

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### A PROFESSIONALLY PERFECT CAMPAIGN FOR THE SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTION MARCH 12

The Board of Education and the Administration of the Chippewa Hills Schools are putting on a professionally perfect campaign for the passage of added millage in the up-coming election March 12, with a touch of thin-edge skating remindful of the situation in Washington, D. C. The Head of Government (the School Board) surrounded by special advisors (the Administration, from the High School Superintendent and his assistant to the various school principals).

There's a credibility gap which is blithely ignored by the powers that be.

Bumper stickers have been acquired (with whose money?) to be displayed on autos and also on the doors of some business places. (And on school buses?)

The stickers are a masterpiece of maudlin appeal to emotion.

They read, "Please Don't Forget Us. Vote YES on March 12. The Children of Chippewa Hills" The children of the Chippewa Hills Schools traditionally have been used in millage elections, to influence their stingy parents who would do them out of a decent education; to influence or shame gullible taxpayers into believing the children would be cheated if the taxpayers didn't divvy up once more.

Speakers have been sent to local area clubs, "explaining" the need for more and more money for the school; there's a "public meeting" scheduled so the docile commoners who put up the tax money can understand why it is necessary for more, and more, and more.

The Board has offered some confusing figures to be juggled if we'll vote the extra three mills, involving State funds, money to be placed in special funds, etc., which leave us more muddled than ever.

In the likeness to the Washington scene, the Head of Government (the School Board) meets with its advisors (the Administrators) to listen to their sug-

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### BEAL CITY FFA ELECTS CONVENTION DELEGATES

Pictured above (left to right) are Bill Bogart, Irene Fox and Jeff Schafer, members of the Beal City FFA who were elected this past week as official delegates to the state FFA convention in East Lansing on the Michigan State campus in late March.

The three delegates will attend business meetings of the FFA for two days to help conduct the business at this year's gathering.

Also at this time the annual Farmers Week will be attended by the Freshman and Senior FFA members.

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### JOHN LATHAM HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire of undetermined origin did extensive damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Latham of North Woodruff Road last Tuesday at 9.45 p. m., when the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called.

Fire burned through the utility room and the house roof at one end, causing damage unofficially estimated at around \$3,000.

The fire was quickly extinguished after the firemen arrived.

The Lathams are living in the home of his mother, Mrs. Laura Latham, while repairs are being made. Laura is spending the winter in Florida.

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Members of the Embrey and Clark families and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Nicholson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Al Shaner enjoyed a snowmobile party in southwest Sherman Sunday, with a wiener roast a feature. About 27 were present for the outing.

### LOVED SMALL-ANIMAL DOCTOR RETIRES

Dr. J. M. Donaldson of Mt. Pleasant has announced his retirement from practice of veterinary medicine March 1. His extensive practice will be taken over by Dr. C. W. Stirling, son of the Dr. Sterling veterinary of Clare.

Dr. Donaldson and his wife, Helen, are loved by countless pet owners of Isabella County, for their patience and consideration of owners of ailing pets, or pets needing a veterinary's attention.

The Donaldsons have been at their home and small-animal hospital on Isabella Road in Mt. Pleasant for 27 years, and many of us will miss their wise and patient response to calls from us pet owners who may have asked them for advice over the phone.

Dr. Donaldson serviced farm animals as well as cats and dogs, but he will be missed most by us pet owners.

Good luck, happy days and a long life, Joe and Helen Donaldson!

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur are moving into the Leon McArthur house in Weidman. They have sold their suburban home on the Coldwater Road to the Mike Clark family, who will move in there this week.

### FLU SICKNESS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS POSES PROBLEMS

Absenteeism due to flu sickness has been posing problems in area public schools, with the Chippewa Hills High School reporting a little less than 20 percent absenteeism Monday of this week.

Robert Howe, high school principal, said Monday that 144 students in the high school were absent that day. He said that last week's Monday attendance showed 125 students absent.

The "cut-off point," he said, is 30 percent of enrolled students in any school, according to guidelines given out by the State Department of Education.

He said the school cannot count any day an "attendance day" unless at least 70 percent of the students are present.

There are 750 students in the high school, Howe said. There were no plans to close the Chippewa Hills schools unless the percentage of absenteeism rose to 30, he said.

Last week the Central Michigan Health Department kept a close watch on absenteeism in the Weidman School, according to Dr. Nowack, director of the Health Department at Mt. Pleasant. He requested a report on the percentage of absenteeism in the Weidman School, but apparently it was not 30 percent, at least as yet, and the school was open this week, as were all the schools in the Chippewa Hills district.

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### WORST STORM OF THE WINTER ROARS INTO STATE

The worst blizzard of the winter roared over Michigan (including this area) last week Thursday night and Friday, beginning with rain Thursday, then turning to freezing rain and then to wind-whipped snow Friday.

Roads were blocked with ice under snow, and schools were generally closed by Friday.

Digging out was well under way by Saturday, with county road crews scraping snow off most roads and salting some, but with many plowed down to thick ice to plague motorists.

Zero weather dropped to below zero, Ruth Momany reporting 16 below at her lakeside home here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris in Howard City Sunday.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

A correction from last week's Messenger: Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood attended Bible Study at Mrs. Helen Smith's, not Harold Smith's. (Ed's Note: Sorry, Jessie! That was our fault.)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family spent Sunday with his folks, the Mack Denslows. Mrs. Joyce Chaffee is spending two weeks in Hawaii.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence spent Wednesday with her brother and wife, the Ed Grabers, in Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda, celebrating Brenda's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin were Thursday supper guests at the Joe Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and girls were Thursday callers at the Paul Miller home. Dean Denslow was a Saturday evening caller.

Mrs. Eva Denslow spent a few days with the Russell Swan family in Midland. Mrs. Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood attended a Senior Citizens' dinner at Barryton last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Bill spent Sunday in Grand Rapids with the Chuck Wilson family.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were Saturday evening callers of Mrs. Flora Wood. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Whitman and B. J. Sunday evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Metcalf and Dennie.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merrihew of Clio spent the weekend at the Elwood Miller home. Mrs. Janet Touchinski and girls were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon were Saturday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan

and their son, Tom, and children of Baltimore, Md., were Monday afternoon guests of the Gerald Dents. Mrs. Mabel Sides was a Wednesday supper guest. Mrs. Harriet Dillenbeck was a Thursday dinner guest, and later they called on Pat Dillenbeck at the Alma Hospital. Mrs. Geroline Johnson and children were Friday guests.

Gerald and Mabel called on her mother Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint were Saturday overnight guests. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts were weekend guests. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Saturday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Sunday guests.

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PACK 692, WEIDMAN CUB SCOUTS, MET MONDAY NIGHT AT WEIDMAN SCHOOL

Pack No. 692, Weidman Cub Scouts, met this week Monday evening at 7.30 at the Weidman School, under leadership of Pack Master Raymond Freeze.

Twenty-eight boys were present, along with parents and families of Cub Scouts.

The theme of the evening was the Pinewood Derby Race held in conjunction with Boy Scout Month, which has been February.

Winners of the race were Jimmy Wernette, first place, of Den 1, second place, Sid Seymour of Den 3, third place Eddie McDaniel of Den 4.

Each received a trophy for his winning. The small wooden cars were made by the boys themselves. The race was held at the Weidman school at the Monday night Pack meeting. It was held in the cafeteria.

The Weidman Cub Scouts are an enthusiastic group. The Webelos, the 10-year-olds nearly ready for Scout rating, joined in the enjoyment of the evening, and had a great time with the others.

Pack Master is Raymond Freeze. Judges for the race were Roger Lintemuth and his friend.

The next meeting of the pack, scheduled for March, will not be held, as a Cub Scout supper will be held March 23 at the Weidman School, to provide funds for purchasing flags, books, re-registration fees for all the Cub Scouts, etc.

The supper will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children under 12, and children under three will be admitted free. The public is invited, and tickets will be sold by the Cub Scouts.

Any eight, nine or 10-year-old boys interested in Scouting may contact Mr. or Mrs. Richard Swanson in Weidman. Their phone number is 644-3458.

## Ballots!

Application for absentee ballots for the March 12 school millage election may be obtained at the Superintendent's office located in the high school either by calling in person or by writing.

Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they become available.

Deadline for absentee voting is 2p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Superintendent's office:

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## WANT ADS

WANT AD RATES; 75¢ per week for ordinary ad; space rate per column inch for those of longer length. Card of Thanks \$2.50, unless very long. Phone 644-2000.

1899 LAND OWNERSHIP PLATS Of Coldwater, Gilmore, Sherman, Nottawa, Broomfield and Deerfield Townships; and Village Plats of Weidman, showing the railroad cutting through town and crossing the road twice; the Village of Brinton, showing the location of the charcoal kilns; also village plats of Sherman City and Winn. Supply is limited. Now on sale at most business places in Weidman, and of course at the Messenger office. Sponsored by the Weidman Business Association, a non-profit organization.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE. Call Harland Snider, Weidman, phone 644-2381. Dec. 13tf

OVERDUE BOOKS--From the Gladys McArthur Public Library in Weidman. Please check your library books and bring in delinquent volumes. Jan. 10tf

WOULD LIKE RELIABLE SITTER In my home, Wednesday thru Sunday evenings. Kathy Flaughner, tel. 644-2073. Feb. 28t1

FOR SALE--Aldens electric sewing machine, three drawers cabinet, \$35.00. Heavy 2-wheel trailer, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 yard box, \$75.00. Pickup camper, sleeps 4, jacks, toilet, stove, \$500.00. 5678 W. Jordan Road, Coldwater Lake, Ph. 644-3967. Feb. 7tf  
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WANTED--Donation of non-electric carpet sweeper. Call 644-3501 or 644-3316. Feb. 28t1

BACK HOE WORK--Drain fields dug, stones and stumps removed or buried, etc. Free estimates. Bill Wilcox, ph. 644-3490. Aug. 6tf

ELECTRIC SEWER SERVICE--Large rod for drains, three to six inches, 100 foot. Also a small rod for 1 1/2 to 3 inch, 24 foot. Ph. 644-2058. Nov. 29tf

CUSTOM HAULING--Sand, gravel and topsoil. Crane work, etc. Maeder & Reihl, ph. 644-2540 or 644-2165. Nov. 1tf

WANTED--Used T-shirt or sweat shirt material for polishing the fire trucks. Please leave at the Spike Branson home or call 644-3507. Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department. Feb. 21tf

HOW DO YOU FEEL--About the death penalty for first-degree murder? A petition drive is under way to get the question on the ballot next November. There are petition sheets at the Messenger office if you care to sign. The petition is only for placement of the proposition on the ballot in the November, 1974, elections. Feb. 21tf

NOTICE--Anyone missing pans or other serving dishes donated for the Lil' Mac Bridge dinner, please call Pauline Branson, tel. 644-3507. Feb. 21t1

CARD PARTY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, AT MASONIC HALL A pepper party will be held at the Weidman Masonic Hall Wednesday, March 6, beginning at 2 p.m. The public is invited. ---0---  
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### LIONS CLUB FISH FRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Weidman School Cafeteria

Serving 5 to 7.30 p.m.  
 Tickets Available at the Door

Adults \$2.50, children under 12, \$1.00

### Card of Thanks

We want to express our very sincere thanks to the men of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department for their good work in saving our home last Tuesday night.

We also want to thank our good neighbors for all the help they have given us. It's all appreciated very much. Mr. and Mrs. John Latham

### Obituary

CATHARINE SMITH Mrs. Catharine Smith (Kate) died Friday at CMC Hospital where she was being treated for a fractured pelvis suffered in a fall at her home. She was 87. She was born June 11, 1886, in Nottawa Township.

She is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Edith DeVaney and Mrs. Viola Wright of Weidman, Mrs. Elizabeth Wickenhiser of Fraser, and Mrs. Marie Shettler of Byron; and 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, with burial in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Smith had been a Weidman resident for many years, and had many friends here.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends. ---0---

### In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

The map arrived yesterday, and I thank you much for taking time to send it. I found many pioneer names on it, in addition to Fleming. I plan to frame it as one more heirloom for my descendants.

Would you believe it--I had a letter yesterday from my daughter in northern California. She enclosed a church bulletin

## the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH (1 mile west of Weidman) Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

Choir practice Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

Our Ladies' Missionary Group is in the process of sending bandages, plastic spoons, and other supplies to our missionary, Marj MacMillan, in Liberia. \*\*\*\*\*

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
 Sharing and prayer Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.

U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p.m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m. \*\*\*\*\*

WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. John A. Wright, Minister Phone 644-3604.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
 Choir practice, 6.30 p.m.  
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
 Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. \*\*\*\*\*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Broomfield: Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor. Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.  
 Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

and material concerning Nepal. Said she asked the speaker whether he knew Bob and Bethel Fleming, and he said he had been entertained in their home! Small world!

Love,  
 Lylah (Fleming) Simmers  
 Sepulveda, California  
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Dear Connie:

I am enclosing \$8.00 to renew my Messenger for another year. I like the paper very much, and enjoy reading it, as I used to live around Weidman, and there are a lot of names in the Messenger that I remember.

Yours truly,  
 Libbie Riggles  
 Mt. Pleasant Route 2  
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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL GOES OUT BIG FOR COURTESY

Shown above are winners in a week-long contest at the school: Left to right, Donnie Schafer, winner in Grade 6; Dennis Finnerty, winner in Grade 5; and Mark Straus, winner in Grade 5 and 6.

"Please... Thank you... Let me hold the door for you."

For a week at St. Joseph's School in Beal City, these and many other well-mannered phrases echoed the halls.

Why for only one week? A "courtesy contest" was taking place, and the effects were terrific and apparently lasting.

Fifth and Sixth Graders all made heroic efforts to win, to show their courteous behavior in school to the teachers, aides, and their fellow classmates.

The Safety Patrol, which sponsored the contest, purchased a \$2.50 gift certificate to the Big Boy Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant as a prize for each room.

Good manners became a way of life for students in all rooms, pointing up a distinct difference in student behavior. Students appear to enjoy showing their good manners, which situation is to be highly commended, by parents, the school, and the public. They are to be congratulated, each and every student.

To pay for the prizes, a basketball game was played Sunday afternoon, the Safety Patrol boys pitted against their fathers.

Expectations were that the fathers probably would allow the boys to win, but 'twasn't so: The fathers won a tight game by two points.

Prized tickets reading simply, "Courtesy," were given to students each time a courteous act was performed. Students collecting the most tickets for courtesy won the prizes.

The students and the school are to be congratulated.

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### BEAL CITY SCHOOL TO HOST FLUORIDE CLINIC FOR AREA

Parents in the Weidman and Beal City area who wish to have their children enrolled in this summer's topical fluoride program have until March 5 to act, according to Theo Starr, chairman of the topical fluoride committee.

All three or four year old preschoolers, and the second, fifth or eighth graders are eligible for the program, providing they have been registered prior to the deadline of March 5.

Parents who wish to enroll their children but who have not received registration cards may

contact Mrs. Starr at 773-3423.

A fee of \$3.50 to cover costs of operating the clinic must be submitted along with the registration card.

The procedure consists of four visits to the fluoride clinic, which will be held in the Beal City School.

The child's teeth are cleaned on the first visit, and a fluoride solution is applied directly to the surface of the teeth. The fluoride application only is then repeated during the three succeeding visits. This technique has been shown to reduce tooth decay by about 40 percent, compared to the 60 to 65 percent reduction obtained with fluoridated water.

In addition to providing protec-

tion against cavities, the program offers a valuable dental experience for children, with no discomfort. Dental health education by the clinic personnel, including instruction in the proper method of brushing teeth, is also an important part of the program.

Michigan, which pioneered in the field of topical fluoride application in 1949, leads the nation in the number of community programs in operation, and in children treated.

The state-wide program is supervised by the dental division of the Michigan Department of Public Health.

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WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP: Front row, left to right, Jerry Ward, Randy Fox, Julie Gross, Dennis Finnerty, Mark Straus. Back row: Barb Hoffman, Donnie Schafer, Randy Bierschbach.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Doug Schafer and Diane Sheahan spent Wednesday evening playing cards with Louise Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sheahan, Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer and Louise Schafer went to Remus Sunday to the Crittenden Funeral Home to pay respects to Kate Smith, who died Friday at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mattie Pung went to Portland Monday.

Mrs. Ruth Klumpp took her son, Terry, to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids for a checkup.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred near Blanchard.

The euchre party Saturday evening was well attended, and all reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer visited her son, Tom Schafer, and family in Pewamo, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer of Hubbardston, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snyder were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Jr., and family of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kavanaugh and family of Traverse City spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith of Lansing were also guests of the Blasens.

Marian Fussman called on Louise Smith Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bowen of Grand Ledge spent Sunday afternoon with Louise. Doll Rau was a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Dora Smith attended the wedding of Vickie Massey in Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yuncker and Terry Pung and Mrs. Harry Joe Smith got back from Florida last Tuesday. They all enjoyed the Sunshine State.

Arnold Halfman is home from the hospital.

Mrs. Rose Grinzing called

on Mrs. Louise Smith Thursday. ---0---

**BILL BARZ, JR., IS NOW A PHARMACIST WITH MT. PLEASANT DRUG STORE FIRM**



BILL BARZ, JR.

Bill Barz, Jr., is now a registered pharmacist with the Mt. Pleasant and Alma drug-store firm of Downtown Drugs. He graduated from Ferris State College in the Class of 1973, in August of last year.

He graduated from the Beal City High School in 1964, and then spent four years in the U. S. Navy. There he had two and a half years in pharmaceutical schooling and was then attached to the Marine Corps and spent some time on Okinawa before his discharge.

He spent four years at Ferris State College, taking a five-year degree in that time.

Bill is married to the former Marilyn Bradley, and the couple have two boys. They live on North Fancher Street in Mt. Pleasant, and Bill is working at both the Mt. Pleasant and Alma drug stores of Downtown Drugs.

The Barz family is a large one, and the older children are distinguished in various fields of specialized work.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Guess we had the worst storm of the winter in this area. Quite a few had to be pulled out of snow banks and ditches.

Tom and Chris Appelgreen and daughter, Kelli, of near Leaton called on Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, Monday evening. Both families then called here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock and family of Morristown, Tenn. have moved here and will be at home at 4989 West Jordan Road at Coldwater Lake.

Callers here the weekend were Dick Tyler, Ernie Garrett, Emil Lueder, Harry Millard, Sam Pankhurst, Jim Krensreiter, and one of the Walker boys.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

**LIONS CLUB FISH FRY IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8**

The Weidman Lions Club is putting on another of its delicious fish fries at the Weidman School Friday evening, March 8, in the cafeteria.

The public is invited. Tickets will be available at the door, or from any Lions Club member. ---0---

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kolassa were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Courser and family, and called on Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Elizabeth Billsby of Merrill, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kamp of Greenville were Sunday visitors at the home of Blanche Carr. Mrs. Mary Kelsey called Wednesday.

Louis Larson and sons, Lars and Nels, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson Sunday.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold were Sunday visitors of the Joe Gostolas in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen spent Thursday evening with the Rhodes.

There will be Lenten services at the Broomfield Lutheran Church each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, during Lent.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder were

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Helen Hartman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Miss Beth Hogg and Roderick Nicholson spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper and family of Schoolcraft were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Flaucher visited the folks Sunday evening. Mrs. Richard Flaucher and children were Thursday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. William Combs of Lansing were weekend guests of Mrs. Ella Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Borders, of Marion, Sunday. Jim Bergquist was a Friday luncheon guest of the Cooks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fillmock of St. Johns were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Fillgenhauser of Breckenridge were Sunday guests.

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## Restaurant

**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Emily Livermore called on her dentist in Clare Monday.

Guests of Fern Verette and Eathel Beers over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Godwin and boys of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls were in Grand Rapids Saturday, and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dunbar.

Dean Beers of Kalamazoo and nephew, Pat Radey, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Beers.

Bud Longton called on his doctor in Remus Monday. Tony Bartley and sister, Jane Fields, had dinner with Dad and me Wednesday, in honor of Dad's 90th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waid and her sister, Minnie, of Lake called on their sister, Elizabeth Conley, Monday afternoon.

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**North Weidman**

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Our sympathy to the Kate Smith family.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing came home the weekend for his Grandmother Smith's funeral. Mrs. Linda Brown and baby called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich, Sunday. Jim Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright were callers.

Robert Abbott has been entertaining the flu the past week. He went back to school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak visited Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wood of Warren, Mich., who are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Her parents, the Ptaks, went Thursday and came home Saturday afternoon. The mother, Deb-

bie, was doing good. The baby was coming along better Sunday night.

Mrs. Bessie Allen, Mrs. Elvah Gott and Jeannie Eldridge attended a missionary meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the Walter Graham home on the Ojibwa Recreation Area. They rolled bandages for Missionary Marj MacMillan, in Liberia.

Albert Gott called on us Sunday.

Mrs. Eileen Abbott visited her doctor Monday and had an ekg.

Dewey Ball and daughter, Carol, of Eaton Rapids called on the Norman Abbotts the weekend. Mrs. Jim Abbott has been having the flu the past week.

Mrs. Vic Jeffrey was improving the first of this week, after her accident. Her mother, Mrs. Edna Wing, of Mt. Pleasant, was helping her Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and Casey of Winn called on us one day last week.

Mrs. Helen Alwood went to see her doctor last Monday, and called on her mother, Mrs. Hermione Smith, at the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home. The next day Pleasant Manor banned visitors on account of flu illnesses. Helen called on her sister-in-law, Orma Kripa, in Mt. Pleasant and had lunch with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alwood and Troy of Hemlock visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Battleshaw a few days last week, and called at the Don Alwood home. Bill had a few days off from his brakeman's job on the C&O Railroad.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley were Sunday evening visitors of Mrs. Esther Stanley.

**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mrs. Arza Mullet were Sunday evening callers of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith called on their father, Clayton Smith, Thursday evening, observing Clayton's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider were in Mt. Clemens Thursday and Friday last week, visiting old neighbors.

Jim Sutton and children of Ashley were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint spent Friday over night with his mother, Mrs. Emily Wood.

They were stopped here by the storm that day and night. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts and children of Lansing were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merrihew of Flint spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family, and went snowmobiling on the Elwood Miller farm. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowen of Brinton were Sunday visitors at the Touchinski home. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coons of Brinton were Wednesday guests. The Touchinskis helped at the pig roast on their parents' farm a week ago Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were Thursday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Grace Pitts.

Mrs. Alton Allen and Mrs. Ivan Allen planned to leave this Thursday to attend the wedding of Mrs. Alton Allen's niece, at a farm home in San Luis Obispo, Calif., at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and family attended a Fellowship meeting at the Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Greg Allen returned home last Tuesday from Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, where he underwent an operation for a blood clot in his leg. He was doing fine.

Small Debbie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, celebrated her second birthday last week Monday.

Callers at the Daniel Bushree home last Tuesday were her sister, Mrs. Richard Wrathell, of Midland and her son, R. J. Wrathell, of Illinois; Mrs. Beulah Shellhaaf of Westland, Mich., Mrs. Madge Gillis of Breckenridge, and Mrs. Gladys Bishop of St. Louis, Mich. They were dinner guests of Mrs. Bushree.

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## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and family of Big Rapids. The Conleys called on Gerald and Mabel Dent Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loomis and family of Barryton were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hurd and boys of Cheyenne, Wyoming, called on the Burdette Reed family one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wiggins of Farwell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox and family. Mrs. Wilcox attended the wedding of her niece, Vicki Massey, at Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss and daughter spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Terwilliger were evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and family spent Sunday with the Charles Loomis family. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson and baby were Saturday callers.

Wayne Fifield called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons several times during the week, and took Clyde and Eddie John to the doctor. Other callers during the week were Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge and son, Tim.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loomis and Carol were Sunday visitors of the Warren Leiter family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stabelton and daughter of Mt. Pleasant were callers during the week at the Leiter home. Connie Loomis was a Saturday overnight guest.

Our visitors during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loomis and Carol, and Virgil Loomis and family.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Stanton spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

R.D. Sprague spent from last Wednesday till Saturday in the special eye hospital in Ann Arbor, for further surgery on his eye. Jennie and Bonnie Sprague and girls drove to Ann Arbor and brought him home.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and family were Sunday dinner guests of ours. They called on the Robert Dutchers.

We called on the Garry Dutchers Monday. Patti stayed with Bonnie while I went to the doctor.

Mrs. Geraline Johnson and baby and Linda Krueger and Brian were morning visitors and luncheon guests of Bonnie Dutcher.

Rick Roomsburgh spent Friday over night with the Jim Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke were Saturday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys spent Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon with us. The Jim Dutchers were also callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Frazier took Hazel Davis and Beatrice Gatehouse to visit Ben Probasco of Halls Lake.

Hazel Davis of Pottsville, Pa., has spent the last couple of weeks visiting the Harry and Leo Gatehouse families. They took her to Tri Cities Airport Monday for her return home.

Harry and Bea Gatehouse and Hazel Davis were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Roxann and Shelly Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Flachs and Christine, Marjie Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Youngs and children all surprised Eloise Hogg on her birthday Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Patti spent Monday afternoon and had supper with the Dale Dutchers of east Mt. Pleasant.

Beth Hogg went with the Ervin Dutchers to visit the Robert Hineses, and spent over night with the Ervin Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and girls were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Jack Dutcher and daughter, Darlene, of Lake Orion, came up Friday afternoon and picked up Debbie at Ferris State College, and they all spent over night with Jack's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

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### NEWS NOTES

Louie Randall of Remus and the Crittenden Funeral Home donated two hogs for the Little Mac Bridge celebration Feb. 17.

Warming and kitchen tents were donated by various friends. Miles Miller donated the use of his tractor for the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesly Cole of rural Remus were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. Helen Alwood spent Thursday evening with the Smiths, and took Clayton a birthday card and a nice mess of smelt fish.

Martin and Richard Stanley were Sunday dinner guests of

their grandmother, Mrs. Esther Stanley.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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gestions or demands or plans; the Head of Government takes the advice of its assistants, and acts accordingly.

The Head of Government (the School Board) spends over a million dollars of tax money every year. Each member of the Board prides himself on the premise that he is able to manage the spending of more than a million dollars a year.

We have elected this member and that to the School Board, always with the promise of the candidate that he will stand up to those fellows, by jeepers, and see to it that the tax monies are spent without waste.

Each time we elect a new member he takes his place on the Board and before our eyes he turns into one of the gang sitting around a table saying, "I move we approve the (Superintendent's) (principal's) (staff member's) proposal."

So we go on. And on. And now we're seeing the most efficient, best organized and biggest steam-rollered campaign the school has ever put on for a millage election campaign.

As to the millage: The Board and Administration quote figures showing how the State of Michigan will take over two of the 15 mills if we but vote the extra three mills. The Board and Administration present this as though the State money is "free," not belonging to anyone. The State of Michigan has no money except tax money. The Chippewa Hills Schools District has no money, local, State or Federal, except tax money.

All persons on the payroll of the school will, of course, vote for the extra millage. Many parents of children in the schools will be stampeded into voting the millage increase.

We have never witnessed an election campaign such as this one for extra millage for the Chippewa Hills Schools.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

So our Board of Education is asking the people in Chippewa Hills District for another millage approval. It's nice that they think of the taxpayers and parents once a year.

For the past two years students, parents and teachers have been complaining to individual Board members and at Board meetings, about the actions of one of our administrators, yet the Board has given this man another contract.

Board members are voted in by

the people to represent the people. I can't understand their actions.

This administrator's new contract calls for 52 weeks for the 1974-75 school year. I imagine this year's contract was the same (1973-74.)

At any rate, this man taught driver training last summer and neglected his own job to the extent that it cost the taxpayers about \$5,000 in teachers' salaries alone (to say nothing about the transportation expenses, etc.) to get our students enrolled in their classes the first two and a half days of school last fall. These two and one-half days were supposed to have been scheduled school days. When will this time be made up?

Our Board let the Assistant Superintendent go--fine. We don't need an Assistant Superintendent. Other Class B schools get along without one.

Now I understand they will have a new Assistant Superintendent plus an Assistant Principal.

I felt we needed an Assistant Superintendent the first year Mr. Alward was here, as he had quite a bit of time off each week to finish his education, plus he had off several Fridays during football season to go out of town and watch his own son play football. But not any more.

I don't feel that our Board is trying to save any money, at least not where the administrators are concerned. The students are the ones that get hurt all the time.

Last year Richard Donley presented a proposed vocational building program to the Board and asked for approval. All the money he needed was about \$500.00 for some hand tools. This program would involve more students than any other program could possibly involve. Mr. Donley planned on including the drafting class, the shop class, home-making class, and even the bookkeeping class. Our Board turned this down.

Why?

A program like this can make money for the district.

When a Board can say No to a program like this, then I can't feel that their main concern is in our children.

I honestly don't know how I'll vote on March 12th. I hate to see our children hurt, but all I can see is more administrators anyway.

Where is it going to end?

Signed

A Taxpayer

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sprague, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rescoe and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were Sunday callers at the R.D. Sprague

home. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell were Monday callers.

The twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Branson came home

from CMC Hospital last Wednesday, after a five-day stay, suffering from croup. They were better this week.



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