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## Study Group almost ready with report

Four final reports are being prepared by the Laker Study Committee, for presentation Feb. 12 to the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port Board of Education.

The Study Committee will offer impressions and suggestions for future use of the elementary buildings in the three-district villages, in the areas of Curriculum, Finance, Transportation and Facilities.

Since its formation and organization last summer, the group has used monthly meetings to tour all four elementary buildings (two in Elkton, one each in Pigeon and Bay Port), compare costs and inspect budgets and other data, according to Elementary Education Director Fred Joles.

The group was formed in response to questions and disagreements last spring

which began when suggestions of closing Bay Port Elementary Center were discussed. Bay Port area residents disapproved of the idea, which would have transferred those students to Pigeon Elementary Center.

Students now attending Bay Port Center come from an ever-growing ring of area which at times touches the Village of Pigeon's border, and some Laker administrators had sought to centralize facilities and operations.

The Study Group concept was brought to the Laker Board, which sought citizen input. Members volunteered and a group of 34 parents, teachers and interested persons originally were named to the group in July, 1979. The group planned to report in March or April, probably presenting one of three options:

--Keeping facilities as they are;

--Closing Bay Port and shifting those students to Pigeon;

--Offering split classes (grades 1-3 in Pigeon and grades 4-6 in Bay Port) for the foreseeable future.

No orders or directions for approving one or another plan were given by the Laker Board, which wanted only suggestions and original ideas from the Study Group.

Some Study Group members at the Jan. 16 meeting said closing Bay Port would save 1 to 1 1/2% of the annual school district budget of about \$2.5 million. Another suggestion said that nearly 1% in additional money would be spent in transportation changes by converting to a split shift arrangement between the two schools.

"Everything is just about equal. Finances aren't the main consideration. What we do with our children is the greatest consideration," said Sid Smith of Bay Port, who heads the Facilities Subcommittee.

The other three subcommittees were headed by Margaret McBride (Curriculum), Edwin Eichler (Finance) and Debbie Powell (Transportation).

The full reports might be delayed to the March or April board meetings, if further study is required, the members say.



STUDYING SCHOOLS - Members of the Laker Study Committee viewed slides of all elementary buildings in Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port to view structural condition and general appearance, at the group's Jan. 16 meeting. A full report of the committee's work since July, 1979 will be made at the February Laker Board of Education meeting.

## Even kitty litter might help help snow-bound car!

Severe driving conditions and the high cost of gasoline will make driving even more difficult for motorists this winter.

These factors make "winterizing" the family car important, says the Safe Driving Bureau of Budget Rent a Car Corporation, because a well-tuned car drives better and is more fuel efficient.

If the family car has not had a major tune-up since last winter, take it to a reliable mechanic now.

In addition, there are several do-it-yourself items that can be done at home with little trouble.

Check the motor oil level. The car owner's manual will explain how to change the oil and filter if they need replacement.

Check fluid levels in the battery. Corrosion around the terminals or cables can be cleaned with a solution of baking soda and water.

Fill windshield washer reservoirs with a commercial winter washing sol-

vent. Replace worn windshield wipers.

Check the air pressure in all the tires, including the spare in the trunk.

Be sure headlights and tail lights, brake lights and back up lights, and turn signals, are working in the front and back of the car.

Budget's Safe Driving Bureau also recommends keeping a can of lock defroster in the trunk should door locks freeze, along with a shovel and a bag of salt, sand or kitty litter in case the car gets stuck.

Here are some facts and figures being used by the Laker Study Committee:

	Elkton	Pigeon	Bay Port
Total rooms used for classes	13	9	7
Rooms not in use	0	3	0
Total square feet	46,700	28,200	37,400
Rooms used for special classes	3	3	0
Offices (nurse, principal, intermediate district use)	3	3	2
Cafeteria	1	1	1
Gym	2	1	1
Library	1	1	1
Storage rooms	5	3	1
Heat used	All use natural gas		
Building condition	All in good condition		
Total number of students	396	166	162
Walkers	115	92	54
Bus riders	281	75	108
Average number of students per class (approximately)	28	24	23
Number of special education students	21	0	0
Administration	Elkton has fulltime principal plus Elementary Director Fred Joles; Pigeon and Bay Port have parttime Supervising Teacher plus Joles		
Regular education teachers	13	7	7
Special education teachers	3	0	0
Traveling teachers	Three serve all three centers		
Teacher's aides	4	3	2
Nurse	1	1/2	1/2
Cooks	3 full	3	2
Maintenance	2 part	3	3

## Endorsements to be dropped?

Many farmers will no longer have to obtain special endorsements on their driver's licenses to legally carry out some of their farm work under a bill recently signed into law by Lieutenant Governor James Brickley.

State Representative Quincy Hoffman (R-Applegate), the bill's sponsor, said the new law will exempt many farmers from having to qualify for, and purchase, a class 1 endorsement.

Under the measure's provisions, persons who drive passenger vehicles and trucks weighing less than 24,000 pounds which are properly registered for ex-

clusive farm use will no longer be forced to obtain the endorsement.

Class 1 endorsements were costing farmers \$7 for a four-year license and \$4 for a two-year license, he stated.

"I introduced this bill because I believe that the old law represented an unnecessary hardship on farmers, who drive certain vehicles only occasionally to haul feed, seed, fertilizer and spray," Hoffman said.

"Since farmers drive these vehicles on public roads only to get from one field to another, they pose no danger to the public and should not have to take special driving tests and pay extra fees for endorsements."

## Pigeon Chamber names board members

Linda McGathy of Little People's World and Jay Dubey of Thumb National Bank and Trust Co. have been named to three-year terms on the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

The two will fill expired terms of three past members, Sue Brueggeman of Reimann-Snyder Furniture, Fred Orr of Orr's Drug Store and Clark Elftman of Kretzchmer Home Center.

A third person to fill the expired term still vacant will be named soon, according to Chamber President Alvin Abbott of Pigeon Auto Supply.

The new directors were formally introduced to Pigeon Chamber members at the group's annual dinner meeting Tuesday night at the Pigeon District Library, catered by the Lamplighter Restaurant.

Discussed were 1979 reviews of the Farmer's Market operations, Farmers' Festival and other events, plus ideas for the 1980 Farmers' Festival. Expanded use of the Farmer's Market is being planned for this year, offering vegetables and homemade items during summer and fall months.







## Pigeon News

By Dorothy Diener  
453-2785

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Cregeur had an enjoyable visit with Mrs. Prudence Quinn of Gagetown, when she came and visited them on Friday. They entertained her for supper.

Mr. and Mrs. John Diener enjoyed having dinner out on Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis and Jodi in Saginaw, to honor Mr. Diener on his birthday which was Friday, Jan. 25. The Ronald Dieners from Lima called Friday evening to wish their dad a "Happy Birthday".  
Michael and Patti Oesch of Michigan Lutheran Seminary of Saginaw spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Oesch.  
Saturday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartman were Mrs. Leo McIlhargie, Tamie and Kevin of Caseville.  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Col-lison entertained over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wangelin of Roseville, then

on Sunday their family Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stalter of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Col-lison and family, and Fred. They helped celebrate the birthdays of Carl, Louann Stalter and Irma Col-lison.  
Attending the christening and dinner in honor of their grandson and great-grandson Joshua, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kuhl of Sebewaing were Miss Christine Elftman of Reed City, Kathy Elftman of Ann Arbor, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Elftman and Mrs. Henry Elftman.  
Spending Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. James Dean in Crosswell were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean and family.  
Mr. Theodore Bucholz of Elkton was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Viola Schuette.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Young, Dana and Bryan and Mrs. Viola Schuette spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Young in Elkton.  
Mrs. Elsie Kern with her two grandsons, Kent and Kevin, visited with Arthur Kuch and Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Rohloff in Reese Sunday afternoon.  
Visiting Wednesday morning with Mrs. Garry Fibranz in Linkville was Mrs. Elsie Kern.  
Mrs. Elda Ziel and Mrs. Elsie Kern called on Roland Gettel at Scheurer Hospital and patients in the long term and also visited Mrs. Mollie Deering at the Scenic home on Monday afternoon.  
Pastor Ernst Henkleman conducted the Sunday services at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe.  
Mrs. Charlene Neer, R.N. at University Hospital in Ann Arbor visited her father George Keim over the weekend, on Saturday evening she showed some very interesting slides she had taken on her recent visit with her sister (Mary) Mr. and Mrs. Jon Maarsen and family who live in Alsmere in the Netherlands.  
Entertaining in honor of the christening of their new baby daughter, Angelia Michelle, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roestel had for dinner, her great grandmother, Mrs. Otto Rathje, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roestel, aunts and uncles,

per guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brueggeman and Hans.  
A Thursday visitor of Mrs. Mabel Clark was Mrs. John Depner of Caseville.  
Having dinner Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kurzir in Caseville were Mrs. Loseta Radabaugh and Mrs. Mabel Clark.  
Mrs. Diane Lawrence and daughter Angelia Sue attended a baby shower honoring Melissa Sue Ulig, in Bad Axe Saturday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buerker visited over the weekend in Rochester with Bob's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greyerbiehl also visited Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schneider in Clarkston.  
Mrs. Ada Binder and Dale Binder of Pigeon and Mrs. Jane Deska of Sterling Heights spent the weekend of the 18th helping Stan and Arnetta Schulz and girls move into their new Ulica home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schulz also helped on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roestel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stevenson and daughters, Pastor and Mrs. Philip Press, Mr. and Mrs. Sebling, Mr. and Mrs. James Warren of Dryden, and Herman Schulze. Her sponsors were Kevin and Tamie Roestel, and Mr. and Mrs. James Warren as witnesses. Angelia was christened at Berne Lutheran Church.  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton and Erwin Hamilton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sturm in Bad Axe Sunday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher of Warren visited her mother, Mrs. Ann Schuette on Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jarvis traveled to Bay City Saturday then on to Frankenmuth and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis and boys.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bechler of Goshen Ind. came Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jarvis.  
Mark Lutze and Miss Ruth Kittelson were Saturday sup-

per guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brueggeman and Hans.  
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### Patricia Leipprandt on Dean's List



Miss Patricia Leipprandt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Leipprandt of Pigeon, has been named to the fall quarter Dean's Honor List of Cedarville College with a grade point average of 4.0. Miss Leipprandt, a 1979 graduate of Laker High School, is a freshman Elementary Education major at Cedarville.  
The Ohio Baptist College of arts and sciences has an enrollment of 1351.

### Women's bowling tourney forms available

Tournament forms for the Bad Axe Association of Women Bowlers' Tournament will soon be available through league secretaries and bowling places. The tournament will begin March 22 and run through May 18. Both Team and Double and Singles events will be held at Charmont Lanes, Cass City.  
Entry fees will be \$7.00 per person per event, or \$22.00 for all three events. Feb. 1 averages will be used.  
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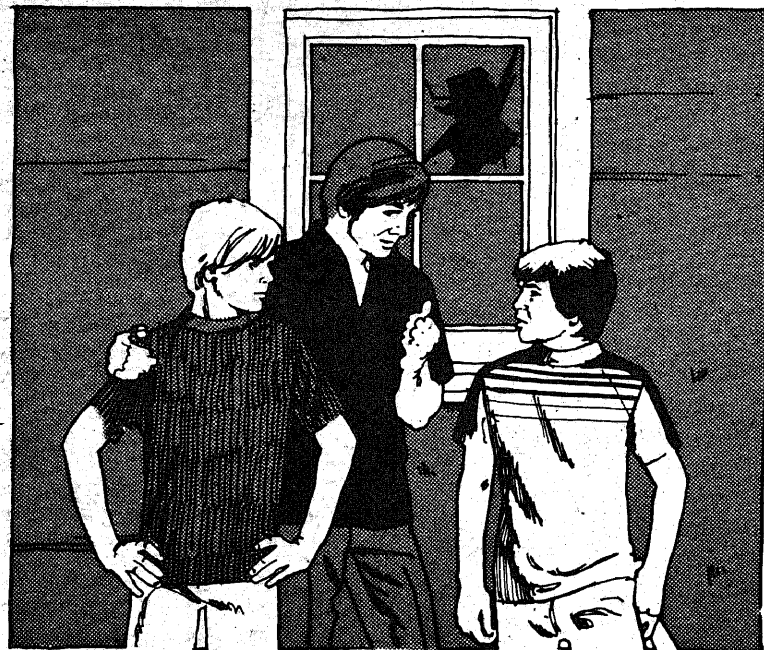






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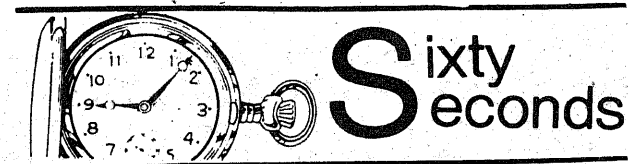


From childhood on, we have all been tempted to tell an occasional lie as the easiest way to avoid punishment for some form of wrongdoing, rather than "facing the music" by a confession of our guilt. However, we learned by bitter experience that it never stops there; that lying invariably leads to the necessity of telling a second lie to shore up the first one, and then a third one and so on. We should also have learned that we are able to sleep better for having unburdened ourselves by wiping the slate clean; and that the only good lie is the one told to avoid hurting someone's feelings, as opposed to the other kind which can only lead us into deeper trouble. To tell the truth, the best place for you to learn all this is at the Church of your choice.

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### Kilmanagh News

by Mrs. Arthur Gaeth  
Kelly Litzner of Saginaw spent several days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kundinger. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schweitzer were Thursday callers of his sister, Mrs. Minnie Elftman in Pigeon. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schweitzer and children of Auburn were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lydia Gaeth was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kuhl, after attending the baptism of her great grandson Joshua Edward Kuhl at the Kilmanagh-United Methodist Church. Joshua is the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kuhl.

### Hochstetler's at Mich. Ave. Menn. on Feb. 3

Otis and Betty Hochstetler, workers in Brazil since 1966 with Mennonite Board of Missions (Elkhart, Ind.) will visit the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church in Pigeon on Sunday, Feb. 3. They will be speaking at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.



Otis is the manager of two Christian bookstores in the Brazilian capital of Brasilia. Betty works with individuals and families to lead them to faith in Christ, teaches several Bible study groups.

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### Church News

**ST. JOHN'S WIDOW'S CLUB**  
The Widow's Club of St. John's of Kilmanagh met on Wednesday for their January meeting in the church basement with a potluck dinner at noon. After dinner Pastor Wentzel gave a short devotion. Euchre was played and prizes awarded.

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The Lutheran Woman's Missionary League met on Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Lydia Gaeth. The meeting was opened with a prayer by the president, Mrs. Marge Roemer. After a lengthy business meeting the Day of Prayer was discussed. The topic discussion led by the president was on baptism. The Christian growth chairman's topic was on women of the Bible, Lydia. There were nine members present and one guest, Mrs. Bonnie Gaeth. Lunch was served by the hostess.

### "Beloved" in concert, Feb. 3

The musical group "Beloved" will be giving a concert on sacred music on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fair Haven Mennonite Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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### Two Huron County residents on Ferris' Who's Who publication

The 1979-80 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will carry the names of 48 students from Ferris State College, including two from Huron County. Students included in the directory are chosen on their academic achievement, services to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Pigeon: Margaret Pratt, Ruth; Paul Hunsanger.

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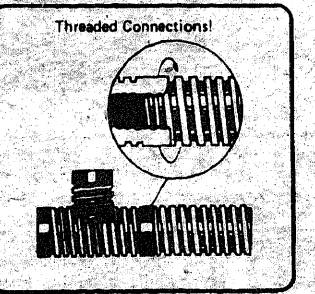
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**SIRLOIN STEAK** \$1.66 Lb.



**PORTERHOUSE STEAK**

**\$1.99** Lb.

SAVE 50¢  
**CHUCKEYE BONELESS ROAST**  
\$1.49 Lb.

- From Our Bakery -

**CINNAMON - 5 pack SWEET ROLLS** 88¢

Loaf  
**FRENCH BREAD** 58¢

**JELLY & BAVARIAN - 4 pack CREAM DONUTS** 88¢

**KOEGEL'S VIENNAS** \$1.79 Pkg.

**KOEGEL'S-Skinless FRANKFURTERS** \$1.49 Lb. Pkg.




Fresh, Ground  
**HAMBURG**

3 Lbs. & Up  
**\$1.19** Lb.



Lipton's  
**LITE-LUNCH**  
4 Flavors  
3.3 Oz. Pkg.  
**2/99¢**

Franco American  
**GRAVY**  
Ass'd Flavors  
10.5 Oz. Can  
**4/99¢**



Rose Dale  
**GREEN BEANS**  
16 Oz. Can  
**4/99¢**

Hunts  
**TOMATO SAUCE**  
8 Oz. Can  
**5/99¢**



Dan Dee  
**PURE JELLY**  
All Flavors  
18 Oz. Jar  
**2/99¢**

Fould's  
**SEA SHELL MACARONI**  
16 Oz. Pkg.  
**2/99¢**

Colgate  
**TOOTH PASTE**  
7 Oz.  
**\$1.19**

**SHEDD'S Keyko** 16 Oz. - Stick  
**MARGARINE** 2/99¢

**KOSHER DELI** 32 Oz.  
**DILL PICKLES** 77¢

**KRAFT OLD ENGLISH** 32 Oz.  
**SHARP CHEESE** \$3.66

**PINCONNING-by the chunk**  
**Longhorn CHEESE** \$1.77 Lb.

McDonald's Premium  
**ICE CREAM**  
**\$1.69**  
1/2 Gal. Rounds



Swiftning  
**SHORTENING**  
42 Oz. Can  
**\$1.39**

**SAVE 90¢**  
YOUR CHOICE!!  
**COKE, 7-UP, TAB**  
**FRESCA, ROOT BEER** \$1.39 P.D.



**PAMPERS DAYTIME DIAPERS**

**\$2.77**

30 Count Pkg.

- ALL TEMPERATURE DETERGENT CHEER** 49 Oz. \$1.58
- DUNCAN HINES** 18.5 Oz. 66¢
- CAKE MIXES** 99¢
- RED HEART, All Colors** 3.5 Oz. 59¢
- YARNS** 77¢
- KLEENEX BRAND** 200 Ct. 89¢
- TISSUES** 77¢
- BORDEN EAGLE BRAND SWEETENED** 14 Oz. 77¢
- CONDENSED MILK** 77¢
- PRINGLES-TWIN PACK** 9 Oz. 89¢
- POTATO CHIPS** 77¢
- GENERAL MILLS** 12 Oz. 58¢
- WHEATIES** 79¢
- BANQUET ENCHILADA & CORNED BEEF DINNERS** 79¢
- 12 Pack TWIN POPS**



**WHEAT CHEX CEREAL**

**77¢**

15 Oz. Pkg.

- McDONALD'S-Half Gal. **SKIM MILK** 73¢
- McDONALD'S-Quart **HALF & HALF** 89¢
- CALIFORNIA **CELERY** 47¢ Ea.
- FLORIDA **TOMATOES** 39¢ Lb.
- CALIFORNIA-Head **LETTUCE** 3/1.00
- FLORIDA-Pink or White **GRAPEFRUIT** 5 Lbs. \$1.19
- 100 SIZE Doz. **TEMPLE ORANGES** 97¢



**PRESTONE II ANTI-FREEZE**

**\$3.88**

Gal.

**SUNDAY ONLY**  
**MILK** Red Cap Gallon \$1.59

**MONDAY-TUESDAY ONLY**  
**POTATOES** 10 Lb. Bag 79¢