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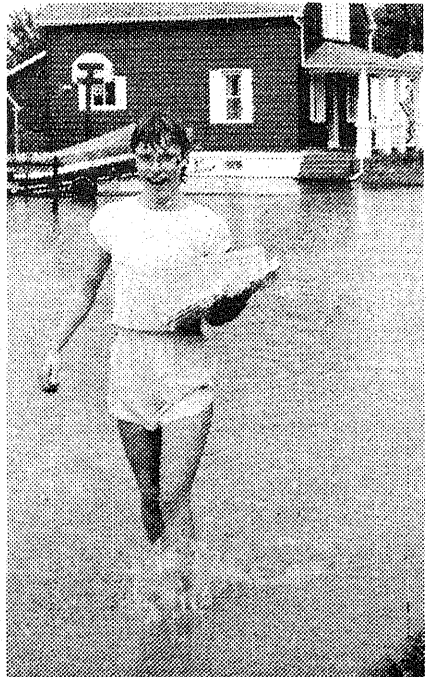
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Mopping up millions in crop, property losses



By RICH
SWARTZENDRUBER

Parts of Huron County looked like Lake Huron moved inland last weekend following the worst flooding in the Thumb area in 40 years.

Rainfall of up to 14 inches was measured in the county, with the Sebawaing and Kilmanagh areas receiving the most precipitation in the two-day downpour beginning last Wednesday night.

Among the first people to feel the effects of the storm were residents of Pigeon, as flooding occurred in the southeast part of town. Houses on the east side of South Main Street were surrounded with water, which overflowed over about half the street.

Sump pumps ran frequently in many homes, but still numerous basements were flooded. Adding to the problem was an overtaxed sewer system which backed up into some houses in Pigeon.

RURAL DAMAGE: For many people in rural areas, the problems didn't begin until late Thursday night when water draining from

the fields caused the Pigeon and Pinnebog Rivers, as well as most drains and ditches, to overflow their banks. Numerous roads were under water, creating impassable conditions in some areas.

Area residents remember a similar flood in 1947 that occurred in the spring when ice jams blocked water during the annual runoff of melted snow. No one seemed to remember floods of this scale in the autumn as the result of only rain.

Mike Gage, Huron County director of Emergency Services says an estimated 200 people were evacuated from residences near the Pigeon River, and about 100 more were forced to flee the McKinley Apartments in Elkton because of flood conditions.

He also reports up to 200 houses in the county suffered significant damage. Repair costs to county bridges and culverts and private residences are estimated to total about \$300,000, according to Gage.

Huron County Extension Agent Jim LeCureux estimated a loss of about 20% of the county's

96,000-acre bean crop although it's still too early to determine the full extent of the floods effects. Some parts of the county will see little damage, while other farmers close to the Pigeon River will experience a total loss of the bean crop, LeCureux says.

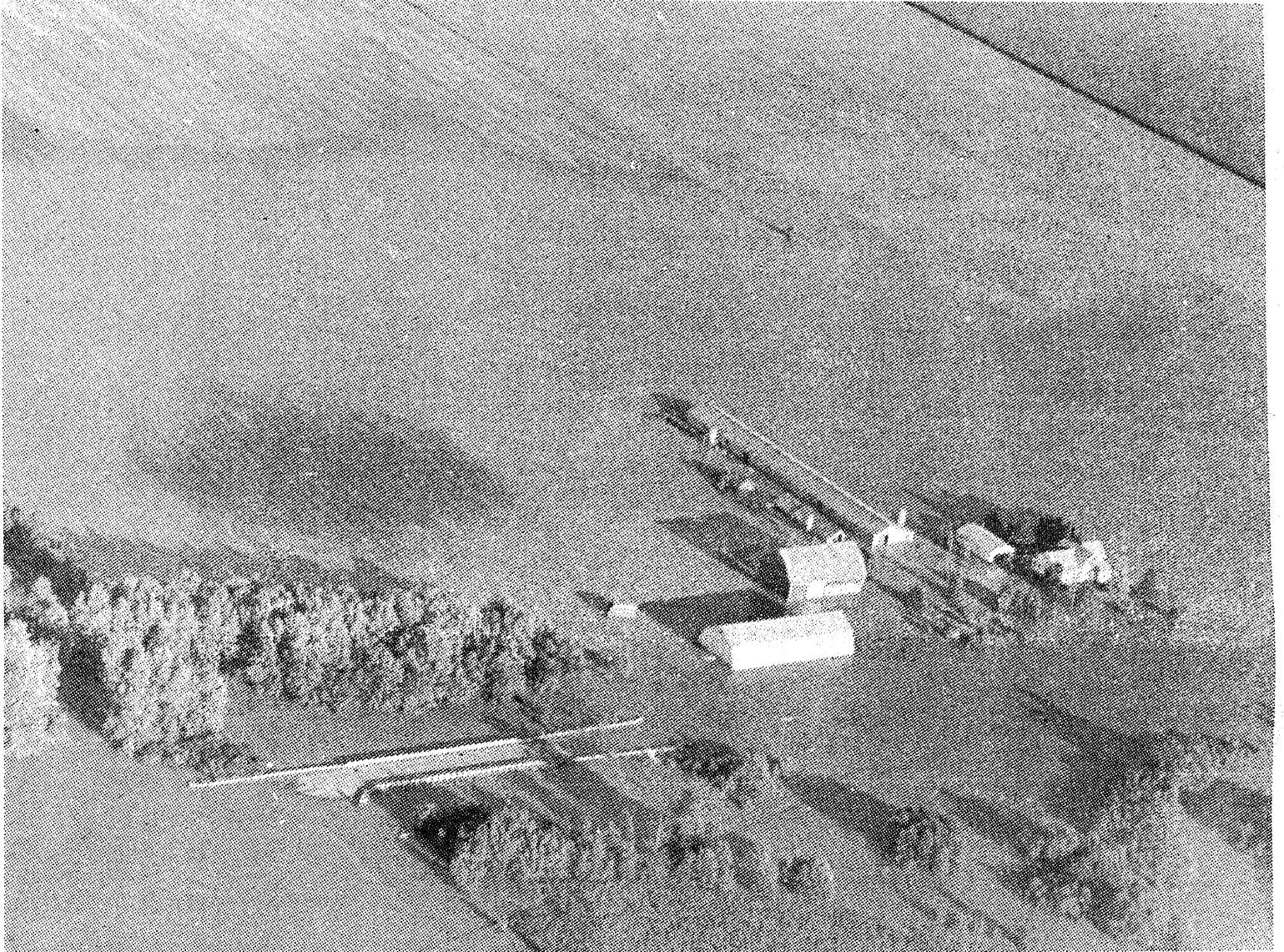
An overall 20% loss of the bean crop translates into about \$4 million, says LeCureux.

MOVE FAST: Several farmers were forced to act quickly as the flood waters rose, to prevent more financial loss in the form of drowned livestock.

Dennis Fritz and Dale Christner, both of Pigeon and Harold Swartzenduber of Bay Port enlisted the help of friends and neighbors to help catch, load and transport hogs to other farms on higher ground. In some cases the water was nearly at waist level in the pig pens.

Everyone seems to have a unique "flood story," but Huron Sheriff Deputy Elwood Smith observed a number of unusual situations during a busy weekend.

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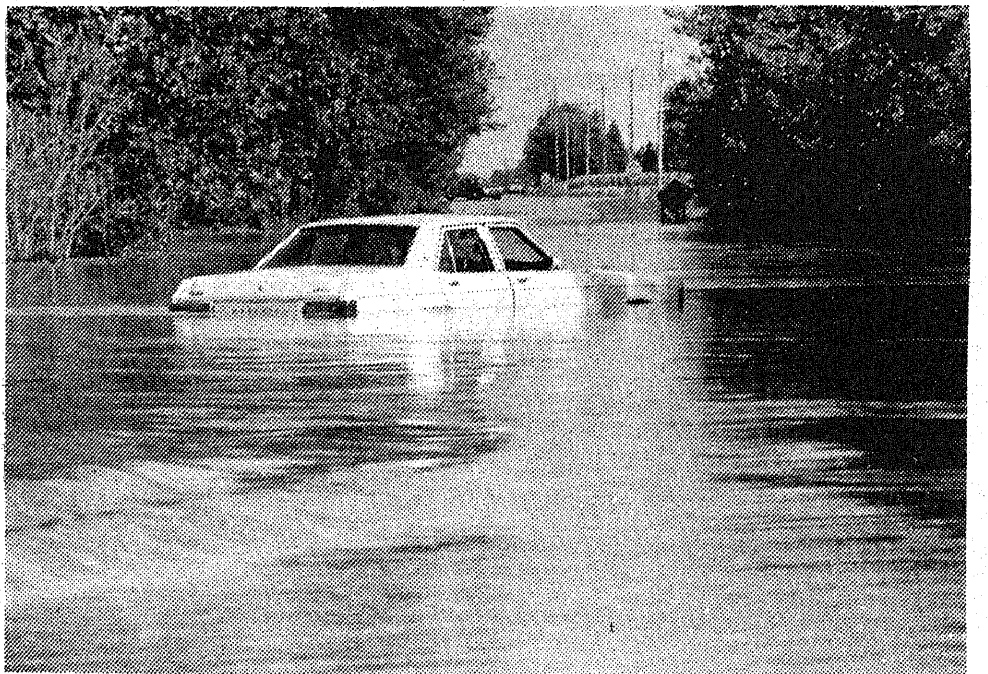
HIGH WATER! Some long-time weather watchers are calling last week's heavy rainfall and flooding the worst ever. People had to cope with it all, however.

ABOVE LEFT, newspaper carrier Becky Ropp slashes through high water with no shoes on in the Gould Addition, Pigeon.

ABOVE, this aerial view of the Richmond and Caseville Road area shows the massive flooding, in which hundreds of basements were flooded. But the biggest damage will likely be crop losses, which could total between \$4 million and \$10 million locally.

BELOW, this auto was stranded along Weale Road and later floated into the Pigeon River nearby, southwest of Pigeon.

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS



INSIDE: Did someone REALLY swim across Saginaw Bay 60 years ago?

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FOR ALL THE
DETAILS!

As we see it editorially

Are you ready to bite the bullet?

Last Friday's defeat of the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port School District's millage renewal and increase question means Laker School Board members must put their heads together -- for a third time -- to decide how best to keep operations going.

Some people say they favor the renewal portion of the millage, but no increase. That's even though school revenues from property taxes have declined by several hundred thousands, as property values have been falling thanks to the depressed (and depressing) farm economy.

Oh, most of those folks know someone paid for THEIR education 'way back when, even though times were hard then, too. But right now, they just can't handle even one extra payment.



From Under The Willow

By WANDA EICHLER

High water tales

Bridges out, roads closed, flooded basements, pumpkins floating in the patch -- that was Huron County this last week as torrential rains overwhelmed the county for two days.

Old-timers say they cannot remember the water levels ever being so high, even during the expected spring run-offs that usually swell area rivers and spill over onto adjacent riverflat areas.

What was an inch of water in the basements of homes in town became several feet in just hours as rains kept coming Thursday after raining all day and all night on Wednesday.

We were lucky -- our old basement took in its usual quota of water, our power stayed on and the freezer didn't even come close to floating.

It has been interesting to me that through all of the mess, the Detroit papers, particularly the Free Press which I read daily, have not been able to reflect even adequately the desperateness of the disaster.

As I write, I'm counting on Mark and Sally Rummel and their crews at The Progress-Advance to come across with fantastic pictures and write-ups of the flooding.

There will be more tales to tell. Now if only it would stop raining!

We can understand that. As discussed here in past weeks, a school election IS one place a person can put his or her foot down to stop spending.

All these things are understood. Frustration abounds, and it won't go away quickly or quietly.

Now, however, the "no" voters will have to make some decisions on their own. You can be sure some type of millage question will again be considered, since the present small fund balance would be nearly completely eroded by next year if school tax income doesn't rise soon.

But, bear in mind some of the possibilities which will face Laker Board members in their deliberations. And make comparisons to your own family, or farm or business. The parallels are strong.

First, if revenues can't be maintained or increased, expenses have to be cut. It's true at home or elsewhere. That can be done by cutting programs not mandated by the state, such as hot lunches, school busing -- and even staff.

We've touched on the hazards and frustration of no school busing in this space recently, too. Driving your kids (even doubling up with neighbors) to school daily will cost MUCH more than the \$14 average additional tax voted down last Friday.

Yes, athletics or other extra-curricular events could be trimmed or eliminated. That's been done elsewhere, but we don't think it's the highest priority in a sports-rich area such as this.

No, we'd bet serious talk would center on split school days, with two groups of students utilizing one school building. In other places, that has included high schoolers starting at 7 a.m. and finishing by 1 p.m., with elementary kids coming into the building from 1 'til 7 p.m., or so.

The biggest harm in such an arrangement -- aside from crazy family schedules -- is that it could easily include closing one or more school buildings, in one or more of the three proud towns which have comprised the Laker District for 27 years.

It could happen. And it may. We have absolutely no input on such speculation from official sources. But this has been proposed before, since it's easier to close buildings to save money than it is to lay off staff or stop athletics, for example.

Airport solution? It has been interesting to me that through all of the mess, the Detroit papers, particularly the Free Press which I read daily, have not been able to reflect even adequately the desperateness of the disaster.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF By-Gone Days
By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR: Last weekend the Pigeon River and the Fair Haven Menonite Churches had a retreat at the Bay Shore Campground in Sebawaing.

when World War I came to an end, they put it on a Model T Ford Truck that Bill Scherber used to deliver furniture.

We had an excellent speaker there from Lancaster, Pa. and I enjoyed every one of his messages.

One thing I saw at the meeting, was a big church bell that used to be at the corner of Haist and Brown Roads. I remember some of this and I was told by the late Harv Dubs that there was a Presbyterian Church where the Masonic Temple now stands in Pigeon.

Sincerely yours, GEORGE KEIM

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Ads You Like It...
The summer season is over for this year and I'm not ready to think about snow just yet. Well, never really, but I'm afraid it won't be too long until we are forced to watch the winter commercials.

Letters to My Cousin Gus

DEAR COUSIN GUS: Here in the village there is a writers' club, a small group that meets regularly to exchange words, ideas and writings.

Everett and I had nothing in common. He was a sophisticated city chap and I was a horse and buggy country lad.

Mama was understanding. Her parents retired early, the moon was encouraging, but the mystic aura of young love could not be recaptured.

There was another problem. The German Methodists never considered a 30-minute Sunday morning sermon sufficient.

But it was a beautiful September evening. The world was young and I was just a little bit in love.

A few years older than Mama, Hetty had just finished Ypsi and had a teaching assignment in Detroit. Lyons

By JACKIE

doing gymnastics and water is spraying around them. An excellent example of what can be done without many words, just action. So thanks to my readers for being kind enough to express an opinion. Tell me more.



THE LATEST ROUND in a series of practical jokes turned a lot of heads driving by J & B Plumbing and Heating's parking lot recently: a "friendly" business neighbor thought that "Butch" would appreciate having some engine work done on his truck!

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION, ASKED BY OVIDIA ALARCON:

How did the "Big Rain of '86" affect you?

Way too much water in the Gould Addition. My sump pump runs constantly and this is the worst I've ever seen.

Cleva Graf
PIGEON

There was lots of flooding in the basement, and it made driving difficult. Wayne Schember
PIGEON

It didn't, because I didn't get flooded out, but my kids had

a ball in the water! Bob Tate
PIGEON

I had to keep to the high roads, and I missed my class at Delta because of it.

Janice Foster
CASEVILLE

SORRY -- PICTURES NOT AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

Airport solution?

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all net gains of the Land Corp. would go to Caseville Township, as Res. 80-2 is written," Kraft added.

Both men said relocating the airport to another site -- probably on more costly farm land -- could hike the \$310,000 estimate considerably. And, allowing any new sponsoring municipality to realize income gains instead of Caseville Township is also necessary, they added.

"We (airport supporters) don't want to be working with a government that doesn't want us, but they can be found," Kraft said.

The date for a possible hearing will be determined when -- or if -- the Township responds as defendant to the temporary injunction. It may become permanent if no response is given, court sources say.

It didn't affect me too because, because there was no damage done at our place. But my kids loved playing in the water!

Lori Rathje
PIGEON

I don't like it, but God does things for the best. Everything is under water at our place. We're going to lose a lot.

Wilma Kovach
OWENDALE



RIGHT IN STYLE: These ladies from the Pigeon Worth White Club will be stopping out in style at the club's annual Fall Fashion Show on Wednesday, Sept. 24, in two separate sessions at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Pictured here as models will be, seated, Eleanora Trost and standing from left, Mary Jane Voelker, Leslie Drury and Peggy Gattel. Fashions will be shown from The Polowach Store, Pigeon and Dibble's Village Shoppe, Bad Axe. Luncheon tickets are available from any club member or at Kretzschmar Home Center.

Farm Bureau members invited to annual meet

All members are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Huron County Farm Bureau set for Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Farm Bureau Building, Bad Axe.

Dinner will be served from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 8 p.m. Reservations are requested by Monday, Sept. 22 by calling the Farm Bureau office at 269-9911. Members who wish to attend the meeting only may do so at no charge.

Highlighting the agenda of the 67th annual meeting will be policies guiding Farm Bureau for the coming year

and the presentation of awards, reports of county committee activities, election of directors and other business.

The terms of three board members will expire this year: Martha Thuemmel, Richard Hessling and Harvey Geiger. Thuemmel and Geiger have each served two terms and are not eligible for re-election.

A board member, Dale Oeschger, a member of the 1983-86 class of the Michigan Agricultural Leaders Program, will present slides on his 1986 trip to China, Thailand and Korea.

Thumb obituaries

AVIS WILLET 1914 - 1986

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Sept. 8 in Deisler Funeral Home, Unionville, for Avis S. Willet, 71, native of Tuscola County who has resided in Caseville for the past 24 years. The Rev. Mark Karis officiated and burial was in Wisner Township Cemetery.

Mrs. Willet died unexpectedly on Thursday, Sept. 4 in St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw.

She was born Avis S. Cosens in Tuscola County on Sept. 18, 1914 and was married to Gaylon Willet in 1933 in Bay City. They resided in Bay City and for the past 24 years have been residents of Caseville. She was a member of the Methodist Church. During her life she served as a housewife.

Surviving are her husband, Gaylon; one son-in-law and daughter, Leonard and Gay Henne of Pigeon; one son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Norell Willett of South Dakota; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, Marjorie Russell of Pigeon, Lola Willett of Florida and Betty Fournier of Davison and many nieces and nephews.

One son, Richard Willett, preceded his mother in death.

JANE MITIN 1896 - 1986

Jane Mitin, age 90, of Farwell, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 10 in Clare Community Hospital.

She was born on June 23, 1896 in Russia, the daughter of John and Anna Korolenko. She married Walter Mitin in 1912 in Detroit and he predeceased her in December, 1979. She moved to Farwell in 1981 from Bay Port, to live with her daughter, Anna Pulcifer. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Clare congregation.

She is survived by two sons, John Mitin and Jay Mitin, both of Bay Port and three daughters, Anna Pulcifer of Farwell, Clara Secor of New York and Mary Leipprandt of Pigeon; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A son and a daughter preceded her in death. Funeral services for Mrs. Mitin were conducted Saturday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. in the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Dan Ridenour officiating. Burial was in the New Bay Port Cemetery.

Other area deaths...

Donald J. Smith, 68, of Florida, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away June 16. Wesley M. Frantz, 82, of Holiday, Fla., formerly of Uby, passed away July 30. Amelia S. Villarreal, 77, of Edcouch, Texas, with relatives in Harbor Beach, Port Hope and Bad Axe, passed away Aug. 28. Nellie M. Mudge, 97, of New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Cass City, passed away Sept. 1.

Harriet VanSteenkiste, 93, of Akron, passed away Sept. 2. Robert C. Kuck, 66, of Midland, formerly of Sebewaing, passed away Sept. 2. John Beller, Jr., 72, formerly of Fairgrove, passed away Sept. 2. Erna Cardew, 78, of Cass City, passed away Sept. 5. Thomas Mackey, 84, of Lake Township, passed away Sept. 5. John I. Hampton, 84, of Cass City, with relatives in Owendale, passed away Sept. 5. Michael J. Sting, 25, of Dayton, Ohio, with relatives in Cass City and Gagetown, passed away Sept. 6.

Amelia M. Bill, 79, of Harbor Beach, passed away Sept. 7. William S. Florence, 79, of Bad Axe, with relatives in Caseville, passed away Sept. 8. Monica L. Bromek, 62, of Cass City, passed away Sept. 8. Julius L. Novak, 72, formerly of Deford, passed away Sept. 8. Avis Willett, 71, of Caseville, passed away Sept. 8.

SEEKING BIDS

the Village of Caseville is seeking bids on a 1987 single axle 28,000 G.B.W. dump truck with box and conversion plows. Specifications can be obtained at the Clerks office. Bids due in the Village Clerks office 6767 Main on September 29, 1986 at 4:00 P.M. The Village has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Borns fete 50 years of marriage



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Born in their wedding portrait

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Born invite friends and relatives to share in their parents' joy in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary at an Open House on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Veterans' Memorial Home, Pigeon.

Clarence and Luella (Pobanz) Born were married on Sept. 28, 1936 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Linkville by Pastor Ferber. Their attendants were Dorothy (Pobanz) Leitch and the late Olin Pobanz.

The couple requests no gifts.

Sandra Good weds Randall Edler

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebawaing, was the setting for the Saturday, August 9 wedding of Sandra Lucille Good of Pigeon and Randall Clarence Edler of Sebawaing. Pastor Martin Hagenow officiated at the 4 pm double-ring ceremony that united the daughter of Lloyd Good of Gageton and Esther Crabtree of Pigeon, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Edler of Sebawaing. Organists were Sharon Kunding and Heidi Stecker, pianist was Karen Williams and flutist was Lynette Sharpsteen.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride approached the altar in a gown of white organza featuring a modified v-neckline and long leg-of-mutton sleeves with french cuffs, all trimmed in chantilly lace. Her long full skirt fell into a chapel-length train trimmed in seed pearls and sequins. A matching headpiece secured her finger-tip veil.

Mary Kurzer was maid of honor. She wore a long, dusty rose organza gown featuring off-the-shoulder sleeves and a full skirt accented with 2 rows of ruffles that circled from the waistline to the hem. She carried a floral and candle arrangement of pink rose buds, white carnations, baby's breath and flowing ribbons in a brass holder.

Bridesmaids were Missy Edler of Sebawaing, sister of the bridegroom, Tamatha Nitz and Brenda Schafer, both of Sebawaing, Heather Hahn of Unionville and Amy Draschil of Owendale. They wore pink gowns identical with that of the maid of the honor.

Hans Funk of Sebawaing



Mr. and Mrs. Randall Edler

It's a boy!

Erik Louis Osentoski is the newest child born to Thomas and Kari Osentoski on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Bon Scours Hospital, Grose Pointe.

The infant weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Robert and Karen Baur and Clarence and Donna Osentoski. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Anna Osentoski, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kuhl and Mrs. Hulda Baur. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Pearl Diefenbach.

Erik has a sister, Michelle and a brother, Craig, to welcome him home.

was best man, and groomsmen were Joe Good of Sebawaing, brother of the bride, Warren Kuhl and Kevin Gnagey, both of Sebawaing. Benny Werth of Elkton and Darren Strieter of Grand Rapids.

Ellen Taylor of Sebawaing was flowergirl, and Mellory Martini of Mt. Clemens was a miniature bride, Jeromy Pommernenke of Sebawaing was ringbearer.

The bride's mother wore a flowing floor-length dress of pink celanese polyester featuring chiffon split cap sleeves and accents of pearls and bows at the shoulders.

The bridegroom's mother wore a suede-rose, qiana jersey dress cut with a high neckline and chiffon caplet. Crystal and pearls accented her waist and necklines.

Following the ceremony, the newlyweds greeted guests at a reception held at Sportsmen's VFW, Sebawaing. They honeymooned in the Upper Peninsula for 2 weeks and now reside in Port Austin.

Local couples set wedding dates



Cinkosky - Rocheleau

Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Cinkosky of Security, Colo. announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Vera, to Kevin James Rocheleau, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Whaley of Gageton.

A summer, 1987 wedding is being planned. The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of Widefield High School and is employed by Albertson's Grocery Store in Colorado. The groom-elect is a 1977 graduate of Owen-Gage High School. He attended St. Clair County Community College and is employed by Mountain Shadows Plumbing in Colorado Springs.



Kaufman - Machowicz

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kaufman of Elkton wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherry A. Kaufman, to James Machowicz of Pigeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Machowicz.

The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Laker High School and is employed at the Scenic Home, Pigeon. Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Laker High School and is employed at Saginaw Foundation, Saginaw. A Nov. 22 wedding is being planned.

Jacqueline Barry marries Don Schulz at Cross

Donald William Schulz and Jacqueline Lee Barry, both of Pigeon, were united in marriage on Saturday, Aug. 30 at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon.

Pastor Raymond Orth officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Arlene Barry of Bad Axe and Louis Barry of Elkton. The groom is the son of Ronald and Bonita Schulz of Pigeon.

Musical selections included "That's The Way," sung by Karen Laursen and "The Gift of Love" by Gwynne Barry. Pianist was Kevin Laursen and flutists were Trina Christner and Brenda Schulz.

The altar was decorated with styled vases of Birds of Paradise and purple iris.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of embroidered English net over taffeta, with a lace band at the neckline, a sheer yoke and a fitted bodice accented with venice lace and tiny satin

rosettes. The long sleeves featured schiffli embroidered overlays. The floor-length skirt fell to a flounce at the hemline with an overlay skirt.

To complete her attire she wore a matching lace bridal hat with tiny rose accents and illusion veiling.

The bride carried a high-styled sophisticated bouquet of calliase nephythidis leaves, liriope foliage and bursts of beaded pearls.

Flower girl was Jill Schulz of Pigeon, cousin of the groom. She wore a dress identical to the bridesmaids' and carried an ivory satin-covered basket with an ar-

rangement similar to the bridesmaids, in a smaller replica.

Lonnie Schulz, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Robert Rogers of Bay City, Gregg Buschlen of Lake, Miss., and Larry Engelhardt of Sebawaing, all friends of the couple and Steve Ewald of Elkton, cousin of the groom.

Ringbearer was Jed Tait of Kinde, nephew of the bride.

Helping to seat the wedding guests were ushers John Barry of Elkton,

brother of the bride and Gary Schulz of Pigeon, uncle of the groom.

The bride's mother wore a mauve floor-length gown of qiana knit with an overlay with silver beads. Her corsage was of a lavender cattilya orchid with pink accents. Accenting her hair was a single orchid hair ornament.

The groom's mother wore a buttercup floor-length gown, sheath-style with a smocked waistline and rhinestone accents at the waist. She wore a corsage of

a large white cattilya orchid with yellow trim and a single orchid in her hair.

Following the ceremony, a reception was conducted at the Pigeon VFW Hall for 400 guests attending from Elkton, Pigeon, Bay Port, Sebawaing, Bad Axe, Bay City, Saginaw, Houghton and Glendale, Ariz.

The bride works at the Village Qwik Stop, Pigeon and the groom is employed at Pigeon Lumber and Supply. Co. The couple is residing in Elkton following a one-week Canadian trip.

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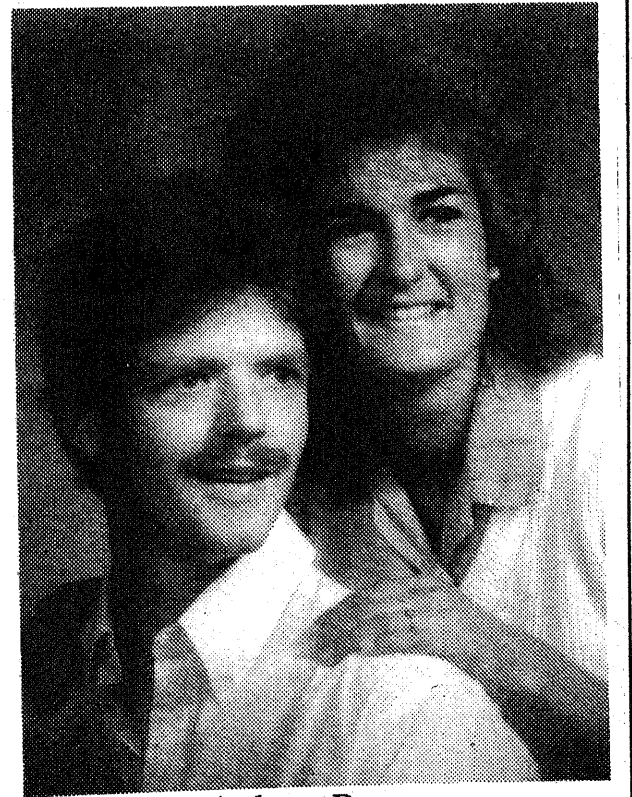
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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schulz

Couple plans fall wedding



Binder - Rozema

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dietzel of Elkton and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rozema of Paw Paw announce the engagement of their children, Michelle Renee of Pigeon to Todd Steven of Sebawaing.

Todd is a 1982 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed at West Huron Farmowing, Sebawaing. A Nov. 15 wedding is being planned.

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Racers put on owner hats

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER
After 37 years of combined stock car racing experience, Ron and Delores Bieri are wearing owners hats as well as crash helmets at Owendale Speedway.

Earlier this year, the Bieris along with Ken Dufty purchased the quarter-mile dirt track and have been packing the bleachers all summer during the Saturday night events.
Fatter purses offered to drivers are credited with attracting racers from all over the Thumb area as well as other parts of East Central Michigan.
"We didn't believe it could come back this strong in only one year," says Delores Bieri about the track that was attracting few drivers or spectators in the past several years.
The strong comeback is evidenced by average crowds of about 1,000 per night to watch an estimated 100 cars compete in three divisions.
Improvements to the Speedway itself along with promotions and advertising also attracted larger

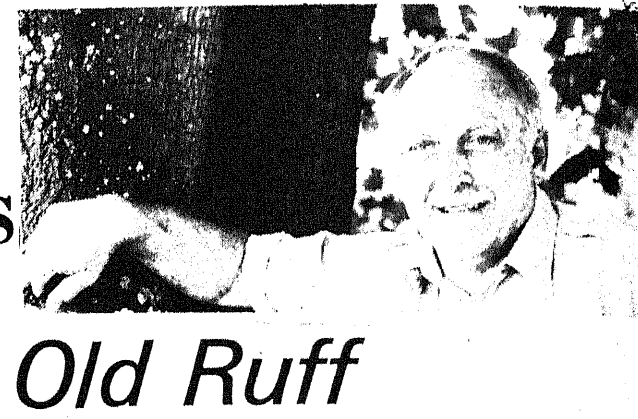
crowds, says Bieri. She notes a standing-room-only crowd was on hand during Labor Day weekend when the owners gave away the Speedway pace car in a drawing.
A successful first year for the new owners will conclude next Sunday, Sept. 21 with an Invitational Late Model Sportsman's race. A \$1,000 prize for first place in the feature race is expected to attract some of the top stock cars in the state, Bieri says.
The gates will open at 1 p.m. with time trials at 2:30 and the green flag dropping for racing at 4 p.m.

The track owners plan more improvements to the facility next year, including more bleachers to seat the overflow crowds. Paving the track, however, is not a change being considered.
"We'll always have dirt here. The guys seem to like the dirt track," says Delores.
She points out that few dirt tracks remain in the state. Most speedways near urban areas can't spend the time and effort required to prepare and maintain a dirt track, she says.

After the motors are silenced during the winter, the Owendale track will reopen for racing on the first Saturday in May, says Bieri.
The race fans often say they would like to see the Bieris race head to head, but

WOODS and WATERS

By Duane Guenther



Old Ruff

Jack and Jill, Doak's 2 English Setters were locked up tighter than a bank vault door, and somewhere between the 2 was a grouse, or perhaps more. I looked up, and Doak nodded for me to move in.
My heart began to pound wildly. It always did when I hunted behind dogs. They took the total surprise out of grouse hunting. When they went on point, you could be sure there was a bird in the area. I clutched the overunder a little tighter and felt the palm of my right hand grow wet from excited perspiration.
Anytime now, I thought to myself. I was in front of the dog, and as I passed, Jill rolled her eyes as if to say, "Get them in the air. I can't hold this position much longer." The bird had to be in here. A scent strong enough to hold the dogs for that long, had to come from a bird, and not just a place where one had been. I turned to look at Doak, and the grouse chose that moment to take flight. I almost felt the flush, rather than heard or seen it. The wild beating of wings caused the air to blast against my neck and cheek, and since I had taken my eyes off of the spot, it took me precious moments to search out the climbing birds against the thick foliage into which it hoped to escape.

The 12-gauge spoke. A low, muffled sound, baffled by the thick vegetation surrounding both the gun and myself, but loud enough to reverberate through the trees, striking trucks and bouncing back so it sounded like an echo off a canyon's wall. The bird kept rising. The gun spoke again; muffled again. This time, the bird folded and crashed to the forest floor with a re-sounding thud.
Both Jack and Jill broke their statue-like stance and raced toward the fallen bird. Jack, being the larger and stronger of the 2 dogs reached the bird first, and gently clamped it between his jaws while Jill turned and headed back towards Doak and I. You could see the look on her face. If she couldn't have the bird, she would be the first to receive the praise that Doak lavished on his hunting dogs. Jack wasn't far behind.
Both dogs sat in front of their master, and Jack presented the bird to Doak's waiting hand. He held it aloft, and plucking a feather from the tail, held it up and examined it against the sky.
"It's a male," he announced in my general direction, although he was still looking at the bird. "You can tell by this band running across the tail."
He turned, headed my way and reaching into the air, stuck the feather into the band of my hat.

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"That's good luck on opening day," he said.
"I didn't see any luck with this bird," I answered. "Those dogs of yours had him dead to rights, all I had to do was pull the trigger."
"When you're hunting old Ruff," Doak paused to caress the bird's feathers back in place, "every bird you get is luck, especially this early in the year."
Doak stuffed the bird into the back of his hunting coat and picking up his gun, chucked the dogs into the next stand of aspens.
I had met Doak at a trap shoot, and being a friend of a friend, I soon got an invitation to hunt behind his famous father-daughter team of Jack and Jill. And believe me, I wasn't disappointed.
Doak is a confirmed grouse addict. When he isn't hunting grouse, which is virtually every day of Michigan's long season, he is training dogs, shooting shotguns, and tramping the woods looking for new hunting spots. If the weather should interfere with any of these activities, Doak just curls up in front of his woodstove and reads about grouse and grouse hunting.
Our hunting area on this day, was state land north of Midland. The terrain was perfect and even though the grouse cycle is supposed to be at one of its lowest ebbs, Doak and his 2 fine dogs provided me with 26 flushes in the morning alone. Problem was, I didn't turn out to be as good a shot on the rest, as I was on the first. Maybe Doak was right. You have to be lucky....

Fall debuts in Northern Michigan

During the next six weeks, Michiganians can drive, pedal, paddle, boat or stroll their way around wooded acres boasting some of nature's most splendid autumn colors, reports AAA Michigan.
For many, fall means the scent of freshly pressed apples at one of more than 100 Michigan cider mills, a quiet walk under a canopy of copper and gold leaves on trees in more than eight million acres of state and national forests or a hike through scenic gardens and arboreturns.
This year's blaze of color begins in mid-September and early October across the Upper Peninsula woodlands and in the extreme northern tip of Lower Michigan. Vibrant hues of magenta and brassy yellows will decorate trees from late September to mid-October south of Cheboygan to north of a line from Ludington to Standish. The best time to savor sugar maple leaves turned brilliant gold and aspens drenched in yellow should be early and mid-October in the

Lower Peninsula's mid-section, south of a line from Ludington to Standish and north of a line from Holland to Port Huron. Fall colors should reach their peak in southern Michigan in mid and late October.
A harvest of paddleboat cruises, train treks and festivals are available for fall revelers.
Travelers can enjoy crisp autumn colors aboard an old-fashioned paddlewheel boat or vessel. In Lower Michigan, the Star of Charlevoix cruise ship sails Lake Charlevoix daily through Oct. 19. The Queen of Saugatuck paddleboat plies the Kalamazoo River on a 1 1/2 hour tour daily through Sept. 19 and weekends through Oct. 12. In southeast Michigan, Milford's Island Queen cruises Kent Lake on fall weekends through Oct. 12.
For a unique color tour, hot-air balloonists can glide over acres of trees at many locations around the state or hop on a bicycle for a weekend or weekly tour. Michigan Bicycle Touring near Traverse City sponsors tours in the northwest Lower Peninsula and across the Upper Peninsula.
Residents can explore Michigan's bumper crop of forest colors aboard one of the state's many passenger trains. In the U.P., the Toonerville Trolley leaves Soo Junction for a 6x hour roundtrip jaunt to Tahquamenon Falls daily through Oct. 6.
The Tom Sawyer Riverboat and Paul Bunyan

Timber Train in Hulbert combine forces for a 4 1/2 hour trek through the wilderness area to the Tahquamenon Falls daily through Oct. 10.
In the Lower Peninsula, train buffs can ride the Lake Shore and Lynden Central in Chelsea, where the open-air locomotive travels around a lake beneath blazing fall leaves Sundays through mid-October. In southeast Michigan, two of America's oldest steam engine trains chug past Greenfield Village's historic homesteads daily through Oct. 31.
Michigan also boasts a number of scenic gardens, including Midland's Dow Gardens and Kalamazoo's Nature Center, and arboreturns from which residents can enjoy self-guided tours. Leila Arboretum in Battle Creek, Fernwood Nature Center in Niles and Fenner Arboretum in Lansing are among the facilities open this fall.
Among the bumper crop of West Michigan fall festivals are Kalamazoo College's Oktoberfest, Oct. 3-4, Battle Creek's Harvest Festival and the Red Flannel Festival at Cedar Springs, both Oct. 4, Viking Color Festival, Cadillac, Oct. 9-12, Bangor's Apple Festival, Oct. 9-13 and Charlevoix's Apple Festival, Oct. 11-12.
East Michigan travelers may savor dozens of autumn activities, including the Pumpkin Festival in Caro and Tuscola County, Oct. 2-5, Alpena's Fall Harvest Day and Houghton Lake's Fall Color Tour, both Oct. 4.

Achievements

Philip McArdle of Pigeon has been named to the Dean's List at the DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio.
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McArdle of Pigeon.
To be eligible for the Dean's List, students attain between a 3.0 and 3.49 grade point average for the last term of study. McArdle, a student in the Electronics Engineering Technology program, holds a 3.1 GPA.
Be sure to have your Achievements in by 12 noon Mondays for publication.



ON TRACK: New owners Ron and Delores Bieri and Ken Dufty take a rare break from their activities as new owners of the Owendale Speedway.

Fall Color Show Times

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Caseville Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Sept. 25, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Township-Village Hall, located at 6767 Main St., Caseville, MI. 48725, to consider the following variance.
For Henry J. Clabuesch 8282 Crescent Beach Rd. Pigeon, MI. 48755 Proposed garage-dimension 24 ft. x 55 ft. On Lot 72, Crescent Beach Rd.
Arliss Kraft, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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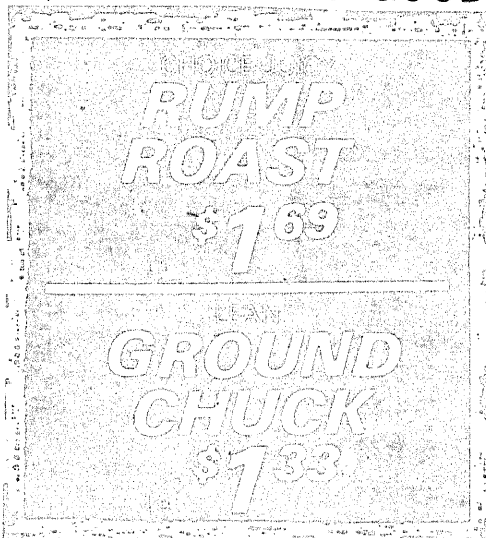
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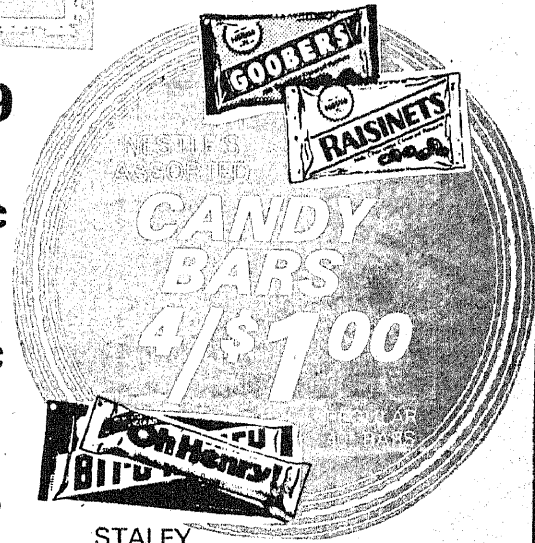


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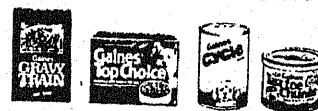
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