

Elkton sets Post Office land sale price

By AMY HEIDEN
Elkton Village Council reluctantly set a price of \$7,000 on an 18-ft. section of the village parking lot that the U.S. Postal Service Office says is needed to expand their facility in Elkton.



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Village President Elmer Ropp said Council would prefer that the Post Office expand to the east of their present facility so that no village parking spaces would be lost. Members also said no firm offer had been made yet by the Postal Service.

CROSSING GUARDS: Council also voted to hire two substitute crossing guards, to replace full-time guard Debbie Russell who has requested a two-month leave of absence.

The two hired are Donna Phillips, who will work Mondays and Tuesdays, and Janet Rokicki, who will work the other school days.

POLICY ADOPTED: A policy for the use of firearms and deadly force was adopted by

village officials. The policy had been reviewed by village attorney John Ferris and a few changes had been recommended.

OTHER BIZ: Council also: Voted to send Village Police Chief Donald Hydorn to the Michigan Police Chiefs Mid-Winter Conference in Grand Rapids February 3-5;

Village employees will receive a \$100 savings bond as a Christmas bonus, following Council approval.

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to Bethlehem, a six-hour drive, the Hendersons realized that the journey would have taken Mary and Joseph at least two months.

Another highlight of their tour was seeing the valley where the battle of Armageddon is prophesied to take place.

SCARES: Their trip was not always so enjoyable, however. When their plane landed in Tel Aviv, a bomb scare was reported, but later no bomb was found.

While they were driving their van near Jerusalem, a tour bus traveling at 60 mph grazed the side of their vehicle.

"The drivers over there are crazy. They'll pass you on curves, on hills, and if they need to, they'll just run you off the road. It's really wild," said Ty.

IDENTITY: "It was really a blessing for us to be able to go," said Amy.

"Now I can read the Bible and identify with the places I read about. Experiencing the places where Jesus lived and walked was something I'll always treasure," Ty agreed.

"I believe God calls us and He works through us. By using our talents on Blooming Rose's farm, we believe we are answering God's call to us. We are a part of the prophecy that says that Israel will once again be a major nation in the world."

Farm prices rise 2%

November farm prices for all crops in Michigan were up 2% over October, according to the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service (MASS).

That index was 111% of its 1977 base, according to MASS figures.

SOME UP: There were price increases for corn, soybeans, oats and potatoes, but those amounts were offset by lower prices for dry beans and wheat.

Fruit prices were up slightly, and livestock price index was down 2% from October. There was a small increase in milk prices, but those failed to offset a decline in meat animal and egg prices.

NATIONALLY: The November Index of Prices for all

U.S. farm products increased 3.1% over October, which amounted to 131% of its 1977 average.

Nationwide, prices were higher for lettuce, oranges, tomatoes, corn and soybeans, but those were generally offset by lower prices for hogs and cattle. Those levels are 5.6% over one year ago. Hog prices showed the largest month-to-month decline since November, 1975, MASS says.

PRICES PAID: The October Index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes and farm wage rates was 166% of its 1977 base, which was 1.2% over July, 1987.

Compared with July, prices were higher for feeder cattle and calves, fertilizer, fuels and farm machinery.

A Safe Holiday Wish Brought To You By The Winsor Township Firemen

Make it safe. Every day add water to the tree holder. Remove tree from house before needles get too dry. Remember to use non-combustible decorations. Yule care prevents Christmas tragedies. Candles should be burned only if someone is present. Have a means of exit. Do not block doorways. Respect electricity. Do not overload circuits. Inspect lights for broken sockets and frayed cords. Screen should be over the fireplace at all times. Throw away all wrappings on Christmas Morning. Make your Christmas Joyful. Always follow—Safety rules!

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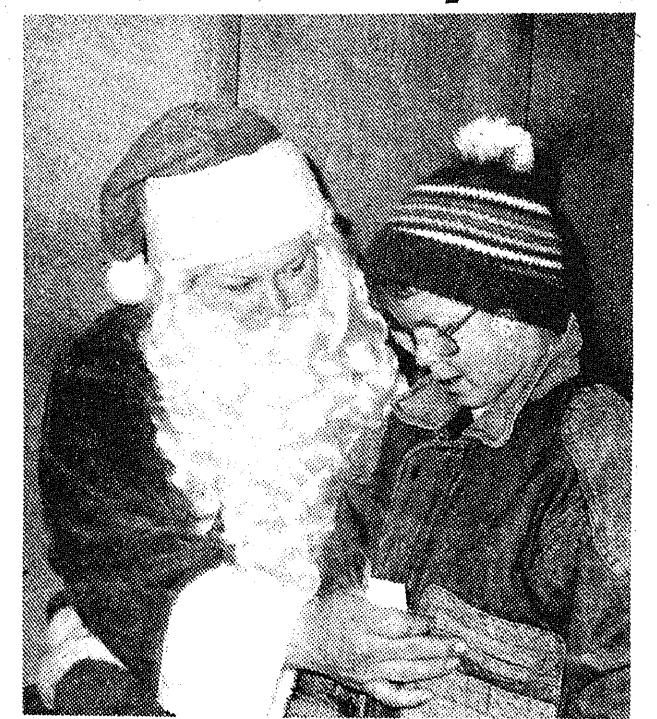
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Dozens of winners at Elkton Open House Sunday



WAITING FOR SANTA: Children and parents line up at Santa's House in Elkton Sunday, waiting their turn to see the jolly old man, in photo ABOVE.



AT RIGHT, Brandon Fritz talks with Santa in Elkton. A few minutes later, at least one wish came true for Brandon -- he won the boy's bike given away by the Elkton Chamber of Commerce!

By AMY HEIDEN
Beautiful weather and 40 degree temperatures greeted shoppers in Elkton Sunday at the village's annual Open House, sponsored by the Elkton Chamber of Commerce.

Businesses were open for holiday shopping, and hot chocolate, coffee, and bean soup were available at the Oliver Township Fire Hall.

Santa was also in Elkton, handing out candy and drawing tickets to youngsters and listening to wishes for Christmas presents.

GRAND PRIZE: Winner of the Grand Prize, a weekend trip for two to the new Bavarian Inn Motor Lodge in Frankenth, is Renda Jaworski.

Second prize, a trip for two to either the Holiday Inn or the Valley Plaza Inn in Midland, is Dede Russell.

The \$100 savings bond given as third prize goes to Betty Hurlburt.

OTHER WINNERS:
■ Bud's Bar — Michelob Bank, Sherry Hiller.
■ Lunch Bucket — Ronald Diebel, \$5 gift certificate; Scott Forster, \$10 gift certificate.
■ Video Spotlight — Two \$10 gift certificates, Janet Santos and Barb Willis.
■ Knechtel's Market — Three \$5 gift certificates, Mildred Dunn, Marlene Wilson and Larry Rosenthal.
■ Tom Thumb Market — \$25 gift certificate for gasoline, Sherry Hiller.
■ Thumb Petroleum — Three \$10 gift certificates, Loraine Schulz, Scott Forster, Ray English.
■ McKenzie's Gift Shop — Lamp, Val Graves.
■ 1st National Bank of Bad Axe — \$50 Savings Bond, Ken Young.

■ Elkton Co-Op — 2 gal. windshield washer solution, Betty Southworth and Steve Bannick; 2 gal. antifreeze, Martha Lutat; and a case of M & S pop, Phyllis Podlaskowski.
■ Ron's Party Store — Basket of Cheer, George Willoughby.
■ Hair Shoppe — Paul Mitchell Hair Care Products, Virginia Ackerman.
■ Varty's Automotive — Winter Car Care Package, Anita Benitez.
■ Thumb Hardware — Hoover Vacuum Cleaner, Donna Schuette.
■ This & That — Pine cone wreath, Lucille Grika.

■ Ty's Bowling Lounge — Christmas tree skirt, Dan Maxwell.
■ Suds Yer Duds — Three certificates for laundry services, Phyllis Babiszewski, Marion Kumaus and Jack Frost.
■ Hitching Post Restaurant — Dinner for two, Betsy Braun.
■ Don's Barber Shop — Large Teddy Bear, Harold Blum.
■ Elkton Food Center — \$25 gift certificate, Al Col-lison.
■ Pizga Pizza — \$5 gift certificate, Laura Prill; \$10 gift certificate, Sandra Elser.

Who wants an ice rink in Pigeon?

Pigeon Village Council members are seeking input about whether or not to build a winter ice rink at Pigeon Recreation Park this chilly season.

A small number of local residents annually use these rinks, village workers say, but those who do so appreciate the rink each year. Should another rink be set up this year?

Such a rink could be built on the flooded tennis courts or in an banked dirt area nearby, which would reduce tennis court damage when spring thaws come.

Please make your opinion known to Village Supt. Janet Heckman within the next week, so a reasonable decision can be made, officials ask.

Cass City is aglow again!

Cass City was known as the "Christmas Town" in the late 1950s for its town-wide lighting and displays.

That spirit is being revived again, as the "Story Time Theme" is unveiled officially this Wednesday night (tonight) at 7 p.m. at Cass City Recreation Park.

Cass City's Christmas Council of the Chamber of Commerce has decorated more than 100 trees at the park, and one-way traffic will be able to view the colors and designs through the holiday season.

Lloyd Vyse's residence near the park is one of several which also feature fully animated displays, produced in the past few months to aid in the "Christmas Town" theme revival.

MORE PRIZES: Winner of the Lions Club raffle for a storage shed was Randy Haley. Second prize winner of \$50 was Tom Willis, and third prize winner of \$25 was Clayton Diebel.

Elkton's 300 club also held their year-end grand prize drawing and the big winner was John Bernhardt, who won \$1000.

Debbie Heilig walked away with \$500, Amy Van Tiffin won \$250, \$100 went to Marty MacAlpine, Pat Ewald took home \$100, and \$50 each went to Jim Pedler and Margaret Taylor.

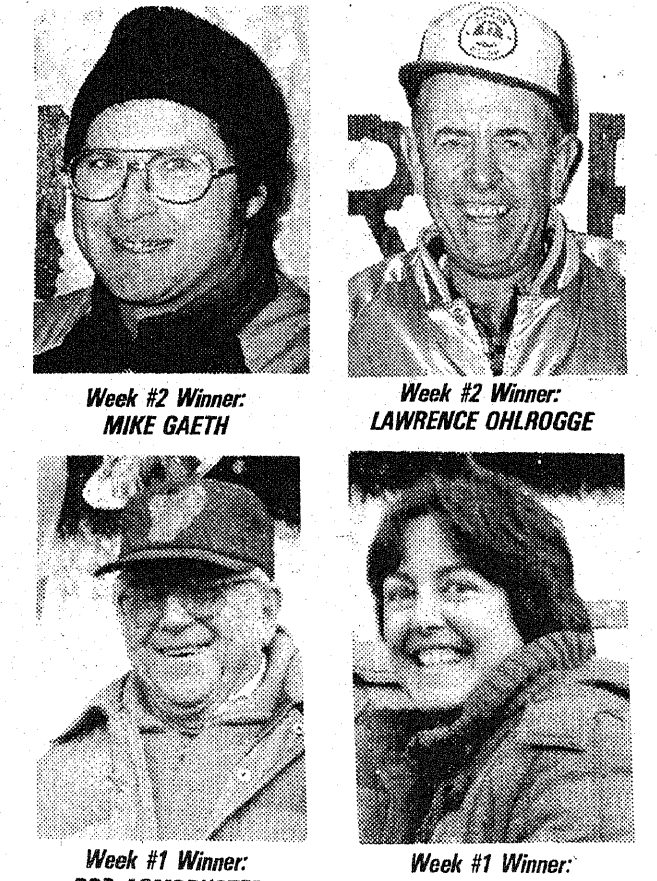
THANKS, ALL: Chamber President Phyllis Podlaskowski termed this year's Open House a success and Sunday thanked all the shoppers and merchants who participated.

Winning Pigeon faces



TEEN WINNERS: These four teenagers each won \$10 in Pigeon Money for shopping in town, thanks to the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. From left, are Russ Ginther, Kim Frost, Jim Niebel and Michelle Anklam.

BELOW, the first four finalists are shown in Pigeon's New Car Giveaway, to be decided among the 10 people chosen finalists by Saturday, Dec. 19.



Week #2 Winner: MIKE GAETH

Week #2 Winner: LAWRENCE OHLROGGE

Week #1 Winner: BOB ARMBRUSTER

Week #1 Winner: TERRILL McILHARGIE

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT!

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Truth, justice 30- Now is the time for Stop the Presses Galley

OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!

LOOKING AROUND — Pigeon (and the Western Thumb) suffered its first armed robbery in at least seven years this past week. "City folks" probably can't believe the rarity of such things here, but Friday's hold-up is quite unsettling for many local folks, we're learning.

But, alas, we're part of the rest of the world after all... The Bay City Times devoted an entire page of Sunday's paper to the story of business in general here in Pigeon — and the "new car" drawing in particular. Some local folks have said they think that article was too negative (as well as other published comments recently), but I'd recommend people follow the late (great) P.T. Barnum's advice: "Say anything you want about me... just spell my name right."

News is good for the area. We're better off having people write about us (or talk about us) than not. People tend to remember the general stories, but not the particulars. That leads to a mind saying, "Hey, Pigeon's really on the move." Usually such comments take years and much money to formulate...

Last week's words here about people who've made fine contributions to Sally's and my 10 first years here omitted two people. Actually, I had thought about MILDRED BALLAGH and DOROTHY DIENER when roughing in these words, but they didn't show up in the final copy.

The hometown news these two ladies write for us weekly is unmatched in "big time" dailies. It's chatty, informative, (maybe a bit gossipy sometimes) — but that's just the point. It's all for information and enjoyment.

Mildred, I believe, has been writing for more than 45 years for this paper. She's worked for every owner from founder George H.A. Shaw down to us, and her "Lake Chandler News" is watched for weekly. Likewise, Dorothy was hired by us as one of our first "actions" back in 1978 — and we're pleased she's still with us. What would a Monday be without husband John coming in with a handful of atomic fireball candies??!!

BOO OF THE WEEK: Goes to the Internal Revenue Service. It's trying to fine a way to tax "crime stopper" awards — but that conflicts with the confidential nature most tipsters require. The IRS quest for green cash may lead AWAY from justice, it seems...

Monday's reports say the Zilwaukee Bridge will now cost \$132 million when completed next year (that will be the day). That's nearly \$100 million more than the original 1970 estimate of \$35 million. And Zilwaukee's not that far behind Bay City's new Liberty Bridge, still not opened at the old Third Street — Midland Road spot...

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WISH I'D SAID THAT — "Whoever said 'where there's smoke, there's fire' must not have had a fireplace!" (Karl Hertz)

Newspaper to match your hospice gift

The Progress-Advance would like to help give the Huron County "Friends For Life" Hospice Program a Christmas present this year — a donation from area residents, either small or large, to keep this important work going.

To that goal, The Progress-Advance will match each \$10 donation with a \$1.00 gift of our own, to a maximum of \$250.

That would represent \$2500 in gifts to this worthwhile local program getting underway. There are so many "needs" this time of year, but what could be more important than helping this local group which is doing so much good for area families?

"Friends For Life" is completely dependent on donations and memorials, and receives no other financing. Donations are welcomed now through Dec. 30, to be eligible for the matching program. Of course, "Friends For Life" will appreciate gifts at any time throughout the year.

Give a little, and get a lot of good, holiday feeling. Thank you, readers, for helping us help Hospice...

As we see it editorially

What really DOES mix with drinking?

Dec. 13-19 is the observance of the sixth annual National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. That by itself isn't cause for celebration or even much consideration by most folks, but it should be.

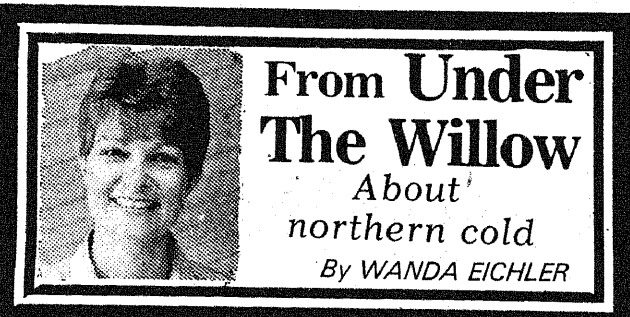
Drunk driving remains the number one killer on our roads. Its victims are truly a cross-section of America — rich, poor, young, old, wise, foolish, the safety-conscious and the rest. The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has put together some figures which should make your hair stand UP... and which should cause all drivers to put DOWN their drink before hitting the road.

If all persons who perish in drunk and drugged car accidents were listed in one group, as deaths from diseases are, people might just sit up and take notice, the traffic safety people say. But it doesn't work that way.

Instead, as more lives are lost and as medical and treatment care costs skyrocketed, you'd think more persons in the public would pay attention.

But the opposite is true, sadly.

The numbers of persons injured or killed are largely ignored, as nearly every day someone we know is hurt — or convicted of a drunken or impaired driving charge.



From Under The Willow
About northern cold
By WANDA EICHLER

The writer D.H. Lawrence once wrote to a friend and said, "The autumn always gets me badly, as it breaks into colours. I want to go south, where there is no autumn, where the cold doesn't crouch over one like a snow leopard waiting to pounce. The heart of the North is dead, and the fingers are corpse fingers."

My new acquaintances from the south would probably agree wholeheartedly with Lawrence's assessment of northern cold. I spent part of last week at a United Methodist rural life center on a mountaintop in western North Carolina. There the oaks still had leaves, the laurel and rhododendron leaves glistened a deep forest green and only the distant mountaintops showed signs of frosty mornings and snow.

A farm couple from Florida and I got to talking about the cold weather up north. They raise peanuts in the Tallahassee area and so are "north" in Florida (if one can be a northern Floridian!). Gary and Rena were trying to describe their winter weather to me. He was saying that he could remember it getting right above zero once. The worst for him, he says, are successive gray days when temperatures hover around freezing and skies are constantly cloudy.

For Rena, cold was a different matter. Even though we were in northern North Carolina, she was cold and had on her "longies" to prove it! I had flown down from Detroit knowing that I could end up coming back in cold, slushy, snowy weather and prepared for that with boots, a liner in my coat, hat and gloves.

All three of us agreed that North Carolina's tender cold mornings and warm sunny days last week were weather that made a mountaintop retreat all the better.

But then, I tried to describe to them the exhilarating feeling of the very cold days that we get up north. There are the days when the snow snaps at footfall, frost civers the landscape like icing everywhere, smoke rises straight and skies are blue as only winter's deep cold can bring. Those are days when breathing a deep breath makes one aware that one is alive, when sounds are magnified by the intense cold and northerners think twice about going places and doing things.

On cold days it is enough for the kids to bundle up and make a run for the bus. The cats stick to the barn, none of this bundling in the sunshine around the porch steps for them. Chores are done carefully, but efficiently and if anyone straps on the cross-country skis, they are back inside the warm house in a short time.

I like really cold days. They bring families closer together and make us check on each other's whereabouts and doings. They cause us to reassess our schedules. They send us clumping to the indoors with a renewed appreciation of what it is to be warm.

Well, I tried to describe cold winter weather to my new friends, Gary and Rena Crum. I imagine that they thought I sounded a little too enthusiastic about northern winters. I suppose that cold winter weather, just like gray Florida weather, just has to be experienced. I do know that North Carolina's mountaintops are a good place to make friends and contemplate the snowy hills in the distance.

If it hadn't been for the sadly personal touch of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), even fewer people would be paying attention today. But here are some statistics which are cold and without substance... until they involve someone you know or love.

Last year, 19,000 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes nationwide. That number is relatively stable today, but a staggering 41% of total traffic deaths in 1986 involved at least one driver or pedestrian who was intoxicated. That's down from the 46% figure of 1982, but it's still intolerable.

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

As promising as these statistics are, though, they're not much comfort to the families and friends of those 19,000 people who died needlessly last year, in alcohol-related crashes. Things could STILL be better. MUCH better.

That's why it's so important to use common sense in this busiest of holiday seasons. "A little holiday cheer" should be just that — a little. Not a lot.

And not too much!

More media attention to drunk driving is being combined with tougher laws and more enforcement. People who drink or use drugs and then drive more often go to jail now than ever before. That's encouraging, too, in its own way.

As the national traffic safety experts say, drunk driving isn't only a national tragedy — it's a national disgrace. Ending 1987 in a clear, unaltered state of mind — and then starting 1988 that way too — is the best Christmas present or New Year's resolution possible.

But it has to start within, one by one, in each person's mind. We've got to consider the needs, wants and safety of others. And that is sometimes the hardest decision of all, even in a clear mind...

We're Asking YOU...

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

Should Michigan reduce property taxes and raise the state sales tax to finance public education? Why or why not?

PICTURES NOT AVAILABLE THIS WEEK!

Yes, because it would be divided more equally that way.

Layne Henne
PIGEON

I really think they get enough taxes for school and property.

They should be more willing to budget their money in a better manner.

Kathleen Kler
BAY PORT

Well, either way, your taxes are going to come out the same.

Ron Elbing
PIGEON

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

Chris Schulz
PIGEON

I think the sales tax is more honest.

Marion Gardner
CASEVILLE

There are advantages and disadvantages to both sides of the issue. At the moment, I'm undecided.

Lisa Gaeth
BAY PORT

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RECOLLECTIONS
of By-Gone Days.
By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:
In one of my last articles, I wrote about that bad burn I had on my right leg.
One thing I remember very well was one time when my Dad took me to the doctor's office to get it rebandaged. The doctor was sick with the flu and his wife, who was a nurse, said she'd fix it up for me.
She took the bandage off and it was healing, but needed to be washed off with some kind of a solution that was very strong. It burned like everything and I hollered and carried on pretty loud.
My Dad took hold of my foot and my leg and told her to wash it off.
Well, I thought Dad was pretty mean and so was the nurse, but now I can see that both were good to me because it was for my own good!

I was still quite young at the time and I had all the diseases that children get, like measles, mumps, chicken pox, but I was 17 before I got the whooping cough.
My Mother told me I had it before, so I guess I got it twice because, like the saying goes, "I almost coughed my head off!" It lasted about three weeks and I sure was glad when it was over.
I never had a leg or arm broken but I saw a lot of men walking around with their arms in a sling. If you asked them what happened, they'd say they were cranking their cars and forgot to put the spake lever up.
But I did break my ribs and got them bruised once. When I was about 13 I was helping Dad haul in beans and he told me to get up on the wagon and trample the

load down.
Well, I slipped off and fell down on the wagon tongue on what they called the wagon hammer — that was the pin that held the eveners on and also was used to take the nuts off of the wheels to grease them.
It didn't hurt much right away too bad, but Dad told me to go in and tell Mother to come out and help. She didn't like it very well until I told her what had happened.
Some of you older men who used to plow with the walking plow know how it felt if you hit a stone or a clevis pin broke or a hook came off of the eveners.
You'd hit your ribs and it took a very good person that would say "Praise the Lord!" when that happened.

Once when I worked in the canning factory, a big box of cans fell down on my chest and it didn't hurt too bad right away, but in two days I could barely take it. I went to Dr. Scheurer and he bandaged me up with tape. I kept on working, but when I went in to take off the bandage, I thought the whole hide was coming off.
I fell off of the machine shed once and cracked several ribs and I had to wear a belt for awhile. I broke several other ribs once when I fell on a harrow lever.
In Luke 9:62 it says, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God."
Well, that doesn't mean you can't go to heaven if you plow, but it does mean that if you start to live a good life and keep looking back, you're bound to plow a crooked furrow in your life.

SINCERELY YOURS,
GEORGE KEIM

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Obituaries

CHARLES M. STEVENSON
1956-1987

Charles M. Stevenson, Jr., age 30, of Concord, Calif., passed away suddenly Dec. 1, 1987 at his home.

He was born on Dec. 31, 1956 in Caro. He graduated from Laker High School in 1975. Mr. Stevenson lived in the Sebewaing area before moving to California.

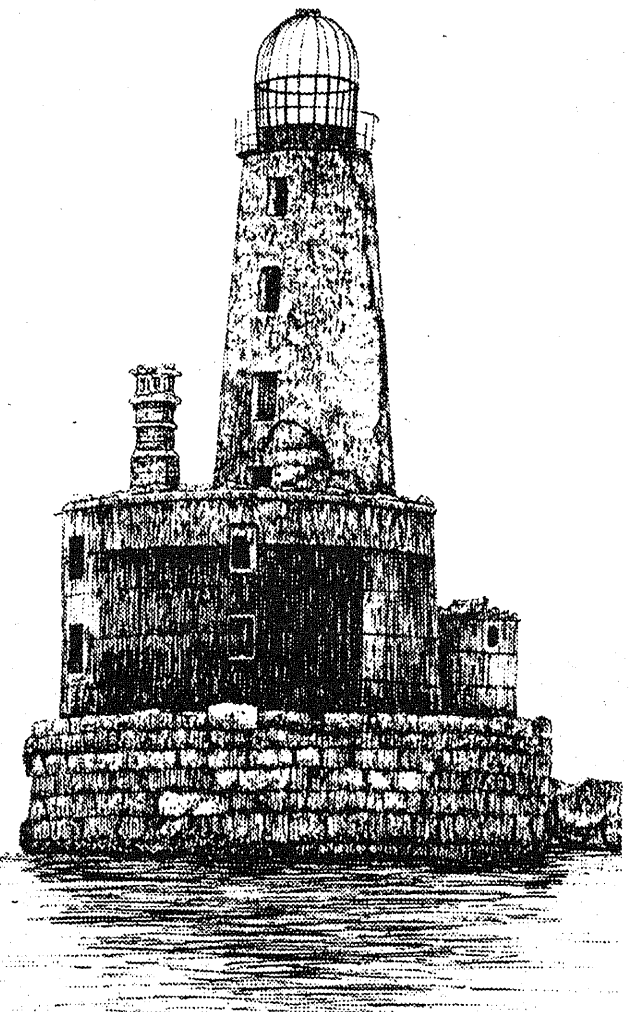
He leaves his wife Pam and one son Patrick. He is the son of the late Charles (Mutt) Stevenson and Louise Stevenson of Cass City.

He is also survived by three sisters, Mary Jo Schember of Bad Axe, Jean Schember of Reed City and Kathy Stevenson of Cass City; a brother, Pvt. Michael Stevenson, stationed in Germany. His father and one brother, Randall Lee, preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 5 at Bad Axe Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Henry W. Kern officiated.

A trust fund is being set up for his son. Anyone wishing to contribute can contact Bill or Lois Harcourt at 883-2506 or 203 E. Sebewaing Street, Sebewaing, MI 48759.

Lighthouse calendar available for 1988



THE WAUGOSHANCE LIGHTSTATION is located off Wilderness State Park, MI. It was built in 1851 by the Army Corps of Engineers, replacing the first light ship built on the Great Lakes. At the top of the light is a "birdcage" lantern, a common design of the 1850's. Pen and ink drawings of this lighthouse along with 11 other Great Lakes lights are featured in the "Great Lakes Lights" 1988 Calendar, available directly from the Historical Society of Michigan, 2117 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Cost is \$7.20 for non-Michigan orders and \$7.44 for Michigan orders, all post paid. Canadian orders are \$9.10.

Winsor Township office will be open for collection of taxes from 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 on the following dates:

- Friday, December 4
- Friday, December 11
- Friday, December 18
- Thursday, December 24
- Thursday, December 31
- Friday, January 8
- Friday, January 22
- Friday, February 5
- Friday, February 12
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Laker High holds Financial Aid meet Thursday

Since 1943, when an English noblewoman created a fund at Harvard for needy students, financial aid in the U.S. has increased to well over \$18 billion a year.

The question of financial aid, and how to obtain it, will be one of many questions answered at the annual Financial Aid meeting planned at the Laker High School auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to anyone, but is especially important to graduating seniors (and their parents) who plan to attend college next year.

Forms will be distributed, timetables will be explained and questions answered during the two-hour meeting. Information on scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs will also be discussed.

Says Guidance Counselor

Duane Guenther, "Remember, you are the centerpiece of the financial aid system. Money is not awarded automatically, it must be applied for by families. Not even renewal of an award is automatic. A family must apply each year. Sound difficult? It's not. All you need is a commitment to make a thorough search, an understanding of how financial aid works, an attention to detail and plan

to attend this Thursday's meeting."

Lake-Chandler

Dinner guests on Thanksgiving Day at the Carl Gross home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gross and family, Tara, Trevor and Tony of Essexville, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gross and children Sarah and Adam, Diane Gross and friend of Caseville.

Have You Made Your IRA Contribution For 1987?

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 deduction is based on your adjusted gross income. The chart below is 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.

ESTIMATED TAX DEDUCTION FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS			
FILING STATUS		ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION	ALLOWABLE NONDEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION
SINGLE*	MARRIED JOINT*		
\$25,000	\$40,000	\$2,000	0
\$26,000	\$41,000	\$1,800	\$200
\$27,000	\$42,000	\$1,600	\$400
\$28,000	\$43,000	\$1,400	\$600
\$29,000	\$44,000	\$1,200	\$800
\$30,000	\$45,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
\$31,000	\$46,000	\$800	\$1,200
\$32,000	\$47,000	\$600	\$1,400
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Creative hobby turns into full-time work

By PENNY HARRISON

Katherine Ricker has always been a "crafty" lady. Raised by a mother who can still crochet beautiful doilies, "Kitty" provided her own daughters with home-sewn clothing and the "best-dressed Barbie dolls in town."

With her children now grown and on their own, this Owendale grandmother has channeled her creativity into the production of decorative wooden crafts and seen her hobby slowly develop into a family project.

VERSATILE: Like most people born with a bent for creative needlework, Kitty found she could do it all — knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, counted cross stitch, etc.

She digressed into ceramics and made several family keepsakes, including three complete Nativity sets that feature 19-inch figures some of which are fully painted and others antiqued. "I like to keep busy," she explained of her tendency to always have a project in progress.

"If I just sit in a chair, I fall asleep."

NEW START: After two decades of working in area businesses, Kitty found herself at home full time when she was laid off in 1985. A visit to a craft store brought wooden crafts to her attention, prompting her to buy some small figures for painting.

"I painted them all country blue, and a few days later

painted some eyes on them." Thus began a hobby that has literally changed the lifestyle of the Bob Ricker family.

Kitty is now a familiar part of many area craft shows and produces more than 75 different decorative wooden figures.

A visit to Ricker home at 7355 Mill Street, Owendale, reveals the diversity and detail that Kitty has incorporated into her art.

There are Amish figures with no facial features, wagons, teddy bears, ducks, geese, chalkboards, crates — more figures than a body can count. Most are cut from one-inch pine board, sanded, stained, painted and assembled when necessary.

GOOD HELPERS: Until Kitty's daughters, Kim



KITTY RICKER enjoys painting her wooden products more than any other task that goes into completing her decorative pieces.

Ewald and Linda Rocheleau, pitched in, keeping up with individual and group orders was almost a fulltime job.

Now, both girls do basic painting for Kitty, as does her mother, Mrs. Mary Blondell of Caro.

Son-in-law Randy Ewald and granddaughter Raye Lynn Rocheleau help with the cutting, and in a pinch, Kitty can use a table saw herself to rip long boards down to cutting size.

Kitty's husband, Bob, does about anything needed to help her stay caught up, and that includes housework. "I don't know what I'd do without his help," emphasized Kitty. "Either I wouldn't be doing this or we'd live in a dirty house!"

FAVORITES: Of all the different tasks required to com-

plete any of her projects, Kitty enjoys painting the most.

Aside from one class, where she learned how to shade objects to give them dimension, she is completely self-taught, and often paints until 11 p.m. at night.

"I like to get the eyes on something as soon as possible, so it sort of comes to life. Then, the rest of it takes shape pretty easily."

Her experience with painting ceramics gave Kitty the confidence to experiment, and she now paints and stencils crockery and cheeseboxes.

"She's got the ability," said Bob Ricker of his wife's skills. Bob is proud of his wife's abilities, and readily encourages her to branch out with new products.

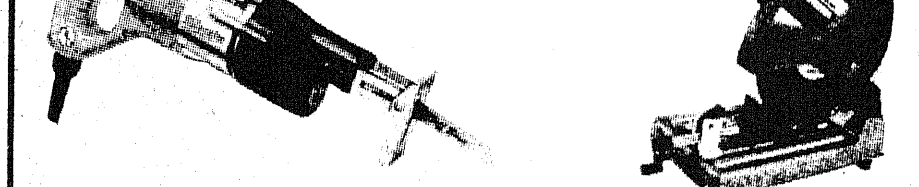
"Two years ago, if anyone had told me that I'd be working at this kind of thing almost fulltime, I'd have told them they were crazy," commented Kitty.

"But I sure enjoy it, and I don't think I'll get tired of it. There's too many new ideas to work with all the time."

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Cultural differences delight exchange student

By AMY HEIDEN
Squirrels — lots of them — have been the most impressive thing in America to Rotary Exchange Student Sabine Lammens.

Not that the hustle of big cities, the natural beauty of Niagara Falls, and even Christmas lights at Bronner's in Frankenmuth are not impressive — but the fact that we Americans virtually ignore squirrels is a wonder to Lammens.

"In Belgium, whenever one sees a squirrel, we all say 'Where, where?' and look for it. Here, if a squirrel runs out, it's no big deal. We just don't have as many of them."

SMALL TOWN: Lammens, from the village of Torhout near Brugge, is an Exchange student sponsored by Rotary International and is present-

ly staying with Jay and Pam Dubey of Pigeon.

She says she sees more differences than similarities between her town and Pigeon.

Her home town is bigger, with a population of around 8,000, and the houses there are much older.

"While we're driving someone will say 'Look at that old house' and I'll look and wonder where it is. What you would consider an old house is not old by Belgian standards."

In Belgium, too, the towns are much closer together, with the whole country being smaller than the state of Michigan.

SCHOOL DAYS: Lammens, who has already graduated from school in her home country, is attending Laker High School as a senior.

When asked to describe the differences in schools, she noted first the difference in emphasis.

It seems that in Belgium, more emphasis is placed on academic achievement than on sports.

"In my school, we attend eight hours daily, from 8:30 to 4:40, and four hours on Wednesdays. We had a different schedule every day, not like here where you have the same class at the same time every school day," she says.

School food is much different, also, with students in Belgium getting more real fish, chicken, and pork. Food there is never fried, with the exception of french fries which are only served once or twice a month.

Lammens says she considers the food served here

to be more like "fast food" — "It's good, but different," she says.

MORE SCHOOL: Lammens was also struck by the differences in language instruction.

She says that in Belgium, students are required to study a second language, with most opting to take French, which is one of the official languages of Belgium along with Dutch.

She thinks the math instruction is on much the same level, but that here, the language study is much less intense.

She says local students in school are very quick to greet her, but she has not had real contact with them.

"It's a problem all exchange students have. I don't know why, but people are reluctant to invite us anywhere."

TRAVELS: Even so, Lammens has had no time to be lonely. When her days are not filled with school, she is going on trips with other exchange students in the Rotary's Region 631, which includes 18 counties in North Central and Eastern Michigan.

The group has traveled to Niagara Falls, football games at Central Michigan University, and to the Upper Peninsula. The exchange students keep in close touch with one another, considering themselves one big extended family.

"We share some of the same experiences and problems, and there's some things we might not feel comfortable talking about with our host family," she says.

"In our group, we discuss problems with each other and maybe someone has had the same experience and knows the answer."

CHURCHES: Lammens, too, sees a difference in churches. At home she attends Catholic services, but with the Dubey family, she has been attending Salem United Methodist Church.

She says the services there are much more informal than she's used to, but had no



LOCAL FAMILY: Exchange student Sabine Lammens and most of her Michigan "family." Standing with the student is Pam Dubey, right, and her children Jeff and Laura. Husband Jay Dubey wasn't present when picture was taken.

opinion on whether the informality was good or not.

AMERICAN LIFE: All the girls here seem to have perms and lots of makeup here, according to Lammens. And the boys aren't quite as fashion conscious as their counterparts in Belgium.

In her country, sneakers are only worn for sports, whereas here, they're worn everywhere. Knowing how teenage girls in America are notorious for tying up the bathroom with hair and make-up rituals.

Lammens' American hostess Pam Dubey says she was pleasantly surprised that Lammens' daily rituals consisted of little more than washing her face and combing her hair.

Lammens also notes differences in the types of foods Americans eat and in how often we eat. She says Belgians tend to eat more fresh foods, while we relied on more processed foods.

Drinking habits are also different, says Lammens, because in Europe drinks are usually served with a meal. "It seems that Americans like to drink to get drunk, rather than enjoying the taste of what they drink," explained Lammens.

GETS ALONG WELL: Lammens was somewhat anxious to meet her new "family" as she had heard of other students who had negative experiences. But her fears

turned out to be groundless. "I like my new American family. They've been very kind and helpful to me," she says of the Dubeys.

Shortly, Lammens will be staying with DeVere and Zita Sturm for three months and then will move to another family who hasn't been determined yet.

She has two brothers in Belgium, Michel, 17, and Filip, who is 12. Her father owns a poultry slaughter house and her mother helps in the office. Her father will be attending an international poultry convention in Atlanta in January at the invitation of Joe Maust, Jr., and both parents plan to visit with their daughter during their trip to the States.

FUTURE PLANS: When Lammens returns to Belgium next summer, she plans to study the tourism business.

"There are many areas I can go into when I'm ready to work," she says. In that business, her fluency with five languages will serve her well.

In addition to the official languages of Belgium — Dutch, French, and English — she also can speak German and is studying Spanish at Laker High.

MISSES MOST: Lammens confessed that the one thing she missed most about Belgium was chocolate. "American chocolate is nowhere as good as Belgian chocolate. It has such a delicious flavor."

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Featured will be Olympic hopefuls, Paula Visingardi, age 16 and Jeb Rand, age 21, members of the Detroit Skating Club. They compete together at the national level in Junior Pairs.

Jodi Lewis, daughter of Bill and Deann Lewis of Saginaw and granddaughter

Friday for Just-A-Mere
Just-A-Mere Farm Bureau Group will meet Friday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at Mrs. Viola Schuette's home. Note date change from Thursday.

of John and Dorothy Diener of Pigeon, has been chosen to skate a solo in the Waltz of the Flowers. Her costume has been specially designed for this favorite number in the show.

Local visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Cook of Union Lake spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dell. Other visitors for a few days were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Himmel of Royal Oak.

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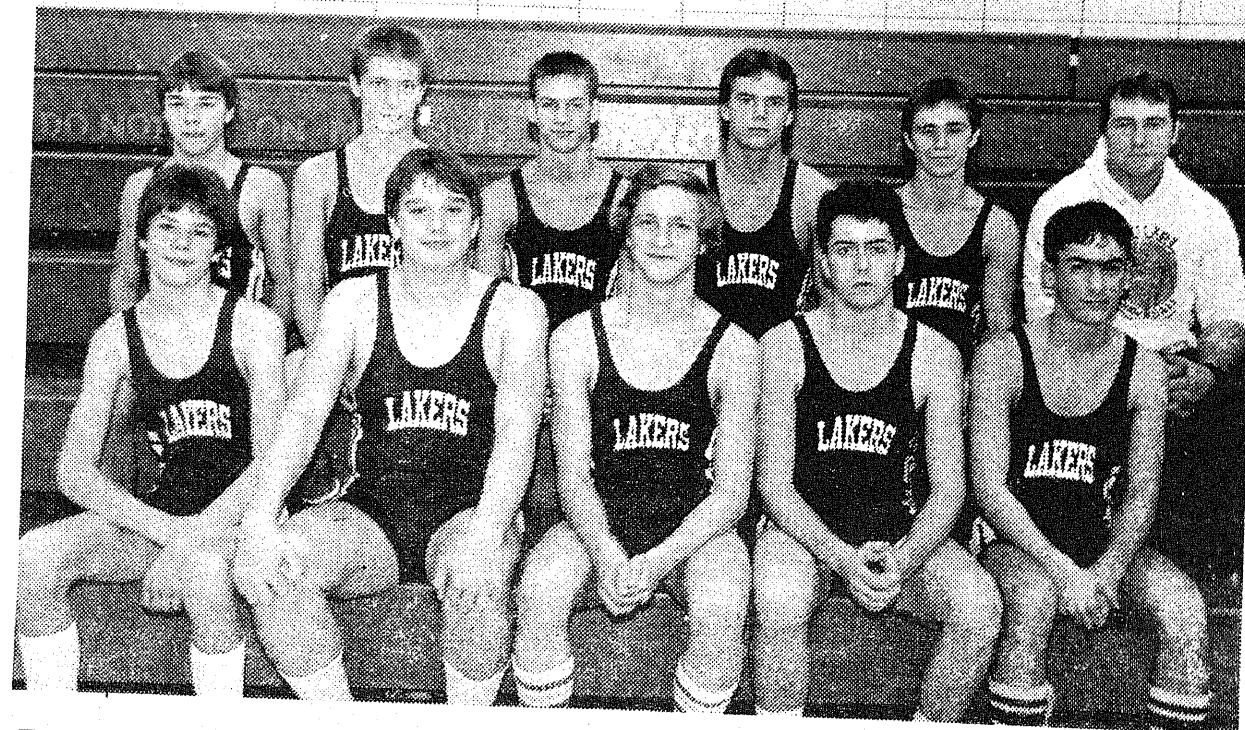
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LAKER WRESTLING



WRESTLING SQUAD: Pictured front row, from left, Brian Murdoch, Clay Kelterborn, William Freund, Chad Daniels, Chris Russell; back row, Jason Gardner, Wes Russell, J.D. Talaski, Kevin Truemer, Frank Shively, Coach Leo McArdle. Absent when photo was snapped: Jamie Randall, Shawn Parrish, Joe Owens.

WRESTLING			
Sat Dec 5	Caro	A	8:00
Wed Dec 9	Cass City	A	6:30
Sat Dec 12	Seminary	A	8:00
Wed Dec 16	Imlay City	A	6:30
Wed Jan 6	Marlette	H	7:00
Sat Jan 9	Essexville	A	9:00
Wed Jan 13	Vassar	A	6:30
Sat Jan 16	Bad Axe	A	8:00
Wed Jan 20	Caro	A	7:00
Wed Jan 27	Bad Axe	H	6:30
Thu Feb 4	Sandusky	A	6:30

WANTED: A few good wrestlers!

By TIM BLAKENEY
The Laker Wrestlers started their season Saturday in Caro with a 16-team tournament.

There were only six wrestlers representing the Laker district. With the team giving up seven voids out of 13 weight classes, there was hardly a chance for the grapplers to come home anywhere near the top.

MEDAL WINNERS: Regardless of the fact that the Lakers would not fare well as a team, three of the six-man squad had no intentions on coming home empty-handed. Kevin

Truemer, Wes Russell and J.D. Talaski were in pursuit of medals.

Truemer, weighing in at 145 pounds, proved to be worthy of his second seed position as he finished second. He pinned his way through the first two matches, then defeated Tim Botkins from Caro with a 14-3 decision. Truemer lost in the finals, 8-1 against the number one seed, Chad Wieland from Pinconning.

Russell, wrestling at 138 pounds, climbed up from the bottom, earning a third place medal the hard way. Marlette's Jim Nauka

knocked the sluggish Russell down to the consolation bracket with a pin late in the third period. Russell then picked up the pace and went on to pin his next three opponents.

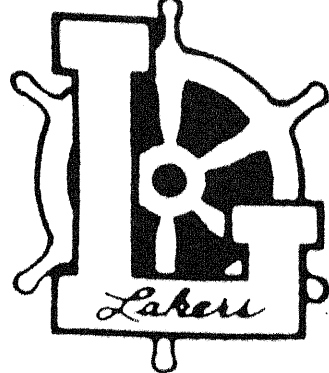
One-hundred and 19 pound Talaski was picked to finish sixth. Only the top four were to receive medals. It was a must for Talaski to overtake third seeded Scott Dwayn from Oscoda. He pinned him to clinch the fourth place medal. Talaski missed third place, losing 4-3 against Crosswell/Lexington's Dave O'Veil. Making a comeback

from a 4-0 deficit, he couldn't pin O'Veil after locking him up in a three point near fall to end the bout.

MORE WRESTLERS NEEDED: Coach Leo McArdle has expressed concern over the small number of wrestlers on the team. Recruiting efforts will be made to fill up the vacant weight classes. At the end of the tournament, McArdle's comment was, "We can do better, we go to Michigan Lutheran Seminary next week."

THIS WEEK: Lakers will take on the Red Hawks in Cass City on Wednesday for

their first league duel. On Saturday they will make the trek to MLS for an 11 team tournament, where Coach McArdle expects his hopefully larger squad to do better.



LAKER VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball squad set for smashing year...

Laker Volleyball Coach Vicki Rothfuss sees lots of promise in this year's squad - but the first year coach knows success still requires much work, too.

EXPERIENCE: Returning are senior starters Jackie Ginter (first team all Thumb B Association last year) as setter, Lisa Buschlen and Jenny Warren as the ace attacker.

Probable junior starters this year are Connie Schulz, returning as part of the middle attack and Marilyn Kranz, coming on with more ability and experience.

Sophomores working their way up this year and returning to action will be Traci Henne and Brenda Buschlen.

FILLING OUT VARSITY: The rest of Coach Rothfuss' squad has more desire than experience. All are juniors except senior Tami Peyer, who's joining for her first season.

"But our returning talent, lots of experience and large bench should bring us a great winning season," Coach Rothfuss says.

If any weakness is seen, she thinks it may be in lack of overall team height. But, she adds, that can be overcome through practice with determination. And that's just what the Lakers plan to do, the recent CMU grad says.



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Thu. Jan. 14	Cass City	A	6:30
Sat. Jan. 16	JV Garber	A	8:00
Thu. Jan. 21	Imlay City	A	6:30
Thu. Jan. 28	Marlette	H	6:30
Sat. Jan. 30	Mt. Lutheran	A	8:00
Thu. Feb. 4	Vassar	A	6:30
Sat. Feb. 6	Laker Invitational	H	8:00
Thu. Feb. 11	Caro	A	6:30
Sat. Feb. 13	South Haven	A	8:30
Thu. Feb. 18	Bad Axe	H	6:30
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LAKER BASKETBALL

Tall Laker team hopes to rule TBA

Laker Coach Bill McLellan is hoping the height advantage his team enjoys will take his team all the way to the Thumb B Association Basketball league championship this year.

Three 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 McLellan lost players Tom Beer, Jim Warren and Randy Heckman to graduation, he is counting on help from guard Mark Kretzschmer (5'11") and Kevin Wolfram (5'11"), moving up from the JV squad, to round out the team.

BACK AGAIN: Two of the returning starters, senior Paul Elenbaum and junior Kendall Wertz (both 6'2"), were major factors in the team's record last year and are expected to be a force again this year.

Returning letter winners Jeff Sturm, Dean Roestel, Kel Hill, Jay Anthes and Keven Wissner provide the team with good rebounding power and ball handling, McLellan says.

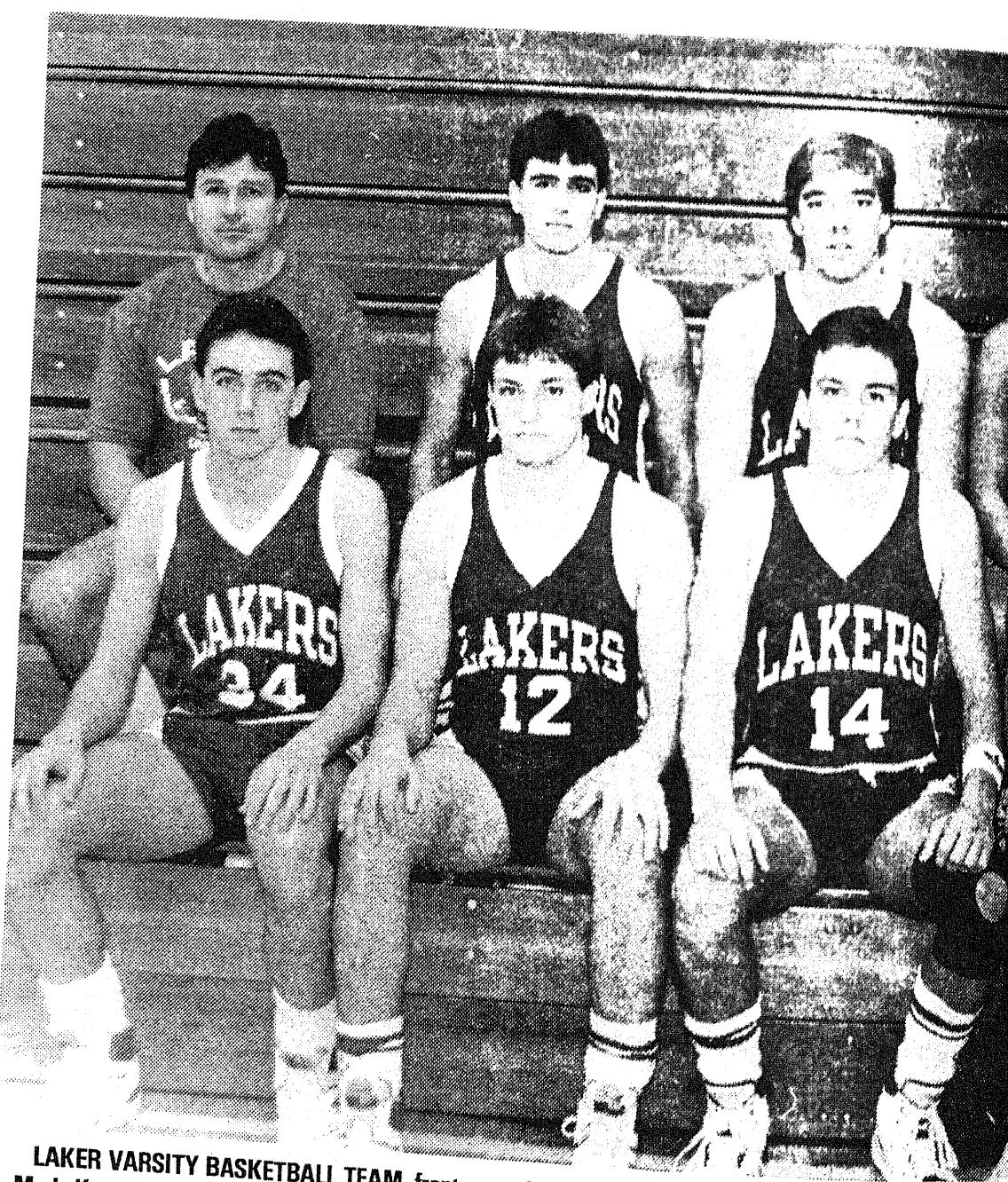
Sturm will be back to keep action moving on the court. The 5'10" guard led the team in assists last year.

CONTENDERS: Coach McLellan says his team should be in contention for this year's championship, but says that 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 even more."

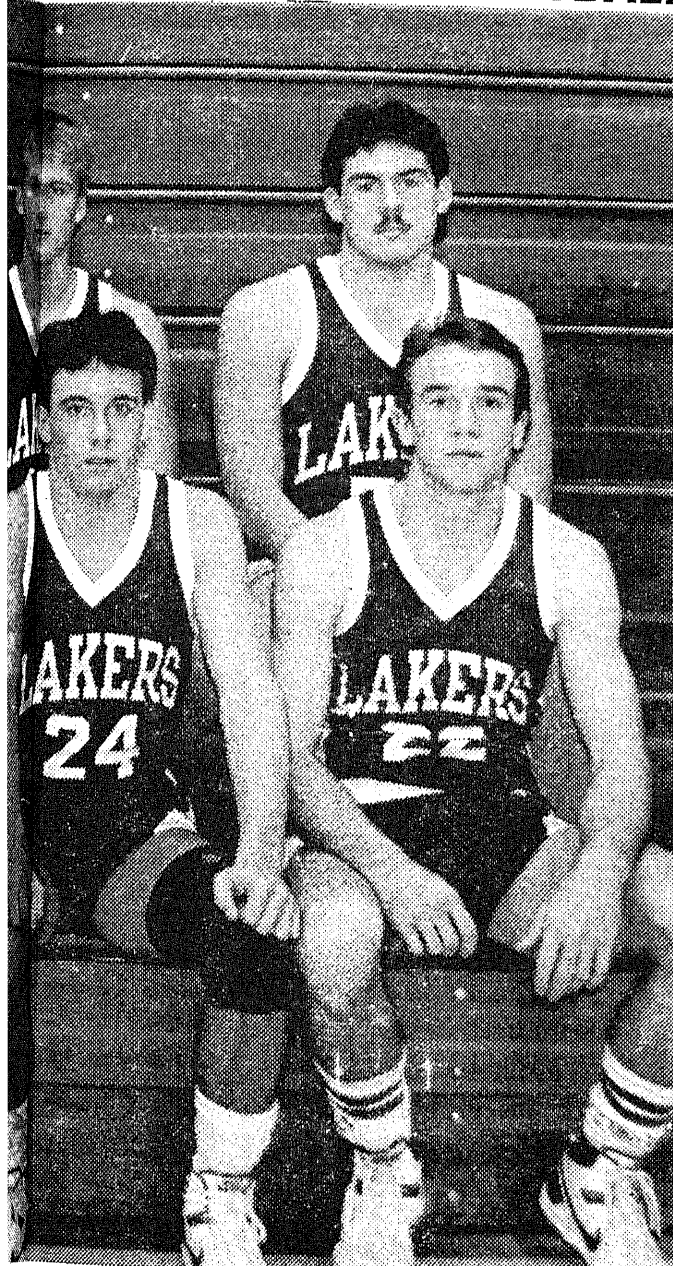
The new three-point shot rule coming into play this year (from 19.8 feet and further away) won't be utilized often, since the Laker height advantage under the boards offers more possibilities.

GOOD BALANCE: Wertz led the Lakers in rebounding last year and was second-high in scoring



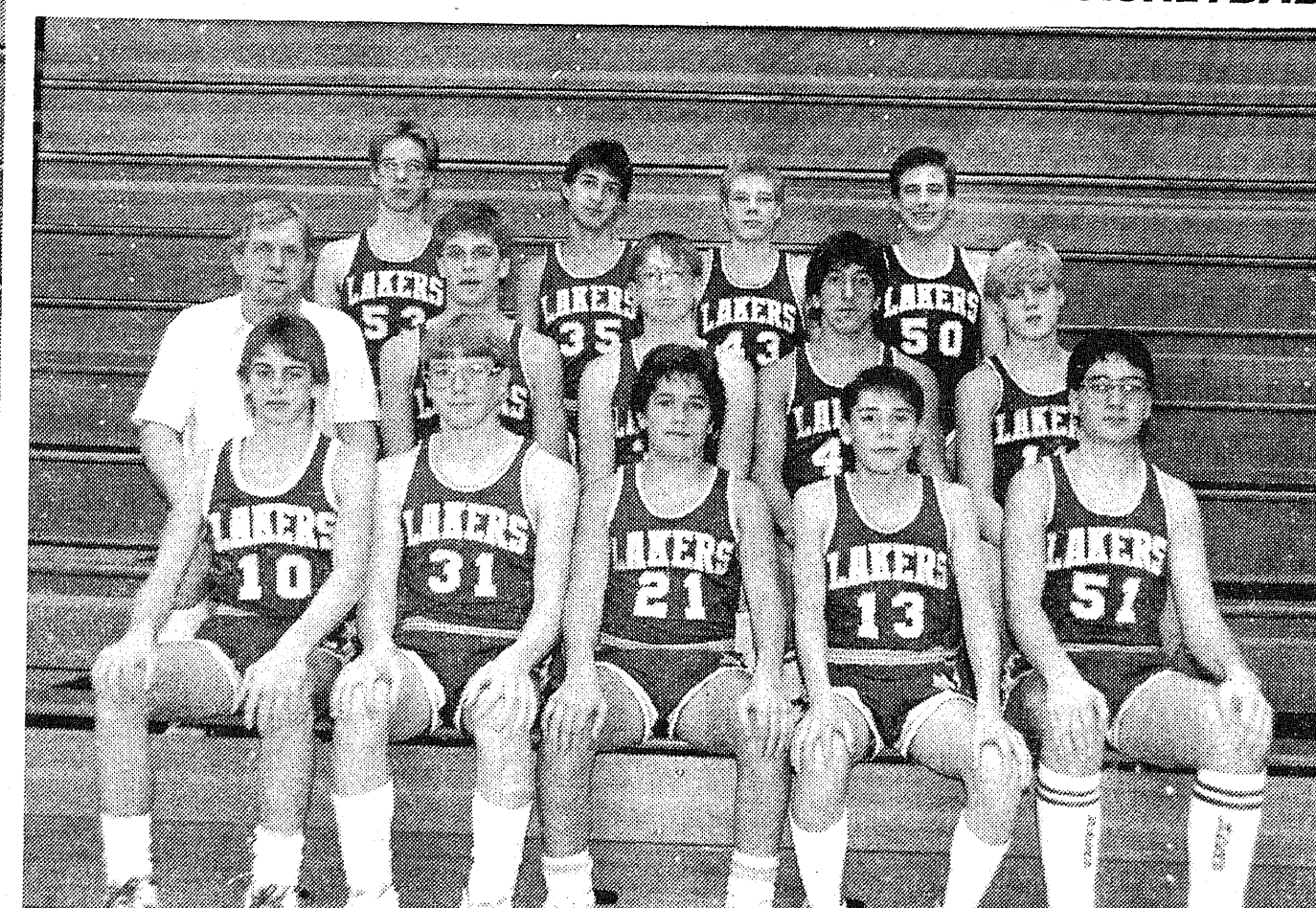
LAKER VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, front row, pictured from left, Kevin Wolfram, Mark Kretzschmer, Jay Anthes, Jeff Sturm and Dean Roestel; back row, Coach Bill McLellan, Paul Elenbaum, Kel Hill, Kendall Wertz and Kevin Wissner.

Varsity Basketball



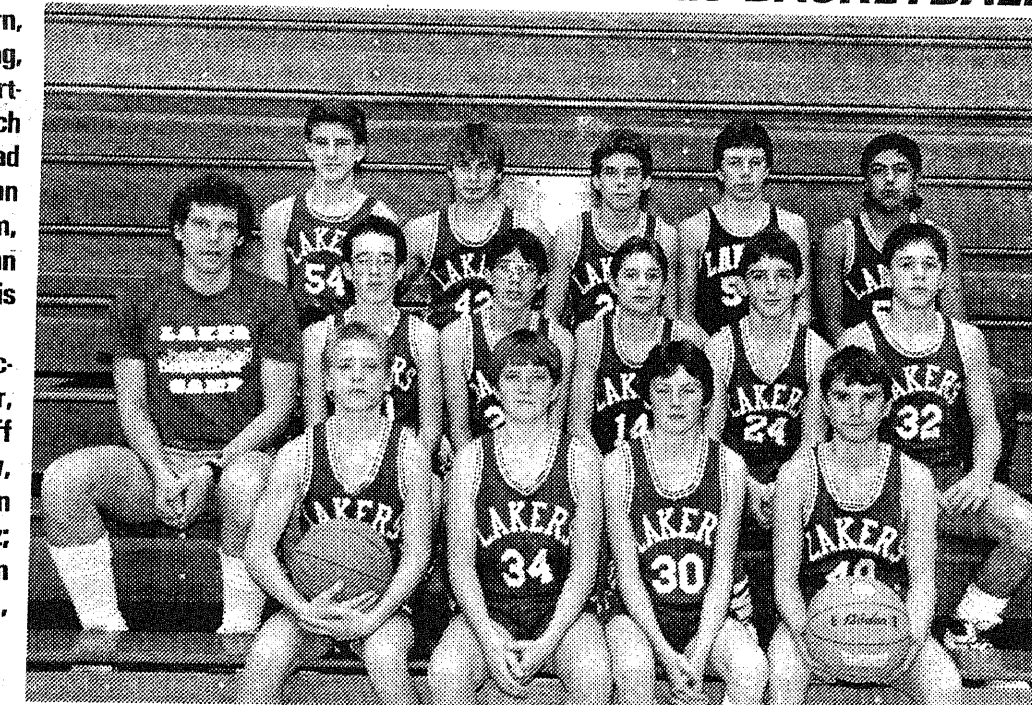
Varsity Basketball team photo

Junior Varsity Basketball



JUNIOR VARSITY, front row, pictured from left, Geoff Horn, Matt Furness, Bryan Young, Scott Schmidt and Brian Swartzendruber; middle row, Coach George Gardy, Tim Voss, Chad Esch, Mike Schmitt, Sean House; back row, Ricky Behm, Billy McLellan, Marc Hill, Brian Bushey. Missing from photo is Aron Jahr.

Freshman Basketball



FRESHMEN, front row, pictured from left, Dale Muether, Jeff Daniels, Craig Sears, Jeff Swartzendruber; middle row, Jeremy Eden, Tom Prill, Brian Fritz, Don Limberger, Phil Nusz; back row, Brian Ignash, Kevin Fritz, Rick Dufty, Brian Keim, Dan Gonzales.

with 10.6 per game. And, with center Kel Hill bringing all 6'7" of his height back into play after a mid-season injury last year, the Green Machine seem to be head and shoulders above the other TBA teams.

The Lakers were 17-7 last year, ending with the 64-59 regional loss to Flint Academy.

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

Varsity Boys Basketball

Tue. Dec. 8	Valley Lutheran	A
Fri. Dec. 11	Vassar	H
Tue. Dec. 15	Cass City	A
Fri. Dec. 18	Bad Axe	A
Tue. Jan. 5	USA	A
Fri. Jan. 8	Marlette	H
Tue. Jan. 12	Ubyly	A
Fri. Jan. 15	North Branch	H
Tue. Jan. 19	Imlay City	A
Fri. Jan. 22	Caro	A
Fri. Jan. 29	Vassar	H
Tue. Feb. 2	USA	A
Fri. Feb. 5	Cass City	H
Tue. Feb. 9	Ubyly	A
Fri. Feb. 12	Bad Axe	H
Tue. Feb. 16	Marlette	H
Fri. Feb. 19	North Branch	H
Fri. Feb. 26	Imlay City	H
Tue. Mar. 1	Valley Lutheran	H
Fri. Mar. 4	Caro	H
Mon. Mar. 7	District	
Freshmen, 5:00	Junior High Gymnasium	
J.V., 6:30	High School Gymnasium	
Varsity, 8:00	High School Gymnasium	

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PIGEON TUESDAY LADIES LEAGUE

Thumbodds	28
Terra	27
Town & Country Beauty	25
LaFave Steel	24
Beachy Eggs	23
Grigg Greenhouse	23
Debbie's Catering	18
Diener's Home of FF	17
Moss Builders	16
The Treasure Cove	15
Pigeon IGA	14
Pigeon Lanes	12

High team series and game: Thumbodds 1823, Town and Country Beauty Shop 662.
High individual scores: A. Kleinfield 536 (235), J. Rosenthal 528 (189), J. Deering 523 (191), R. Voss 517 (196), T. Dietzel 513 (202), D. Quick 508, M. Timmons 501 (190), M. Meisinger 189.
Splits converted: 4-5 S. Erer; 3-10 T. Dietzel, B. Heintz; 2-7 B. Heintz; 4-5 D. Basinger; 5-7 M. Elmbaum; 5-6 G. Zimler; 5-7-9 A. Nowaczyk.

FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE

Pigeon Lanes	36
Active Feed	34
Co-op Elevator	27
Albrecht Auction	22
Caseville Fruit Market	21
Silver Dollar	16

High team series and game: Pigeon Lanes 2830 917-833-850, Active Feed 2471 (831-869), Co-op Elevator 2408 (850), Caseville Fruit Market 854, Silver Dollar 848.
High individual scores: D. McElpine 619 (235), V. Smith 562 (213), A. Gies 554 (205-201), D. Deering 551 (204), C. Bas-

WEDNESDAY PIGEON LADIES

Varty's	32
Cloud of Dust Ceramics	31
Bay Port State Bank	30 1/2
Ralph's Tavern	29 1/2
Haist Flowers	28 1/2
JuDen's	28
Miller High Life	26
Pigeon Auto Supply	25
Damm's Inc.	23 1/2
Bay Port Construction	23
Village Qwik Stop	21
Country Lane Video	14

High team series and game: Ralph's Tavern 2245 (754-751-740), Bay Port State Bank 2192 (761-738), Cloud of Dust Ceramics 2136 (793-722), Bay Port Construction 2123 (731-714), JuDen's 2111 (731-722), Miller High Life 721, Village Qwik Stop 716, Haist Flowers 709.
High individual scores: J. Rosenthal 541 (198-181), D. Yahn 523 (180-173-170), D. Deming 499 (181), J. Deering 489 (190), M. Erer 480 (201-182), A. Gotham 211, G. Finkbeiner 191, D. Dunn 186, A. Henne 180, L. Zarnke 179-173, D. Ziel 172, F. Richmond 170, S. Kraft 170.
Splits converted: 5-6-10 H. Strong, L. Saates, K. Christopher; 6-7-10 L. Wolfram; 3-4-7 D. Dunn; 4-5-7 G. Carpenter; 2-7 L. Rathje, D. Dunn, B. Forster, J. Rosenthal; 3-10 H. Strong, J. Deering, L. Osentoski; 5-6 D. Deming; 4-10 J. Rosenthal.
Dolores Kuch had consecutive games of 124-125-126.

ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES

Knechtel's Market	30 1/2
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THURSDAY NITERS

Village Barber	38
Fink's Farm Equip.	35
J & B Pig.	34
Want Ads	31
Lee's Landscaping	29
Serenity House	27
Scheurer Hospital	26
Pigeon Inn	26
Brighton Metal	25
Pigeon Telephone	24
McCormick Motors	19
Country Charm	18

High team series and game: Village Barber 2347 (776-827), J & B Pig. 2251 (773), Lee's 2244 (796), Fink's 2224 (762).
High individual scores: H. Collins 512 (191-193), A. Lackie 511 (180-187), J. Otto 494 (188), T. Gnagey 490 (189), B. Schulz 485 (182), A. Buschlen 484 (180), A. Albrecht 477, B. Heintz 470, E. Gunden 467, P. Schulz 466 (199), P. Parrish 461, P. Pobanz 461 (175), A. Dubs 459 (174), P. Niebel 456, C. Dubs 188, F. Otto 182, J. Poisson 170.

ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE

Finkbeiner's Farm Equip.	48
Don's Barber Shop	47

High individual scores: P. Seemann 616 (221-200), Roger Koch 586 (204-202), O. Murdoch 568 (214-200), D. Parrish 563 (216), R. Damm 562 (215), E. Shepherd 557 (214), T. Damm 547 (202), Troy Gunden 547, B. Diener 546 (204), B. Anthes 546 (203), T. Koch 544 (200), J. Gunden 542, A. Kraft 209, T. Swartzendruber 205, D. Schulz 202, N. Libka 200.

THURSDAY NITERS

George's Bar	34
Pigeon Lanes	32
Owik Stop	26
Millers	25
Bay Shore Collision	25
Pigeon Motor Sales	24
Damm's Inc.	22 1/2
J & B Pig.	19
Bay Shore Realty	15 1/2
J.O. Wurst Tiling	15
Brighton Metal	14
Walsh Packing	12

High team series and game: George's Bar 2662 (905-901-956), J. O. Wurst Tiling 2565 (879-868), Damm's 2545 (891), Millers 2519 (889-864), Pigeon Motors 2507 (863), Bay Shore Collision 883, Qwik Stop 857, J & B Pig. 855.
High individual scores: P. Seemann 616 (221-200), Roger Koch 586 (204-202), O. Murdoch 568 (214-200), D. Parrish 563 (216), R. Damm 562 (215), E. Shepherd 557 (214), T. Damm 547 (202), Troy Gunden 547, B. Diener 546 (204), B. Anthes 546 (203), T. Koch 544 (200), J. Gunden 542, A. Kraft 209, T. Swartzendruber 205, D. Schulz 202, N. Libka 200.

TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

Dutch Kettle	33
Arlen's Duck Inn	32
Kretzschmer HC	25
Steinman Agency	25
Pigeon Inn	24
Coors	24
Pigeon Lumber	23
*Farm Crest Foods	22
Pioneer Cablevision	21
Ralph's Tavern	20
*Bob Smith Builders	16
**Osentoski Ford Tractor	15

High team series and game: Don's Barber Shop 2647 (930), Elkton Petroleum 2543 (876), Finkbeiner's Farm Equip. 2506 (842).
High individual scores: G. Willoughby 577 (216), Kinsey Hazard 572 (214), J. Jaworski 564 (218), J. Bernhardt 545 (213), S. Hurlburt 544 (210), T. Willis 540 (207), D. Smith 533 (204), K. Hazard 532, J. Lackie 514, B. McFee 501 (206), G. Hay 501, Ken Hazard 500 (201).
Splits converted: 3-10 T. Kempisty, J. Radomski (2), W. Schember; 5-10 K. Smith; 5-8-10 J. Radomski; 5-6 E. Steinhurst.

MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

George's Bar	34
Pigeon Lanes	32
Owik Stop	26
Millers	25
Bay Shore Collision	25
Pigeon Motor Sales	24
Damm's Inc.	22 1/2
J & B Pig.	19
Bay Shore Realty	15 1/2
J.O. Wurst Tiling	15
Brighton Metal	14
Walsh Packing	12

TY'S SUNDAY NIGHT ROLLERS

G.W. Engine Repair	18
H & R Block	18
Ty's Bowling Lounge	17
Video Spotlight	14
Pizza Pizza	14
Miller Lite	12
Souletown Farms	11
Finkbeiner Farm Equip.	8

High team series and game: Four Spares 1545 (579).
High individual scores: K. Ginter 442 (168).
Splits converted: 2-5-7, 5-6 B. Forster; 5-7 V. Bixler.

GUYS AND DOLLS

Gunden-Rapson	23
Christner-Henne	21
Roestel-Strauch	19
Beachy-Weidman	18
*Heintz-Hundersmark	18
Dubs-Smith	17 1/2
Elbing-Roestel	16 1/2
Cusimano-McCrimmon	15
*Kretzschmer-Thiel	15
Morin-Rowe	11
Dunn-Seemann	9
Dietzel-Swartzendruber	5

High team series and game: Gunden-Rapson 2094 (753-701), Beachy-Weidman 2084 (799), Heintz-Hundersmark 1936, Dubs-Smith 708.
High individual scores: MEN - D. Parrish 580 (203), J. Dubs 573 (203), J. Gunden 547 (223), D. Rapson 530, E. McCrimmon 523, H. Rollo 522, J. Dunn 522 (200), H. Weidman 503 (205), R. Heintz 503, F. Hundersmark 205; WOMEN - E. Gunden 627 (227-201-199), B. Heintz 547 (220-176), A. Elbing 536 (182-195), T. Dietzel 500 (208), L. Rollo 499 (209-170), A. Weidman 461, R. Seemann 201, A. Dubs 180.

TY'S TUESDAY P.M. LADIES LEAGUE

Alley Cats	30
Four Spares	21
Unpredictables	20 1/2
Not-so-old Timers	8 1/2

TY'S SATURDAY GRANDMAS-GRANDPAS

Rosenthal-Buchholz	11
Krohn-Klosowski	10
Burk-Leppke	6
Gayari-Morin	5

High team series and game: Rosenthal-Buchholz 1721, Burk-Leppke 588.
High individual scores: Burk 503 (177), I. Buchholz 410 (153).
Six consecutive strikes: J. Jaworski.
Splits converted: 3-10 D. Krohn, P. Gayari, M. Hyzer, G. Finkbeiner, L. Kelly, C. Finkbeiner; 5-10 P. Przystup, G. Finkbeiner; 2-7 D. Schafer; 2-9 T. Dubey; 2-5-7 D. Schulz.

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I see more road signs missing and I presume people are stealing them. Don't do it, kids, just for a display in your room. Not only is it against the law, it's also very dangerous to have those signs gone.

The writer of the "Recollections of the Good Old Days" had a birthday on Dec. 6. Wouldn't it be nice to send him a card or greeting, to let him know you read them? I know he'd appreciate it.

I was in Caseville last week and couldn't believe what I saw. Since when do the people of Caseville pay their police to pick up dogs and return them to their owners?

I'd like to know where the person said they saw four sets of tracks - a possum, raccoon, dog and cat - say the possums and raccoons are welcomed, but the dogs and cats aren't?

I'd also like to know why this person who's complaining about no hunting on Sunday is really stupid, why don't they just hunt on a couple week days and then don't just hunt on Sundays at all?

I don't think it's dumb. It seems real sensible to me.

I can't believe some parents leave their children, less than 11 years old, home alone when they bowl or play cards or do whatever? Don't you people care at all about your kids? You don't act like it.

Why do so many people pull out on the road in front of oncoming cars? We're driving along, with the right of way, and they must slow down for these inconsiderate slob. We have to brake, and then pass, when they should have waited all along until our 55-mph car goes by. Get with it and wait your turn, dummies!

The senior football players for Lakers wish to thank T.A. for all the help he gave us the last few years.

The red-ribbon trees on the streets of Pigeon are my favorite Christmas decorations. Thank you.

To the owners of the black and white dog that sits in the middle of Berne Road: I use this road every day to go back and forth to work. Would you please tie him up, for his own safety? If you don't, I'll have to call the proper authorities.

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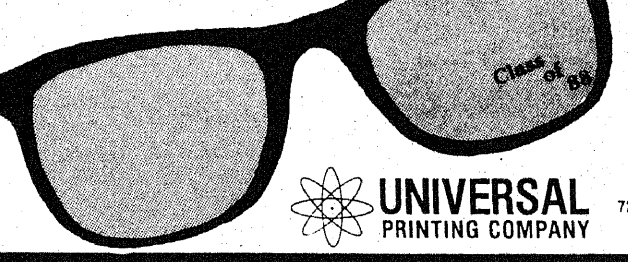
News and views from Lake-Chandler

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Snider spent a week, including Thanksgiving, with their daughter Cathy and Al Wenzel and sons of Freeport, Ill. They also spent a

weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bittner in Battle Creek, where Mr. and Mrs. John Knechtel were also visitors. Worthy Study Club meets

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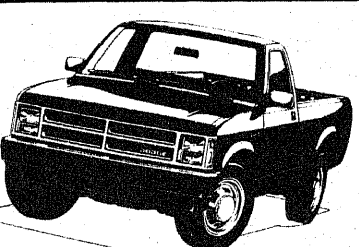
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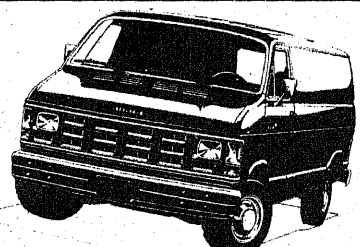
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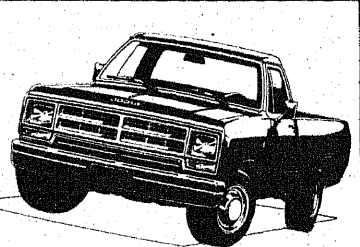
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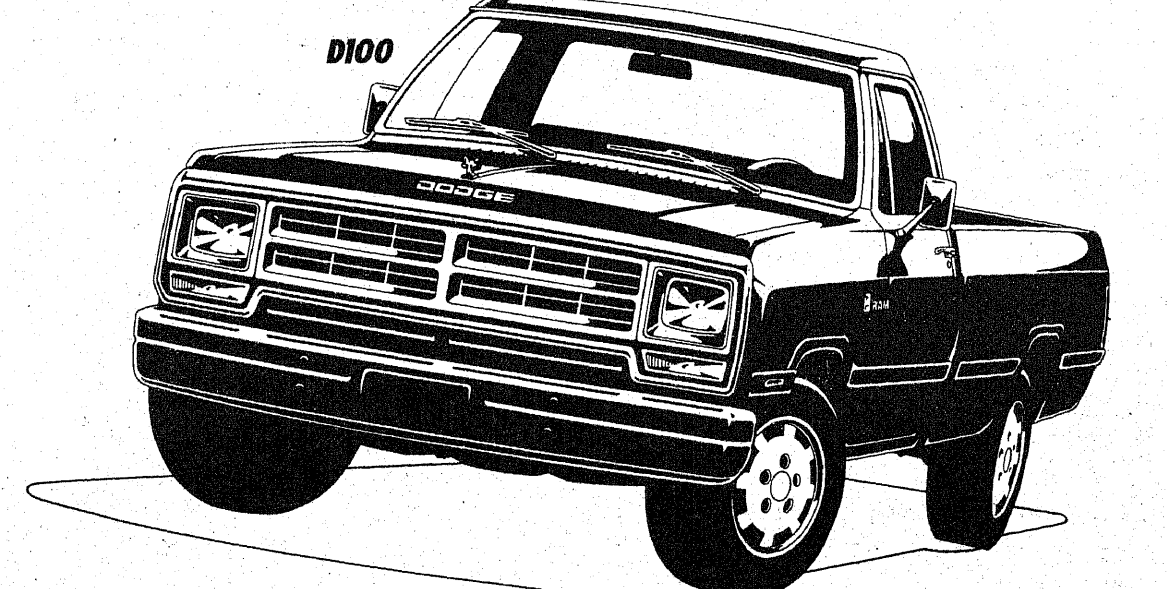
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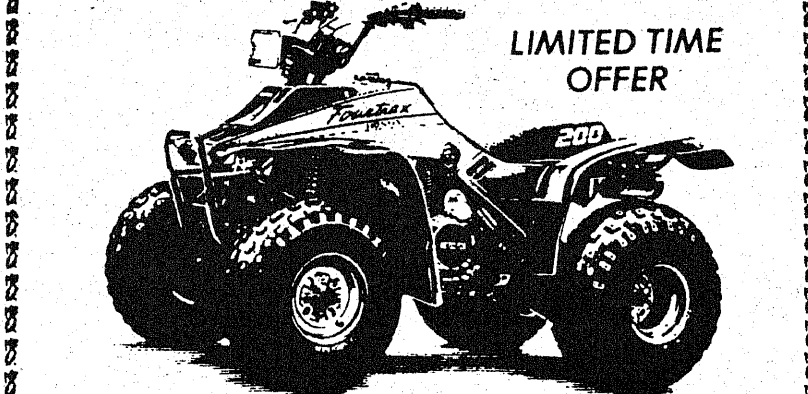
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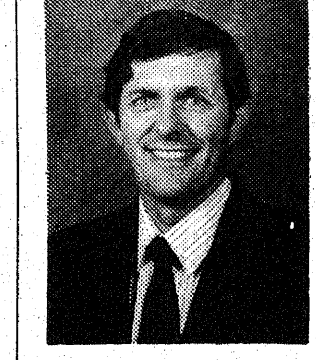
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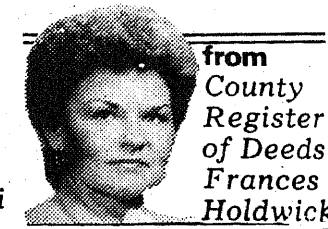


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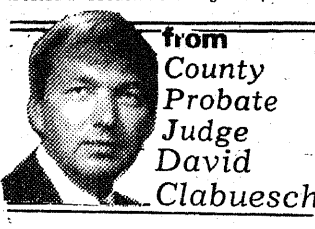
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Roland J. Symons and Mary T. to Kirkpatrick Farms, Inc.; a parcel of land located in Section 25 of Dwight Twp.
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Larry Werner and Joyce L. to Jeffrey Allen Braun and Patti Ann; a parcel of land located in Section 23 of Verona Twp.
Earl Coates to Dan A. Franzel and Mary Ellen; a parcel of land located in Section 18 of Lincoln Twp.
Wayne F. Smith and Miriam J. to Wayne F. Smith and Miriam J.; a parcel of land located in Section 7 of Dwight Twp.
Dorothy C. Neilson and Mildred Ferris to Eugene Glaba and John Pizzo and Sergio Guerra and John Fabre; a parcel of land located in Section 17 of Sherman Twp.
Jacqueline Boynton to Robert E. Gorr and Loretta J.; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.
James R. Frye and Inez H. to Gino Pitato and Eleanor; a parcel of land located in Section 3 of Huron Twp.

ASSUMED NAMES
NO. 4494 GENTNER EXCAVATING, 7603 Munford Road, Ruth, MI 48470. By: Raymond J. Gentner, 7603 Munford Road, Ruth, MI 48470. Filed: 11/27/87

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Top roller of week

The Thumb Area Women's Bowling Association "Bowler of the Week" for Nov. 16-22 is Julie Schipinski, with an actual series of 596.

She rolled games of 189, 223 and a 184 on the Thumb Excavating Team on the Monday Night Ladies League at Biff's, Kinde.

Other 550 and higher series bowled were: Judy Ostrander 590, Bad Axe Lanes; Cindy Russell 587, Blue Water Lanes, Harbor Beach; June Lapp 584, Char-mont, Cass City; Jan Deering 579, Pigeon Lanes; Kathy Summers 571, Mae Hoffman 556 and omitted from last week, Emily Ginter 595, all from Bad Axe Lanes.

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Lake-Chandler news items

By MILDRED BALLAGH
The Caseville Area Enrichment group will conduct their fourth annual Christmas Dinner Party at the Sandpiper Restaurant, Caseville. For entertainment, the Watterworth boys and friends of the Detroit area will present a vocal music program, accompanied by a guest concert pianist.

Beatrice Stange of Bay City spent a week with her sister, Mrs. Walter Bedford. Other Thanksgiving guests were Neal Bedford of Ypsilanti and Gerlinda Melchiori and children Andrea and Detmar of Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Simmons, Jr. entertained at a dinner on Thanksgiving with guests Mr. and Mrs. Les Simmons Sr., Richard Groth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simmons and son Ryan of Caseville, Donna Cross and son Keith of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Simmons and family of Kinde, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steibs and children Amy and Dennis of Filon.

Mr. and Mrs. William McBride spent several days with Don and Judy McBride in Saginaw. Other Thanksgiving Day dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McBride of Lake Orion.

Bob Weber of Pontiac spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McBride. Spending Thanksgiving with Bob Watterworth were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watterworth, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Watterworth and Katherine Morgan of Caseville, Mrs. Alan Watterworth and family of Flushing and Richard Watterworth of Sterling Heights.

Jim Dufty and son Jeff of Weidman spent several days with Mrs. Roy Dufty.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride of St. Helen spent several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watterworth were Thanksgiving guests of their daughter and family, Barbara and Bill Geilow of Marlette.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ross of Mt. Morris.

Pigeon news

Mrs. Elsie Kern entertained on Saturday for dinner, Pastor and Mrs. John Merrill and children Kevin, Brian and Jennifer of Lincoln Park. Mrs. Dorothy Renker, Mrs. Ella Ziel, Richard Welchner, of Sebawaing, Kimberly Kern of Aurora, Ind., Kent Kern of Concordia College, Ann Arbor and Mrs. Sharon Kern and son Karl.

The Region Seven Area Agency on Aging hosted a Christmas Party on Thursday for the 10 Huron County ladies who received the "First Lady Award." Among those present at the Elks Club in Bay City were Mrs. Elsie Kern.

Mrs. Mike Stodola and son Joseph of Jenison are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Elftman and Dave.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dem-

ing took their son, Thomas and grandsons Travis and Christopher and her sister, Mrs. Beverly Simmons, of Caseville to dinner in Frankenmuth on Saturday, to enjoy the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean and family enjoyed Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dean in Crosswell.

Luther Frederick and son Kenneth of Albuquerque,

N.M. are spending several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke and other relatives. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke and girls in Sterling Heights and some of Luther's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Jimmy were Thanksgiving weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rathke attended the Farm Bureau convention in Grand Rapids last week.

Mrs. Wilma (Tuescher) Mast of Indiana spent the week with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Teuscher. Mildred Mast spent the weekend with Mrs. Teuscher. Then Mrs. Mast returned home with her husband to Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schulze spent Thanksgiving weekend at their farm in Spratt.

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PIGEON: Jeffrey Davidson.

ELKTON: Mrs. Gary (Theresa) Miller.

SEBEWAING: Leon Gruehn, Mrs. Pearl Hallow, Mrs. Ervin (Virginia) Haley.

CASEVILLE: Ernest Ruff, Miss Lauren Rowe.

UNIONVILLE: Mrs. Dale (Emma) LaPratt.

BIRTHS: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Theresa) Miller, Elkton, a son, Gary Charles, on Dec. 6.

• Born to Sylvia Lopez, Sebawaing, a daughter, Vanessa Rennee, on Dec. 1.

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Woods & Waters

BY DUANE GUENTHER

Wall-to-wall walleyes

A resident from out-of-state said it best. "People in Michigan don't know how good they have it, a poor day of Walleye fishing here would be a great day of fishing anywhere else."

This particular statement came from a person who had just completed a Walleye tournament held in the Tri-City area and was relating his feeling about the Walleye fishing that abounds in the river system near Saginaw. The river system that, a few years ago, was considered on the verge of dying, but now is on the threshold of becoming the most fantastic Walleye fishery in the world.

While the Saginaw is the main river in the system, and the one which funnels the Walleyes in from Saginaw Bay during their fall migration, one of its tributaries gains the most attention of fishermen. This tributary, the Tittabawassee, originates in southern Roscommon County. Traveling in a southerly direction, it is joined east of Beaverton by the Tobacco River and later picks up the Chippewa River near Midland. From there, it winds toward Saginaw and meets the Bad, Flint and Cass just south of the city to make up the Saginaw River. Near Midland between the mouth of the Tittabawassee and the dam, which impedes the upstream migration of fish, lies an area of water which literally has wall-to-wall Walleyes in the fall.

Why the fish choose this particular tributary is not perfectly clear. Some biologists claim it is the large concentration of gizzard shad, a bait fish high on the Walleye's dietary list. Others feel the flow of the Tittabawassee's waters are the strongest of all the tributaries, and therefore draws the fish upstream. It has even been said the gravitational pull, set up by the rotation of the earth, will make fish choose the waterways that curve to the right. Whatever the reason, the Walleyes are there each fall, and lately, the fishermen numbers have been increasing proportionately.

The lure of any new fishery is bound to produce new fishing methods, or at least, redesign some old, tested ones. This fact has held true on the Tittabawassee, and while most anglers catch fish, there are a few who have reached the pinnacle of expertness, and with it come the trials and tribulations of being a champion. Such is the case with 2 Thumb area anglers who have become marked men on the Tittabawassee.

Their fishing procedure is time-tested

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and has been proven throughout many years, but their ingenuity has added a few new wrinkles which vaults them to the head of the piscatorial class.

Their fishing craft is a lightweight, 12-foot aluminum boat, easy to drag down a steep bank. There are few boat launches on the river, and those that are called launches offer little more than a muddy bank. The boat is powered by a small outboard which propels them back upriver after a drifting session, and it also sports an electric trolling motor that serves to keep the small craft in a fish-producing position throughout the drift.

Rods are lightweight to detect the soft strike of the Walleye, and loaded with strong, but low poundage monofilament. The lures are simple lead-head jigs painted in secret colors and each sports a 3 to 4-inch minnow hooked through the lips.

The lures are fished in front of the drifting boat, thereby enabling the anglers to watch the river ahead. Numerous boats, strong currents, sweeping branches and constant hangups tend to make the river precarious for drifting, but the electric trolling motor controls all of these problems with ease.

Armed with this fishing method and an uncanny feel for the fish, our 2 angling heroes score heavily on the active Walleye population. On a bad day they hook and land between 15 to 20 fish, and on a normal day the take is nearer 40.

With the limit being 5 fish per angler, it allows the fishermen to do a lot of picking and choosing before they dump 10 fish in the 6 to 10-pound class on my driveway and innocently ask if I could spare a plastic bag so they won't get the bed of their pickup messy.

But, I have some consolation. Lately their boat has definitely become marked. Jeers and taunts, shouted from the shore, waft across the water, and larger boats, under the guise of looking for fish, have come precariously close to ramming them and sinking the formidable fishing craft once and for all.

Fishermen as a whole, are a friendly lot, that is, if they're not outfished by strangers day, after day, after day, after day.....



BROWSING and buying was an enjoyable activity for shoppers at the Elkon Open House Arts and Crafts Bazaar, sponsored Sunday at the Elkon Civic Center as part of the Elkon Christmas Open House.

PHOTO BY AMY HEIDEN

Bad Axe homes host Yule Walk

Bad Axe Historical Society will sponsor a "Christmas Walk" through two vintage Bad Axe homes, decorated especially for the holiday season, from 1-4:30 p.m., this Sunday, Dec. 13, according to Ruth Lenehan. The public is invited.

Groups will tour the Hearsch home at 305 W. Huron Street, and the Lynch home at 311 W. Huron Street. Bad Axe area florists will add colorful, festive touches to each of these homes.

Refreshments will be served and carols played on the Society's restored, 105-year-old pump organ.

Tickets are available at the door, and all proceeds will be used for Society projects.

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THE GREATEST PAIN

Sometimes the loss of a loved one can bring the most overwhelming pain, the kind that can barely be endured. It may seem impossible to ever really recover from that loss, and yet most people do. Unless the grief becomes pathological or obsessive, somehow it does abate. No matter how intense, no matter how many mornings one wakes up feeling as depressed as the day before, the time will come when the pain eases.

Of course, the sadness never disappears entirely, not if the person was much cherished. It is hard to imagine the

DIRECTOR parents of a deceased child ever ceasing to feel sorrow for their loss. It is hard to imagine how the survivor of a happy marriage could ever stop missing the lost mate, no matter how many years they are separated by death. Most of us, however, do come to terms with bereavement pain and do reach and ACCOMMODATION with grief. We may never forget the loss, but we can recall it with equanimity.
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DECEMBER 1, 1987 REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting for the Elkon Village Council was called to order by President Ropp at 7:30 p.m. Present: Thompson, Fisher, Cunningham, and Wilson. Pre-excused for late arrival was Santos with Koehler excused.

Minutes were approved as read.

Ambulance Committee reported that they were meeting Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. for a demonstration of one-man cots.

Motion by Wilson supported by Fisher to offer 18' x 70' section of municipal parking lot to Bob Hunter for \$7,000.00 for purpose of Post Office expansion project. Carried.

Motion by Cunningham supported by Thompson to adopt Policies for Firearms and Use of Deadly Weapons as previously reviewed. Carried.

Motion by Fisher supported by Wilson to hire two substitute crossing guards, Donna Phillips and Janet Rokicki as recommended by Police Committee. Carried.

Motion by Thompson supported by Fisher to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Don Hydorn requested to have a garage door installed on the east side entrance. Matter was tabled until proper cost figures could be given.

Motion by Cunningham supported by Wilson to pay Walt 5 1/2 hours of overtime for attending seminar at Grayling for travel time. No yeas. Two nays. The breaking vote by Pres. Ropp, yeas. Motion carried.

Motion by Cunningham supported by Thompson to let Don Hydorn attend mid-winter conference for Police Chire at Grand Rapids on Feb. 3-5, 1988 using 302 funds for cost of \$281.22. Carried.

Motion by Fisher supported by Wilson to give \$100.00 savings bonds to Village Employees for Christmas bonus. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Janet Santos, Clerk

Thanks

BY PERCY ROSS



You may write to Percy Ross in care of The Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, MN 55435. Please include your telephone number with your letter.

DEAR MR. ROSS:

My mom would have an ape fit if she knew I was writing you. She's a very proud lady and doesn't accept charity from anyone. But I'm not writing for yer -- it's for me, my brother and sister. We don't have any decent clothes to wear to school.

It's not our mom's fault -- she does the very best she can. She works as a cleaning lady and sometimes has -- blembs finding enough work. The money she set aside for school clothes was all drunk up by dad. He doesn't live with us, but sometimes he comes around and steals from us.

The last time he threatened my mom with a knife, so I gave him all the money we had. I hate him for what he's done. I'll never be a drunk like he is! I'm not asking for designer clothes, Mr. Ross -- just pants and blouses and some shirts for my brother. You don't know how hard it is in school when kids laugh at your clothes.

I pray every night that our family won't have to live like this much longer. Why is the world so unfair? -- B.T. Birmingham, Ala.

DEAR B.:
 When I was your age, I asked the very same question. The answer I got was... if I worked hard and made sacrifices, I could turn my situation around.

The \$500 I've mailed your mom is enough to purchase some clothes for you, your brother and sister. I hope you see it as an incentive to keep pushing ahead and working toward a better future.

DEAR MR. ROSS:
 Hopefully you'll help me with a problem. I'm a senior citizen who runs out of money long before my Social Security check arrives. With no money to buy food, I go to restaurants and charge it on my Visa card.

I hope to pay the Visa charges with fast running racetrack horses, but so far my choices have been lazy and tired (kind of like me).

Do not send money as I am unworthy of your generosity. Just advise me. -- Mrs. L.M., N.Y., N.Y.

DEAR MRS. M.:
 Go with a sure bet... pay your Visa charge with the money you've been spending on the horses. You can't lose!

DEAR MR. ROSS:
 You probably remember how cold the winters are in Michigan. Let that thought in mind, let me tell you about a sweet, old man with cancer, who means so much to me.

He has no money for firewood and no furnace for a backup. The cost of wood is fiercely high here, but we found a place where you can cut your own wood for \$25 a cord.

He needs about six cords to get him through the winter. We could pay for it ourselves, but with a baby on the way, there's no extra money. What we are writing

to do is cut, stack and deliver the wood to him. Will you meet us halfway? -- Mr. and Mrs. M.C., Traverse City, MI.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. C.:
 You struck a familiar cord with me... cold Michigan winters. And with an offer like yours, how can I refuse? My check's in the mail. Thanks for being good people and extending yourselves to others in need.

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I simply can't wait any longer! All my kitchen appliances are obsolete, especially the sink. Where's the \$15,000 I requested over six months ago to remodel my kitchen? -- Mrs. F.C., Plainview, Tex.

DEAR MRS. C.:
 I'm holding onto the \$15,000. As for your request... it went down the drain.

Achievements

After extensive training in Travel and Tourism, Michele Conrad of Pigeon is a successful graduate of Southeastern Academy, located in Kissimmee, Fla.

To complete the program of study, Conrad met the requirements for specialized occupational training, plus work in business professionalism and career development.



MICHELE CONRAD

Elkon news

Patrick Reilly and Matt Reilly of Port Austin spent three days at their cabin near Hillman.

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In order to close the Estate the Independent Co-Personal Representatives will receive sealed bids until 4:30 p.m. on December 29, 1987, for the sale of the following described parcel of land located in Brookfield Township, Huron County, Michigan:

The Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Township 15 North, Range 10 East, Brookfield Township, Huron County, Michigan, containing 41.35 acres, more or less.

Bids may be mailed or delivered to the office of Michael D. Otto, Attorney at Law, 7340 Michigan Avenue, Pigeon, Michigan, 48755, on or before Tuesday, December 29, 1987, and will be opened at said office on said date at 4:30 p.m.

The Independent Co-Personal Representatives reserve the right to accept or reject any bid. Persons who have submitted bids will be given the opportunity to raise their bid at the bid opening. A ten percent (10%) deposit will be required on any bid accepted. Abstract of Title or Title Insurance will be furnished for examination and approval of buyer prior to closing of sale. Parcel may sold on terms acceptable to the Estate. All sales subject to approval of Huron County Probate Court.

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Week of Dec. 14-18
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 MONDAY: Egg/Muffin,
 ham, applesauce/peaches

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, fries, baked beans, cottage cheese, pineapple/pears, milk.
 THURSDAY: Tacos, casserole, green beans, peaches/pears, bread.

LAKER SCHOOLS
 MONDAY: Tacos.
 TUESDAY: Big Mac.
 WEDNESDAY: Chili and bologna sandwich.
 FRIDAY: Cook's choice.

TUESDAY: stew, lettuce salad, raisins, pudding, bread, milk.
 casseroles, green beans, stuffing.
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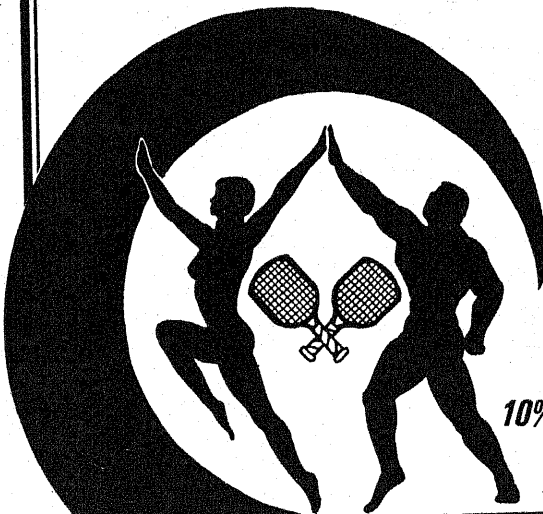
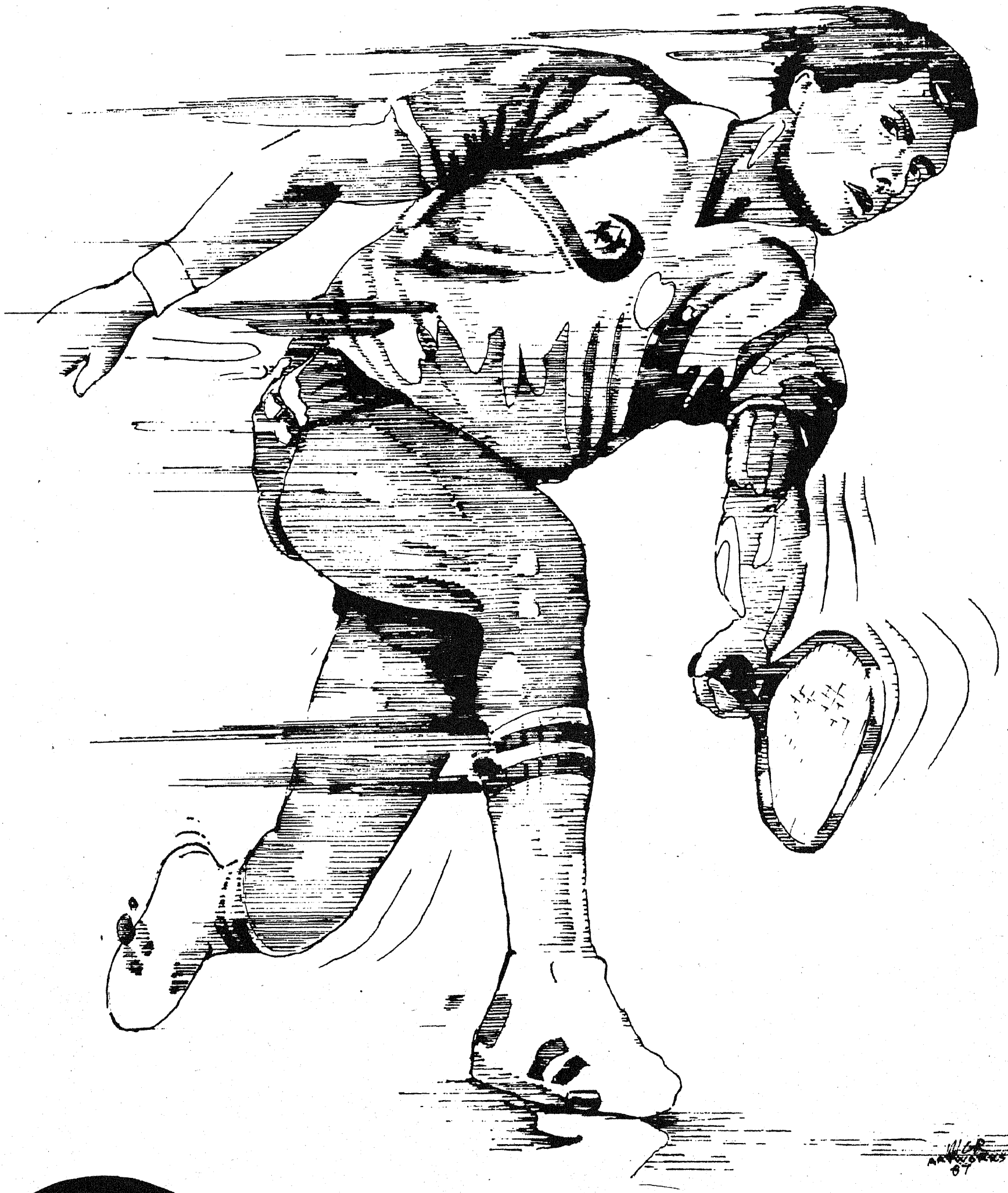
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