Unionville land put back on tax rolls

By MARY DRIER
Columbia Township and the Village of Unionville will receive tax revenue in 1994 from a tax-exempt property that has been put back on the tax rolls recently.

According to Columbia Township Supervisor/Assessor Edward Spannagel, he has put all but two parcels of property owned by the religious group Ministry of the Word back on the tax rolls.

Area residents have been concerned for several years over the amount of property the religious sect had purchased in the Unionville business district — as well as loss of property-tax revenue from the property.

The Ministry of the Word is probably Tuscola County’s smallest religious organization, with 25 to 30 members, yet the organization owns more parcels of property than any other religious/charitable organization in the county, notes County Equalization Director Ed Karr.

The Ministry owns 12 parcels in Unionville, and all had been tax exempt until this year because of religious, charitable or educational status.

The organization bought their first building, a sales and repair shop, from Lee Amburne in 1982.

Since then they bought the defunct properties of: Schafer’s car sales/service, Cornerstone Tavern, Lowthian Drug Store, Henry’s Restaurant, Unionville Lumber Yard and small strips of vacant land throughout the village.

The Ministry owns approximately 30 percent of the village’s commercial property.

“I put all of the Ministry of the Word’s property except two back on the tax rolls,” said Spannagel.

“I left the school, located in the restaurant, and the Amburne building, that was their original church site and the parking lot behind as tax exempt under religious and educational provisions.”

The lumber yard, bar, drug store and garage are back on the tax rolls.

As taxable property, the sites will generate about $2,600 in county, township and school tax money, plus about $600 for the village.

“I did this under the recommendation from the state Treasury Department,” Spannagel said.

“I guess it was just taken for granted that because the church owned it, it was tax free, and that’s not necessary right.”

Church members appealed spanningel’s decision in March, but there is no local board of review denied it.

There are other steps in the appeal process, but Spannagel said he has not been notified whether or not ministry members will continue the appeal.

In the meantime, some area residents approve the outcome.

“I think it’s great. It’s about time they got put back on the tax rolls.”

MICHIGAN

By the Numbers

Women on the Job

In 1970, women held about 37 of every 100 jobs in Michigan. By 1980, that number had nearly doubled to 100. About one of every two Michigan residents either has a job or is looking for one. Housewives, children, students, retirees and jobless adults make up the other half, a survey says.

Columbia budget: lean

There is little room for contingencies in the newly approved Columbia Township Budget. Township Board members okayed a proposed $1,000 budget with projected revenues of $1,000,000 and estimated expenses of $1,000,000.

The budget should leave about $31,000 in the reserve account, said Clerk Janice Vogel. The budget went into effect April 1.

Also, Columbia officials are in the process of getting bids on possible road work. The new budget line this year will be $47,000 available to spend on road repairs and upkeep.

A decision on which roads is expected at the next board meeting 7 p.m. Monday, April 19.
By ANY HEIDEN

Call it the end of an era, the final celebration, whatever you wish, it was more solemnly marked.

Yesterday, the original and only flock of chickens from Vera Bixler’s kitchen made their final journey. The chickens, both the original and all others, never walked outside the kitchen of the Bixler home on Main Street in Swanzey. The chickens were home-grown and raised in the Swanzey area, but they were also home-cooked and baked in the kitchen.

By any estimate, the chickens were 40 years old, with pounds of feathers and a lifetime of memories. The chickens were known for their hillbilly-like appearance, with their feathers sticking out all over their bodies. They were also known for their delicious taste, with their meat tender and juicy.

On Friday, April 6, a special ceremony was held to honor the chickens and their legacy. The ceremony included a special ceremony, with a special invocation, a special meal, and a special presentation of the chickens to the town.

The ceremony was held in the main room of the Bixler house, with a special choir singing, a special speaker, and a special service. The chickens were presented to the town by the Bixler family, with a special presentation, and a special blessing.

The ceremony ended with a special prayer, with the chickens being carried out of the house, and down the street. The chickens were then carried to a special location, where they were donated to a special organization, for special use.

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Farmers shouldn’t fertilize without a test

A news release by Jim L. Geoghegan, U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, states: A new study shows that more than half of the time, farmers don’t test their soil before applying fertilizer, which could lead to over- or under-fertilizing.

The study found that soil testing is crucial to ensuring that crops are getting the right amount of nutrients. Over-fertilizing can lead to water pollution and environmental problems, while under-fertilizing can result in lower crop yields.

The researchers recommend that farmers consider soil testing as part of their overall farm management plan. Soil testing can be conducted by local Cooperative Extension Services or private laboratories.

Sebewaing Library News

The Sebewaing Township Library is offering a variety of programs and events throughout the year to support members of the community. For more information, visit the website or call the library at 989-657-2682.

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Karl DeLapierre, Personal Representative for

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Thanks A Million!

Not Greek, but Hebrew

DEAR MR. ROGI,

First of all, I want to thank you for the Let's Help! ad that was run in the DCVAllember edition of The Newsweekly. It was really helpful in getting the word out to your readers about the organization and the programs we offer. I appreciate your support and the opportunity to reach a wider audience through this platform.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Laker Junior High School

Laker Junior High School students have been named to the Academic Honor Roll for the Third Marking Period.

ACW Ambulance Board needs budget

The ACW Ambulance Board is seeking additional funding to support its operations. The board recently held a meeting to discuss the budget and priorities for the upcoming year. The budget includes funds for equipment upgrades, staffing, and community outreach programs. The board is looking for ways to increase community awareness and support for the services provided by the ambulance crew.

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