

Dakin new district conservationist here

Philip S. Dakin is the new U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS) district conservationist for Tuscola county, having assumed his new duties April 7.

He takes over for Gerald LeMunyon, who left to assume a position with the SCS as agronomist for 19 eastern Michigan counties, including Tuscola.

Dakin comes to Caro from Traverse City, where he was soil conservationist in Grand Traverse county.

A native of Grass Lake, near Jackson, he served in the U.S. Air Force for four years as an electronics technician, after which he attended Michigan State University. He obtained his degree in forestry and natural resources from there in 1974.

He went to work for the SCS in August, 1975, as soil conservationist in Manistique in the Upper Peninsula. He was there about 15 months, then served about the same period of time as

soil conservationist at Coldwater (Branch county).

He then took a year's furlough to attend Navy flight navigator school, but decided he didn't want to make that a career, so rejoined the SCS and was assigned to Traverse City, where he was for 11 months before coming to Caro.

In Tuscola county, he directs a staff consisting of William Siems, soil conservation technician; Tom Adams and Vicki Smith, soil conservationists, and Mary Lou Earl, district aide.

Dakin's wife, Karla, is a native of Saline, near Ann Arbor, and has a registered nursing degree from Foote Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Jackson.

They have two children, Aaron, 5, and Theresa, 3. The family will be moving to the Caro area as soon as housing can be found.



Phil Dakin



ONE OF THE MOST coveted awards presented to varsity athletes is the most valuable player designation. It is voted by the teammates of the players. Winners of the awards and the sports they participated in were, from left: Tim Fahrner, basketball; Beth Sieradzki, volleyball; Kristy Deering, gymnastics, and Guy Nanney, wrestling. The awards were announced Tuesday night at the annual winter awards night.

O-G begins track season with Lakers

The Owen-Gage boys' track team won 13 of 16 events when it hosted Lakers in a non-league meet Friday to open the outdoor season.

The Bulldog girls won only two of 12 events.

As Lakers students were on spring vacation last week, they did not compete in all events and total scores were not available.

Owen-Gage winners in the boys' events were as follows:

Shot put -- Pete Klemkowski, 43 feet.

High jump -- Jim Glidden, 5'8".

Long jump -- Jeff Hallock, 16'6".

Pole vault -- Jim Patnaude, 12 feet.

120 high hurdles -- Scott Gaeth, 18.4.

100 yard dash -- Jeff Hallock, 11.5.

880 relay -- Dave Ondrajka, Brad Erickson, Hal-

lock, Glidden, 1:47.

440 yard dash -- Glidden, 58.1.

440 relay -- Gaeth, Lennie Hallock, Joey Zaleski, Robert LaFave, 50.8.

330 low hurdles -- Erickson, 46.4.

880 yard run -- Chris Hulzar, 2:25.

220 yard dash -- George Vargo, 27.3.

1 mile relay -- Erickson, Vargo, Hulzar, Ondrajka, 4:15.

Events won by the Owen-Gage girls were:

Shot put -- Bonnie Wynn, 25'9".

Long jump -- Jennifer Erner, 12'8 1/2".

Next meets were this Wednesday at Akron-Fairgrove, with North Huron also competing, and Friday at Caro, with Mayville also there, and Tuesday, when the Bulldogs host Caseville, North Huron and Akron-Fairgrove.

Accidents

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side of the road and struck a utility pole.

Janssen was ticketed on a charge of driving left of center.

Ruth E. Hayes, 60, of 4056 Koepfgen Road, was cited by Cass City police on a charge of failure to yield after a 3:15 p.m. accident Monday.

Officers said she was northbound on Leach and starting to turn left onto Main Street and turned into the side of a southbound car driven by Jacqueline L. Groth, 50, of 6409 W. Elizabeth Street.

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Anthony Duff, 23 months, grandchild of Vadna Seyler, 4122 Mushroom Road, Deford.



David James, 23 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lesoski, 3115 W. Kinde Rd., Kinde.



Rory, 1, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Twomey, 4679 South Street, Gageton.

Athletes honored at Tuesday banquet

Athletes on the various Red Hawk winter sports teams were feted Tuesday night at the high school.

United Way takes joint effort steps

The four United Way organizations in Tuscola county took a step last Thursday towards mutual cooperation in future fund raising drives.

Elkland-Novesta United Way President Iris Tuckey, who attended the meeting in Caro that day, said representatives of the four United Way groups agreed to take back to their boards a proposal for future cooperation.

Present organizations are in Cass City, Akron, Fairgrove and Vassar. Efforts are underway in Caro to revive United Way there after a three-year lapse.

The proposal that will be presented to the individual United Way boards, Mrs. Tuckey said, calls for all of the fund drives to be conducted at the same time, mutual help and some means of reaching the parts of the county not covered by the present groups.

Each would still run its own fund drive, she stressed, instead of forming a single countywide United Fund.

None of the representatives there saw any problem in mutual cooperation, but Mrs. Tuckey said it would be premature to predict what the local United Way board will do.

The board will meet April 29, prior to the next county United Way meeting the following week.

School gets grant for conservation

The Cass City School District has received a \$66,000 federal Department of Energy energy conservation grant.

The money will be used to replace each of the present single pane windows at Campbell, Deford and Evergreen Elementary Schools with an insulated upper panel and a small window on the bottom, similar to what is presently installed at the intermediate school.

The school district had to appropriate an equal share in order to get the grant, which the school board approved last November.

However, it won't actually cost the district \$66,000, as some of that amount will be in the form of a credit for wages paid to its custodial employees for their time spent helping to install the new window units.

The district is now soliciting bids from contractors and hopes to have the work done before next winter, preferably this summer, according to high school Assistant Principal Roland Pakonen, who is in charge of federal grant programs for the district.

Because of heating fuel savings, the district should recover its investment in the windows in about five years.



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