ЛАКЕР СУПТ. ХАРРИ БРУНИТ addresses YES meeting in Elton.

Lakers seek community support

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

After meeting with Huron County Equalization Director Sandra Dewey, Lake Supervisor and Business Manager Bob Drury had sobering news for about 75 people at last Monday's Youth Education Supporters (YES) meeting in Elton.

The Lake administrators provided figures which show a sharp drop in State Equalized Valuation of farmland in the Lake District. The decline in ag SEV ranges from 13.3% in Hume Township to 33% in McKinley Township, with an average drop of 27% in all district farmland, according to the figures.

With the SEV of all proper types considered, a 14.5% reduction is projected.

Drury describes using the most current information, Drury predicted a $1.42 million deficit at the end of the 1987-88 school year if the millage rate stays at 17.79 mills and no major changes are made in expenditures.

To balance the budget, Drury said 10 additional mills would be needed to maintain the same programs now offered in Lake schools.

Drury expects other neighboring out-of-formula school districts to also feel the crunch of falling SEV, with the exception of Caseville, which depends very little on property taxes from farmland.

Agricultural land represents about two-thirds of the total Lake District property value. For that reason, other property owners were able to benefit from relatively low millage rates when farmland values soared in the mid 1960's and early 1980's, the administrators said.

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

Anyone who thinks toys are strictly for kids hasn't met Ed Kubacki.

The Nice man doesn't play with toys — he has collected over 550 miniature tractors and 100 more pieces of toy farm equipment during the past 50 years.

Although a sampling of different branches add to his collection, Kubacki says John Deere is his favorite. That loyalty is probably due to his father's choice of that brand of farm equipment dating back to 1927.

A display of part of his treasures at Gettel Implement Company in Pigeon last Friday attracted plenty of attention from farmers attending the annual John Deere Day. The replica old and new equipment fit the 150th Anniversary of John Deere celebrated this year.

Kubacki estimates the value of his whole collection at $1,000, but said that figure depends on how much another collector is willing to pay. He shows a 430 John Deere toy tractor and says it alone is worth $60.

He has started with six tractors he played with as a child. Kubacki says he has some "junkers" for grandchildren to enjoy now, but admits the remainder of his collection is off-limits to tiny hands.

Magazines aimed at farm toy equipment collectors and contacts with people he meets while displaying his unique toys are the main sources of additions to his collection.

He displays the toys at special events in the Thumb Area and a few other parts of the state. Kubacki proudly says he has been a part of the Case Steam Show for the past 10 years.

Ed Kubacki answers Mark Gettle's question.

LAKES GROUP ORGANIZING

A four-county approach to promoting Thumb Area tourism is underway. The Thumb Area Tourism and Recreation Council (TATRC) is being organized to better coordinate the area's greatest untapped resource — tourism.

Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer Counties are each sending representatives to the meetings, meet to attract more summer and year-round tourists. "The Council has already started acting on catalyzing the Thumb's available tourism and recreation facilities," says Carl Oostervelt, manager of the Thumb Growth Alliance and a Council member.

"We have representatives of public agencies, chambers of commerce and private businesses," he notes, adding that economist Alfred Kahn predicts tourism will be the world's largest industry by the year 2000.

A next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. in the Thumb Business Center, Marlette. The group's next public meeting is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in Sandusky. Only interested persons may attend.

Several of Tuscola County's new underwater park off Port Austin and the Pottawatey State Park Indian encampments in Grinnell Township of Sanilac County can lure tourists to the Thumb. Additional listings of other resources are now being compiled, and local tourism brochures will be exchanged by all interested participants, planners say.

SAGINAW BAY CLEAN-UP MEETINGS IN CASEVILLE, CARO

Caseville and Caro have been selected as two of five central Michigan sites for meetings seeking public comment on the Remedial Action Plan being developed to cleanup Saginaw River and Bay.

The public meeting is slated for Caseville Village/Township Hall beginning at 7 p.m. Another public meeting is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9 at the Tuscola County Building in Paris. Persons attending the public meetings will be asked to participate in a free gift drawing.

For more information, contact East Central Michigan Planning and Development Region in Saginaw at 1-800-322-0927.

BARCIA TO AG GROUP

State Sen. Charles Barcia (Bay City) has been re-appointed Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, and is also Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee as Administrative Rules. The committee appointments were made last week in Democratic caucuses for the coming term.

Barcia, 34, is now the ranking Democrat on the Ag and Forestry Committee. "Given the plight of farmers in recent years, I want to continue the struggle to assist the agricultural industry," he said. He was first elected to the Legislature in 1977.

State Rep. Dick Allen (R-Caro) was re-appointed to the House Appropriations Committee, in related actions as the new legislative term begins.

NO TO CASS CITY TANK

The Michigan Air Pollution Control Agency on Monday denied an application by Estech Branded Fertilizer, Inc. of Cass City, to install an 18-acre ammonia storage facility south of Cass City.

The site, located near the M-24 and M-15 intersection, would be within 300 yards of a propane storage facility and not the Michigan Liquid Exchange property. The company is deciding whether to reply with the court, which would hold concentrated ammonia for use in farm fertilizers.

WBCM GOING RELIGIOUS

One of the Saginaw Valley's pioneer radio stations will begin broadcasting religious programming on March 1. WBCM 1360 AM of Bay City has been granted a religious license by the Federal Communications Commission, which will allow the station to provide religious Christian music to the station's followers around the clock.

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FOR YOUR SIMPLE FORM!
Spellers compete for cash in Lake Spalinger Bee

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IRS can tax more than you think...

As we see it editorially

The days are winding down rather quickly toward the April 15th deadline for sending in income tax payments to the Internal Revenue Service. Only death and taxes are certain, and recently there has been a great deal of talk about how IRS can use its powers to tax just about anything.

Are you aware of how many accounts of income or capital gains that are subject to tax? Only you are aware of how many of your own taxes are likely to be assessed in the future.

There are ways to avoid such taxes, and this article will try to help you understand some of them better.

IRS cannot tax... 

- Food and Shelter
- Education
- Gifts to Charitable Organizations
- Retirement Plans
- Life Insurance

IRS can, however, tax... 

- Income from Work
- Interest on Savings Accounts
- Real Estate
- Capital Gains
- Business Income

The key to avoiding IRS taxes is to understand the laws that govern them. With this knowledge, you can take steps to minimize your tax liability.

Remember, it is never too late to start planning for the future. Start saving early and invest wisely. 

From Under The Willow

By WINNIE SKILLER

Bears, bears, and more bears!

"The bears are really sober!" said one of the hunters. "They seemed to be in a happy mood as we were moving up the river. There are bears down here, the hunter said, but not all the bears can be seen. For example, one of the bears that we saw was a large black bear. It was a big bear, the hunter said, and I could see its white face and ears. "

The bears are usually seen in the woods and in the mountains. They are also seen in the forests and in the fields. Some bears are even seen in the city. Many bears are killed by hunters, and they are also killed by poachers."

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What can you do if you see a bear?

- Stay calm and don’t run
- Make yourself appear larger
- Speak in a low, firm voice
- Use a stick or other object to make noise

Remember, bears are wild animals, and they can be dangerous. Always be careful when you are around them.

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We're Asking YOU...

This week's question, asked by Jackie Pie: Will the groundhog see his shadow on Feb. 2? Do you want six more weeks of winter?

CASEVILLE
RETIREMENT
CLUB
A total of 11 members of the Cassville Retiree Club paid a visit to the American Legion Hall in the town of December. The members had gathered at the Legion for their annual meeting. Next month, the club will hold its annual picnic at the Legion. The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

CASSVILE
MAINE
TOWN
First annual meeting of the Cassville Maine Town will be held on Saturday, February 18, at the Cassville School. The meeting is open to all Cassville residents.

Area school lunch menus

Cross Lutheran School

Wheat and milk, 25 cents

Potato salad, 10 cents

Cassville

Monday: French toast, orange juice, milk, 30 cents

Tuesday: Ham and bean soup, 25 cents

Wednesday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, 40 cents

Thursday: Hamburger, 35 cents

Friday: Hamburger, 35 cents

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The Cassville Area School District has announced that all students will receive a free meal on Fridays.

CASS FREE LIBRARY

The Cassville Free Library is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is closed on Sunday.

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NEWS THAT COUNTS FROM...

Lodge News

Lodge officers have announced that the annual Lodge picnic will be held on Saturday, June 30, at the Lodge grounds. The picnic is open to all Lodge members and guests.

Protection

Protection has been increased in the town of Cassville. The increased protection is due to the recent increase in crime.

Winter weather

The Cassville Area School District has announced that all schools will be closed on Friday, February 2, due to severe winter weather conditions.

Safety

Safety guidelines have been established for all Cassville residents. The guidelines include tips for staying safe during winter weather.

School lunch

School lunch menus have been announced for the week of February 5-9.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is February 14th. The Progress Advance is offering a special "Love Line" and "Love Box" for Valentine's Day.

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DEAR MRS. ROSS: Our present financial situation does not permit us to take a vacation. However, we have saved enough to pay our present debts and have made arrangements to pay our present bills on time. We are looking forward to our future in retirement and thank you for your understanding.

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Lakers finish third in weekend v-ball tourney

By ROY SWARTZENDRUBER

After getting off to a slow start in the season, the Lakers have been playing better lately. Last weekend's success in the Palatine Invitational tournament was the latest indication the team is improving.

The Lakers won all three of their games, including a hard-fought victory over Naperville North, 25-23, 27-25, 15-13. In all three matches, the Lakers played well and were competitive.

On Friday night, the Lakers hosted the Palatine Invitational tournament. The team opened with a 25-21, 25-16 victory over the host team. In the second game, the Lakers faced a stiff challenge from Naperville North, but they came away with a 25-23, 27-25 victory.

The Lakers finished the weekend with a 25-23, 27-25, 15-13 win over Palatine. With these victories, the Lakers improved their record to 3-2 for the season.

Mystery of the week

A mystery has been unfolding in the community of Lake Zurich, and people are wondering what it is all about. The mystery involves a series of strange occurrences that have been happening in the town over the past few months.

The first incident occurred last month when a group of people reported seeing strange lights in the sky. The lights were moving in a circular pattern and disappeared suddenly.

A few days later, people noticed that some of the trees in the town were beginning to change color. The leaves were turning a strange shade of green, and the trees were losing their leaves.

Over the past few weeks, more strange occurrences have been reported. People have seen unexplained noises coming from the town's power plant, and some have reported feeling a strange energy in the air.

Residents of Lake Zurich are eager to learn more about these strange occurrences and are wondering what might be causing them. Some are speculating that the strange lights and tree changes may be related, and others are theorizing that there might be some kind of alien activity happening in the town.

As the story continues to unfold, people of Lake Zurich are left wondering what will happen next.