Laker Board fights negative tax letters

By AMY HEIDEN

Laker School District officials are upset about what they consider unfair statements made in a letter written to Lake Township taxpayers by Township Supervisor Joe Feger, which was enclosed with tax notices.

Lake Township resident and board member Yemen Bashey read parts of the letter to the board at their meeting Monday night. Some Lake Township parcels are included in the Laker School District, while others are in the North Huron District.

"I think we need to find a way to get the facts in Lake Township voters...Maybe we can enclose a letter with their tax receipt," said Bashey.

Officials said the school district's attorney had been contacted in an effort to counteract Feger's letter and to consider possible legal actions.

ALONE: Laker Supt. Harry Brunet said Laker District had always worked closely with other local township officials. That Laker Township was the only one that had enclosed such letters with tax notices.

LATCHKEY STARTS: The Laker School Board also announced the district's after-school Latchkey program will begin Jan. 1. If a sufficient number of children are enrolled, the program offers supervision for children after school until 6 p.m.

Brunet said he has visited other Latchkey operations in the state and noted the Laker program will be able to charge far less than other setups.

"We don't want to make any money on the program and break even," Brunet said. "It's also said at least 25 children needed to be enrolled in both the Elkton and Pigeon centers for the program to go off the ground.

"I think it's a good program. We have two very qualified supervisors to plan activities. Tracy Postale, who will oversee activities in Elkton, has an Associate's degree in child care, and Linda King, Pigeon's supervisor, has years of experience," said Brunet.

AIRS TRAINING: Brunet informed the Board that the state will soon mandate "air" training for principals. A model curriculum had been set up by the state.

Please turn to page 31

"MESSIAH" IS COMING: The Laker Community Chorus will present "Messiah" this Sunday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. at the Laker auditorium.

Robin Staunton of Bay City will be the director, and Panic Dubey of Pigeon will be the accompanist.

The "Messiah" is written in three parts. Part I begins with Jesus' coming and birth and ends with a foretelling of what is to come. Part II details Christ's crucifixion and the famous Hallelujah Chorus celebrates the kingpin of Christ.

Part III tells of the benefit of Christ's sacrifice—reconciliation, redemption and victory over death.

The Laker Community Chorus, shown here in practice, will present selections from each section of the "Messiah." And, scripture readings between selections will provide continuity. Admission is free, and all are welcome to be there.

Two Pigeon winners!

Week 14 Winner: SHRINE KASSMAN

Week 13 Winner: VICKIE KAFK

See details on page 3. - AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

IT'S WRITING CONTEST TIME OF THE WESTERN THUMBS!

Your entries are still welcome in our ninth annual "Christmas Magazine" Writing Contest! Be sure we have yours by Dec. 31st.

For those that entered last year, you'll recall we paid out $1000 in prizes for the first time. This year we've doubled the purse! We're looking for the best entries from "Christmas Magazine" readers in the Lake Michigan Coastal Region. Five winners will share the $2000 purse! One grand prize winner will receive $1000, and four winners will receive $250 each. The winner will be announced on Christmas Day and the winners will be featured in the magazine.

Judging will be done by professional writers who are members of the Michigan Press Association. The winners will be announced on Christmas Day and you can read all about the winners in the next issue of "Christmas Magazine." Published by the Pigeon Public Library, Pigeon, MI 48469-9704.
WE'RE ALL DECKED OUT!

For Pigeon's Christmas Season

WIN A NEW CAR!
FREE Soup
FREE Horse Rides

Visit Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus Each Saturday
Shop Locally and Save Time and Money!

Children, Teen & Adult Drawings Weekly

SHOP IN PIGEON

1988 Automobile!

$10 Names Will Be Drawn Each Saturday at 4 p.m.

Contest Rules:
1. You Must Be 21 Years Old To Enter.
2. One Name Per Person. In November Family May Enter 4 Names.
3. May Enter 2 Parties Per Name. Must Be Present By 4:15 C.S.T.

A New Chance To Win Each Week!!

LATCHKEY PROGRAM TO START JAN. 4

Responding to needs of parents in the Lakeview District, the Latchkey Program will now be available for children of Lakeview residents of Pigeon. Each day, until the children are picked up at 4 p.m., there will be a qualified person available to supervise the children, especially those who have nowhere else to go after school. The program is sponsored by the Lakeview District. The cost of the program is $2 per week for each child. Check can be sent to the Pigeon Chamber, 203 E. Washington St., Pigeon, MI 49764.

LATCHKEY PROGRAM

THUMB WEEKLY NEWS ROUND-UP

HURON, TOSULLA RAISE SAVINGS

With hate and threat of another year draws near, the Huron Community Bank in Huron and Touslula, Indiana, have increased their efforts to draw in deposits in their 5th year of business. Secretary and Manager Bert Pavesi, who has been in the bank for over 3 years, says it has been an excellent year for the bank. The bank has over 500 depositors, which is a large number for a community of this size. The bank has also increased its lending ability, and has been able to offer lower interest rates to its customers. The bank is located at 214 Washington St., Huron, and can be reached at 947-2100.

TEEN WINTER VACATION TRIPS

Vanguard Travel, which offers trips in sleeping cars, is offering a 3-day round-trip vacation to the Midwest for $150.00. The trip includes transportation, meals, and sightseeing tours. For more information, call Vanguard Travel at 947-5555.

ROAD COMMISSION CUTBACKS

Huron County Road Commission is to use winter maintenance funds this year. According to the Huron County Road Commission, the winter maintenance budget was cut by 15% this year. The reduction in the budget has caused a decrease in the number of winter maintenance vehicles and personnel. The Huron County Road Commission is responsible for maintaining the county's roads and highways. The commission is located at 123 Washington St., Huron, and can be reached at 947-2121.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

The Pigeon community has had its share of court proceedings recently. Judge John Smith heard several cases, and ruled that all were in accordance with the law. The judge is widely respected in the community for his fairness and integrity. He is known for his ability to handle cases efficiently and effectively.

ERICA MCLACHLAN

Pigeon Chamber Of Commerce

Sponsored By The Pigeon Chamber Of Commerce

For more information on these events, please contact the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce at 947-3333.
**Letters from our readers...**

*Girl Scouts say thanks*  

**DEAR EDITOR,**  

The Board of Directors of The Girl Scouts of America (GSA) in Illinois is very pleased to see “Girl Scouts say thanks” in The Progress Advance.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]

---

*Thank you for your efforts...*  

**DEAR EDITOR,**  

Thank you for your efforts in the area of Girl Scout volunteer appreciation.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]

---

*Girl Scouts celebrate!*  

**DEAR EDITOR,**  

Girl Scouts are celebrating this year due to the efforts of you and your newspaper.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]
Lakers start league play on wrong (losing) foot... 

By BLAKELEY

The Lakers were up by 14 points after 3:33 minutes of play, but then it all fell apart. By the 9:47 mark of the first quarter, the Lakers were down by one. They would never recover.

It was a wild game with plenty of heartbreak and heartache. Lower half was struggling with the shots, but everyone was false in the second half. The Lakers couldn’t hold the lead. The final score was 76-72.

FURTHER ACTION: The Lakers will face the league’s leading scorer, who scored 34 points in the team’s last game.

Lakers sweep Valley Lutheran ‘under carpet’

By BLAKELEY

The Lakers swept Valley Lutheran on Monday night, winning both games by large margins. The victory was the Lakers’ fourth straight.

In the first game, the Lakers’ defense held Valley Lutheran scoreless in the first half. The Lakers led by 14 points at the half.

In the second game, the Lakers’ offense exploded for 34 points, as they won by a margin of 22 points.

Laker wrestling still float

By BLAKELEY

The Lakers’ wrestling team is still on top. They ended the week with a 3-0 record, including a win over the state’s No. 1 team.

The Lakers have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming state tournament. They hope to bring home a state championship this year.

Laker Volleyball squads ready for ’88

By BLAKELEY

The Lakers’ volleyball teams are ready to take on the state’s top teams. They have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming season.

The Lakers have a strong returning core and several new players who are ready to make an impact. They hope to make a deep run in the state tournament.
**BASKETBALL**

**Caseville Winter Sports**

By MARY HOBEN

Caseville High School basketball coach Steve Stover is counting on good rebounding ability to bring his team honors this year.

With the advantage of having four returning starters, time isn't a major concern for the Eagles. "We probably have the best front line in the county," said Stover.

Stover, who returns three starters from last year, is also looking forward to having more depth.

"I think we're going to have a good year," he said. "We're going to be able to keep a lot of our starters out of foul trouble."

A graduate of Western Michigan University, Stover is in his third year of coaching at Caseville.

**Caseville Fall athletes honored**

Caseville High School honored its athletes during the annual Fall Sports Awards program on Monday night.

The awards were announced by Principal Tim Black, and the names of the awardees were read by his wife, Janice. The awards were given to the athletes who excelled in their respective sports.

The following awards were presented:

**BOYS**
- Football: Chris Doyle, Nick Marcin, Dan Marcin, and Brian Krenk
- Cross Country: Tim Black and Jimmy Knight
- Varsity Cheerleading: Carney Knight and Nick Marcin
- JV Cheerleading: Carney Knight and Nick Marcin
- Girls Basketball: Maryann Paukola and Kelly Marcin
- Girls Cross Country: Maryann Paukola and Kelly Marcin
- Girls Tennis: Maryann Paukola and Kelly Marcin
- Girls Soccer: Maryann Paukola and Kelly Marcin

**GIRLS**
- Football: Kelly Marcin and Maryann Paukola
- Cross Country: Laura Marcin and Kelly Marcin
- Varsity Cheerleading: Carney Knight and Nick Marcin
- JV Cheerleading: Carney Knight and Nick Marcin
- Girls Basketball: Maryann Paukola and Kelly Marcin
- Girls Cross Country: Maryann Paukola and Kelly Marcin
- Girls Tennis: Maryann Paukola and Kelly Marcin
- Girls Soccer: Maryann Paukola and Kelly Marcin

**Caseville Eagles 1987-88 Winter Sports Schedule**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 4</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 11</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 15</td>
<td>Arvon-Fairgrove</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 18</td>
<td>North Branch-Westby</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 5</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 9</td>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 12</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 15</td>
<td>Gardenville</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 22</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 29</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 5</td>
<td>North Branch-Westby</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 9</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 12</td>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 16</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 19</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>H:6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 4</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 18</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**VOLLEYBALL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 11</td>
<td>Bad Axe</td>
<td>A:5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 25</td>
<td>North Huron</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 4</td>
<td>North Huron</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 8</td>
<td>Deckerville</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 11</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>A:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 15</td>
<td>Arvon-Fairgrove</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 18</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 22</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 25</td>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 27</td>
<td>Caseville Invitational</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 5</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 11</td>
<td>North Huron</td>
<td>H:5:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 14</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>H:5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 18</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**CHEERLEADING**

**Caseville Winter Sports**

**Varsity Cheerleaders:**
- Tom Marcin, Ken Marcin, Kelly Marcin, Chuck Marcin, and Nick Marcin.

**JV Cheerleaders:**
- Sue Marcin, Kim Marcin, and Brian Krenk.

**Caseville Eagles 1987-88 Winter Sports Schedule**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 4</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 11</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 15</td>
<td>Arvon-Fairgrove</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 18</td>
<td>North Branch-Westby</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 5</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 9</td>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 12</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 15</td>
<td>Gardenville</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 22</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 29</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 5</td>
<td>North Branch-Westby</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 9</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 12</td>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 16</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 19</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>H:6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 4</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 18</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**VOLLEYBALL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 11</td>
<td>Bad Axe</td>
<td>A:5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 25</td>
<td>North Huron</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 4</td>
<td>North Huron</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 8</td>
<td>Deckerville</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 11</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>A:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 15</td>
<td>Arvon-Fairgrove</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 18</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 22</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 25</td>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 27</td>
<td>Caseville Invitational</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 5</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 11</td>
<td>North Huron</td>
<td>H:5:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 14</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>H:5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 18</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Caseville Eagles 1987-88 Winter Sports Schedule**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 4</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 11</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 15</td>
<td>Arvon-Fairgrove</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec. 18</td>
<td>North Branch-Westby</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 5</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 9</td>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 12</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 15</td>
<td>Gardenville</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 22</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 29</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 5</td>
<td>North Branch-Westby</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 9</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 12</td>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 16</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 19</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>H:6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 4</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 18</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**VOLLEYBALL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 11</td>
<td>Bad Axe</td>
<td>A:5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 25</td>
<td>North Huron</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 4</td>
<td>North Huron</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 8</td>
<td>Deckerville</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 11</td>
<td>Carney-Knight</td>
<td>A:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 15</td>
<td>Arvon-Fairgrove</td>
<td>H:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 18</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 22</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 25</td>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 27</td>
<td>Caseville Invitational</td>
<td>H:6:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 5</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>A:6:30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 11</td>
<td>North Huron</td>
<td>H:5:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 14</td>
<td>Owen-Gage</td>
<td>H:5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 18</td>
<td>Port Hope</td>
<td>A:6:00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
United in marriage

Karen Elizabeth Brown of Grand Rapids and Mark Robert Wierenga of Zeeland, a couple with a strong family backdrop, were married on October 22nd by Friends of the couple. The ceremony was held in the presence of over 100 guests, including family members and friends.

Karen, a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, and Mark, a student at Calvin College, met through a mutual friend. They were married in a small ceremony, with just the couple and their families in attendance.

The couple stated their vows in front of a beautiful setting, with the sun setting in the background. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the couple's home, where guests enjoyed delicious food and drinks.

The couple plans to spend their honeymoon in Europe, visiting various countries and experiencing new cultures. They also plan to start their new life together in their new home, surrounded by the love and support of their families and friends.

The couple is looking forward to a bright future together, with many new adventures and experiences to come.

---

TRIM YOUR HOLIDAY WITH GREAT GIFTS

Of Lasting Value and Beauty

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Robert Quinn

CASS THEATRE CASS CITY

872-2252 | Cass City

ENDS THURSDAY • 130 ONLY
"Beggar Man" Akeem 12:30, Dole 11:50
Shake Long Returns To Life
"HELLO AGAIN"

STARTS FRIDAY (2 DAYS ONLY)
Friday and Sunday • 7:30 Only
Saturday 7:30 and 9:30
"Shattered" • Friday
BILLY CRYSTAL and PETER FALK

DON'T MISS IT!

LORIS WACHES
At Area An
16K Gold Chains

$16.95

Mr. McKenzie Jeweley

SADNAY MATINS
CHILDREN FREE 3:00 P.M.
"HEY THERE, IT'S YOUR BEAR"
Stars Christen (the Week)
"FATAL ATTRACTION"

Kent McKenzie Jeweler

10 SOUTH MAIN STREET • 653-2366 • PCGS

VISA • MASTERCARD • DISCOVER

Layaway
For Christmas!
Crop reports show variation in growing conditions in '87

CORN: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Corn Improvement Report, the largest corn improvement project ever conducted by the USDA, is the basis for the report. The report contains data on corn yields, corn quality, and the effects of various growing conditions on corn production. The report also includes information on corn storage and marketing conditions.

Weather conditions in 1987 were generally favorable for corn production. However, some areas experienced drought conditions, while others experienced excess rainfall. These conditions affected corn yields, with some areas experiencing high yields and others experiencing low yields. The report also includes information on the effects of pest and disease pressure on corn production.

The report concludes that corn production in 1987 was generally good, with some areas experiencing excellent yields and others experiencing poor yields. The report also includes recommendations for improving corn production in the future.

SUGAR BEET: The University of California, Davis, is the home of the National Sugar Beet Research Center, which conducts research on sugar beet production. The center's research includes the development of new varieties, the study of pest and disease pressure, and the effects of growing conditions on sugar beet yields.

The report includes information on the effects of growing conditions on sugar beet yields, with some areas experiencing high yields and others experiencing low yields. The report also includes information on the effects of pest and disease pressure on sugar beet production.

The report concludes that sugar beet production in 1987 was generally good, with some areas experiencing excellent yields and others experiencing poor yields. The report also includes recommendations for improving sugar beet production in the future.
80 YEARS AGO
DEC. 10, 1917
John Moore, who recently opened his grocery store in Pigeon, is now
writting his second Christmas. His son, John, is also in the business.

DEC. 11, 1917
Postmaster John B. Moore of the Little Rock post office, is now
on a trip to Urbana, Ill., to attend to some business.

PROGRESS ADVANCE
December 15, 1917
10 YEARS AGO
On the 15th of December, 1907, the United Methodist Church of
Pigeon was organized, under the presidency of Rev. John H. McCord.

Stronghold of prayer and patience, these days are in evidence among
the children of the Community Church of Pigeon. The walls of this
church are hung with pictures of the Children's Crusade, while the
children are busy at their work. The pastor, Rev. J. H. McComb, has
announced that the children will be dismissed after the service on
Sunday for the purpose of meeting the pastor and the deaconess in
the parlor. The service will open at 10:30 a.m., and will be preceded
by a hymn and a prayer.

This is the time of year when the children of the Community
Church of Pigeon are invited to the Christmas program. The
program will be held on Christmas Eve, and will conclude at the
Methodist Episcopal Church, Pigeon.

80 YEARS AGO
DEC. 13, 1917
Henry and Herman Niel
The Niel family is now
in Pigeon from Oklahoma. They are well grounded with the country
and expect to move here in the near future.

The farm on the William Niel homestead is 100 acres
large. It was destroyed by fire last winter, but has since been
renewed and the new buildings are in the process of being
erected.

The Niel family is now in Pigeon from Oklahoma. They are well
grounded with the country and expect to move here in the near
future.

The farm on the William Niel homestead is 100 acres
large. It was destroyed by fire last winter, but has since been
renewed and the new buildings are in the process of being
erected.

80 YEARS AGO
DEC. 17, 1917
The settlers of the Wild West are being sued by the
Bureau of Indian Affairs for damages. The suit was filed in the
court of Appeals in Chicago, Ill., by the WPA, the agency
responsible for the Indian tribes.

Mrs. Christopher Hills
of Pigeon was a widow and
the mother of her daughter.

40 YEARS AGO
DEC. 29, 1977
The Pigeon High School band, under the direction of Mr. E. B. Mitchell,
will perform at the Christmas program on Friday night, Dec. 29, at
7:30 p.m.

The program will feature a variety of music, including songs
from the Pigeon High School choir and the Pigeon Junior High
School choir.

80 YEARS AGO
DEC. 30, 1917
Mr. and Mrs. John Leake are
visiting with their relatives in
Sebewaing.

10 YEARS AGO
DEC. 31, 1907
All residents of the Pigeon area are invited to the
Christmas program at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Pigeon,
which will be held on Christmas Eve, and will conclude at the
Church of the Brethren, Pigeon.

The program will feature a variety of music, including songs
from the Pigeon High School choir and the Pigeon Junior High
School choir.

Community Church of Pigeon
The Community Church of Pigeon will hold its
Christmas program on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 4 p.m.

The program will feature a variety of music, including songs
from the Pigeon High School choir and the Pigeon Junior High
School choir.

Financial News & Information
1987 Tax Cutter
Year-End Tax Planning That Can Save You Money

With 1987 drawing to a

close, you might want

to consider some year-

end tax planning that

can save you money.

For example, you may

be able to use certain

tax planning strategies

that can save you money.

If you are self-employed,

you may be able to

use certain tax planning

strategies that can save

you money.

If you are employed,

you may be able to

use certain tax planning

strategies that can save

you money.

If you are a retired

person, you may be able
to use certain tax planning

strategies that can save

you money.

If you are a student,

you may be able to

use certain tax planning

strategies that can save

you money.

If you are a business

owner, you may be able
to use certain tax planning

strategies that can save

you money.

If you are a real estate

investor, you may be able
to use certain tax planning

strategies that can save

you money.

If you are a private

investor, you may be able
to use certain tax planning

strategies that can save

you money.

If you are a charity,

you may be able to

use certain tax planning
strategies that can save

you money.

If you are a non-profit

organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a governmental
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a religious
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a fraternal
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a labor
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a trade
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a professional
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a educational
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a charitable
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a health
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a cultural
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a social
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.

If you are a political
organization, you may
be able to use certain
tax planning strategies
that can save you money.
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 are active participants 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 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ESTIMATED TAX DEDUCTION FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FILING STATUS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SINGLE*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$25,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$26,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$27,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$28,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$29,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$30,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$31,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$32,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$33,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$34,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$35,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$36,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Adjusted Gross Income is your taxable income from all sources including any lender Social Security benefits and adjusted for passive loss limitations.

Therm National Bank IRA Rates
Are Good Through December 31st, 1987

| 3 Year Investment | 8.10% |
| 4 Year Investment | 8.25% |

Substantial IRS Penalties and Interest Penalties For Early Withdrawal From IRA's Before Age 59 1/2.

Therm National Bank & Trust

Pigeon

453-3113

Member FDIC

Cass City

872-4311
Financial News & Information

1987 Tax Cutter

Home Loan Points May Not Win You A Deduction

If you bought or refinanced your home this year, you should be aware of the rules surrounding the deductibility of certain costs incurred in the process of obtaining a mortgage. According to the Internal Revenue Service, mortgage points are generally deductible as part of the basis of the property. However, the tax rules do not require that points be capitalized. As a result, if you paid for points as part of the purchase price of the property, they may be deducted as part of your basis in the property. But if you received points from your lender, you may not deduct them as part of your basis in the property.

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

Make Your Retirement Investment In Mutual Savings

It's Safe, Solid, Smart

and you don't have to be rich to open a Mutual Savings IRA.

Give us a call today!

Your farm investment is worth more with us

Other farm supply, seed, fertilizer and chemical companies may make promises, but no one provides a greater selection of top-quality products at fair prices than your Co-op Elevator Company.

And, these winter months are the perfect time to do your SPRING PLANNING now. Talk to our friendly staff about your spring crops. Seeds, tires, fertilizer, fuel — we can fill all types of your farm needs. And no one provides a larger patronage return, either.

Cooperative Elevator Company

Alton
671-9711
Elkton
275-2399
Pigton
403-3313
Sawbuck
863-3230

To find the balance, subtract the paid credit from the total amount due. The resulting balance is the amount you owe. If the balance is negative, you have paid more than you owe. If the balance is positive, you owe the amount indicated.

MAUST ENTERPRISES, INC.
Metal and Hydraulic Fabrication
8836 Pigeon Road • Bay Port, MI (810) 453-3837

Financial News & Information

1987 Tax Cutter

All Credit Cards Are Not Created Equal....