a temporary basis to perform repairs or bypass equipment that has failed.

The board of directors recently signed a three-year contract with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 17. This union represents 25 employees of Thumb Electric.

Attendance was approximately 550. The result of the election was announced.

Elected directors to three-year terms were Michael Lasceski, Huron county; Leon Smith, Sanilac, and Louis Wenzlaff, Tuscola. All were incumbents and all unopposed.

At the board meeting that followed, officers elected were: Walter Cook, president; Allen Shaw, vice-president; Elmer Rayl, secretary, and Michael Lasceski, treasurer.

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**WASHINGTON SEMINAR --** Jack Laurie (left) of Cass City, Michigan Farm Bureau vice-president and Tuscola county legislative leader, and Gerald Buchholz of Harbor Beach, Huron County FB legislative leader, talk with Congressman Bob Traxler (right) during a breakfast meeting with Michigan's congressmen and senators during the annual 20th Washington legislative seminar, March 24-27, sponsored by the MFB Women's Committee. (Farm Bureau photo)

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