

## **Owen-Gage tax rollback**

The Michigan Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeal of Attorney General Frank Kelley in his suit to force a tax rollback in the Owendale-Gagetown School District.

The state's highest court issued its ruling last Wednesday, stating, "... the application for leave to appeal is considered and it is denied, because the court is not persuaded that the question presented should be reviewed by this court." No further explanation was given.

Kelley was seeking to appeal the Michigan Court of Appeals' rejection of his suit back in January,

The state attorney general had brought suit after the Huron and Tuscola County Boards of Commissioners in November approved their county tax apportionment rolls without rolling back the property tax levy in the Owen-Gage district approximately 1 mill. Kelley claimed that was necessary as dictated by the provisions of the Headlee amendment to the state constitution.

> Lottery card wins \$5,000

out her purse more often. The last time she did, it

won her \$5,000. The Green Road, Cass City, resident bought a state lottery "Michigan Baseball" instant card at the Ku Ku Kow restaurant in Caro in May, put it in her purse, then forgot about it. A week or so later, on May 22 to be exact, she came across the card, rubbed off the numbers and found she had won \$5,000.

It took a while for it to sink in that she had won that children, three of them livamount. "My brain just ing at home.

If the boards had rolled since the question was still in back the levy, Owen-Gage would have lost about \$32,000 in property tax revenue. The attorney general's suit

claimed that since the equalized valuation of property in Owen-Gage had risen 14

percent during the 1978-79 taxing period, during which the consumer price index had risen only 7.7 percent, a rollback had to be applied. The Headlee amendment requires that property tax revenue increase at a rate no more than the increase in the price index.

The specific issue was whether the rollback had to be applied to the 17.25 mills the district had in effect prior to Dec. 31, 1978. It

clearly did not apply to the 4.25 mills approved by voters in June, 1979, two mills less than the levy that had expired.

The two county boards in approving the apportionment report, accepted Owen-Gage Supt. Ronald Erickson's contention that Headlee didn't apply as the district's operation millage had been reduced two mills. Also,

May Fader should clean wouldn't accept it."

She recently received the check and most of the money has already been spent. Her husband James was out of work earlier in the year so the money came in handy to

pay some bills. The most she or her husband ever won previouslv in the lottery was \$25, though they have had several \$2, \$5 and \$10 winning tickets. Mrs. Fader usually buys a lottery ticket every other week.

The Faders have foun 

the courts of whether the Goslin territory was in his district or Cass City's, he argued, it wasn't possible to say with certainty what Owen-Gage's valuation was.

There was also an element of compromise since the 1979 school taxes from Goslin had gone to Cass City.

Kelley brought suit against the two county boards plus the treasurers of the six townships which have portions of their territory within Owen-Gage: Elkland, Elmwood and Colum-

bia in Tuscola county and Grant, Brookfield and Sebewaing in Huron county. "I'm afraid that's it," said

Assistant Attorney General

Richard Roesch of the Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case. "I think this is the end of it," he replied when asked if there might be a request for a rehearing. Roesch handled the case for

the attorney general's office. "I have no idea why," he responded to the question of why the justices decided not to hear the case, thought to be precedent setting when it was filed last December as it was the first involving interpretation of the Headlee amendment,

"They don't say anything, so try to speculate, it's very difficult," said Tuscola County

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## Teen captured after robbery

## A 16-year-old Argyle youth of Argyle, the youngster found himself in the custody of Sanilac county authorities early Friday after driving off in the family car with a reported \$600 of his family's

money. At 12:35 a.m. that day, according to the sheriff's department in Sandusky, it received a call from a subject in Argyle, who said that his son had held him and his wife at gunpoint for about one hour.

The boy then took about \$600 in cash and fled.

Fifteen to 20 minutes later, Deputies Gary Biniecki and James Johnson' spotted the car in Argyle and attempted to arrest the youth, who fled south on M-19.

Sgt. William Thomas Jr. and Deputy Larry Frederickson had set up a roadblock south of town, but the youth evaded it and the two officers gave chase, at speeds of more than 90 miles per hour.

In the vicinity of Mushroom Road, five miles south twice and the Lord brought to starting her treatment me back both times."

kidneys.

with Dr. Prasad. SHE STARTED HER Since January, Mrs. Thompson, 39, has spent three times a week sessions on the dialysis machine at four hours three days a week connected to a dialysis ma-Saginaw General in Janchine, which removes the uary. poisons and excess fluids Had the Thompsons lived from her blood that would

in or near Saginaw, she would have continued going normally be removed by her there, but because of the distance involved, she and Without the machine, her husband Chuck frankly adher husband learned at the

Mrs. Thompson's left arm. City-Forestville Road. Persons with heart Blood flows through one disease or diabetes must needle into the attached undergo dialysis at the hos- tubing, through the machine pital, so from that stand- where it is cleansed, then point, Mrs. Thompson is returns through the other fortunate. She knows of sev-needle. eral persons from the

dusky and Brown City.

"It works just like a Thumb area who must drive vacuum cleaner," she exto Saginaw three times a plained. week for the treatment,

The machine must be from as far away as San-

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LIFE GIVING -- While the blood flows from Rosalyn Thompson's arm through the dialysis or artificial kidney machine, which cleanses and returns it, her husband Chuck injects air into the system to lower the blood level in the chamber. The actual cleansing takes place in the cylinder in front of him. Blood is flowing through all the dark lines.

slowed, apparently to make a turn, and was blocked by one of the pursuing patrol cars. The fleeing driver then ran into one of the cars, resulting in a small amount of damage.

The subject then got out of the car, tried to grab a loaded shotgun from the front seat, but was subdued by officers, they reported. The hammer of the weapon was discovered to be in the cocked position.

The boy was taken into custody, charged with armed robbery, eluding, and felonious assault.

Reportedly, he pleaded guilty later in the day in Sanilac County Probate Court to charges of felonious assault, possession of marijuana and one unspecified minor charge. He was being held at the Genesee County Juvenile Detention Center. Officially, a court official

would only say Monday that the juvenile was under the jurisdiction of the court.

in Saginaw, who immediately recognized what was wrong and referred her to her present doctor, Jagadish Prasad. In September, she spent two weeks in Saginaw General Hospital, where various tests were performed. It is now believed that her medical problems go back to

walk.

age 19, when she had a temperature of 103 or 104 degrees for a few days. That was apparently when her kidneys began to fail and her headaches began.

During her stay at Saginaw General, an operation was performed to sew together the main artery and vein in her left arm to form a larger passageway to make it easier to insert the needles once she started going on dialysis.

mits, "She would be dead in a month.'' Because of the machine, when Mrs. Thompson isn't hooked to it, she can live a normal life, be it cleaning house, watching after her two children, swimming or

riding a horse. She and her husband have two children, Roconda, 10, and Billy, 6.

Doing normal things was not always possible.

For years she had been having bad headaches, "but I never thought it was (due to) my kidneys.

The headaches would last as long as three days, but she continued to endure them until they got so bad that she finally went to a local doctor. That was in March of last year.

Despite treatment, her condition gradually got worse. She became so weak, "I would hold on to my knife and I didn't even realize it (that she was holding it) until it fell on the floor." She couldn't write her name or

After being in Hills and

Dales General Hospital four

or five times last summer,

she was referred to a doctor