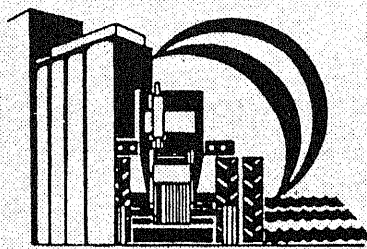


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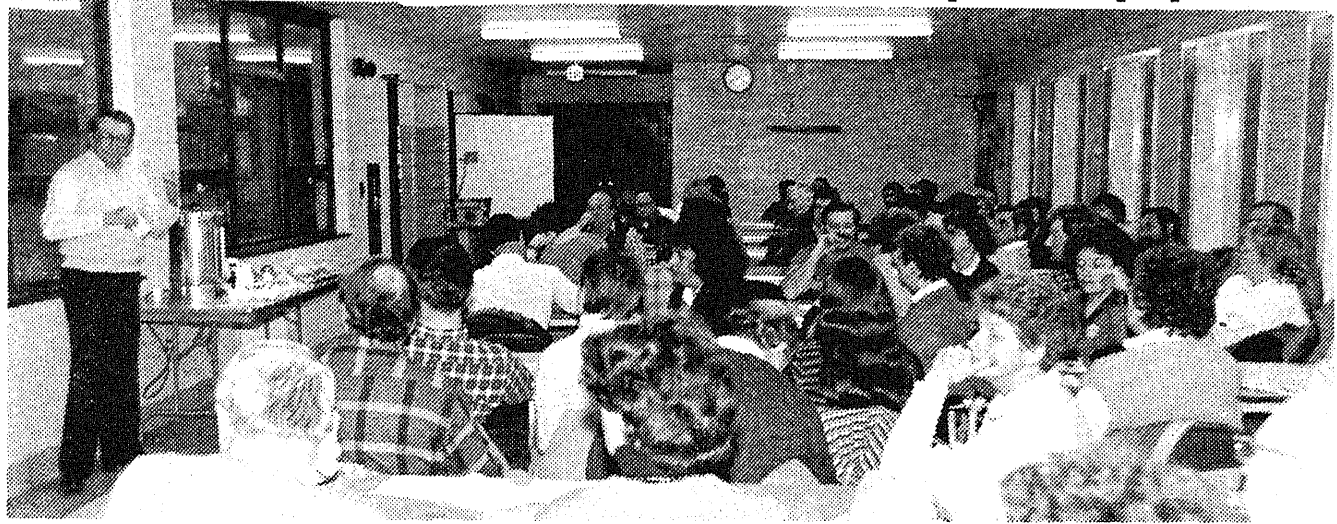
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VOL. 89, NO. 31 24 PAGES Pigeon, Elkton, Caseville, Bay Port and Owendale, Michigan WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28, 1987
THROUGH TUESDAY, FEB. 3, 1987

It's STILL snowing
here in the Western Thumb!

Bay Port's Mexican
and American
Restaurant, The
Specialty House, has
grand opening!
SEE CENTER PAGES 12-14

Lakers seek community support



LAKER SUPT. HARRY BRUNET addresses YES meeting in Elkton.

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER
After meeting with Huron County Equalization Director Sandra Drews, Laker Superintendent Harry Brunet and Business Manager Bob Drury had sobering news for about 75 people at last Monday's Youth Education Supporters (YES) meeting in Elkton.

The Laker administrators provided figures which show a sharp drop in State Equalized Valuation of farmland in the Laker District.

The decline in ag SEV ranges from 13.3% in Hume Township to 35% in McKinley Township, with an average drop of 27% in all district farmland, according to the figures.

With the SEV of all proper-

ty types considered, a 16.5% reduction is projected. '88 DEFICIT: Using the most current information, Drury predicted a \$1.44 million deficit at the end of the 1987-88 school year if the millage rate stays at 17.75 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 Laker schools.

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

Agricultural land represents about two-thirds

of the total Laker 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 1970s and early 1980s, the administrators said.

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Ed knows tractors aren't for kids

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

The Kinde man doesn't play with toys - instead he has collected over 350 miniature tractors and 100 more other pieces of toy farm equipment during the past 8-10 years.

Although a sampling of different brands add to his col-

lection, 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 1937.

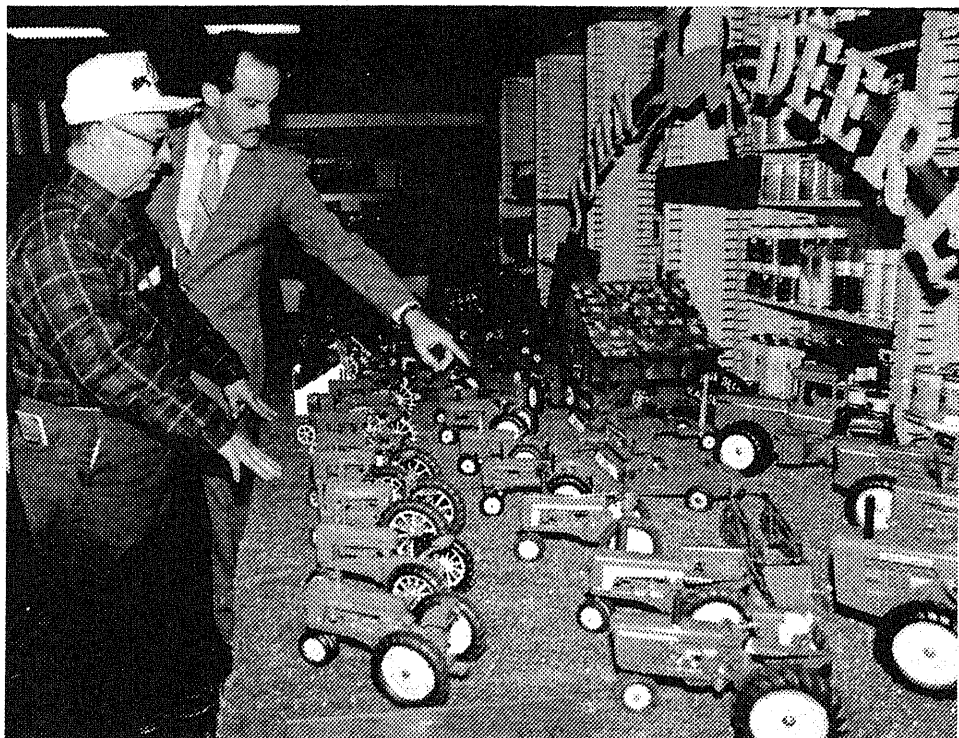
A display of part of his treasures at Gettel Implement Company in Pigeon last Friday attracted plenty of attention from farmers attending the annual John Deere Day. The replicas of old and new equipment fit the 150th Anniversary of John Deere celebrated this year.

Kubacki estimates the value of his whole collection at \$11,000, 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 \$500.

His collection 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 Caro Steam Show for the past 10 years.



ED KUBACKI answers Mark Gettel's questions.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

TOURISM 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 Thumb's greatest untapped resource - tourism."

Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer Counties are each sending representatives to the meetings, meant to attract more summer and year-round tourists. "The Council has already started acting on cataloging the Thumb's tourism and recreation facilities," says Carl Osentoski, 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.

TATRC's next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. in the Thumb Business Center, Marlette. The group's next public meeting is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, when any interested persons may attend.

Spots such as Huron County's new underwater park off Port Austin and the Petroglyphs State Park Indian etchings in Greeleaf 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 clean up Saginaw River and Bay.

This Thursday, Jan. 29, a public meeting is slated at Caseville Village/Township Hall beginning at 7 p.m. Another meeting is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Tuscola County Building - Annex in Caro.

Persons attending the meetings will be asked to participate in open discussions of water quality problems in Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River and comment on what issues are most important to them.

For more information, contact East Central Michigan Planning and Development Region in Saginaw at 1-800-322-0207.

BARCIA TO AG GROUP

State Sen. James Barcia (D-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 on 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 Commission has denied an application by Estech Branded Fertilizer, Inc., of Cass City, to install an 18,000-gallon ammonia tank at its location four miles east of Cass City.

The Estech property, near the M-81 and M-53 intersection, would be within 200 yards of a propane storage facility and next to the Michigan Livestock Exchange property. The company is deciding whether to re-apply for the plant, 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 AM (1440) of Bay City has been purchased by Kathi Broadcasting, which will play adult contemporary Christian music aimed at 25-54 year-olds around the clock.

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INSIDE: Give your special sweetie a Love Line Ad on Feb. 11! SEE PAGE 7 FOR YOUR SIMPLE FORM!

'Paid in full' is good news

In an unprecedented move, Sebewaing Mutual Fire Insurance Company is presenting its 700 farmer policyholders with the first good news some have had since the heavy rains of mid-September started the worst weather disaster in a century.

The 105-year-old local insurance company is sending every policyholder its insurance renewal invoice for 1987 with a "Paid in Full" stamp.

"That means nearly \$100,000 in premiums that they won't have to pay," explained the company secretary-treasurer, Ray Fiebig, and Executive Secretary Madeline Irlon. The company board had approved the plan in November and notices to policyholders were being put into the mail Wednesday by Mrs. Irlon.

"What it amounts to is a year of free insurance," a

officials stated.

The company's policyholders reside in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties.

Under the company charter, all policyholders have the same renewal date - February 28 this year - so all policies expire on the same date.

Mrs. Irlon was named to her new post as executive secretary. Her late husband, Clemens Irlon, was first elected to the board on January 5, 1967. He was elected as secretary on January 16, 1973, and served until his death December 22, 1986.

Another change on the board is the retirement of Albert Schuette of Pigeon, who served as director for 44 years. He was succeeded on the board by Paul Leipprandt of Pigeon.

Board members are Earl Gettel and Loren Winter of Sebewaing, Jack D. McAl-

pine of Fairgrove, Paul Findlay and John Goodchild of Caro, Roger Root of Cass City, and Paul Leipprandt. On the executive board are Jack McAlpine as president, Earl Gettel vice-president, Ray Fiebig secretary-treasurer.

The company was founded just 6 months after the disastrous Great Fire of 1881, which swept over the Upper Thumb, killing more than 280 persons. The embers had barely cooled when concerned farmers and home owners began to make plans to avert a repeat of the tragedy. Ten farmers agreed on a charter and Henry Neumann submitted it to the Commissioner of Insurance in Lansing on February 18, 1882. The charter was approved and the company was founded officially on March 6. During the 105

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years, there have been 5 wars, 2 major depressions, countless recessions and business dealings with the 5th generation of members.

Today the company has gross assets, \$1,501,000, with more than \$36.8 million insurance in force.

Dr. Schukraft heads clinic

The Scheurer Hospital Orthopedic Clinic has reopened under the direction of Dr. Ernst F. Schukraft, an orthopedic surgeon.

He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Wayne State Medical School, and has practiced medicine in the Detroit area prior to coming to Michigan's Thumb.

His orthopedic clinic is now officially open, and anyone wishing to obtain further information or make an appointment is invited to contact Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon at 453-3223.

Caseville accepts bid

Hoping to lower the cost of telephone equipment, Caseville School Board last Monday accepted a \$1796 bid of GTE Telecom Marketing Corporation of Owosso for a new phone system for the school.

Five new "touch-tone" phones for the school's two lines will replace five rotary phones being rented for about \$50 per month.

A \$3061 from ITI of Bridgeport was more costly because the company would have to install new wiring to replace the current phone wiring owned by GTE.

Superintendent James Stahl estimates the new phone system will pay for itself in about three years.

SITTING PRETTY: Board also agreed to purchase eight chairs for elementary and high school offices at a cost of \$1628 from Beckley-Cardy of Dayton, Ohio. A bid of \$1.50 higher was received from Michigan School Equipment and a \$1650 bid was submitted by Thumb Office Supply, Bad Axe.

NEGOTIATORS: A committee of Ken Hill, Robert Kunding and Al Pittenger were appointed to bargain with Caseville Education Association for a new teacher contract. Supt. Stahl will serve as chief negotiator. The current pact expires in August of this year.

Stahl says the teachers will present a contract proposal at the March Board meeting, and negotiation sessions will be scheduled at that time.

FEDERAL AID? Board authorized Stahl to apply for federal funds under Public Law 81-874, which provides federal funds to school districts which educate children with parents in the armed forces.

Stahl notes North Huron Schools receive about \$7000 to \$8000 for about 45 students in that district. Caseville educates 15 such students, and Stahl hopes to receive between \$1000 and \$2000 through the federal program.

HDC offers give-away

Human Development Commission will again distribute surplus commodities this Thursday, Jan. 29, in Huron County, according to HDC Director Mary Ann Vandemark.

Eligible persons must report to the distribution site in person and present their Surplus Commodity Registration Card. Persons unable to be present may have someone else pick up their own commodities ONLY if their card is shown, HDC reminds, and persons should bring cardboard boxes.

Surplus Commodity Cards may be obtained from county HDC offices. An appointment is necessary.

Thursday, Jan. 29 - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Sebewaing - Old Village Fire Hall
Bad Axe - Community Fairgrounds (Use Soper Road)
Port Hope - American Veteran's Hall, M-25 & Rubicon Road

Spellers compete for cash in Laker Spelling Bee

Twenty Laker students will compete for the title of champion in 1987 Laker Spelling Bee, slated for Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Laker High School Auditorium. The finalists represent the top spellers from each classroom in grades 4-6, and

the top four spellers in each of grades seven and eight, according to Laker Spelling Bee Coordinator Mike Lang.

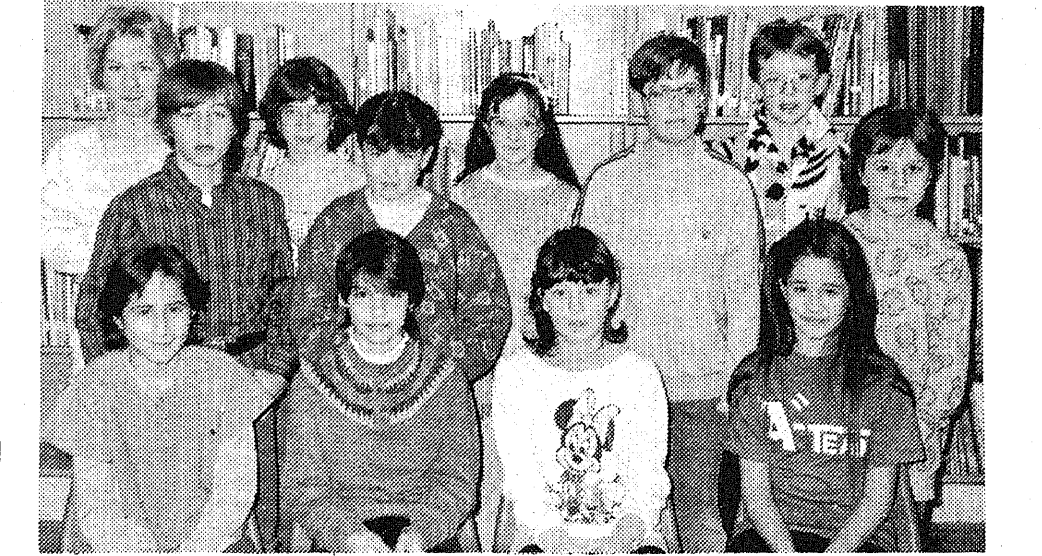
The grand prize this year will be a trophy and \$50 Savings Bond.

The winner will qualify for competition at the regional

level of the Lawrence Institute Technology/Detroit News Spelling Bee. Winners at the regionals will advance to the Michigan Bee in Detroit, and possibly a trip to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.



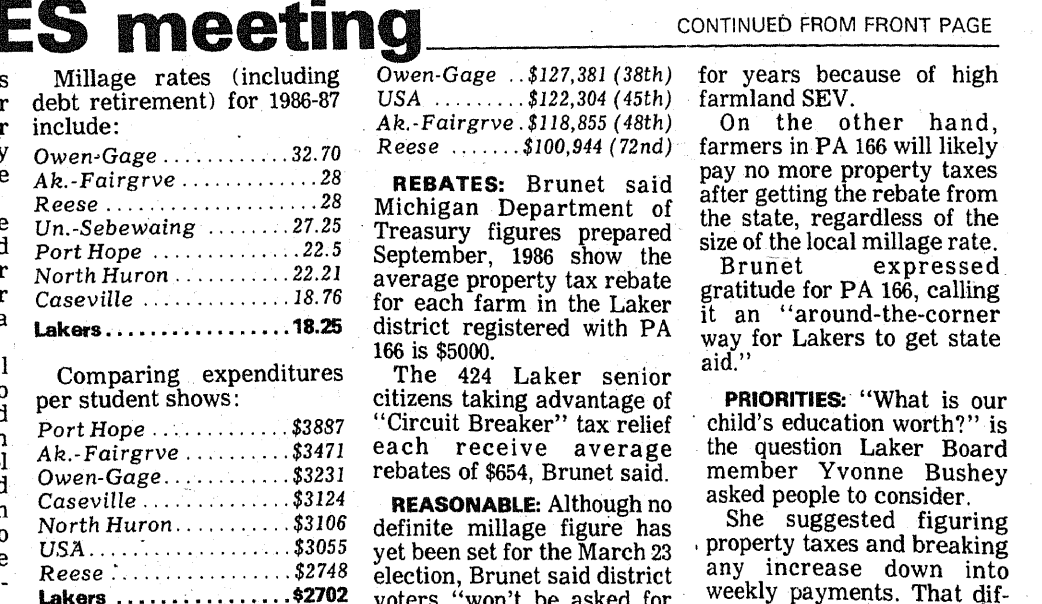
JUNIOR HIGH: In front from left, seventh grade finalists include: Tricia Elston, Angie Burkeim, Jessica Henne, Connie Lorkowski and alternate Chad Gascho. In back are eighth graders Jodi Weisenbach, Carey Hill, Steve Kauffman, Brian Keim and alternate Phil Nusz.



PIGEON: In front from left, fourth grader Matthew Keefer, fifth grader Jill Colison and sixth grader Justin Maust. Alternates in back include fourth grader Stephanie Niebel, fifth grader Daniel Eichler and sixth grader Ryan Heckman.



ELKTON: In front from left, fourth graders Lindsay Krueger, Tracy Abbe and alternates Karen Bruce and Jodi Forster. Middle row, Joel Toner, Wendy Seley and alternates Steven Jaworski and Michelle Pitcher. In back, sixth graders Sara Hill, Kristin Southworth and alternates Carol Hobert and T.J. May.



BAY PORT: In front from left, fourth grader Jennifer Smith and fifth grader Christa Keim. In back are alternates Vicki Gascho, Shelly McCain and Chad Schweitzer. Missing from the photo is sixth grade finalist Russell Truemmer.

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LePage is re-elected

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About 75 persons attended the meeting, including three new Chamber Board members - Janet Heckman of Village of Pigeon, Linda King of Bay House Sports and Debby McBride of The Progress-Advance.

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Laker YES meeting

Now with farmland values falling into line with other areas of the state, the Laker millage must necessarily rise toward the state average also, Drury says.

MUST BALANCE: The business manager pointed out the state would never allow the Laker district - or any other - to operate with a \$1.4 million deficit.

He also noted school districts are only allowed to borrow half of their expected revenues for operation from the beginning to the school year until taxes are collected in January. That limitation would cause the district to run out of money before the January taxes could be collected.

COMPARING RATES: While the 17.75 mills levied in the Laker District is far below the state average of 32 mills, Brunet also pointed out the Laker millage compares favorably with seven other Thumb Area districts.

for years because of high farmland SEV.


On the other hand, farmers in PA 166 will likely pay no more property taxes after getting the rebate from the state, regardless of the size of the local millage rate.

Brunet expressed gratitude for PA 166, calling it an "around-the-corner way for Lakers to get state aid."

PRIORITIES: "What is our child's education worth?" is the question Laker Board member Yvonne Bushey asked people to consider.

She suggested figuring property taxes and breaking any increase down into weekly payments. That difference could equal little more than the cost to rent video cassette tapes, Bushey suggested.

"If you think education is expensive, consider the cost of not educating children," concluded Brunet.



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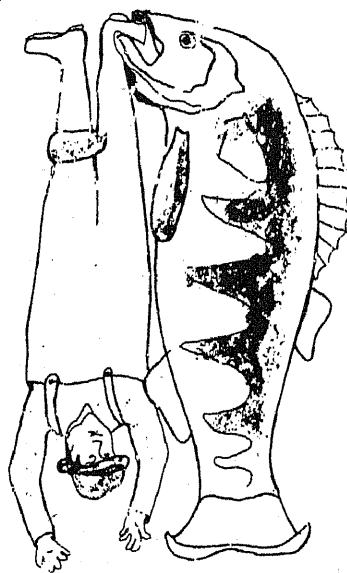
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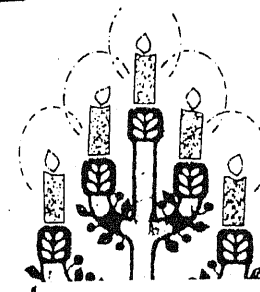
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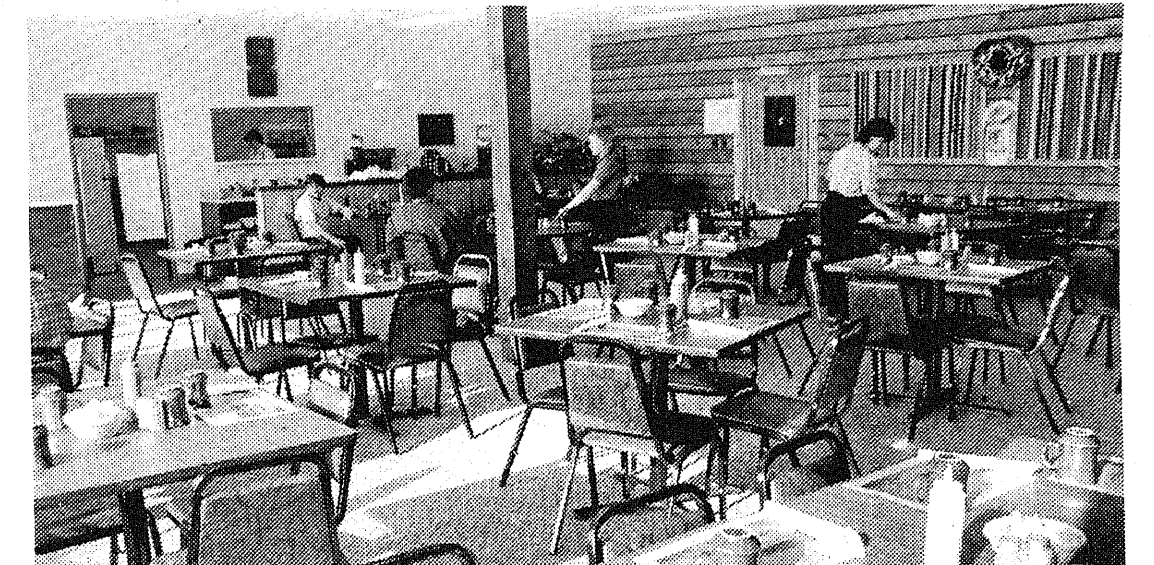
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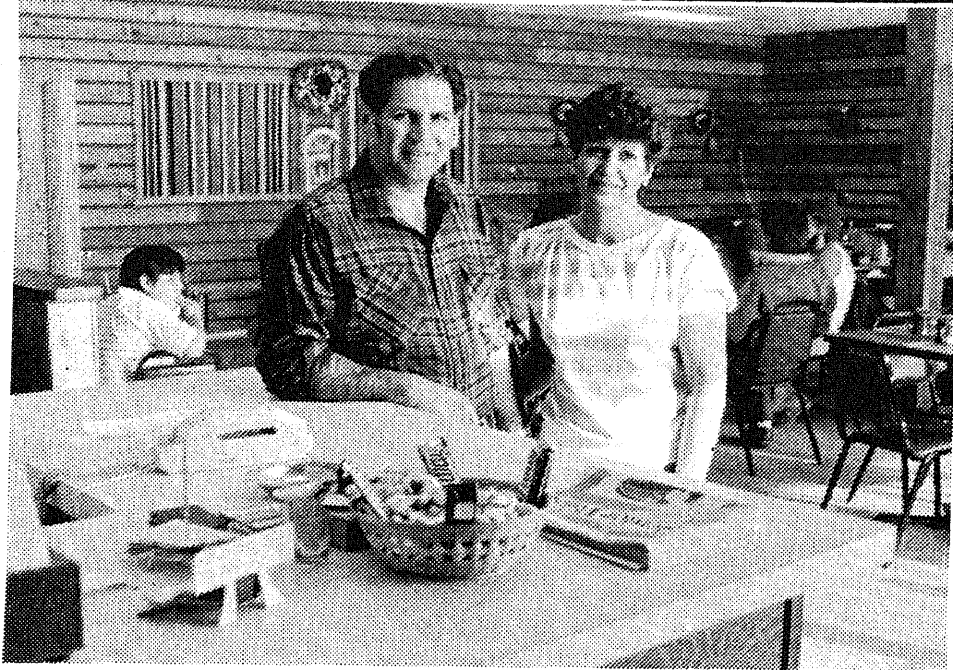


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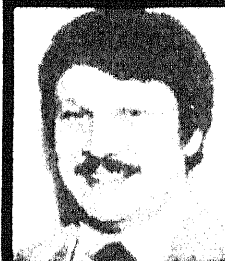
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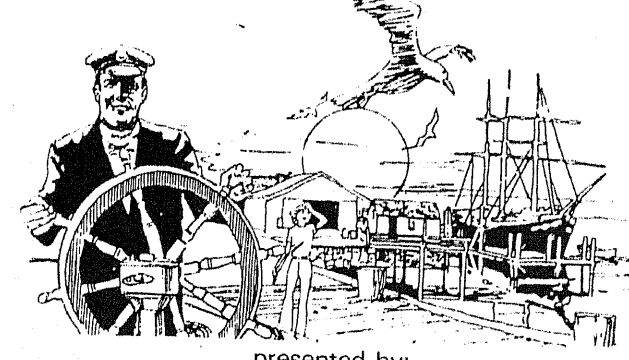
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Remember, the Pigeon PTC is planning its annual Elementary Basketball Tournament for Saturday, Feb. 28 at Laker High. Starting time is 9:30 a.m. Watch for details.

I miss the Winter Carnival. It was something to look forward to in January.

A junior cheerleading clinic will be conducted at the

Elkton Elementary on Saturday, Feb. 7 for grades three through six. Registration is at 8:45 and it lasts from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost can be paid at registration. Thank you.

I can't believe Bad Axe people are so opposed to adult foster care homes. I'd rather have such homes as neighbors than to have some of the "normal" people living next to me.

Shame on you!

I hear farmers moaning and groaning. Some do have it bad, but as a group, no one gets more federal aid, not even welfare mothers. But, farmers don't seem to mind it when it's called payment in kind or something else that sounds realistic.

I really think the Christmas Cantate performed at Cross Lutheran Church before the holidays was excellent. We'll look forward to hearing the group again this year!

I miss my Alma Scott. Love his girl in Kalamazoo.

1987 Laker Yearbooks will be on sale through Friday, Jan. 30 during lunch hour at the high school. This is the last time to order.

I've heard that some schools are interested in buying \$100 breathalyzers, to check to see if students have been drinking before or during school activities. Should this be done here?

Why don't our road men use more sand instead of salt to clear roads? It would be better for the finish on our cars.

Safe boating classes are coming starting Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at USA Middle School, Sebawaing. For information on the free eight-week sessions, call 375-4159 or 883-3108.

Writer and retired farmer George Keim will be speaker Feb. 4 at the Community Men's Breakfast at First United Methodist Church, Pigeon. Men are welcomed, starting at 7 a.m. Thank you.

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Pigeon Thumb obituaries

ALBERT BECHLER, SR.
1894 - 1986

Albert Bechler, Sr., age 91, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Pigeon, passed away Dec. 10, 1986.

He was born in Pigeon on Dec. 25, 1894 and married Ida Litwiler on June 25, 1935. He was a member of Bay Shore Menonite Church.

Surviving him are his wife, Ida; two sons, Morris Bechler and Albert Bechler, Jr.; four grandchildren; one sister, Mary Dietzel and two brothers, Henry and Alvin.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 12 by LeRoy Bechler and Howard Schmitt with interment in Palms Memorial Park.

HEDWIG E. TABONE
1905 - 1987

Hedwig E. Tabone, age 81, of Sweden, with local relatives, passed away Jan. 5 in Sweden after a short illness.

She was born Dec. 29, 1905 in Sweden and came to the United States in 1925. She married Charles Tabone of Malta in Chicago on Sept. 12, 1926. She was a U.S. citizen at the time of her death, but had spent the last several years in Sweden.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William (Velja) Cullen and Mrs. Bruce (Donna) J. McCormick, both of Caseville; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one brother; two sisters and many nieces and nephews in Sweden.

Services and burial were held in Lennartsfors, Sweden on Jan. 10.

CRETE D. BRUDER
1896 - 1986

Mrs. John W. (Crete D.) Bruder, age 90, of Alpena, with local relatives, passed away Dec. 18, 1986 in Alpena.

Mrs. Bruder was born in Bad Axe on Sept. 18, 1896 and was married to John Bruder on Sept. 1, 1923. He preceded her in death on June 19, 1976.

Mrs. Bruder taught school in Detroit for many years and later worked at Federal Department Stores prior to her retirement. She moved to Alpena in 1971 and was a member of the First Methodist Church of Alpena and the Alpena Senior Citizens Visually Impaired Group.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Wellington (Barbara) Dean of Alpena; a son, John of Northville; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Corda McKinstra of Los Angeles, Calif. and a brother, William J. McCarty of Bad Axe.

A daughter, Carolyn, preceded her in death.

The funeral was conducted at the Wachterhauser Funeral Home in Alpena with interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Alpena.

ROY LEONARD DUFTY
1915 - 1987

Roy L. Dufy, age 71 of Caseville, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, following a heart attack suffered while ice fishing.

He was born Oct. 16, 1915 in Lake Township, son of the late Thomas and Ada (McIlmurray) Dufy. On March 15, 1938, he was united in marriage to Opal Roth in Defiance, Ohio.

He farmed in Lake Township for many years and was a member of the Rush Lake Farm Bureau, as well as an avid sportsman and bowler.

Mr. Dufy is survived by his wife, Opal of Caseville; one daughter, Mrs. Kurt (Gail) Richmond of Caseville; two sons, Dick of Caseville and James of Weidman; seven grandchildren; one brother, William of Caseville, and five sisters, Mrs. John (Leta) Osborne of Caseville, Mrs. Earl (Violet) Eid of Santa Rosa, Calif., Mrs. Marjorie Hecht of Studio City, Calif., Mrs. Geraldine Dirks of Leesburg, Fla., and Mrs. Orville (Leone) MacAlpine of Candler, N.C.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Jan. 23 at 1 p.m. from the Elkton Chapel of Champagne Funeral Chapels, which handled arrangements. The Rev. John Hamilton, pastor of Caseville United Methodist Church, officiated, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Other area deaths

Albert Bechler, Sr., 91, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Pigeon, passed away Dec. 10.

Crete D. Bruder, 90, of Alpena, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 18.

Hedwig E. Tabone, 81, of Sweden, formerly of Caseville, passed away Jan. 5.

Ronald T. Keagan, Sr., 76, of Rufford, R.I., formerly of Cass City, passed away Jan. 6.

Edna M. Simmons, 91, of Cass City, passed away Jan. 12.

Wade H. Whaley, 81, of Akron, passed away Jan. 14.

Clara R. "Goldie" Conner, 86, of Fairgrove, passed away Jan. 14.

Elizabeth A. Shaak, 69, of Caseville, passed away Jan. 16.

Michael Follman, 77, of Gageton, passed away Jan. 16.

Mary E. Vader, 86, of Caro, formerly of Unionville, passed away Jan. 16.

Francis B. Scranton, 75, of Harbor Beach, passed away Jan. 16.

Robert E. Brady, 65, of Unionville, passed away Jan. 17.

Russell G. Hazel, 79, of Harbor Beach, with relatives in Pigeon, passed away Jan. 17.

Stella Hemme, 87, of Roseville, formerly of Port Austin, passed away Jan. 18.

Lawrence S. Murphy, 62, of Fairgrove, passed away Jan. 18.

Vincent LaMille, 59, formerly of Harbor Beach, passed away Jan. 19.

Dr. Mark W. Alexander, 33, of Lapeer, with relatives in Bad Axe, passed away Jan. 20.

Edward W. Kusek, 79, of Caro, passed away Jan. 20.

Roy L. Dufy, 71, of Caseville, passed away Jan. 21.

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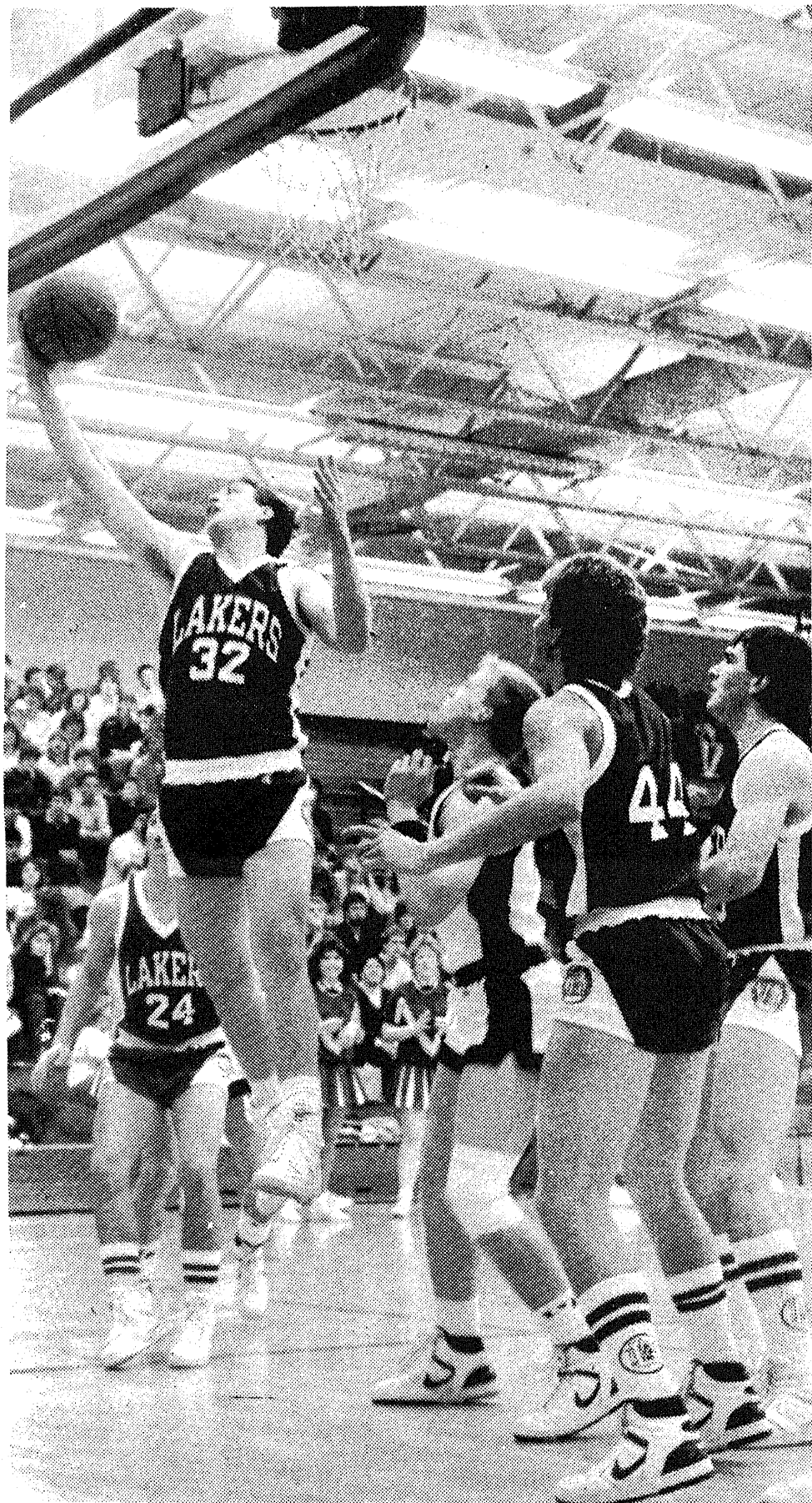
sports of the week

Toothless Tigers offer little challenge to Lakers

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER
Laker varsity basketball scoring leader Tom Beer was only one of two players on the team that failed to score against Caro last Tuesday night...

Turner's eight points for Caro), the hapless Tigers proved no match for Lakers. Senior guard Randy Heckman headed a ten-player Laker scoring parade with 14 points...

Caro scoring was led by Turner with 10 points. RESCHEDULED: The game with Vassar postponed last Friday due to adverse weather has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Laker High...



CLEANING THE GLASS: Lakers' Jim Warren clears the crowd to grab a rebound.

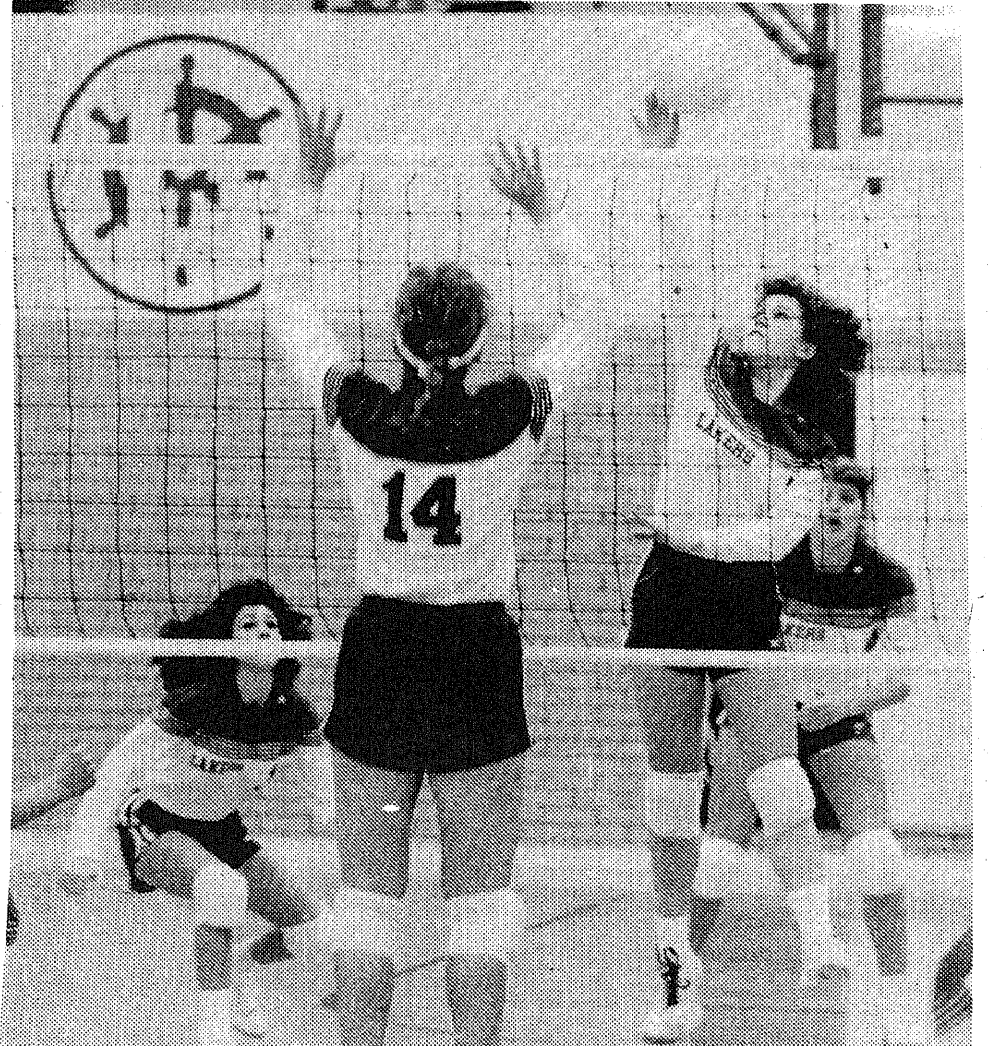
Lakers finish third in weekend v-ball tourney

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER
After getting off to a slow start, the Laker Volleyball team began to click to earn third place in the Flint Central Invitational last Saturday.

Novar noted that her team led both of those games, but couldn't hang on for the victories. In a one-game playoff to decide third place, Lakers outlasted Rochester 17-15.

15-1. 15-3. 15-9 game victories to claim the match. Laker All-State hitter Julia Sturm dominated the Red Raiders as she put 20 of 22 attacks in play...

Hatchets pin Lakers in wrestling meet



ATTACK: Lakers' Kriste Laescki attacks the ball at the net as teammates Lisa Buschlen (left) and Julia Sturm (right) look on in a recent match at Laker High.

Standings
Basketball
Thumb B
League Overall
Cass City .. 7-0 11-1
North Branch .. 6-1 7-3
Lakers .. 4-2 7-2
Marlette .. 4-3 6-4
Vassar .. 3-3 6-4
Bad Axe .. 2-5 2-8
Imlay City .. 1-6 1-9
Caro .. 0-7 0-10

North Central Thumb D
League Overall
Deckerville .. 8-0 9-2
Port Hope .. 6-1 8-1
Owen-Gage .. 5-3 7-4
Akron-Fairgrove .. 4-4 5-6
Kingston .. 4-4 5-6
North Huron .. 3-4 3-6
Caseville .. 2-6 3-7
Peck .. 1-5 1-7
CPS .. 1-7 3-7

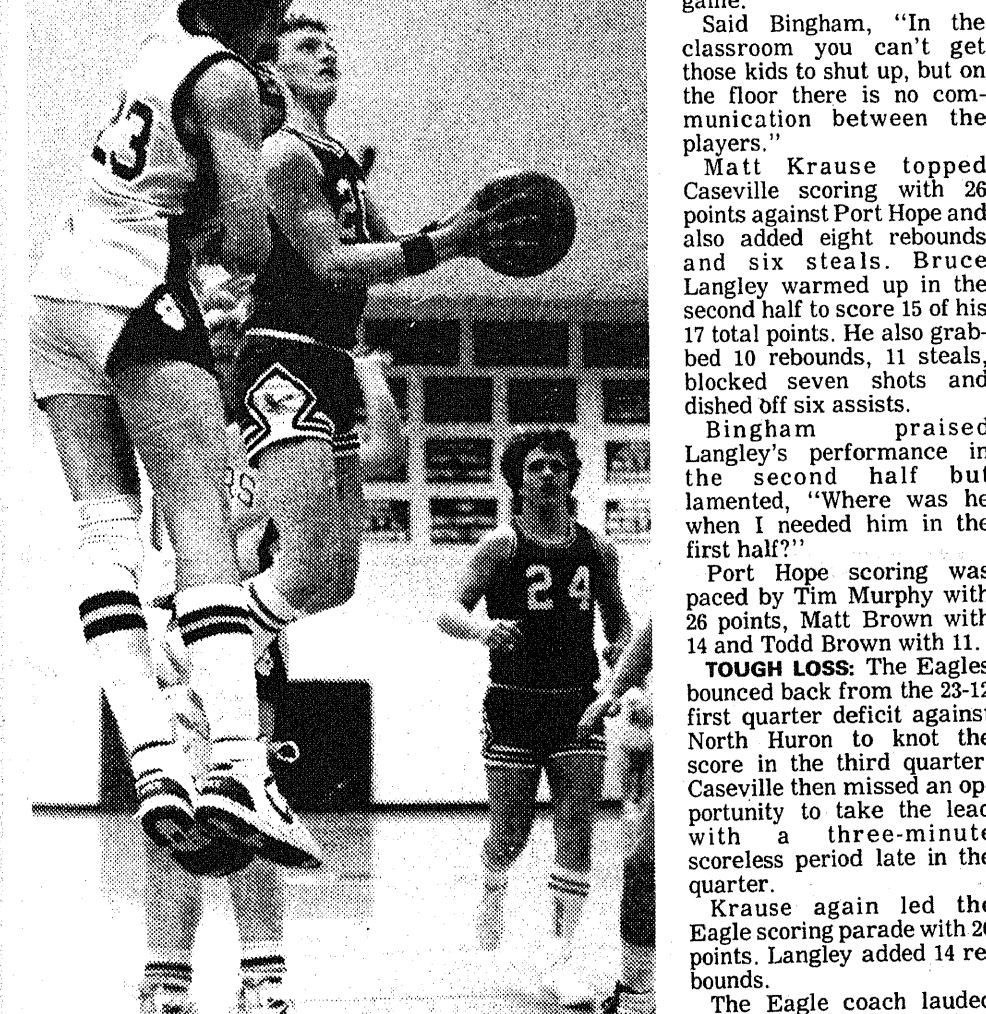
Slow starts become pattern for Caseville cagers

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER
Caseville basketball coach Randy Bingham is probably considering bringing an alarm clock to hoop contests to make sure they are awake at the opening tip-off.

consecutive game, the Eagles lost a North Central Thumb League clash after sleep-walking through the first quarter. Port Hope built a commanding 19-4 lead in the opening period and cruised to a 73-60 victory.

Coach Bingham noted his team has been outscored 74-28 in the first quarter of the last three games. "Mentally we weren't in the game in the first quarter. When you dig yourself a deep hole, it's tough to fight back," he declared.

He says he is running out of ideas to get his team get rolling early in their basketball games.



UP AND AWAY: Eagle Bruce Langley double pumps in mid-air as he guns for a basket in a recent home game.

Standings
Division I
W L
Cross Lutheran .. 3-0
Elkton Missionary .. 1-2
Hayes U.M. .. 1-2
Campus Life .. 1-2
Division II
W L
Pigeon 1st U.M. .. 2-1
Bay Port RLDS .. 2-1
Elkton U.M. .. 2-1
St. Francis Catholic .. 2-1

Interfaith Hoops
Standings
Division I
W L
Cross Lutheran .. 3-0
Elkton Missionary .. 1-2
Hayes U.M. .. 1-2
Campus Life .. 1-2
Division II
W L
Pigeon 1st U.M. .. 2-1
Bay Port RLDS .. 2-1
Elkton U.M. .. 2-1
St. Francis Catholic .. 2-1

Flag drops this weekend on sno-mo race circuit
It may be hard to believe with the frigid temperatures in the air now, but several snowmobile races around the state had to be cancelled because of unseasonably warm temperatures.

WOODS and WATERS
By Duane Guenther
A portrait of a man with white hair and a mustache, wearing a dark jacket, looking towards the camera.

Growing old

It began about 10 years ago, first, a certain stiffness in my hip and knees when I arose from bed each morning. It was especially noticeable the day after a hard duck hunt.

Each of the above is a product of the aging process, and all of us, whether we like it or not, must eventually confront it. How we do it is an individual matter, but over the past several years, I feel I have come up with some guidelines to make it a tad more enjoyable.

I wouldn't be so concerned with growing old if it weren't for all the statistics. The other day, I heard one that simply floored me. Over 90% of all hunters and fishermen give up their sport when they reach 65 years of age.

Although, I'm still a dozen years away, I have already begun to make some adjustments. The first is in the equipment I use. The harsh, penetrating cold of the trout stream is not nearly so devastating when one wears neoprene waders.

Lady Eagles drop v-ball opener

The Lady Eagles volleyball squad dropped their season opener last Monday at North Branch Wesleyan Academy, but improved to sweep a pair of non-league, peerseason matches with Port Hope last Thursday.

Bowler of the week

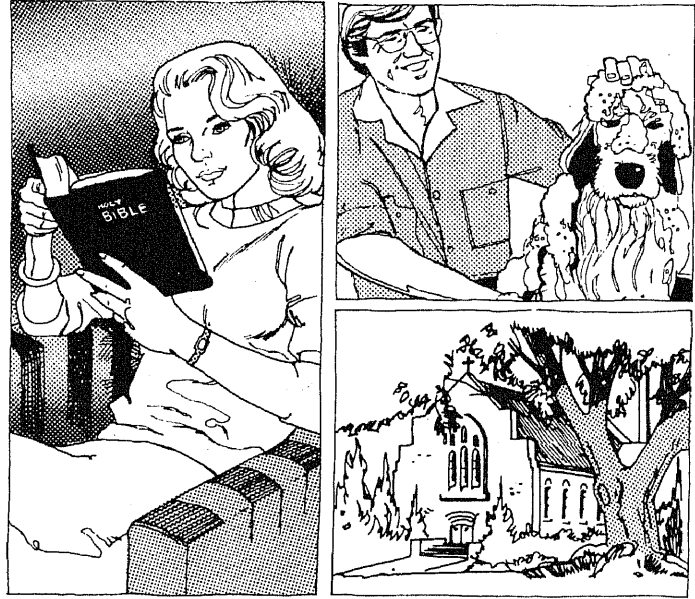
The Thumb Area Women's Bowling Association Bowler of the Week for Jan. 5-11 is Geraldine Miller with a 622 actual series.

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How often we say, "I'll do it tomorrow"; then by the time that next day dawns we have already thought up another excuse for postponement, and thus many of our chores do not get done at all. It is usually something dreary and unpleasant that we keep putting off in favor of other activities closer to our hearts.

Every day that we put off repentance gives us one more day to repent OF and one less day to repent IN.

"Behold, now is the accepted time... now is the day of salvation." — II Corinthians 6:2

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'Michigan' theme unites club

OWENDALE — Owendale Womens Club members held their January meeting Monday evening in Owendale-Gagetown School with 12 members.

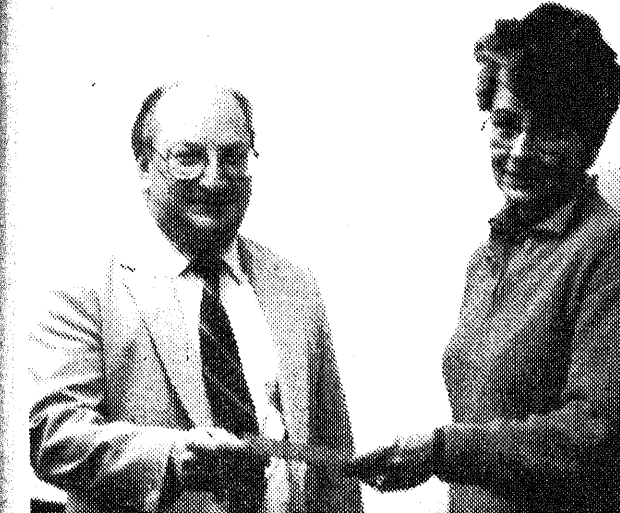


LUCKY WINNER! — Viola Schuette, at right, accepts the Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary quilt she won for holding the winning ticket during the Christmas Auxiliary Quilt Raffle.

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READ ISAIAH 41:1-10 I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want.



HOSPITAL GIFT — Scheurer Hospital Administrator George Desmarais accepts a check in the amount of \$4,000 from Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary Treasurer Shirley Deering.

COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTOS

Quilt show in Caro Saturday

Attention Thumb Area quilters! A one-day quilt show will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., this Saturday, Jan. 31, at Caro United Methodist Church.

Church news

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Faithful Friends of the Caseville R LDS Church met at the church to plan the year's activities and elected the following officers:

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Table with columns: DAY OF YEAR, DAY OF MONTH, DAY OF WEEK, SUN RISES, SUN SETS, LENGTH OF DAY, MOON RISES, MOON SETS. Rows for days 28-34.

THE STARS: The moon will be entering into the New Moon phase at the 8th hour and 46th minute of the 29th day of 1987. WEATHER: Light rain is expected during the 28th and 29th.

Scheurer Hospital notes

Patients in Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon on Monday, Jan. 26: PIGEON: Christopher Folk, James Licht, D. Ervin Hamilton.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the Electors of the Village of Elkton, Huron County, Michigan:

The Village Clerk will be at the Village Hall, 57 North Main Street, Elkton, Michigan, on Monday, the 9th day of February, 1987, from 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 5:00 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of completing the registration of electors of said village.

Confirming grant of franchise to THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY for the purpose of the erection, construction and maintenance of towers, poles, mains, wires, pipes, conduits, apparatus, etc. requisite for the transmission, transforming and distribution of electricity for public and private use.

YES NO

Dated this 6th day of January, 1987.

Janet Santos Village Clerk

ELECTION NOTICE

To The Electors Of The Village Of Elkton, Huron County, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regular election to be held at 57 North Main Street, in said Village of Elkton, on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1987, the following question will be submitted to you:

Do you favor the confirming of a franchise to THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY, granting permission to erect, construct, lay, operate and maintain, within the Village of Elkton, all needful and proper poles, towers, mains, wires, pipes, conduits and other apparatus requisite for the transmission, transforming, and distribution of electricity for public and private use, subject however, to all conditions and restrictions of said franchise, as passed at a session of the Village Council of said Village, held on Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1987.

A copy of said franchise is on file with the Village Clerk, and it is open to the inspection of the electors of said Village.

At said election the form of ballot will read as follows:

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YES NO

The polls of said regular election will be open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the day of election.

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Photo of a bungalow house. Text: Bud Leigh Realty New Winter Listing In Caseville... Super neat and tidy is the way to describe this 2 bedroom bungalow.

