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Thumb E 9-1-1 system almost here

By MARY DRIER

A Tri-County Enhanced 9-1-1 (E 9-1-1) emergency phone system is inching closer to reality, with one Tuscola County community already on line and a second expected to receive service shortly.

The rest of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties are expected to have service by

April, 1993.

The Millington phone exchange of 871 has joined and is operating under Tuscola County's E 9-1-1 system.

The Fostoria exchange of "795," which is part of the Millington's Wolverine Telephone Co., is expected to go on line in the next few days.

Millington's exchanges were able to go on line with

Tuscola's new 9-1-1 system because the community was originally part of Genesee County's 9-1-1 system and all of the necessary equipment is in place.

With Tuscola County developing its own E 9-1-1 system now, persons in the 871 phone exchange will have their 9-1-1 calls ring into Tuscola's Central Dispatch.

Previously, 9-1-1 calls from 871 telephones would ring into Genesee's system, and the dispatcher there would call Tuscola County's Central Dispatch in Caro to have them send fire departments, ambulance departments or law enforcement officials to the scene.

According to Huron County Sheriff Michael Gage, installation of equipment in his county is expected to begin the first part of December.

"At which time when we have our equipment in place, we will begin to do field testing of the data base of the E9-1-1 system," says Gage.

"The idea of the field testing is to make sure we have an error rate of less than one percent."

Huron County police officers will be only ones to activate the tests of the 9-1-1 system for a spot check of the data base.

The Tri-County E 9-1-1 plan cost per telephone number has been determined to be 36 cents per month per telephone number, says Tuscola Sheriff Thomas Kern.

"This breaks down as 21 cents per line for recurring costs and 15 cents per line for a maximum of five years for non-recurring costs," Kern says, noting this is good news for Thumb residents because the original projected cost was 84 cents.

After the non-recurring costs are paid, the 36-cent price will reduce to 21 center per month per line to provide E 9-1-1 service.

"County-wide E 9-1-1 (system) availability remains set for late in March 1993," says Kern. This is because other phone exchanges have to make necessary equipment changes for the system to operate.

The Thumb Counties of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac were the first in the state to join together to cooperatively apply for funding to bring the emergency phone service to a region. The effort netted them a \$180,000 grant to implement the systems.

"We went together as three counties to produce more telephone customers to get a better rate," says Gage.

"Huron County has a few less phone customers than

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Week's weather watch

Chance more showers, slyh	Drier, partly cloudy	Finally! Sunny but cooler	Rain or snow Saturday, still cool
45/32	45/30	38/30	42/35
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend

Erin Gulash is 'Annie' at PACP

"Annie," the award-winning Broadway musical, opened on Friday at the Port Austin Community Playhouse with Erin Gulash of Caseville receiving rave reviews in the title role.

The show will continue this weekend and next weekend, Nov. 6-7-8 and 13-14-15 with curtain times of 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

The show is based on the cartoon character, "Little Orphan Annie," and follows Annie's life from the orphanage to living in the "lap of luxury" in the Warbuck mansion as the daughter of Oliver Warbucks, portrayed by Mathew Arneson of Kinde.

Annie's friends at the orphanage are played by Jessica Weidman of Caseville; Mariel Paganini, Emily Knoblock and Brittiani Moyer, all of Port Austin; Jena Lerash of Kinde and Tennille Peyerck of Bad Axe.

The orphanage is run by cruel Miss Hannigan, played by Kris Kuziel of Port Austin in a magnificent repeat of the role. She joins with her conniving brother, Rooster Hannigan, portrayed by Rodney Terwilliger of Bad Axe, and his girlfriend, Lily St. Regis, played by Penny Pearson of Port Austin, to swindle Oliver Warbucks out of \$50,000.

John Fliigger of Kinde plays President Franklin Roosevelt, while Mary Jo Lovely of Harbor Beach, is Grace Farrell, Warbuck's private secretary and Steve Mausolf of Port Austin is Officer Ward.

The back streets of New York hide the Hooverville people who blame the Depression and their state of



CASEVILLE'S ERIN GULASH stars as "Annie" in Port Austin Community Players' current production. She's shown here with her faithful dog and fellow performers Penny Pearson (Lily St. Regis) and Rodney Terwilliger (Rooster Hannigan) on stage. **COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO**

poverty on ex-president Herbert Hoover.

Members of the cast who play either Hooverville people, the staff at Warbuck's mansion or radio personalities are: Danielle Damen of Elkton; Renee Scepaniski, Bob Gulash and Andy Nowak, all of Caseville; Margaret Sturm and Melissa Hogan, Port Austin; Debby Peyerck,

Drew DeFord and Jeff Riegle, all of Bad Axe and Toby Romzek of Harbor Beach.

Pianists are Melissa Hogan and Andy Nowak.

"Annie" is being directed by Rodney Terwilliger, assisted by Marie Nicholl and is under the musical direction of Kris Kuziel.

For ticket information, call the theater at 738-5217.



Michigan

"By the Numbers" Car/deer crashes

Car/deer crashes in Michigan reached 48,233 in 1991, an all-time high record, and an increase of 5% over 1990, officials say. The crashes caused seven fatalities and 1,732 injuries.

The 1990 mark was 45,945 crashes, one death and 1,957 injuries. In 1989, the previous peak year, there were 46,784 crashes, six deaths and 1,857 injuries.

Most crashes occur in the fall or early winter, in breeding season and as many deer are moving away from hunters. Up to 760,000 firearm deer hunters will be in the woods Nov. 15-30, experts say and this year's deer herd is estimated at 1.75 million.

The average repair bill for a car/deer crash is \$1,300 per car, says Automobile Club of Michigan.

Local county numbers of car/deer crashes in 1991 are:

Huron	725
Tuscola	657
Sanilac	684
Lapeer	824
Bay	176
Saginaw	677
Kent (state's highest)	1,662
Keweenaw (state's lowest)	16

Contract talks continue

As the first marking period of the 1992-93 school year approaches, some Western Thumb Area school districts remain without teachers' contracts.

The most critical situation in Huron County is the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port "Laker" School District, says Tri-County Bargaining Association President Penny Letts. She heads the bargaining organization which represents 19 school districts.

Laker negotiation members declared they are at an impasse and asked for mediation. The first mediation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19. The State Mediator assigned to the district is William Borushko.

"Bargaining has been slow there," said John Folsom, Michigan Education Association (MEA) Uniserv Director, who is overseeing the Laker District. "We are still having problems over finances, salary, fringes, calendar, length of school year, and a carrier for health benefits. The contract expired in June.

There are about 70 teachers and 1,292 students in the district.

The Owendale-Gagetown School District's teachers did have a tentative agreement, but are back bargaining again over some points, he said. "They are going back to bargain-

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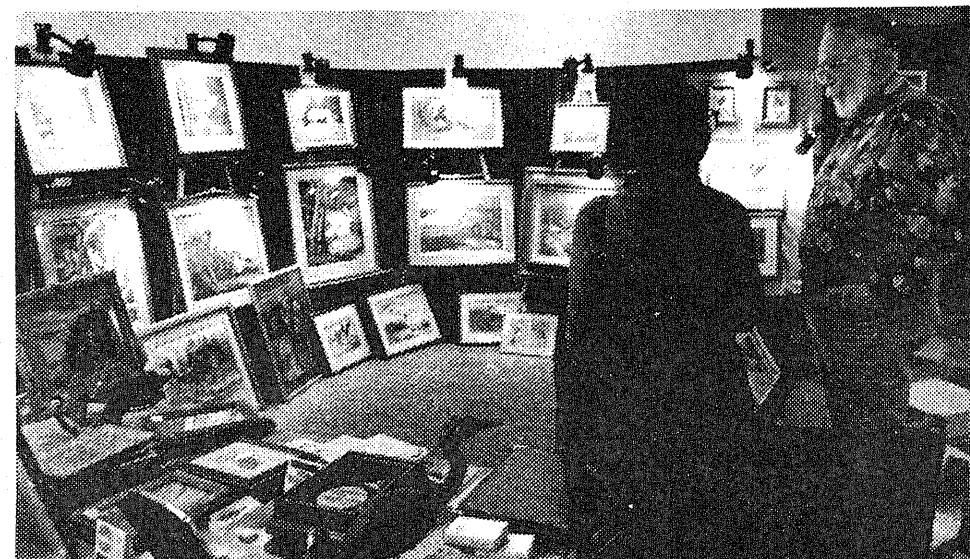
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'Phantom' tickets offered

The Caseville Community Arts Council is planning a trip to Detroit's Masonic Temple on Jan. 17 to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera." Round-trip transportation is included and will be provided by Mitchell Tours. The bus will depart from Caseville High School. Ticket prices include a one-year membership in the Caseville Community Arts Council. For more information, call 856-4940.

Mutual Savings earnings rise

Mutual Savings Bank announced earnings of 77 cents per share for the quarter ending Sept. 30, according to Wendell Evans, Jr., chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "We are very pleased to announce these favorable earnings because they represent our first quarter as a public company, and they exceed the projections of the bank's offering circular," said Evans. The Company reported net income of \$1.120 million for the third quarter, as compared to \$1.305 million for the same quarter one year earlier. Net income for the first nine months amounted to \$2.366 million. During the same period one year ago, net income amounted to \$3.595 million. Earnings for the prior year were greater because the bank realized substantial gains on the sale of securities, said Evans adding the 1991 sale of securities was part of new management philosophy directed toward increasing the bank's profitability through an aggressive well-managed mortgage lending operation. Year to date, the bank increased its mortgage lending volume 37 percent. During the first nine months of 1992, Mutual originated \$238.6 million in mortgage loans as compared to the same period one year earlier when a total of \$50.6 million in loans were originated. Loan originations during the third quarter amounted to \$87 million, up 274 percent from \$23.5 million from the same quarter one year ago.



LOTS OF INTEREST: Lake Huron Community Arts Council members were pleased with the turnout of lookers and buyers for its first annual Marsh Madness show and sale, at the Old Heidelberg Gallery in Sebewaling. Here, outdoor prints are being viewed.



SMILING WINNERS: Lake Huron Community Arts Council's First Pumpkin and Squash Decorating contest was conducted Oct. 23 at Sebewaling Fire Hall. A total of 34 pumpkins and squash were judged, and are now being displayed in local stores. All received a candy bar and the winners — Josh Gullet and Melissa Sue Miller of Sebewaling, and Kellie Chalou of Bay Port — received a gift certificate from Pitcher's Ben Franklin Store, which may be picked up at The Blade & Progress Newsweekly Office in Sebewaling. COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

Arts Council sets fall classes, schedule

The Lake Huron Community Arts Council is completing its fall class schedule of offerings — watch for a new winter schedule in January, organizers say. The most-requested classes are for basket making, watercolor painting, sewing a star-shaped tree skirt, making a log-cabin comforter, and ongoing oil painting classes. There are openings in the large market basket class on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Thursday afternoons, the oil painting class meets each week at the Heidelberg Gallery classroom. Members plan another quilt comforter or Christmas wall hanging class now if there is enough interest, they say. The life of a very promising artist was taken recently and his brothers created a memorial for Travis Schaaf, organizers say. The council welcomes new adult students and are open to any suggestions or requests. Call class coordinator Barb Burdon at 665-2482.

Calendar EXTRA monthly

Now to Nov. 14 - Pheasants

Pheasant season in Lower Peninsula.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 - Tuscola County Board

County Board of Commissioners meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Board Office, Courthouse Annex, Caro. For details, call 673-5999.

Thursday, Nov. 12 - Surplus Food Distribution

Human Development Commission distributes surplus commodities at these local spots in Huron County: Sebewaling VFW Hall 9 to 11 a.m. (special time) and Bad Axe Fairgrounds 10 a.m. to 12 noon. In Tuscola County: Cass City Village Park and HDC Warehouse, 165 Butler, Caro, both 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Details: 673-4121.

Thursday, Nov. 12 - Fair Haven Township

Township Board meets second Thursday of month at 8 p.m. at Township Hall, Bay Port. William Forge is Supervisor. Office phone: 656-9901.

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 14 & 15 - Marsh Madness Exhibition

Hunting memorabilia is featured 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Heidelberg Gallery, 27 N. Center, Sebewaling, presented by the Lake Huron Community Arts Council. Don't miss this unique presentation, part of '92 Marsh Madness.

Until Nov. 15 - Frog season

Nov. 15-30 - Deer Hunting

Firearm deer hunting season in Michigan.

Monday, Nov. 16 - Columbia Township

Township Board meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Township Library in Unionville. Edward Spangnagel is Supervisor. Office phones: 674-2244 or 674-2527.

Monday, Nov. 16 - Caseville School Board

Caseville Public School Board of Education meets the

third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Supt. James Stahl: 856-2311.

Monday, Nov. 16 - Port Austin Township

Township Board meets the third Monday of the month at 8 p.m. at Port Austin Fire Hall. Marvin Goretski is Supervisor. Office phone: 738-7525.

Monday, Nov. 16 - Sebewaling Village

Village Council meets first and third Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Municipal Building. Lloyd Adam is Village President. Office phone: 883-2150.

Monday, Nov. 16 - Unionville Village

Village Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Village Hall. Ted Balzer is Village President. Office phone: 674-2244.

Monday, Nov. 16 - Wisner Township

Township Board meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall at 7894 M-25. James MacFarlane is Supervisor.

Monday, Nov. 16 - Fairgrove Township

Township Board meets at 8 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Township Hall in Fairgrove. Keith Aeder is Supervisor.

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - Akron Village

Village Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at Village Hall. Mari Young is Village President. Office phone: 691-269-8242.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - Men's pancake breakfast

Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church is the place for a special meal at 7 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month through May. Full meal for all interested men. Details: Rob Elliott, 658-2111.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - Elmwood Township

Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday

of each month at Elmwood-Gagetown Municipal Building, Gagetown. James Turner is Supervisor. Office phone: 665-2416.

Thursday, Nov. 19 - Akron Township

Township Board meets the third Thursday of each month at the Municipal Building, Akron at 7:30 p.m. Wilbur Partlo is Supervisor. Business phone: 674-2669.

Saturday, Nov. 21 - A-F Bazaar & Bake Sale

The 17th annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale by the Akron-Fairgrove School District's Band Parents runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school's multi-purpose room. To rent a table or for more information, call 693-6137 or write Barbara Fry, 4488 W. Gilford Road, Fairgrove, 48733.

Monday, Nov. 23 - CPR training class

Huron Memorial Hospital offers a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Class from 7 to 10 p.m. in the North Conference Room, Bad Axe. Respiratory Therapist Dave Raftery will teach techniques. To register, call 269-9521, ext. 259. There is a charge and class size is limited.

Monday, Nov. 23 - Port Austin Village

Village Council meets second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall. Edwin Korn, Jr., is Village President. Office phone: 738-5199.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 - Huron County Board

County Board of Commissioners meets at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Commissioners' Room 211 of County Building, Bad Axe. Martha Thuemmel of Port Austin is 1992 Chairman. Call 269-8242.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 - Tuscola County Board

County Board of Commissioners meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Board Office, Courthouse Annex, Caro. For details, call 673-5999.

Thursday, Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving

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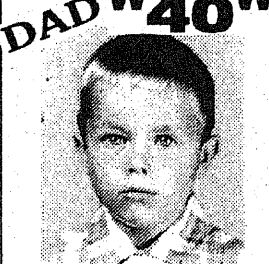
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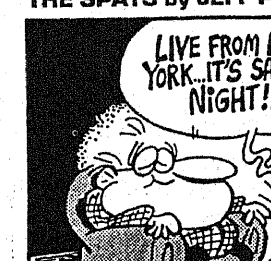
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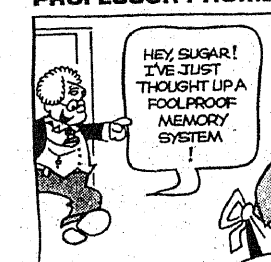
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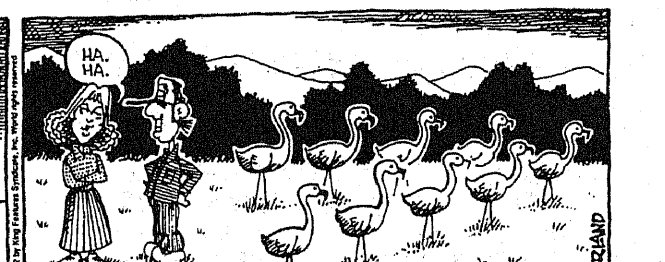
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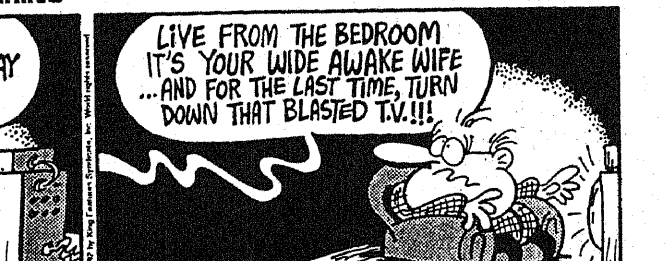
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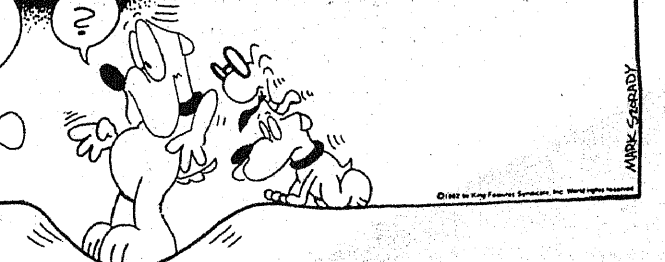
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MARY DRIER PHOTO

No criminal charges to be filed against former teacher

Following the resignation of former Laker band instructor Vincent Aiello, 27 of Pigeon, last week, Huron County Prosecutor Leslie Hagen says no criminal charges would be brought against him.

Aiello resigned his position at a special school board meeting after being accused of engaging in "sexually inappropriate contact with at least two female students."

Hagen said a full investigation was conducted and several Laker students were interviewed.

After reviewing the complaints, the prosecutor said charges could have been brought on at least one of the complaints, but that after discussing the case with one of

the victims and her family, the decision was made to ask for Aiello's resignation and to have him seek counseling.

Aiello was suspended with pay from the school on Sept. 18 after charges were filed against him with the school board by Laker High School Principal Lisa DiCamillo.

In a prepared statement, Hagen gave credit to the Laker administration for its handling of the case and to DiCamillo for her prompt action in calling authorities.

It's a girl!

A special delivery came to the home of Dennis and Cindy Engelhard of Unionville on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 9:02 a.m.

A daughter, **Kayla Marie**, weighing 10 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 20 inches long was born and greeted by big sister Marissa and big brother Nathan.

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