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Let the people know
the facts, and the country
will be safe.
—Abe Lincoln

Medical services will be provided to Brewer child if taken to local health department

By Sally Lael
Jay Brewer was notified today by certified letter that Cass County Health Department will provide nursing services to his son, Stephen, on an out-patient basis at the Beardstown office.

Stephen, three years old, has leukemia and is on a morphine pump. Last week, Jay was denied services for his son because of Jay's alleged past drug involvement, according to Virginia Hertweck, administrator. Hertweck told this newspaper that because of Jay's past alleged involve-

ment with drugs and a past history of potential violence, department nurses feared going into the Brewer's home.

According to the letter, Hertweck said, "Please let me reiterate that the health department at no time refused to treat Stephen. We only told you that we would not come to your home because we consider it an unsafe environment for our nurses."

Brewer left today for St. Louis with his son because "they want to get that needle changed and check

him." Stephen has a port device under his skin in his chest with a needle so he may receive a constant flow of morphine. Stephen's morphine was increased three times in 48 hours under the instruction of Dr. Chu of the Cardinal-Glennon Hospital at St. Louis. Jay administers the dosages.

For two and a half days last week, Stephen carried a high fever and was unable to walk or move because of his pain. Brewer said today, "How am I supposed to get him to the health department when he is in

that condition?" Jay noted since Stephen is "pretty good today," he could be moved and took him to St. Louis.

Jay said he is unsure of his plans for Stephen's treatment. "I may continue with St. Louis and stay at the Ronald McDonald House. I just spent two months there, I can stay again," he added.

Hertweck was unavailable for comment.

Cass County Health Department is funded through federal, state and local tax dollars.

E-911 Board chooses firm to install emergency system

By Janet Martin
Cass County E-9-1-1 Board has tentatively selected Missman, Stanley and Associates of Rock Island to begin work in implementing the emergency phone system. Monday night the board reviewed bids submitted by five companies and chose the Rock Island group to come back to the board for a re-cap before final approval is made.

For the past five months the committee has been contacting various firms, gathering information and listening to presentations in order to make their choice. Missman, Stanley

and Associates is currently doing the work for Morgan County's E-9-1-1 service.

Services to be provided by the company includes rural addressing, map production and a Master Street Address Guide (MSAG). The projected time of completion is 240 days and the cost is \$38,200. Once these steps are completed, the county will be in a position to install the computer hardware, hire personnel and fully implement the system in order to go on-line with 911 services, probably mid-1993.

Rural addressing consists of establishing a house numbering system

for all rural addresses, similar to those used in the city. Road names will accompany the house numbers and this system will be adopted by the postal service. Route and box numbers will no longer be used once the E-9-1-1 system goes into effect. Cass Co. is fortunate in that all county roads are already named. Many counties have been bogged down with accomplishing this step.

Digital maps of Cass Co. will be made to include all roads, streets, water supplies, fire, police and medical service zones. In addition

to fold-out maps, atlases will be made available for each emergency service vehicle in the county for reference.

The Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) establishes high and low house number ranges for road segments. This information is all entered on a telephone record database for access by the E-9-1-1 system.

The board will meet with Missman, Stanley and Associates as soon as possible in order to implement the beginning of this phase of progression.

Maintenance resolutions to aid in 'red' budget

By Danny Rahn
Cass County Highway Superintendent Bob Phelps presented two maintenance resolutions at last night's regular meeting of Road and Bridge Committee.

All members attending. Phelps stated that last year the Highway Department overran their budget by \$9,000. To cover that, a superceding resolution for \$160,000 would have to be passed by the County Board. Last year, a resolution for \$150,000 was

approved but they overran that, Phelps said. If the resolution is approved, Highway Department can spend up to \$160,000 out of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Phelps said "this happens every year, sometimes we go over the limit and sometimes we stay under a little." Resolution was passed for submission to the County Board.

In other committee business, Phelps said the Highway Department paved the lower end of Arenzville Road with funding that was

to last for five years. On June 1st, there will be two years left on this funding, so if they want to complete the road, it will have to be done in the next two years. The County Board has already approved the resolution to finish the rest of the road.

If additional funding is required, money can be taken out of Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Committee President Dick Ballance suggested formation of a sub-committee to further look into the matter, so no

action was taken at this meeting.

In addition, a recap of claims was approved and entered into the public record. Claims to be paid: County Highway Fund, \$6,053.04; Townships' Motor Fuel Tax Fund, \$1,767.37; County Motor Fuel Tax Fund, \$1,307.27. Claims paid since last meeting: County Highway Fund, \$15,248.09; Townships' Motor Fuel Tax Fund, \$6,262.72; County Motor Fuel Tax Fund, \$31,625.

Bob Michel to speak here

U.S. Congressman Bob Michel will be the featured speaker at the Annual Cass County Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, February 13th at the Elks Club, Beardstown.

Also attending will be Karen Hasara, candidate for the Illinois Senate in the 50th District which includes the eastern portion of Cass County; William DeMarco, candidate for the House of Representatives, 100th District, eastern portion of Cass County; DeWayne Bond,

candidate for the House of Representatives, 95th District which includes the western portion of Cass County. Circuit Clerk and candidate for re-election Kathy Trenter will be in attendance as will State Senator Laura Kent-Donahue and State Representative Art Tenhouse.

Tickets are available from all Cass County Republican Precinct Committees. Reservations are due no later than February 10th.

Just the fax, please

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A news release by Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., chiding a federal department for being wasteful got its point across: It was faxed to United Press International three times.

In the release, Annunzio took the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to task for spending too much on new furniture and other furnishings when it moved offices last summer.

Annunzio, chairman of the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions Supervision, said the \$6.5 million spent by the OCC was "much higher" than the amount suggested by the General Services Administration, the purchasing arm of the government.

The two-page fax came over the fax machine at UPT's Treasury Department office three times.

Two students accused of carrying guns leave school

COLLINSVILLE, Ill. (UPI) — Two students accused of pointing guns at their elementary school classmates have been removed from classes by their parents, school officials said Tuesday.

Because the parents of the students withdrew them from school, the Collinsville school board was unable to take any action at a special meeting Monday. The board had met to decide whether to expel or extend the suspensions of the two pupils from Twin Echo Elementary School.

The students — boys in the fourth and fifth grades — had been serving 10-day suspensions. School administrators may suspend students but are barred from expelling them under Illinois law, which allows only school boards to take the more severe action.

A police investigation showed the fifth-grader was accused of bringing a pellet gun to school last month, as well as a .22-cal-

iber pistol in a previous incident.

Police said fellow students had accused the fourth-grader of pointing a .25-caliber pistol at them on a school bus and pulling the trigger.

The parents of one student notified school officials on Friday the boy was being withdrawn from classes while the school received the same notice from the parents of the other student on Monday, said Superintendent John Renfro.

The school board voted to retain the right to hold a hearing if the two students attempted to enroll at any school in Collinsville during the current school year, said board president Paul Welch.

However, if the students enroll in the district for the next school year, the district must accept them under the law, Welch said.

School and police officials were still investigating that allegation, Renfro said.



No injuries. At 10:30 last night the walls of the two upper levels of the Park House Hotel above the former Rod 'N' Gun tavern, in the 100 block of Washington Street, collapsed. Shown above is the damage which occurred.

'And the walls came tumbling down'

By Bob Loeschner

Two levels above the former location of the Rod 'N' Gun Tavern in the 100 block of Washington Street collapsed at 10:30 last night. Walls of the upper two levels facing Washington Street crumbled onto the sidewalk in front of the former tavern's entrance.

The sections which collapsed are part of the old Park House Hotel, currently owned by Beardstown Restoration Society (BRS).

According to BRS President Marla Howren, the lower level is divided into six store fronts. Three are

owned by BRS and the other three are owned by Jerry and Jody Peacock, owners of the former and new Rod 'N' Gun, 200 Washington Street. As to which party is liable for last night's occurrence is presently under investigation. Howren state, "I knew nothing about what had happened until about 8:30 this morning. Mayor (Robert) Summey called me and told me about the building."

She said the mayor recommended the society should seek help as to clarify

which owner is responsible for the damage. Howren acknowledged today that structural engineers will be at the location to examine the building. Mel Clements, who was the original person who performed the stucco work approximately 30 years ago to that portion of the building, was contacted for his opinion. BRS would also like to assure the remaining structure is still sound.

Beardstown Restoration Society has scheduled a meeting at 4 p.m. today to discuss the matter with

hopes the engineers and experts working on the investigation will have information regarding the occurrence. Howren added, "That which the Park House is built on has good foundation. The society has spent about \$6,000 over the past two years in replacing support. As for the levels that fell, we have no control over its foundation, but there was nothing unsafe about the building to our knowledge.

Jerry and Jody Peacock were unavailable for comment at press-time today.

Fierer doesn't remember killing wife

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UPI) — Accused murderer Joshua Fierer tearfully told a Sangamon County jury Monday his last conscious memory of the morning his wife died is the feel of the knife blade that sliced open his hands when Mary Fierer allegedly attacked him.

As the second week of the Fierer trial began, the former pathologist took the witness stand to recount his 25-year marriage, including its downward spiral into adultery, divorce and ultimately death.

Fierer, 54, is being tried a second time for stabbing his wife 27 times on Dec. 6, 1984 in a bedroom at their Morton home. His first conviction in 1985 was overturned on a technicality and the second trial was moved to Springfield.

Doc says Dahmer planned his murders

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — A prosecutor Tuesday attempted to break down testimony by a defense psychiatrist who had characterized admitted serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer as suffering from "cancer of the mind."

Under questioning from District Attorney E. Michael, Fred Berlin, an expert on sexual deviation from Johns Hopkins University, to say that Dah-

mer's killings were not impulsive acts.

On Monday Berlin had tried to outline Dahmer's motives behind the killing 17 young men and boys.

Dahmer, 31, has pleaded guilty but insane to 15 of the slayings. He also has said he ate body parts of some of his victims.

If Dahmer is declared insane by the jury, he will probably spend the rest of his life in a maximum-

security mental institution. If declared sane, he would go to prison for life. If the jury declares Dahmer insane on at least one, but not all, of the 15 murder counts, he would go to the hospital until he is judged to be no longer dangerous. If that day ever came, he would go to prison for the rest of his life.

Prosecutors contend Fierer used the garbage bag to hide a knife he had taken from a rack in the kitchen. They called doctors to testify that his wounds came from his hand slipping on the knife's bloody handle as he plunged the weapon into his wife's chest.

Unknown to him, Mary Fierer began having an affair with Ron Goff, their former rabbi, in late 1981. She set up a love nest in Peoria where she regularly slept with Goff, and also took phony business trips for out-of-town trysts in Springfield and Indianapolis.

"In terms of all these persons that he killed, he first made sure that he got them

At the same time, Fierer said he was under constant pressure at work because he feared he would lose his job as the chairman of the University of Illinois Medical school's pathology department.

But using transcripts from Mary Fierer's divorce proceedings, prosecutors portrayed Joshua Fierer as a perfectionist and a tyrant who kept a tight rein over all household funds and refused to pay for basic home repairs.

Jurors in the re-trial did not hear testimony about bottles of cyanide and tranquilizers police found concealed in Fierer's car after the stabbing. The Illinois Supreme Court ruled the evidence inadmissible when it heard Fierer's appeal.

McCann asked.

"Yes sir," Berlin replied. Also brought out in testimony Tuesday, McCann said two minors that Dahmer assaulted will testify.

Berlin was the first of what is expected to be a series of psychiatrists testifying about Dahmer's sanity.

He said Dahmer suffers from a type of sexual deviation called necrophilia.