Elkton sets Post Office land sale price

By AMY HEDIG

In an effort to attract a new owner to its vacant Post Office site in downtown Elkton, the town has set a sell price for the building.

The town is currently taking offers for the property, which is on the northeast corner of Main Street and Wesley Street. The property was previously used as a post office for several years before it was abandoned.

The town is hoping to find a new owner who will restore the building and use it for a new business or as a community space.

For more information, contact the town of Elkton at 304-465-2235.
From Under The Willow

northern cold

by WANDA SCHWALB

The weather’s O.K. - Lawrence once said it’s a friend and said it was “fit to be tuckered and tuckered and tuckered and tuckered and tuckered and tuckered.” But I think I might have liked it.

The heart of the North is dead, it seems to me.

We’re asking you...

This week’s “We’re Asking You” question, asked by Renée Bueschel and Kris McNeely:

“Should Michigan reduce property taxes and raise the state sales tax to finance public education?”

Why or why not?

pictures not available this week!

Yay, because it would be divided more equitably.

Layne Hinne

Marinon, I really don’t feel raising the state sales tax is the answer to financing public education, but certainly an alternative method should be researched.

Chris Schulz

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IRA Contributions For Tax-Year 1987 Can Be Made Until April 15, 1988. However, Is Your Contribution 100% Deductible?

If neither you or your spouse is an active participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, your IRA contribution is 100% deductible. But if you or your spouse are active participants in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, your IRA contribution is not 100% deductible. The chart below in intended to act as a guide in giving you an estimate of the deductible amount of your contribution. Contact your tax consultant for further information.

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As we see it editorially

What really does MIX does with driving

It had been long been the people’s call that Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) was an organization to help people who had lost loved ones to drunk drivers. But for years, MADD has been fighting for stricter laws and increased public awareness of drunk driving around the world. The U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has put together a guide which should make us all take a second look at our driving habits, and cause all drivers to put down their drink before hitting the road.

If all people who partake in drunk and druged driving accidents are listed, it is not hard to see that alcohol-related crashes are 4 times higher than total crashes. Of these, 41% of all traffic deaths in 1989 involved at least one driver or pedestrian who had been intoxicated. That’s down from the 42% figure of 1987 but it’s still intolerable.

Yes, things are improving, compared with five years ago. The percentage of intoxicated teen drivers involved in total crashes dropped from 28% to 21%, now the largest decrease among all age groups.

As promising as these statistics are, though, they’re not enough to the families and friends of those 100,000 people who died in an alcohol-related accident last year. Things could still be better, MUCH better.

That’s why it’s so important to see common sense in this matter of the holiday season. A “little holiday cheer” should be just that – a little. Not a lot.

And not to men!

More media attention to drunk driving is being continued with tougher laws and more enforcement.

Drivers who drink or use drugs and drive more often go into jail now than ever before.

As the national traffic safety experts say, drunk driving isn’t only a national tragedy – it’s a personal tragedy. Ending 1987 was the last, uncollected state of mind – and then starting 1988 is the best Christmas present or New Year’s resolution possible.

So let’s start within, one by one, in each person’s mind. We’ve got to consider the need for safety and survival of others. And that is sometimes the hardest decision of all, even in a clear mind.

1987 OBITUARIES

Charles M. Stevenson 1926-1987

Charles M. Stevenson, 61, of Frisco, Calif., passed away December 2, 1987 at his home. He was born Dec. 11, 1924 in Chicago, Ill. Charles was a graduate of L ranchester High School and went on to attend Colorado State University for a degree in Agriculture. He then moved to Colorado and married the love of his life, the former Elizabeth Gladys Harms on Oct. 19, 1951. Charles was a member of the Amherst Lions Club, a member of the Frisco Rotary Club, and a member of the Amherst Kiwanis Club.

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The question of financial aid in college, in general, is a very important one. The amount of financial aid available to a student can vary greatly, depending on the school and the student’s needs. Financial aid can be in the form of grants, loans, scholarships, or a combination of all three. It’s important for students to understand the financial aid process and to apply for aid as soon as possible. The Laker High School Financial Aid meeting will provide information on how to apply for aid and will answer any questions that students may have.

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Creative hobby turns into full-time work

By PENNY BARNHILL

Kate Pederson is a 13-year-old girl who has turned her hobby of making jewelry into a full-time job. She began making jewelry when she was 8 years old, and now she sells her wares at local fairs and craft shows.

The first piece of jewelry that Kate ever made was a bracelet for her mother's birthday. She used scraps of wire and beads that she had collected over the years. From then on, Kate was hooked.

Today, Kate's jewelry business is thriving. She sells a variety of items, including necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and rings. Her pieces are handmade and unique, and she takes pride in her work.

Kate's success is not just due to her talent. She also works hard to promote her business. She attends local craft fairs and workshops to learn new techniques and to meet other artists. She also uses social media to advertise her work.

Kate's story is a testament to the power of passion and hard work. She has taken something she loves and turned it into a successful business. She is proof that anything is possible if you put your mind to it.
Cultural differences delight exchange student

By AMY HEIDEN

Sitting in the class of American girls, the natural beauty of Nicole Pyle from France was a wonder to Laurens. The tall, dark-haired student was a delight to look at, and her voice was captivating. But what she found most remarkable was the fact that American girls were all so tall and thin.

"In France, we are not taught to value our appearance," Nicole said. "It's more important to us to be intelligent and kind." Laurens was amazed by this, as she had never thought about the differences in cultural values before.

When asked to describe her school life, Nicole said it was quite different from what she was used to. "In France, we have less homework and more time for extracurricular activities," she said. Laurens was shocked by this, as she had always thought that American students worked much harder.

During the holiday season, Laurens was invited to a Christmas party at a friend's house. She was amazed by the decorations and the food, which was all homemade. "In France, we don't celebrate Christmas," she said. "It's more of a New Year's tradition." Laurens was fascinated by this, as she had always thought Christmas was the central focus of the holiday season.

Overall, Laurens was delighted by her exchange experience. She had made many new friends and learned so much about American culture. "I will never forget this experience," she said. "It has changed me in so many ways."
LAKER VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball squad set for smashing year...

Laker Volleyball Coach Vicki Rothfus sees lots of promise in this year’s squad — but the first year coach knows success still requires much work.

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WANTED:

a few good wrestlers!

By Tim Blackney

The Laker Wrestlers start the season at Monday night’s invitational tournament.

There were only six wrestlers representing the Lakers during the season opener of 11 weight classes. There was hardly a chance for the team to claim a title at that time.

However, the fact that the Lakers would not place in a match, that as the season progressed the team numbers increased.

Laker coaches Dan Kinney and Glenn Lapsley have already been working on a new lineup for the season.

The work is far from over, however, as the team will begin its regular season with matches against the Frankenmuth and Unionville-Sebewaing.– Tim Blackney

WRESTLING

Set Dec 5: Lake 6, Cass City 0

Wad Dec 9: Lake City 6, Cass City 0

Sat Dec 12: Seminary 6, Lake City 0

Wed Dec 16: Lake City 6, Marlette 0

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WRESTLING SQUAD: Pictured front row, from left, Brian Markowicz, Clay Klafter, William Freund, Chad Crowell, Joe Zander, Shawn Perrin, Joe Dossan.

EIGHTH GRADE: Pictured front row, from left, Brian Markowicz, Clay Klafter, William Freund, Chad Crowell, Joe Zander, Shawn Perrin, Joe Dossan.

TWO FROM THE TRENCHES: Front row, from left, Robert Fejes, John Cardwell, Robinson Fejes; back row, from left, Laker coaches John Cardwell, Robert Fejes, and Robinson Fejes.

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LAKER BASKETBALL

Tall Laker team hopes to rule TBA

Laker Coach Bill McCallion is hoping the height advantage his team enjoys will take his team all the way to the Thumb B Association Championship this year.

The starters and the sixth man from last year's District Championship team return this year, to add strength to a team already deep in talent.

And a team tall by TBA standards.

Although McCallion lost players Tom Ben, Jim Arrill and Randy Beckman to graduation, he is counting on help from guard Walt Kerstens (6'10"), junior forward Kevin Winters (6'9"), and senior standout Leon Wright (6'11"), moved up from the JV squad, to round out the team.

BACK AGAIN: Two of the returning starters, seniors Paul Gallaher and junior Kerstens (6'4"), were major factors in the team's record last year and are expected to be a force again this year.

Returning letter winners Jeff Sturms, Dean Birt, Jay Anderson and Kevin Winters provide the team with good rebounding power and ball handling, McCallion says.

Sturms will be back to keep action moving on the court. The 5'11' guard led the team in assists last year.

CONTENDERS: Coach McCallion says his team should be in contention for this year's championship, but says the more work is needed on defense and outside shooting.

"We've got good rebounding power. We'll take a good percentage jump shot, but we've got to develop our outside game a little more.

The three-point shot rule coming into play this year (from 16 feet and further away) isn't used often, since the Laker height advantages under the boards often make the possibilities unnecessary.

GOOD BALANCE: Wright led the Lakers in rebounding last year and was second high in scoring with 10.9 per game. And, with center Kel Hill bringing 7'11" of his height back into play after a multi-season injury last year, the Green Machine ought to be able and shoulders above the other teams in the Thumb.

The Lakers were 11-7 last year, ending with the third regional loss to Flint Academy.

McCallion expects Vanek and Care to provide the biggest competition this year, and he adds even Cass City, which lost most of its key players from his 1987 championship team, can't be counted out.

LAKER VARSITY BASKETBALL Team, foot row, pictured from left, Kevin Winters, Mark Kerstens, Jay Anderson, Jeff Sturms and Dean Birt; back row, Coach Bill McCallion; center, Kel Hill; Kerstens; and Kevin Winters.

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VARSIY BASKETBALL

VARSIY BOYS BASKETBALL

Tues Dec. 8 Valley Lutheran
Fri Dec. 11 Vassar
Tues Dec. 15 Cass City
Fri Dec. 18 Bad Axe
Tues Jan. 5 USA
Fri Jan. 8 Marlette
Tues Jan. 12 Ubly
Fri Jan. 15 North Branch
Tues Jan. 19 Imlay City
Fri Jan. 22 Caro
Fri Jan. 29 Vienna
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Fri Feb. 5 Cass City
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**Wall-to-wall walleyes**

BY DAVE GUENTHER

"People are waking up to the fact we need to change our way of doing things," said one person who has had success raising walleyes. "It's not just about catching fish anymore. It's about making sure we're doing it in a way that's sustainable and that supports the health of the lakes and rivers." One popular method for raising walleyes is by using a wall-to-wall walleye technique, which involves creating a barrier of fish netting along the shore of a lake or river. This method helps to prevent walleyes from escaping and allows for easier management of the fish population. The technique is also environmentally friendly, as it reduces the need for traditional fishing methods that can be disruptive to the ecosystem. Overall, the wall-to-wall walleye technique is a promising approach to sustainable fish management that can benefit both fish populations and the communities that rely on them.
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