

# We're Asking YOU..



**THIS WEEK'S "WE'RE ASKING YOU" QUESTION, ASKED BY RENEE BUSHEY AND KRIS MCBRIDE:**

*What is your favorite dessert? When did you last have it?*



Rhubarb crunch, this past spring.  
**R.J. Kretzschmer**  
WATERFORD



I like lemon meringue pie. I had it last night.  
**Mark Schafer**  
ESSEXVILLE



My favorite is Jello, and I had it yesterday.  
**Kris Campbell**  
PIGEON



Chocolate cake. I had it two days ago.  
**Sandie Haley**  
PIGEON



Chocolate ice cream. I had it last night, I think.  
**Marie Hern**  
ELKTON

## Thumb club news, notes

### ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Forty-seven members of the Elkton Senior Citizens met for the July 28 potluck luncheon.

Chairman Mike Renn welcomed Catherine Protzman, Myrtle Darraugh, George Keim, Tracy Haag

### Fair Haven Clerk attends MTA convo

Cheryl L. Nitz, clerk of Fair Haven Township, attended the Michigan Townships Association's Summer Legislative Conference on July 28 and 29 at Shanty Creek in Bellaire.

Township officials throughout the state, legislators and state officials attended the event.

Special guests who participated in the conference were State Sen. Jim Barcia, Director of State Police Ritchie Davis and Deputy State Treasurer Laura Lassiter, plus state lawmakers from both the House and Senate who addressed township issues during special sessions.

Nitz attended sessions on Elections, Property Tax Reform and School Financing and Right to Farm. Deputy Clerk James R. Nitz also attended the conference and sessions.

and Dennis Mitin. George Keim offered table prayer. "God Bless America" was sung and the pledge to the flag recited.

Dennis Mitin and Tracy Haag from the Huron County Substance Abuse Center "Common Ground" presented a program on substance abuse in Huron County, including teen problems with alcohol and drugs and the abuse and misuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs by older adults.

The Birthday Song was sung for Ina McMullen and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was sung in

observance of the 59th anniversary of Kay and Phil Walker.

Hal Conkey led in group singing with Bea Gregor at the piano. The secretary read last week's minutes. Members also discussed making a float for Elkton's upcoming AutumnFest in September.

Set-up and Clean-up committees were named to include workers George and Alvina Walsh, Mary Matthews, Marie Hoffman, Ruth Guilliano, Ray English and Harold Gregor.

Christine Conkey will be in charge of next week's program.

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## Achievements

Two local women were recipients of prestigious awards for their sales accomplishments at the 24th annual national seminar of Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc. in Dallas, Tex.

Sherril L. Steinman of Pigeon was named to the Court of Unit Sales for her outstanding achievement as a professional businesswoman. Mary Kay Ash, founder and chairman of the board, presented Mrs. Steinman as a member of the Court of Unit Sales with a trip to Hong Kong and her choice of a full-length Black Glama mink coat, a complete professional package including a home computer, photocopier and VCR, or one of several pieces of gold and diamond jewelry.

James Steinman, a graduate of Caseville Public School, is one of 100 high school students who attended the State Board of Education's Summer Institute for the Arts and Sciences at Grand Valley State College in Allendale, from July 12-25.

The Summer Institute Program was established by the State Board of Education in 1982 to provide high school students with a unique in-depth opportunity that could not come about at the local high school level. About 500 students participate in one of five such programs held on college campuses this summer.

Steinman is the son of Lee and Sherril Steinman.

Five Huron County students who will enter Alma College this fall, have been awarded scholarships by the college.

Cheryl Baur, a 1987 graduate of Laker High School, is receiving a Presidential Scholarship on the basis of outstanding scholarship and national test scores. She is the daughter of Randall and Lorna Baur.

Christine Licht of Pigeon, a 1987 graduate of Laker High School, is the recipient of a Trustee Honors Scholarship. Alma's most prestigious, competitive award given to students who demonstrate superior academic achievement and national test scores. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Betty Licht.

Robin Rummel of Sebawaing, a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, is a 1986 graduate of Unionville-Sebawaing Area High School. She is the daughter of James and D. Joanne Rummel.

Brad Guigar of Bad Axe, a 1987 graduate of Bad Axe High School, earned a Presidential Scholarship. He is the son of John and Rita Guigar.

Lisa Volmering, a 1987 graduate of Harbor Beach High School, earned the Trustee Honors Scholarship. She is the daughter of Eugene and Dian Volmering.

Loretta Leigh Beckett of Pigeon has been awarded an academic scholarship from Northwood Institute and will begin studies in September.

A graduate of Laker High School, Beckett is the daughter of Paul and Georgene Beckett.

Northwood's academic scholarships are awarded based on demonstrated excellent academic and extracurricular performance. They are renewable, providing the student maintains the required academic average.

Northwood Institute is a private, coeducational, accredited college specializing in practical career preparation in business-related fields. The college's curriculum includes both two-year and four-year career degree programs. Northwood has campuses located in Midland, MI; Cedar Hill, Tex.; West Palm Beach, Fla. and the Northwood Institute Margaret Chase Smith Library Center in Skowhegan, MN. The college also has extension centers and continuing education programs throughout the U.S. and Canada and an international program based in Paris, France.

Phillippe Vandorme, owner of The Country Oven Bakery in Sebawaing, has been certified as a Master Baker by Retail Bakers of America, under the grandfather clause of RBA's Master Baker certification program.

RBA's certification program recognizes an individual's skill and knowledge of baking on two levels - Master Baker, a highly-skilled baker with knowledge about all aspects of commercial baking - (or Journeyman Baker - or Journeywoman), those with a basic knowledge.

The latter group may work toward the higher honor. The national program was announced in November, 1986, as part of an effort to raise the standards in retail baking and to attract more people to the career, the organization says.

Under the grandfather clause, effective March 31, 1987, bakers with 20 years' verifiable commercial baking experience were eligible for Master Baker certification.

RBA, established in 1918, is the national trade association for the retail baking industry. Members include independent single and multiple unit shops, supermarket bakeries and specialty shops.



DONNA STEINMAN



**GREETED IN WASHINGTON** - Paul Elenbaum of Pigeon is being greeted by program director Rick Nagel of Rensselaer, Ind., as they attend the 1987 Washington Conference Program in Washington D.C. The week-long program helps Future Farmers of America members improve their leadership skills, develop an understanding of national heritage and prepare for more effective leadership roles in their chapters and communities. In addition to seminars, the FFA'ers visited Mt. Vernon, the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson Memorial and other historic sights in Washington D.C. Another highlight of the week was a visit to the offices of U.S. Representative Bob Traxler and U.S. Senator Don Riegle. The conference trip was sponsored by the Laker FFA chapter, which is directed by advisor Don Wheeler.

## Pigeon folks visit

By DOROTHY DIENER

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Tebedo of Swartz Creek traveled to Bad Axe on Monday to visit her father, Cletus Cregeur at the Huron Medical Care Facility. They also visited her mother, Mrs. Avis Cregeur.

Mr. and Mrs. John Diener returned Friday after spending through Tuesday with Pastor and Mrs. Ronald Diener and Mark in Williston, Ohio and with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schmitz and Rose in Genoa, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schuette and family were among those attending the Loeffler reunion at Oak Beach on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke, Pamela and Kristine of Sterling Heights were hosts for a dinner at Zehnders, Frankenmuth, to honor his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke, on their 35th wedding anniversary on Saturday. Guests included Mrs. Frieda Neurath, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Licht and Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann.

Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean and family were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dean and their grandson, Johnny of Crosswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crump of Hemlock, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Marsh and Chad of Utica were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert

Schuette. On Sunday the Crumps and Schuettes attended the Loeffler Reunion at Oak Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kern and family of St. Joseph visited his mother, Mrs. Elsie Kern and his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kern. On Sunday they were joined by Pastor and Mrs. Dale Kern and family of Stryker, Ohio. They all returned home on Tuesday.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Elsie Kern were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kern and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kern of Reese.

On Sunday, Mrs. Elsie Kern and other members of St. John's, Kilmanagh, attended the ordination service of Pastor John Merrill at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Lincoln Park.

Mrs. Betty Jean Thomas of Canton was a weekend guest of her mother, Mrs. Walter Hartman. On Saturday she attended the 25th class reunion held at the Caseville Rod and Gun Club.

Douglas Freeman returning home Tuesday after spending time in Texas. In his honor they held a family cookout at the park with Mr. and Mrs. Mel Manyen of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rowe and children and Mrs. Mike Heintz and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and Nathan of Rochester spend the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Amanda Strauch. On Saturday they helped Mrs. Clara Gettel celebrate her 90th birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darrin Lubeski at Caseville.

Gary Swartzendruber of Salina, Kans. is visiting his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Swartzendruber and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Shirley Schulze visited recently with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Oesch at the Provincial House, Cass City.

OP-OF-THE-THUMB LEISURE MINISTRIES

Wednesday, August 5th: Rev. Elizabeth Isaacs,  
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# The Past in Print...

**80 YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 2, 1907**  
 The two-cent passenger fare on Michigan railroads has gone into effect. Michigan Governor Fred M. Warner now has 110 milk cows on his farm of 1,040 acres in Grant and Brookfield Townships. The cows are all milked by machinery and it takes five to seven minutes for each cow. A regular cheese factory on the farm takes care of the supply of milk.

The Markets: wheat 84c; oats 45c; barley \$1.15; rye 55c; beans \$1.30; butter 19c; eggs 16c.

Owendale News: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Walsh Monday, a 12-pound baby girl. Carpenters are busy on the Owendale House.

Herman Buchman of Ohio, who recently purchased the Nieschultz farm in the Pigeon area, is spending a few days in this vicinity.

The Pigeon Tile Drain will cost about \$1,300.

A dance will be given next Wednesday evening at the Domino House, Berne.

**70 YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 3, 1917**  
 Since April 5, the U.S. has declared a state of war existing between this country and Germany and a war fund of \$7 Billion has been authorized. The U.S. has seized 91 German ships and begun repair work on them. In a single day, nearly 10

million men were registered for military service under the selective draft law.

Dr. A.E.W. Yale of Pigeon and Dr. S.B. Young of Caseville have volunteered to go in the United States Army with service in Europe. Dr. Young has been called to report Aug. 10.

The construction crew of the Grand Trunk Railroad is building a large roundhouse at Caseville.

Work has started on the second story of the new school house at Pigeon.

An inexperienced driver tried to drive one of McElmurray & Elenbaum's new cars through the window of their show room at Pigeon Sunday. Damage about \$150.

**60 YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 29, 1927**  
 Firemen's Day is coming next Tuesday in Pigeon. A demonstration of the fine new \$7,000 fire truck will be given and many events are planned, including a ball game between Elkton and Pigeon and a water battle.

Jimmy Noonan's Rube Band of Bay City will be here and 3 acts of vaudeville and a motion picture will start at 7 p.m. at the Gem Theatre. The day will close with dancing at St. Francis auditorium, music by Pariseau's Orchestra.

Michigan Governor Fred W. Green will speak at 2 p.m. during the annual farmer's picnic at Sebawaing next Wednesday. A big fireworks

display is planned for the evening.

Not even U.S. President Calvin Coolidge had the privilege of landing his automobile on the sacred soil of Mackinac Island, where no gas drawn vehicle has ever been and the horse is still used for transportation.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**JULY 30, 1937**  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Steinman observed their 50th wedding anniversary at the fourth Steinman family reunion at Bay Shore Park, Sebawaing, on Sunday with 135 present. New reunion officers elected were Art Steinman, Maurice Steinman, Mrs. Minnie Sturrett, Mrs. Ray Krohn, Mrs. Ivan Rheibling and Mrs. William Steigman.

People's Oil & Gas Co. is erecting a new station on the site of the old station in Pigeon. Cost of the new structure is estimated at \$5,000. Norman Schaaf has the contract to erect the building.

Specials at the Gamble Store, Pigeon: 2 qt. ice cream freezer 89c; 50 ft. garden hose \$1.98; 17 qt. cold pack canner 79c; 1 gal. camp jug 79c; 8 inch electric fan 98c. ADV.

A few dresses to close out at \$1 each. Jean Allan Shoppe, Pigeon. ADV.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 1, 1947**  
 Elkton Homecoming will be held Aug. 8-9 with a large

parade of floats, sports program and a two-hour fireworks display, the most beautiful ever presented in the Thumb.

Mrs. Emanuel Reist, 52, nee Minnie Elbing, died July 30 at her home in Pigeon. She is survived by a son and daughter.

Thomas Harris, 74, Owendale, passed away Thursday. He is survived by his wife and mother, Mrs. Joseph Schubach, McKinley. Clark Schlabach, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Schlabach, Elkton, lost his right arm in a hay chopper accident on his father's farm.

Ice cream manufacturing equipment has been installed at the Maust Super Market in Pigeon.

Joseph Kaercher, 87, died July 26 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Ewald, Elkton. Surviving are a daughter and son.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 1, 1957**  
 Jean Marie Braconnier of Paris, France, arrived in Pigeon Thursday for a two-month visit as guest of Pigeon Rotary Club. He will be staying in homes of various Rotarians and will write articles for The Progress-Advance.

Winning prizes for golf Tuesday during Ladies Day at Scenic Golf Club were Agnes Monroe, Marge Heckman and Lorena Lorentzen. Bridge prize winners were Mrs. P.L. Fritz and Mrs. Fred Fritz.

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Mrs. Grace McDougal, 74, died July 26 at her home in Bay Port. She leaves a son and daughter.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 4, 1977**  
 Pigeon Village Council endorsed a federal work project designed to erect a new middle school building for the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District in a special meeting with the board of education. Terry Sturm, Pigeon, was

winner of the grand prize drawing sponsored by Pigeon Chamber of Commerce during Pigeon Farmers' Festival days. He and his family selected a grandfather clock from the Reimann-Snyder Co., value \$360.

Mrs. Ada L. Bechler, 80, passed away July 25 at her home in Goshen, Ind. She is survived by two sons.

Mrs. Russell DeGrow, 74, nee Vera Harneck, formerly of Pigeon, passed away July 27 at Dunedin, Fla. Surviving are her husband, three sons and a daughter.

Robert W. Frank, 84, Caseville, died July 29. He leaves his wife, a daughter and two sons.

Howard Dellmer Emer-ton, 62, Sand Point, passed away July 25. Surviving are his wife and two stepdaughters.

Mrs. Cora M. Ziegler, 74, Caseville, passed away July 25. She leaves a brother and three sisters.

Mrs. John Otto was honored at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Baerwolf at Jane and Bob's Restaurant, Pigeon, on her retirement after serving 21 years as an employee of the Polewach Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd F. Snider have announced the sale of the Hospital Pharmacy store in Pigeon to James Laursen, Sebawaing. The Sniders have operated the store since it was built in March, 1957.

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**37 YEARS AGO**  
**AUGUST 10, 1950**  
 Gerald Miller is one of eight teachers acting as counselors for two weeks at Sleeper State Park group camp.

Bill Radabaugh had the misfortune of knocking several teeth loose Monday when the handle of a pressure sprayer flew up, striking him in the mouth.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Al and Virginia Zielinski of Caseville both have had a second chance of romance, and celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary with a party for 100 at the Caseville Eagles Aeries Hall on July 12. Both former residents of Hamtramck, the Zielinskis have made their retirement home in Caseville. The party was hosted by the couple's family, John and Mary Luca and son David and his fiance, Rose Mary Anderson and Chris and JoAnn Sieraczynski. David Luca was on a 30-day leave from the Navy, which gave the Zielinski family another reason to celebrate with a party, before their grandson leaves for Guam. COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

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**UP, UP, AND AWAY!** About 100 helium balloons headed for the sky last Friday, with a request for help for North American Indians.

Students, teacher and helpers at Bay Port RLDS Summer Bible School released the balloons with notes attached which ask for contributions to Operation Hope of the American Indian People's Ministry.

During the week of Bible school, students learned that many native Americans live without adequate food, clothing, shelter and clean water on reservations throughout the country.

**Scenic leads**  
**Thumb women golfers**  
 Thumb District Golf Association played at Woodland Hills, Sandusky. The club has added nine holes to make an 18-hole course recently. TDGA played on the new layout for the first time.

Scenic was represented by Edna Dutcher, Marilyn Esch, Dody Yahn and Mavis Pechette.

Mrs. Dutcher shot 85 to take medalist honors. Mary Rabideau of Cass City had 87. Ann Binienda shot 89 on her home course. Vassar's Veronica Haines scored 90 and Karole Meyo of Sandusky had 91 to complete the honors list.

Birdies were registered by Mrs. Rabideau, Judy Stokan of Elkton, Shirley Kramer of Gageton and Verona Hills golfers Sophie Hinton and Doris Sump.

Mrs. Sump had a chip-in as did Mrs. Meyo and Vee Radar of Vassar.

**TDGA STANDINGS**

Scenic	55.5
Vassar	45
Cass City	42
Verona Hills	41
Sandusky	30
Elkton	29
Gageton	25
Caseville	20.5



**PONYTAIL CHAMPS:** The Elkton team won the age 11-14 Ponytail Softball League Tournament with a 9-8 victory over Pigeon. Team members pictured here include: in front from left, Kelly Champagne, Michelle Siemen, Sherry Stauffer, Jenny LaBelle and Coach Gina Esch. In back, Jenny McIntosh, Rachael Rokicki, Stacey Krueger, Dawan Shafer and Terri Stauffer. Missing from the photo are: Becky Brooks, Connie Sherwood, Holly Esch, D.J. Ferris, Traci Filion and Ann Wiederhold. COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

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Often, children manifest a great insecurity. They know in their hearts that they are small and helpless. They will need to be reassured about their futures -- where they will live -- what will happen, what will change.

If a parent has died, the loss will be enormous. The child must be assured that he will be taken care of, that his friends and family will still love him. It is wrong to intimate that anyone can take the place of the parent, but do assure him that someone is here to look out for his welfare and the UNDER NO CONDITIONS WILL HE BE ABANDONED.

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**Lake-Chandler news items**

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Cheryl and Bob Aalyburton of Myrtle Beach, S.C. visited her mother, Mrs. Don Southworth and other relatives. They attended the 20th Laker Class Reunion at Bad Axe, Cheryl having graduated in 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Ballagh, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh and Mr. and Mrs. William Blaylock attended the wedding of Gladys Somerville and Harold Wallis at Caro on Saturday.

**News briefs**

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bergman and family of Ft. Wayne, Ind. spent their vacation with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Licht and other relatives.

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## Couple celebrates Golden Year

The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pobanz, former Elkton residents, now of Williston, S.C., was celebrated on Saturday, July 11 at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

The event was hosted by the couple's four children, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Pobanz, Cass City; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pobanz, Maineville, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Marge) Baker, Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Kathy) Miller, Troy and their families, including 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The head table was decorated with a gold-trimmed tablecloth, several floral arrangements and gold bells. The individual guest tables were decorated with white carnation vases and gold balloons. A buffet dinner was served to about 90 relatives and friends.

Music for the afternoon was provided by records of songs popular during the year the honored couple was married. Many pictures of the event were taken, including a videotape.

Guests were present from throughout Michigan, Alabama, Virginia, Missouri and Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Pobanz formerly lived in Elkton, Marion, Ind. and Brown City, before moving to their home in South Carolina.

## Baptism

Courtney Marie Pinkbeiner, daughter of Roger and MaryAnn Finkbeiner of Pigeon, was baptized on Sunday, July 26 at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Elkton by Pastor Paul D. Schleis.

Godparents are Tracy Welchner of Sebawaing and James Kosinski of Elkton. Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Manial, Elkton.

A dinner conducted in the church basement followed the service. A special guest was the infant's great-grandmother, Arleta B. Forster and grandparents Edward and Mary Jo Kosinski and Clare and Grace Finkbeiner.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Welchner and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Kosinski and daughter, Mr.

and Mrs. Andrew Manial and son, Robert Kosinski, Cindy Goff, Ed Kosinski, Debbie Gebauer, Mike Kosinski, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leonard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Finkbeiner and family, Pastor Paul D. Schleis and son and Courtney's sister, Jessica.

## Family reunion

### Schember

The annual Schember reunion was conducted July 26 at Ackerman Memorial Park, Elkton.

A potluck dinner at 1 p.m. was attended by 80 members. A short business meeting, led by President Richard Love, included the election of these officers:

President Anson Haley, Vice President Josephine Rockefeller and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Love.

Next year's reunion is set for July 24 at the same location.

Softball and games were played. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Kate Schember of Lapeer.



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pobanz

## Bridal Shower

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Brian Gaeth of Gageton honored her with a pink and blue shower at her home on Sunday, July 26.

Those attending played several pencil games and were awarded prizes.

Mrs. Gaeth received many gifts for her expected baby. Refreshments were served by Linda Franzel, aunt of the honoree, and Suzzette Glaza.

Guests attended the party from Bay Port, Pigeon, Sebawaing, Owendale, Canada, Ubyly, Snover, Argle, Cass City and Caro.

## Summer resident sets fall vows



Leinweber - Chiappetta

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Leinweber of Union Lake, summer residents of Pigeon, announce the engagement of their daughter, Clara, to Joseph Chiappetta of Sterling Heights.

The bride-elect, a graduate of William Tyndale College, is currently employed at the Havenwyck Hospital, Auburn Hills. Her fiancé, a 1987 graduate of Oakland University, is currently employed as a financial analyst for the United States Tank Control in Warren.

An Oct. 17 wedding is planned at the Union Lake Baptist Church.

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## Ritter-Sweeney united at St. Columbkille's Church

St. Columbkille's Catholic Church at Sheridan Corners was the site of wedding vows spoken July 11 between Mary Kay Sweeney of Ubyly and Daniel J. Ritter of Elkton, with Rev. Fr. Patrick O'Connor officiating at the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bridal couple are James and Kay Sweeney of Ubyly and James and Margaret Ritter of Bad Axe.

Soloist Mary Jo Lovejoy of Harbor Beach sang "Wherever You Go," "Ave Maria," "The Wedding

Song," and "What Love Is," accompanied by organist Suzanne Booms of Saginaw. The couple spoke their vows before an altar graced with arrangements of pink and white carnations, accented with fern.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal-length gown of white chantilly lace featuring a high victorian neckline, a sheer chantilly lace yoke outlined with a chantilly ruffle with candy-box satin ribbon trim and long, sheer traditional sleeves. The full skirt fell from a natural waistline to a ruffled hemline that encircled the full chapel train, a multi-ruffle with ribbon trim cascading down the back of the dress to the chapel train edge.

She wore a silk rose wreath with a double tiered finger-tip silk illusion veil. Her bouquet of cascading white sweetheart roses, miniature carnations and stephanotis was accented with baby's breath and ivy.

The bride's sister, Sally Sweeney of Ubyly, preceded her sister down the bridal aisle, as maid of honor. She wore a floor-length gown of pink fantasia with a scooped, draped neckline and a lace-trimmed ruffle extending over-the-shoulder. The full hoop skirt was detailed with a flounce hemline and pick-me-up overlay with a chantilly edge.

She carried a single white long-stemmed rose decorated with ribbon and baby's breath. In her hair she wore a comb arranged with pink and white silk

roses made by the bride. Also in the bridal party were bridesmaids Sue Ritter and Shelly Ritter of Bad Axe, sisters of the groom; Kathleen Booms of Harbor Beach, cousin of the bride; Elaine Peruski of Ubyly and Karen Holdwick of Ruth, both friends of the couple.

Junior bridesmaid was Karen Learnman of Filion, cousin of the groom, wearing a dress similar to the other attendants, made by her mother.

All the attendants were attired identically to the maid of honor and carried similar flowers.

The groom chose his cousin, Kevin Iseler of Bad Axe, to be his best man, assisted by groomsmen Doug Sweeney, Bruce Sweeney and Eric Sweeney of Ubyly, all brothers of the bride; Dan McKown of Adrian and Duane Baur of Bay Port, friends of the couple.

Ushers were Larry Ritter of Bad Axe, uncle of the groom; Ron Guza of Harbor Beach, cousin of the groom; Ken Sweeney of Ubyly, uncle of the groom and David Tschirhart of Berkley, cousin of the bride.

Junior groomsmen was Wayne Sweeney of Ubyly.



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Caseville coaches step down

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER Twenty-two years of head coaching experience will be replaced by new coaches for fall sports at Caseville High this fall.

Football coach Gerald Winkler will step down from the post he has held for 15 years, while seven-year veteran coach Randy Bingham will be missing from the girls' basketball bench.

Winkler gave up the job to concentrate on graduate classes he is taking to add a Specialist in Education Administration designation to his Masters degree.

Bingham, who is just completing requirements for his Masters degree, is leaving the Caseville Area with his wife Janine (also a Caseville teacher) to accept a teaching position at Harbor Springs High School located near Petoskey.

SUCCESS: Although Winkler says the small enrollment at Caseville made it very difficult to compete for North Central League championships, he earned league grid titles in 1974 and 1983 while compiling a 71-54 record.

"I look at football as more of a growth process for the kids than always having a goal of winning league championships," Winkler says.

"My philosophy has always been to make it fun—but we also had to work hard. Our players always had to go both ways because there are so few players," he adds.

The fact that more than 50% of the male students at Caseville join the football team reveals something about Winkler's rapport with his players.

He says one of the most satisfying aspects of coaching at Caseville is the relationship built with the players. He especially enjoys having former players keep in touch after graduation.

WORK HARDER: Winkler says his players understood they often had to work harder than some other teams in practice to make up for a limited roster size and talent, but they also knew their efforts would result in game time on the field.

"My philosophy is that anybody that's out for football and puts in the work on

the practice field will get to play," Winkler declares. The football field will not become totally foreign to him also as he offered to help new coach James Burnor in any way he can to smooth the transition between coaches.

Winkler plans to continue to coach baseball at Caseville, because the demands on his time in that sport will probably not cut into study time for his continuing education.

SWITCHING GEARS: In moving to Harbor Springs, Bingham will be moving to a different area in more ways than one. He will be involved with a larger school (Class Crather than D) and also coaching a different sport.

While at Caseville, Bingham coached basketball, softball and volleyball at various levels with boys and girls ranging from junior high to high school varsity.

At Harbor Springs, however, he will coach football for the first time. He will be head coach of the junior varsity squad. Although his first love is basketball, Bingham says he is looking forward to the challenge of something new.

At Caseville, Bingham built a winning record of 113-67 in seven years as girls' basketball coach and also recorded a 25-37 record in three years as boys' basketball mentor.

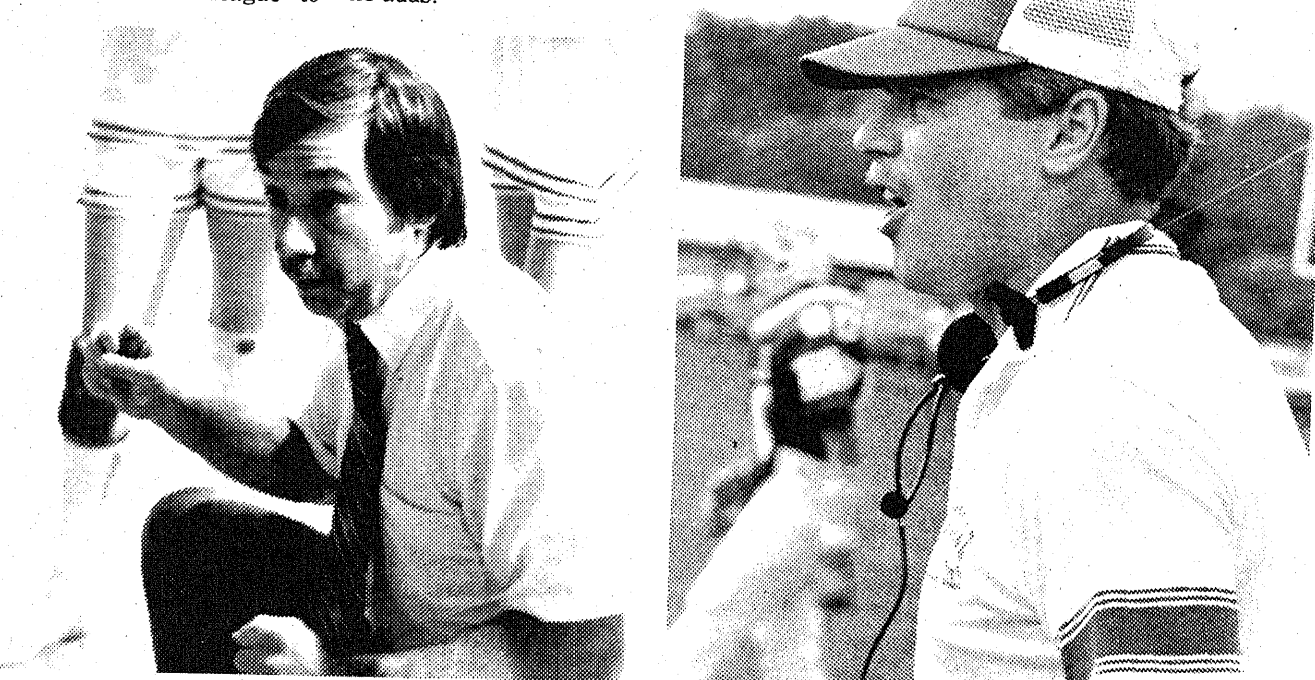
Like Winkler, Bingham also points to relationships with players as a highlight due to the small size of Caseville High. "I really enjoyed the kids at Caseville. There were a lot of good kids and without good kids you're not going to be a successful coach," says Bingham.

Even though his squad never won a league championship during his tenure, Bingham takes pride in the fact that his teams were always competitive. "We always won at least 10 games every season. We didn't go through the long small stretches like some small schools often have," he says.

TOUGH CHOICE: In moving to Harbor Springs, the Bingham will return to the area where they first met. They both enjoy that area very much, but say it wasn't easy to leave Caseville. "It was a real tough decision to leave. I've been

treated very well in Caseville, from (Superintendent) Mr. Stahl to other coaches in the league to

parents and kids. It made living in Caseville very nice and leaving very difficult," he adds.



Scenic notes

Low net was the play for the day, combined with a final round of the 54-hole Championship Tournament on Tuesday, July 28.

Play for the day on the preceding Tuesday, also in connection with the tourney, was low putts. Marilyn Esch, championship flight, had 17 putts; 15 for Bernie Dekker in first flight; 17 for Lois Drury, second flight and Helen Trailer had 15 putts in the third flight.

There were lots of chip-ins, two by Harriett Collins on #1 and #9 holes; Peggy Gogola on #16; Grace Janik on #14; Georgina Kreh on #7; Clara Scheurer on #17 and Doris Watzke on #14. Evelyn Stomp boasted the only "bird" on #2.

Tournament winners were Edna Dutcher, 240, championship flight, with a 273 by Dody Yahn for runner-up; Jeanette Rowe, first flight winner with 304, Bonnie Kleinau, 313 as runner-up; Shirley Keating, second flight winner, 332, with Lois Drury as runner-up at 333 and Carrie Gaiera 337, third flight winner, with Peggy Gogola, 340, runner-up.

Pairings have been made for the Handicap Tournament, which began July 29. Everyone is included and should check the board for opponents. Golfers have from Wednesday through Tuesday to complete each match. Cards are in the pro shop.

Bridge winners on Tuesday were Helen Kolowich, Marian Fountain, Betty Young, Marcella Seeley, Peggy Hunt, Mary Arlock and Cele Lambert. Winning at pinocle were Rita Gogola and Carrie Gaiera.

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TOURNEY WINNERS: The Elktion Dodgers won the West Huron Little League tournament championship for the second consecutive year by defeating the Elktion Blue Jays, 11-6 in the tourney finals. Team members include: in front from left, Kyle Krueger, Nathan Gots, Chris Smith, Jeff Talaski, Jeff Champagne and Matt Esch. In back are, Asst. Coach Ron Brackenberry, Chad Pratt, Brett Lenda, Heath Krohn, Jeremy Brackenberry, Jason Smith and Coach Pedro Santos.



TRAVELING LEAGUE CHAMPS: Caseville won the Traveling League tournament title with a 4-2 victory over Bay Port. Jeff Brunni and Jason Winkler each homered for Caseville. Craig Sears homered for Bay Port and Brian Bollenbacher added a triple. Members of the Caseville team include: In front from left, Ryan Lackie, Jason Winkler, Paul Ballard, Jamie Winkler and Gene Dombrowski. In back are Fred Crane, Tim Wolfe, Jeff Brunni, John Malett, Brian Kanyak, Mike Roman and Coach John Winkler. Missing from the photo is Tyler Williams.



WOODS and WATERS Another fisherman

BY DUANE GUENTHER

Trout fishermen are a rare breed. While many other sportsmen are gregarious in nature and tend to join up in groups in order to enjoy their pursuits, the trout tends to be shy and independent.

Perhaps it is selfishness that creates this tendency. After all, with the growing number of people, and especially new fishermen, finding and having a piece of trout water all to yourself is enviable to say the least.

Since I am one of these loners, it was only natural for me to become alarmed when on a recent fishing excursion, I was interrupted by a fishing intruder. He came uninvited, and upon his arrival didn't seem to play by the unwritten fishing rules. I had already occupied the pool he was about to fish, but without so much as a "how-do-you-do" he plunked himself down and proceeded to go about his task as if I didn't even exist.

I was fishing the South Branch of the AuSable River. Not a particularly private spot of stream, but on this morning I had risen before dawn and hiked almost 3 miles to a spot of water that would be mine for a couple of hours. Then, as on every summer day, the canoes would arrive and the fishing would cease until later in the evening.

Moments ago, I had stripped on my waders and after rigging rod and line, stepped into the clear stream. A soft mist, caused by the warmer water, rose gently upward and turned the scene of fast water and spruce-lined banks into a calendar-like picture. I was in heaven.

Then it happened. A loud splash announced my intruder. It startled me at first, but I gritted my teeth and pretended not to hear. Perhaps if I didn't notice him, and he was any sort of gentleman, he would depart the stream and head for another hole further up the river. His answer to my unposed question was another resounding splash.

I turned just in time to see a blur of blue-gray plunge toward the water with meteor-like swiftness, and as I watched in fascination he broke the surface of the water, flipped his still wiggling catch in the air and

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Trying not to disturb him, I silently slipped toward the other bank and slid into the concealing folds of tall grass that grew at the water's edge. It was here, a perfect vantage point, that I observed one of the greatest fishing exhibitions ever witnessed.

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nessed, he will make a splashless plunge that would draw raves from Greg Louganis.

Don't look for a kingfisher's nest in a tree, for he burrows them in streamside banks. He will dig the nest with his bill and push the dirt out with his feet. The female lays a clutch of white eggs ranging from 5 to 8 in number, and like many birds the young are born naked.

I watched the bird fish for at least a full hour. If he knew of my presence, he didn't let on, but continued to fish as if his life depended on it, and come to think of it, he did.

He left his perch and our pool suddenly, calling in a loud, dry rattle as he skimmed over the river's surface. Just then a bright red canoe rounded the corner.

"How's fishing?" the unknown occupant commented as the craft slipped by. "Great," I replied with a smile, "my buddy must have caught a dozen out of this pool this morning!"

Pigeon Class of '37 marks Golden Anniversary

The 1937 graduating class of Pigeon High School met July 25-26 for their Golden Anniversary, with 20 out of 22 living members in attendance.

Festivities began with a prime rib and chicken cordon bleu dinner at Scenic Golf and Country Club. Thirty-eight persons, including two former teachers Orvin Yordy and his wife Esther and Mrs. Iva Leinbach Sturm, were in attendance.

A birthday celebration for Frieda Meuser Chappelle was held in conjunction with the reunion.

Following the meal and reminiscing, those in attendance gathered at the home of Bill and Margaret Buchholz for a short program, meeting and social

hour. Letters were read from teachers unable to attend: Oakley Best of Dearborn Heights, Mrs. Alice Phelps Beaubin of Warren and Miss Lillian Clack of Oak Park.

A memorial tribute and moment of silence was observed for deceased class members Arthur Dibden, Wilbur Schweitzer, Cecil Faust, Alvin Deming, Theo Belding, Jack Beach and Leone Webber Allen.

Frieda Meuser Chappelle prepared a "Memory Book" about personal information of each class member, with a front cover designed by Charles "Bill" Hoppe.

A get-well card was signed for "Miss Phelps," who is recovering from a serious back injury.

Twenty-five class members met Sunday at the home of Clarence and Phyllis Gettel on Sand Point for a brunch.

Those attending were Arthur Kelterborn and Virginia of West Bloomfield; Vincent Freeman and Grace of Bay Port; Clarence Gachel and friend of Bad Axe; Nick Dorney of Mt. Clemens; Werner Schulz of Snover; Charles "Bill" Hoppe and Virginia of Farmington; Mildred Woelke Leithart and Dr. Paul; Frieda Meuser Chappelle and Jack of Columbus, Ohio; Eleanor Doepker Abbe and Ken of Hendersonville, N.C.; Eileen Anderson Blohm of Bay City; Doris Ebert Duckwitz and Basil of Fostoria; Ella Mae Maierle and Arnold Patterson of Lincoln; Bill Buchholz and Margaret; Clarence Gettel and Phyllis; Robert Armbruster and Frances; Marie Moore Buschlen and Glen; Daisy Miller Stalter and Tim; Aleatha Baur Racheater and Paul; Verna Eichler Wright

and Nelmer; Irma Jacob Collision and Floyd of Pigeon.

Two members of the class, Bruce Steadman and Helene Rathke, both living in California, were unable to attend.

Tentative plans have been made for a reunion in five years.

Hospital Care List

Patients in Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, on Monday, Aug. 3:

OWENDALE: Mrs. Kevin (Laura) Burk.

UNIONVILLE: Mrs. Mabel Kindler.

CASEVILLE: James Fabyan, Mrs. Walter (Dorothy) Lee.

PORT AUSTIN: Richard Sommers.

HOLIDAY, FLA.: Mrs. Thomas (Mary) Call.

This week's THUMB AREA OUTDOOR REPORT

Although it is only August, deer hunters should be aware of a couple of rule changes for the upcoming season. First, there will be a double muzzleloading season in Michigan this year. The first portion will be for those hunters in the Upper Peninsula and Northern part of the Lower Peninsula. The second season, later in the year, will take place in the Southern portion of the Lower Peninsula. Make sure you check the dates when you purchase your license. The second change is not for deer hunters only, but also takes in everyone associated with the popular pastime of "deer shining". This year it will be illegal to shine deer at any time during the month of November. That means casting a light in any field the 2 weeks before and the 2 weeks of the Michigan Rifle Season will get you a written violation.

This week the bottom of Tawas Bay will be changed drastically. A self-unloading freighter will dump 4,500 tons of limestone about 1/2 mile offshore. The deposit of rocks will form a 1,000 by 25-foot reef that biologists say will attract smaller fish seeking cover and food. That in turn should hold Walleye, Perch and Pike in the area as well. The project is costing about \$45,000 of which only \$5,000 had to be raised locally. The Nurnberg Reef, that's the new name, will be marked by buoys and should provide great fishing on the west side of Saginaw Bay.

While chemical and sewage pollution in the Great Lakes has decreased dramatically within the past several years, the largest concentration of fresh water in the world is now facing a new dilemma known as "plastic pollution". The products of a throw-away society are finding their way into public waters. McDonald's containers, styrofoam cups, monofilament fishing lines, ring holders for 6-packs and numerous other by-products of our day-to-day living make up part of the list. The DNR and many anglers agree that where there are more people, there's bound to be more pollution.

Bridge repair causes closing

The Huron County Road Commission will close Elkton Road at the West Branch of the Pigeon River, 1,000 feet north of Sebawaing Road on Monday, Aug. 10 at 7 a.m., to replace the deck on the bridge at that location.

Construction is expected to take four weeks. Detours will be maintained on Maxwell Road from Sebawaing Road north one mile to Canboro Road, then east two miles to Elkton Road and on Hartsell Road from Sebawaing Road north two miles to Kilmanagh Road, then one mile west to Elkton Road.

O-G physicals set Aug. 13

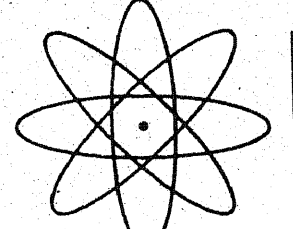
Physicals for Owen-Gage students will be given at 7 pm, Thursday, August 13, in the Owendale High School, according to Robert Andrews, OGS principal.

Pigeon Clinic physicians will be conducting the physicals, and a small fee will be charged. All students taking any sports or cheerleading are required to have a physical every school year. Phone 678-4141 for more information.

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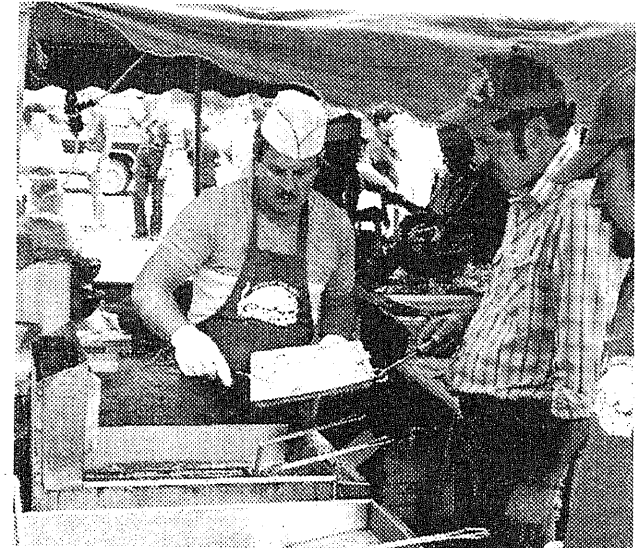
LAKER FALL SPORTS NOTICE  
All Laker athletes who are planning on participating on a fall athletic team are reminded that they must bring proof of having a current physical exam before they will be allowed to practice with the team.

# Fish Sandwich Days a 'large scale success'

Bay Port Fish Sandwich Festival marked its 10th anniversary Sunday, scoring another "outstanding success", and lived up to its slogan "Sun or Swim, Bay Port Fish are In".

Overcast and threatening skies put only a small crimp into the steady line of fish-eaters on Saturday, and when Sunday's downpour pushed in, the sandwich-

lineup simply moved under the tents and continued their ordering, eating and enjoying. "Our lines kept steady," said Publicist Henry Engelhard, "and neither the customers nor the suppliers ever quit." It was a steady flow of eaters both days, so that the Monday morning estimate was that slightly over 7,000 of the famous sandwiches were ordered and consumed.



PHOTOS BY MARK RUMMEL



TOP LEFT: Dave Anderson, Erv Harder and Tod Williams keep the "fish fires burning" all weekend; TOP MIDDLE: Henry and Edna Engelhard lead Saturday's parade in a special vehicle; TOP RIGHT: Former queens Sandra Smith and Amy (House) Krug give a smile and a wave to parade spectators; MIDDLE RIGHT: The Scheurer Hospital Bear makes friends with little children along the parade route; BELOW RIGHT: 1987 Bay Port Queen Traci Bear of Bay Port is flanked by runners-up Kathy Bollenbacher of Bay Port, left and Renee McKnight of Bad Axe, right; BOTTOM RIGHT: The Bay Port Fish Co. entry tries to stay afloat down Main Street; ABOVE LEFT: The Bay Shore Plumbing and Heating shop has a humorous entry.

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# Elkton Lions install new officers for '87-88

The Elkton Lions Club held their installation dinner on June 27 at Sherwood-on-the-Hill, Gagetown, with members and guests in attendance.

Roy Lawrence of the Pigeon Lions Club installed the new officers for the coming year: President Alfred Santos; Secretary Dr. George Hay and Treasurer Floyd Thompson.

New member Donald Hydorn, Sr., recommended to be a Lion by outgoing president Thomas McGee, was also installed.

## Bowlers organize

Pigeon Lanes Thursday Nite Ladies Bowling League will have a meeting on Thursday, Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Any interested bowlers are asked to attend, as two full teams are needed.

A bowling meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. is planned for the Mens' Bowling League. Many bowlers are needed this year, and interested bowlers are invited to call Pigeon Lanes for further information.



GETTING PINNED: Out-going Lions President Thomas McGee pins Incoming President Alfredo Santos during Installation Ceremonies recently.



NEW ELKTON LION LEADERS: From left to right, Treasurer Floyd Thompson, Secretary Dr. George Hay, President Alfred Santos and Out-Going President Thomas McGee.

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## Celebrate! Pigeon District Library

Parents are asked to pick up and return Preschool Graduation Forms by Aug. 11.

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### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Preschool Story Hour theme for Aug. 11 will be "Curious George" stories. "Curious George at the Fire Station," "Curious George Visits the Zoo" and "Curious George and the Pizza." A 12-minute film entitled "It's So Nice to Have a Wolf Around the House" will also be shown, and children will participate in fingerplays, exercises and games.

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. session. Registration is required with an annual fee of \$5.00 charged to each family, to help with the cost of craft and party supplies.

### STORY HOUR GRADUATION

Incoming kindergartners and their families are invited to Preschool Graduation on Aug. 18 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

and Cousin Tom," all by Tomie DePaola.

### NEW BOOKS

Childrens' "Dogsled to Dread" by Robert Quackenbush, "The Moon Came" by Nancy Carlstrom, "Mother Hen" by Lilian McCreau, "Telephone Time" by Ellen Weiss, "Babar's Little Girl" by Laurent DeBrunhoff, "Janet's Thingamajigs" by Beverly Cleary, "What the Mailman Brought" by Carolyn Craven, "The Rain Door" by Russell Hoban, "Meteor" by Patricia Palacco, "A New House for Mole and Mouse," "Harry Takes a Bath," "Mike and Tony: Best Friends," "Jason's Bus Ride," all by Harriet Ziefert, "Pajamas for Kit," "Katie's Good Idea," "Katie and Kit at the Beach," "Katie and Kit

Older Childrens' "Maggie Forever More" by Joan L. Nixon, "Encyclopedia Brown's Book of Wacky Cars" by Donald J. Sobol, "Banner Years" by Betty Cavanna, "Rabble Starkey" by Lois Lowry, "Odim's Eye" by Marguerite Murray, "Harvey's Marvelous Monkey Mystery" by Eth Clifford, "Harry Kitten and Tucker Mouse" by George Selden, "Growing Up in the Little House" by Patricia Giff, "Freddy the Detective," "Freddy the Cowboy," "Freddy and the Man From Mars" and "Freddy Goes to Florida," all by Walter Brooks.

## What a coincidence . . .

Myth has it that everyone has a double somewhere -- but could that be true for businesses, too?

"It was uncanny. I suddenly felt I had been transported back home by magic," Mrs. Lemon told her local paper.

A resident of Budleigh Salterton, Great Britain, Mrs. Joan Lemon recently traveled to the United States and Michigan to visit her sister, Mrs. Patricia Bacon of Caseville.

After she returned home, she told her hometown British newspaper that she found herself passing through what she described as "a cowboy-type town called Sebewaing."

A store featuring "cut-price goods" displayed in casual heaps" caught her eye, caused her to remark that it was like her place of employment in England, a store known there as "Norman's."

When Mrs. Lemon raised her eyes to read the Sebewaing store's name, she was shocked to see the same name -- "Norman's."

"By an amazing coincidence," said Mrs. Lemon, "the name-style on all the display cards was exactly the same as Norman's in Budleigh Salterton, with the individual letters set out in a series of squares."

### THANKS, TOO FOR BOOK SALE

A large "Thanks" also to people who donated books for the annual Book Sale, which resulted in sales of \$479.18, which will be used to purchase new books.

The video sale was also successful, with \$435.00 coming in that will aid in new tape purchases.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, VILLAGE OF CASEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION, AUGUST 24, 1987. CONSIDERATION OF ZONING ORDINANCE & MAP.

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Caseville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a new Zoning Ordinance and Map on MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1987 AT 7:30 P.M. in the conference room of the Village Hall, 6767 Main Street, Caseville, Michigan, 48725. Purpose of this meeting is to review said new ordinance and map and to receive comments from the public. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text and map are available for review at the Village Clerk's Office in the Village Hall, 6767 Main Street, Caseville, Michigan, 48725. Written comments may be submitted prior to said public hearing.

Janice Prill, Chairperson  
 Village Of Caseville Planning Commission

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# Weekend rains helped greatly, but crops need more!

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north of Pigeon, finds that to be the case right now.

"We don't have any second-cutting hay. We're really scrounging now," he admits.

Like many other farmers in the area, Swartzendruber expects to chop much of his corn crop for silage as a substitute for hay with little yield expected anyway.

With the month of August just beginning, the silage season could be only about a week away if the present hot, dry conditions continue.

**SILAGE CAUTION:** LeCureux warns farmers getting ready to chop corn for silage not to jump the gun. About 30% dry matter in the plant is recommended before making silage.

For most area farmers, that point is still about two or three weeks away, he says.

Although warnings have been issued about nitrate poisoning from feeding chopped corn due to the dry weather, LeCureux says farmers should be cautious but not lose any sleep over the matter. The biggest problem would be a situation where freshly chopped corn is fed to livestock.

If the silage is allowed to ferment for several days in a silo, the feed is usually safe, he notes.

**SELL CASH CORN:** In light of the poor corn yield expected and the lack of hay for livestock feed, LeCureux urges cash crop farmers to consider selling their corn as silage to livestock farmers.

**IRRIGATION WOES:** The Western Thumb has become so dry that irrigation is

much less effective than usual.

Almost all irrigation in the Thumb Area is the underground type in which water is pumped through drainage tile in the fields.

The extremely dry soil condition this year prevents the moisture from spreading from the tiles, however, and only the plants immediately above the tile show the benefit of the irrigation, LeCureux notes.

Also, the water source for irrigation has in many cases vanished. Many stretches of the Pigeon River are only ankle-deep, while others have dried up completely. Many observers say they've never seen that happen before.

**DRY RIVER:** Bruce Leipprandt watches buzzards and seagulls circle above the carcasses of carp which died when the river dried up beside his house. He walks a stretch of dried riverbed for several hundred yards without even getting his shoes muddy.

He says his 90-year-old mother Lillian Leipprandt recently told him she has never seen the river so dry in her entire lifetime.

"It's hard to believe the water was over my head at this spot last fall," says Leipprandt from a spot on the bank beside the riverbed.

For Bay Port farmer Merlin Yoder the water is still deep enough in the Pigeon River by the bridge over M-142 just west of Pigeon for him to continue irrigating the land he rents there.

Even so it just isn't that effective.

"It is so dry, the water just doesn't spread out. It seems like there needs to be a little moisture in the soil to attract the irrigation water," he observes.

Further west on M-142 just before the M-25 intersection, Yoder is not able to use the sub-irrigation system he installed on his own land. In the past, he has pumped water out of the ditch which carried water when the nearby stone quarry pumped out drainage water.

With the dry weather, the quarry doesn't have rain-water to pump into the ditch, and Yoder's irrigation water supply is gone.

**ANIMALS AFFECTED:** When the thermometer topped the 90-degree mark, livestock joined crops as the object of farmers' concern.

Swartzendruber says he noticed a dip in milk production in the extreme heat. He also felt the heat while walking through hog barns which were flooded last fall.

He was forced to move about 300 pigs last fall to escape flood waters, but some of that water would have been welcomed by the animals in recent weeks to cool down.

Leipprandt did use water to cool some of his hogs. He reports he set up a pipe that sprayed a mist of water on the animals that can't use sweat to cool down.

Leipprandt says that made

a slight mess in the pens, but he was glad no hogs died in the heat.

Both farmers say the heat caused the hogs to eat less and their rate of weight gain slowed considerably.

**UNPREDICTABLE:** Swartzendruber shakes his head when thinking about the weather in the past year, which has been unusual, even in com-

parison to Michigan's usual changeability.

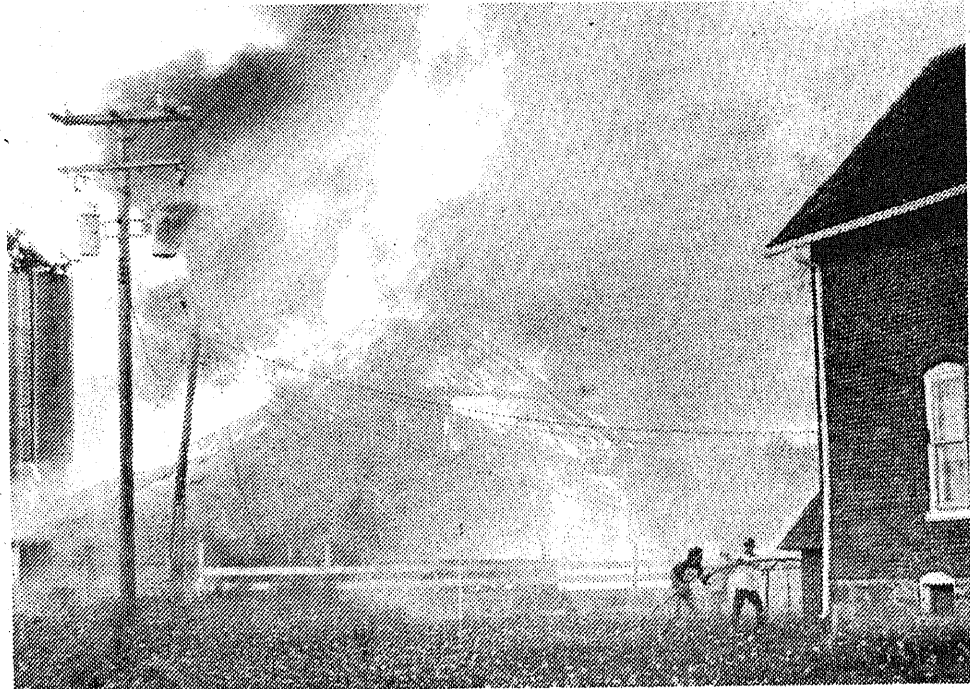
"It's just one extreme to another," he says and notes that farm planning becomes even more difficult.

"You can't set a pattern from one year to the next," adds Swartzendruber.

Although sugar beets has the ability to recover more than beans and corn, the

drought can also be seen in some beet plants. Last fall sugar beets provided the only income producing crop in the Thumb Area, and that could be the case again but there are few guarantees.

Kohr summed up the situation by simply saying, "About the only thing that's going to pay off this year is diverted acres."



**HOUSE SAVED:** The uninhabited house and garage located several hundred feet directly downwind of the burning barn was saved by firemen despite intense heat. In fact, Winsor Township Fire Chief Ron Damm noticed the plastic bubble on the fire truck began to melt from the heat.

Schulz says very dry straw recently put in the barn caused the fire to spread very quickly, but doesn't know what started the blaze.

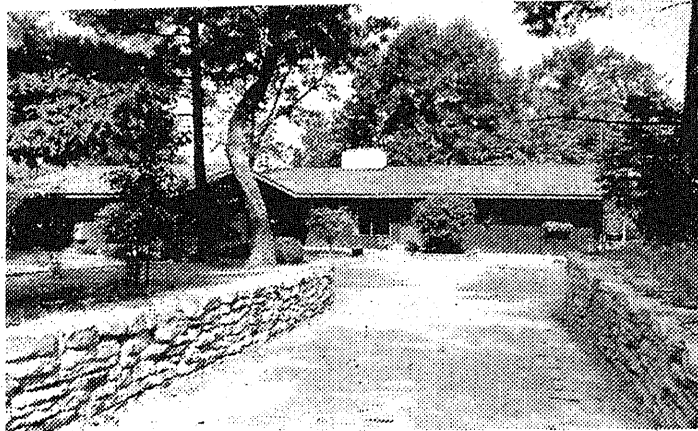
The morning following the tragedy, Schulz decided to market the 145 cows to be slaughtered because the milking equipment was ruined in the fire. He says his present plans are to get back in the dairy business.

Schulz also expresses gratitude to the many friends who helped out in a variety of ways during and after the fire.

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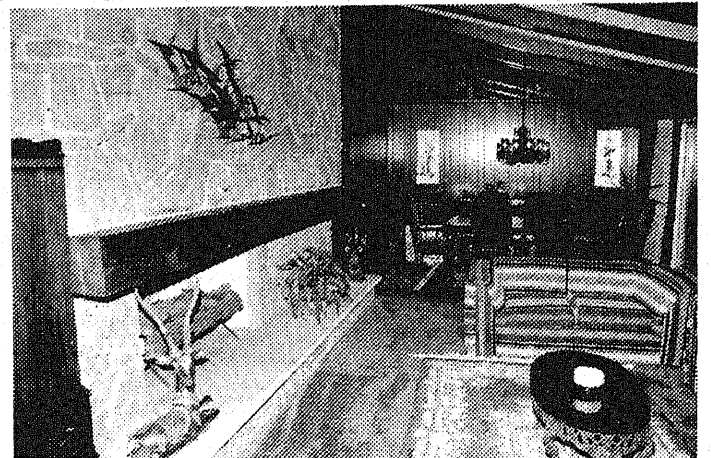


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