

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTION WILL BE HOT AND HEAVY

The upcoming millage-proposal of 20 mills coming up March 3 in the Chippewa Hills School District is already a hot-eyed, heavy-handed issue among some partisans.

We were startled to hear at a recent meeting that "if the millage doesn't pass, they're going to close the Weidman School."

Why the Weidman School? was asked. The Weidman "precinct" was the only one in the whole district approving the autumn millage request--the rest of the district turned it down two to one.

So we checked with school administrative personnel, and we found this somewhat improbable answer:

"If we can't get the extra six mills, and the 14 mills renewed, we MAY have to close the Remus, Mecosta and Weidman Elementary Schools and bus little children to Barryton and the high school building, for half-day sessions.

"Note that we say WE MAY have to. We're hoping we don't have to do that."

Asked if the Board and administration were aware of the possibility of a class-action suit if the village schools were closed, the answer was, "Yes, they're aware of that possibility. But they feel they have to take the risk."

(Village school districts in the big-big consolidation were promised, in the intensive election drive for consolidation, that all the area's village school buildings would be properly maintained and used for schools. Since consolidation, there's been no money for maintenance of buildings, even for the new high school which will cost taxpayers four million dollars by the time the debt is paid off

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### WE GOT SNOW SATURDAY--AND SUB ZERO AT NIGHT

This is how we were by Saturday afternoon, after we'd got more than two inches of new snow. Rick McArthur (above) uses the snowblower to clear driveways and paths at the Messenger grounds. Rick has rigged up a ramp for his pickup truck, so he can load the snowblower on at short notice and take off for a cleanup job. The Weidman area had temperatures up to 24 degrees below zero Saturday night, and it warmed up (to nine above) very slowly. This has been an extremely cold winter here. Messenger photo

### RECORD NUMBER TURNS OUT FOR WBA JANUARY MEETING

A record number of 18 members (out of 44 business or business-like organizations in the Weidman area) turned out last Thursday evening for the January meeting at the old Bank Building.

WBA President Bud Fredrickson led the meeting smoothly and swiftly, and among items finalized were:

A decision to finish up work on bathroom facilities at the park on our own, without government grants or other outside help.

Whitey McCreight, treasurer of the organization, had comments on the many favorable observations of the general public on the way the Christmas lights, the big tree, the Santa Claus visit, and the whole Christmas celebration were handled by Weidman business people.

Appreciation to Bernard Riley

was registered, for his help in installing and removing the holiday trimmings in Weidman. (The colored lights.)

It was voted to renew the organization's Bingo license, expiring this month. A bingo committee was appointed, consisting of Dick Curtiss, Walt Smith, Anita Ptak, and Gary McArthur.

Harry Herman, Weidman postmaster, reported that the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library racks up 100 checkouts of books and other materials per month. The library is supported by a legacy from Leon McArthur, annual donations from both Sherman and Nottawa Townships, and public donations. A motion that the Business Association give the library \$100 was voted on and approved.

Also it was voted to order a new suit for Santa and his wife.

A man and wife team in Saginaw, professional Santa Claus people, will make the suits, by order of the WBA.

Wayne Schneider, manager of Allen Lumber Company, has taken over the finishing jobs at the park and rest-room building.

Around \$1,300 was taken in from membership fees to the Association, it was reported.

A "night out" for WBA members and their spouses was discussed, and Bernard Pitts and Jim Clark were appointed as a committee to inquire at Maxfield's Restaurant at Lake Isabella and the Coldwater Lake Inn.

The WBA personnel will be in charge of gate-watching and taking tickets at the Lil' Mac Bridge celebration Feb. 20. Ed Ley is also on an important committee. Harry Pung, key man on the pig-roasting job, will be in charge of buying pigs and the job of roasting over charcoal fires, on automatic-turning spits.

This is the fifth annual Lil' Mac Pig Roast, incidentally, and not the fourth, as we stated last week.

The WBA has put on July Fourth fireworks displays the past several years, which have proven extremely popular. Orders for fireworks must be in by February, and it was voted at last week's meeting to order bigger units of display at probably higher cost to the WBA. Last year the fireworks cost \$700. The sum is made up by private donations by business people of Weidman.

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### LA LECHE LEAGUE MEETS JAN. 18

The third meeting of a series for La Leche League will be held at the home of Mrs. Diane Benn at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Topic for discussion will be, "Baby Arrives: Breast Feeding and the Family."

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

# Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Frank Huguelet attended a Moose meeting Thursday evening in Saginaw. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Galgoczi and Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp.

A New Year's Eve party was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Don Atherton. Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doure, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jason.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Siler of Saginaw spent a long New Year's weekend at their cottage, Wednesday through Sunday. They enjoyed some skiing and visited

neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr enjoyed having their grandchildren here for New Year's Day from Hemlock. Also visiting were Mrs. Teri Dorr and children of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Huguelet of Toledo spent the weekend with Frank Huguelet and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Huguelet and family of Leaton spent Saturday evening visiting him.

Lela and Ted Demlow of Hemlock spent New Year's Day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKenzie.

Dan and Betty Stacey entertained their children New Year's Day, as Penny came down from Oscoda and Pat and Dick Harris were here from Harrison to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schnei-

der spent Thursday evening entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Don Atherton. They played cards, and spent an enjoyable evening together.

Gary and Susie Smith and daughter, Danielle, of Jackson spent this weekend with their parents, Arlene and Harry Smith.

Tom and Cindy Tilmann, Bill and Lill Merger and Dorothy Denius spent New Year's Eve with Arlene and Harry Smith. New Year's Day they entertained Diana and Dennis La Lone of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bamford spent the weekend at their cottage. Sunday, along with Bud and Gwen Tomlinson, they went to the Coldwater Lake Inn for dinner. They also did some snowmobiling before returning to Lansing Sunday.

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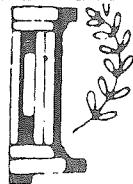
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## Obituary

**RAY DUTCHER**  
Ray Dutcher died suddenly at the home of his father, Floyd Dutcher, here in Weidman, Sunday morning. He was 33.  
Ray had lived here, and for some time in Florida, where his father went to spend winters. He was taken to CMC Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.  
He was born in Washington State.  
He is survived by his father, Floyd; two brothers, Kenneth of Savannah, Georgia, and Clayton of Seattle; and many other relatives around here.  
Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1 from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.  
Floyd and Ray have very many friends here who will mourn Ray's passing.

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# North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Laura Latham had Sunday dinner with her son and his family.  
Micky Abbott and Robert left for Chicago Monday to attend furniture sales.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gott and family spent Sunday with us. Our children had Open House for us Christmas through New Year's. They all called at different times. We served cookies, cake and ice cream, and coffee and punch.  
Donny Alwood and Les Shenk and friends from Remus spent Saturday skiing at Mott Mountain, near Farwell.  
Jim Alwood and Tracy Bywater took a group of young people from the Baptist Church bowling in Mt. Pleasant Saturday afternoon. They reported a very nice time.

Bill Alwood and son, Troy, of Saginaw spent several days with his parents, the Don Alwoods, and with Rusty and his family. The boys enjoyed some rabbit hunting together.  
Mrs. Helen Alwood and Mrs. Rolla Belden of Barryton called on Mrs. Mabel Graham of Rosebush one day last week. Mrs. Graham is a co-worker of the ladies at the State Home in Mt. Pleasant, and has been in the hospital.

Several neighbors have been hearing from Mrs. Ella Adams from Bradenton, Florida. Her son, Harold, of Lake, drove her down for the winter. Ella is enjoying her winter, and said her neighbors are very good to her down there, taking her to stores and other places. She hopes our winter is not too cold and icy. Mrs. Adams used to live where the Vic Jeffrey family lives now.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Prak spent the weekend with their children in Detroit.

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# The Churches

**WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
Jr. Church in Basement, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7 p.m.  
We had a missionary, Betty Guthrie, from Mexico, with us Sunday. She spoke at church, Sunday School and Junior Church. She met with the young people in the evening, at 7 p.m. she showed slides of Mexico. She is originally from Winn. This church helps support her work down there. A luncheon at 1 p.m. after the church services was enjoyed.  
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## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1/4 mile south of Weidman School, corner of Coldwater and Weidman Roads.  
Richard Wadsworth, Pastor, ph. 644-3604.  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
Youth Service, 6.15 p.m.  
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.  
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## GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Corner Coleman and Vandecar Roads, Gilmore Township.  
George Getchel, minister. Ph. 588-9731.  
Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.  
Bible School, 10.45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.  
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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

South from Weidman on Coldwater Road.  
Edwin C. Schmelzer, Pastor. Ph. 967-3411.  
Sunday School and Bible Class 9.15 a.m.  
Divine Worship, 10.45 a.m.  
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## BRINTON CHAPEL

Corner of Brinton and Stevenson Lake Roads.  
James Weber, Pastor.  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Church School, 11 a.m.  
Midweek Services Thursday, 7.30 p.m.  
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## WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Athel J. Lynch, Pastor. Ph. 644-3336.  
Church School, 9.45 a.m.  
Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
Pot-luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.  
Sharing and Prayer Thursday, 7.30 p.m.



CHARLIE JOHNSON'S SALOON--About 1914. Charlie, husband of Kit, bought the place in 1914 and sold it to Al Walker. Walker later sold it to Fred Bartlett, who subsequently sold it to Charlie and Agnes Gross. In the old days Weidman always had two saloons, one on the site of the Idle Hour Bar (the old wooden buildings burned in one of the town's three devastating fires), and the other just west of it, if we remember right, where now the Weidman Pharmacy and Dallas McClain's garage are housed. Today the town has two taverns selling beer, wine and hard liquor, and a liquor-outlet store. The above old photo was loaned the Messenger by the Howard Johnsons of Fremont, Ohio. Charlie and Kit are gone now, but they left a family of outstanding sons who now are fathers and grandfathers.



LIL MAC BRIDGE PIG ROAST COMING UP--Sunday, Feb. 20. Snowmobilers and campers from all over the state converge on the Elwood Miller farm's lovely hillside to enjoy the weekend and especially the Sunday roast-pig dinner, complete with home-made dressing and Evelyn Hackney's gourmet bean soup. Monday night's meeting of the Firemen and the business folks of Beal City and Weidman saw appointment of work committees to get ready for the big day. Messenger photo

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Ruth Teeter and family of Clare called on Edna Teeter Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler called on Flossie Forbes at the Medical Care Facility one day during last week. She remained about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell of Mt. Pleasant.

Carl and Ellen Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell at Littlefield Lake Wednesday.

I called on Connie Fletcher last Tuesday, on my way home from Clare.

The Geasler families recieved word of the death of their cousin, George Eddy, of near Ionia, who passed away after a lingering illness.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and Darcy spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Apple in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bigelow of Winn were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson and daughter and grandson of Mt. Pleasant, Vada Abbott and Robert Cernek were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Verlia Wilcox. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox and Monica Parker were Monday morning callers of their mother.

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## Five generations

Jamie Marie Carlson, born Dec. 16, is being held by her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Ellis, Harrison. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Lester Hall, Lake Isabella, Jamie's great-grandmother; Mrs. John Carlson, Pontiac, the grandmother; and Richard Carlson, of Pontiac, the father. A family gathering or Christmas Day in the John Carlson home, brought the five generations together for the first time.

## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell Sunday.

Louis Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Norm Rau spent Friday after school with Brian Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dnn Grace and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Harv Schafer of Mt. Pleasant had a surprise 40th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould attended the funeral of Fred's grandmother, Mrs. Grace Gould Bert Wednesday in St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell had dinner with Louis Rau Saturday evening.

Bobbie Zeien fell at school Friday and had to have stitches taken in his head.

The Beal City basketball team lost to Lake City Friday night, 73-66.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Ed Schafers' at Coldwater Lake.

Jerry Joe and Jane Schafer and children and Don and Judy Schafer also spent Sunday with the Ed Schafers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schafer spent Saturday evening at Fran Schafer's.

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### BEAL CITY 4-H CLUB NEWS

By DeAnn Finnerty  
Beal City 4-H Club has been busy! Our Christmas carolers packed 48 boxes for our area Senior Citizens.

During our Christmas vacation, a roller skating party was held for members and friends. Sunday, Jan. 9, a snow party was held on Gross' Hill. Hot cocoa, hot dogs and marshmallows were roasted

and enjoyed. Eight-eight people attended.

Thanks to Norm Gross, and leaders and parents, for the nice time everyone had.

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### BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 18 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party at the K. C. Hall last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 18 tables of pepper in play.

Agnes Thielen won first prize for the ladies, with Mary Mc-Taggart second and Monica Grinzinger low.

Ed Fedewa won first for the men with Russell Wilson second and Jack Schafer low.

Rose Funnell won the pepper prize. Rose Schafer drew the door prize.

Ladies of the committee, Dorothy Streng, Veronica Tilmann, Catherin Gross, Rose Schafer and Rose Hauck, served sandwiches and coffee for refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be

Thursday afternoon, Jan. 20. Everyone is cordially invited.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Jeff Martin and Mrs. Greg Martin made a couple of trips to Pontiac last week, to see Mrs. Greg Martin's mother, who was in the hospital there.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended the UMW meeting at Mrs. Lucille Fountain's in Remus last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were Friday business callers in Lansing. They also called on her mother.

Floyd and Ray Dutcher were last Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Sunday callers at the Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, and Ervin and Junior Dutcher.

Paul Miller is in CMC Hospital. He hopes to be home the last of this week.

D. J. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents, the

Pete Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Mike spent Sunday with the Woods.

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## Local Items

A baby boy, Dylan Carver Brown, was born to Vickie and Steven Brown Jan. 6 at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Letts of Battle Creek. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Brown (Jean Garner) of Mt. Pleasant. Jean is a niece of Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner.

Edith McArthur was seriously burned on her hand Saturday when she fell against her lighted stove. She was taken to CMC Hospital, where she was given first-aid treatment and placed in the intensive care unit. Monday she was reported out of intensive care and in Room 232 of the hospital.



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The Weidman Messenger was started modestly, and has continued modestly, claiming no "complete coverage" of any area (i.e., free distribution). We have printed the news of the Weidman and Beal City areas faithfully, and have busted a tug, sometimes, to get photos of such events as Beal City's Centennial celebration, the Bicentennial doings, the Lil' Mac Pig Roast, last year's Weidman Day observing the Bicentennial year. Now we are slightly weary, and with unbeatable competition looming in the form of free-circulation school-news-advertising media, we are looking at the possibility of shucking our efforts and turning back to what Connie Roe really is--a creative writer. Wish me luck. The Messenger will continue at least until June, 1977, after which all paid-up subscription monies will be refunded. It's been great being in the midst of you-all.

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# Weidman Messenger

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Larry Straus called on the Paul Coles last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Straus visited his doctor in Lansing Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Helen Allbee and daughter, Mrs. Coranna Shaner, spent last week in Chicago, where Coranna took up another week of cake decorating.

Mrs. Shaner was also involved in a very bad car accident while in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee and Paul Cole attended a meeting of the CB-ers at the Farwell High School, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dennis and Rusty, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole were guests at a lovely birthday dinner

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon Sunday. Honored guests were Paul Cole, Dan Kripa, and Helen Mahon.

Norman Geasler is feeling some better, after his severe bout with arthritis.

We are very glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herman and family to our vicinity. They have moved into their new house across from Maggie Boger's.

Miss Pam Worth spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Worth have moved near Mt. Clemens and he is working at Selfridge.

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## Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



### New chairman

HERB SERUM IS NEW CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY PLANNING --

Herb Serum of Lake Isabella was recently elected chairman of the Isabella County Planning Commission. Other elected officers include R. Burney Long of CMU, vice chairman; Keith Decker, Ferris State College, secretary; and Barney Bolt, retired from Consumers Power Company, treasurer. Herb Serum and his wife are at their winter home in Florida.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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(28 years from the time of signing on the dotted line).

Nothing is ever said about cutting fat off administration personnel numbers and procedures, in any millage election drive. It's always the taxpayers refusing to give poor little children a decent education.

The Chippewa Hills Schools operate on a budget (spending) of over two million dollars a year. That's mainly for operating the schools.

Malcolm Plumpton, member of the Board of Education, said in last week's Chippewa Hills Courier, "The children should have a chance to have a good education, as good as any place else."

George Weichman, Board member, said in the Courier: "We've been short-changing our children all along...I'm speaking for myself, if we're going to give our children the same opportunities as neighboring school districts, we have to have the millage...."

Herb Serum said in the Courier, "We feel the need very strongly to give the children a proper education. Right now, I feel they are being short cut on certain programs....I hope people with children in school will register and vote. In previous elections this wasn't true. If they don't care about their kids, who will?....."

John Adams, Board member, in the Courier: "I think our school district is close to being the largest in the state. Our transportation cost is great.... If we don't get the millage (by) next September, I'm afraid that we'll be closing the doors... People can always find money to support their entertainments, they should be able to support their school system....If I can find money for my pleasures, I can spend money for the kids' education...."

Well, this old curmudgeon says this is the usual school-millage propaganda blitz, only more so.

If we don't vote more taxes, we are depriving poor little children of a decent education.

Nothing is ever said about trimming off fat from administration costs, operating costs, and the like.

We were promised lower taxes, in that consolidation election blitz, because we'd "have a larger tax base".

We'd have the best educational curriculum in the state. We'd have sports, industrial arts and

crafts training, college prep courses, music, anything, everything, all in one beautiful huge package.

The package is very huge.

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### CHIPPEWA HILLS BOARD SPONSORS MONTHLY EDITION OF BIG RAPIDS PUBLICATION

Beginning this month, the Board of Education of the Chippewa Hills Schools is sponsoring a "special edition" of the Chippewa Hills Courier, a Big Rapids owned publication circulated largely in Mecosta County, but also partially covering spots in Montcalm and Isabella.

A "special message" in a free-circulation pamphlet from the school's "community school", i.e., adult education, department, carries the message on its front page in a December third-class (boxholder) mailing.

The mail-piece says, of the "special edition" of the Courier, that, "through a special arrangement with the publishers of the Courier, a copy of the paper will be delivered to most residents (free), and a copy of the school news portion to all remaining residents, once a month through May.

"If this new arrangement proves satisfactory," the announcement winds up, "it will be continued in the months and years ahead."

Naturally, the Courier will be selling advertisements from all the towns in the Chippewa Hills districts, including Weidman. (On the Weidman Messenger, its impact is already felt--the Messenger has not been able to get its usual quota of ads since December.)

The Weidman Messenger is, so

far as we know, the only remaining local small-town weekly newspaper publishing in the district. The Barryton Press succumbed to the impact of a free-circulation (boxholder) shoppers' guide, the forerunner of the Courier, long ago. The Barryton paper was one of the oldest weekly newspapers in the state.

What will become of the Weidman Messenger, we cannot tell at this point. Our subscribers and news-stand readers are very loyal, and our subscription rate is very high. Yet, any newspaper has to have a certain percentage of advertising to remain solvent.

The Chippewa Hills School Board obviously likes to see the small-town local identities obliterated.

So be it.

If and when we hang up publication of the Messenger, all paid-up subscriptions will be refunded.

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### MEDICAL CARE FACILITY TO RAISE ITS PER-DAY RATES

The Medical Facility has raised per-day rates of residency from \$37.00 per day plus ancillary (extra) charges to \$40.00 per day plus ancillary charges, according to John P. Verwey, director of the Facility.

The raise affects all medicare and privately-paid occupants. The raise will become effective Feb. 1.

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George Looman and Mr. and Mrs. Art Dent of Farwell, and Denise Bellinger were Friday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and two boys were last Monday visitors of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins.

Mrs. Loretta Lorenz has left the rest home at Clare and is now with the Max Straus family.

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