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IT'S HO-HO-HO HOLIDAY  
TIME IN THE WESTERN THUMB!

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas — and hope this year's "Christmas Present" Edition will be enjoyed by your entire family. It's full of all types of holiday memories, letters to Santa and more!

## Vickie Kanyak wins Pigeon's big prize

# Record crowd watches car giveaway



**LOTS OF PIGEON SHOPPERS:** Cars and people were lined up throughout Pigeon Saturday afternoon, as the new car drawing began, as seen above.

**BELOW,** '88 auto winner Vickie Kanyak of Caseville looks over one of the new cars offered, as Mrs. Claus, Chamber of Commerce President Mike LePage and Santa Claus look on.

A record crowd of more than 2100 persons watched Vickie Kanyak of Caseville calmly win the new 1988 auto given away Saturday afternoon by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce.

The on-lookers started gathering early, in anticipation of being among the 10 names chosen to compete for the new Dodge auto offered by Pigeon Motor Sales or the new Chevy from McCormick Motors, Inc., both of Pigeon.

**SMOOTH WIN:** Mrs. Kanyak calmly picked lock number one, as one of two finalists chosen each of the last five weekends in run-off drawings. Only one key in 10 opened a lock Saturday, and her first reaction was, "I can't believe it."

She and daughter Kelly called husband Tony Kanyak, who also showed disbelief at the win. "I had to tell Tony two or three times, and then Kelly got on the phone, before he believed me," she said.

Mrs. Kanyak on Saturday hadn't decided which auto to choose. She may take the approximate \$7500 value in purchasing a larger car, too, Chamber President Mike LePage pointed out.

**BIG CROWD:** Saturday's final drawing brought about the largest crowd of the season, and for many recent years, observers say. Parking places — and standing places — were at a premium around town, and many merchants reported brisk sales all day.



The same folks who count crowds estimated that nearly 200,000 tickets were included in the huge drum for this final drawing.

Longtime local booster Roy Lawrence said the last time such a large crowd came for a drawing may have been about 1950, when the Chamber also gave away a new auto. Lydia Decker won that vehicle, he recalled.

**FINALISTS:** Joanne Sturm of Pigeon and Cassie Kopek of Caseville were the two finalists whose keys opened their locks Saturday, joining Mrs. Kanyak and the other seven previous winners.

Mrs. Sturm's ticket came from Nancy's of Pigeon, and Mrs. Kopek's was turned in from Village Variety.

The other eight would-be winners whose names were called Saturday (with stores from which tickets were earned) are:

Bruce Leipprandt (Eicher's Cleaners), Bernard King (Don Erla Foods), Maxine Walsh (Village Qwik Stop) and Dianne Schuette (Elftman's Hardware), all of Pigeon;

Frank Enderle (Orr's Drug Store), Jesus Torres (Mutual Savings) and Duane Ziehm (East Huron TV), all of Owendale, and Paul Bab-

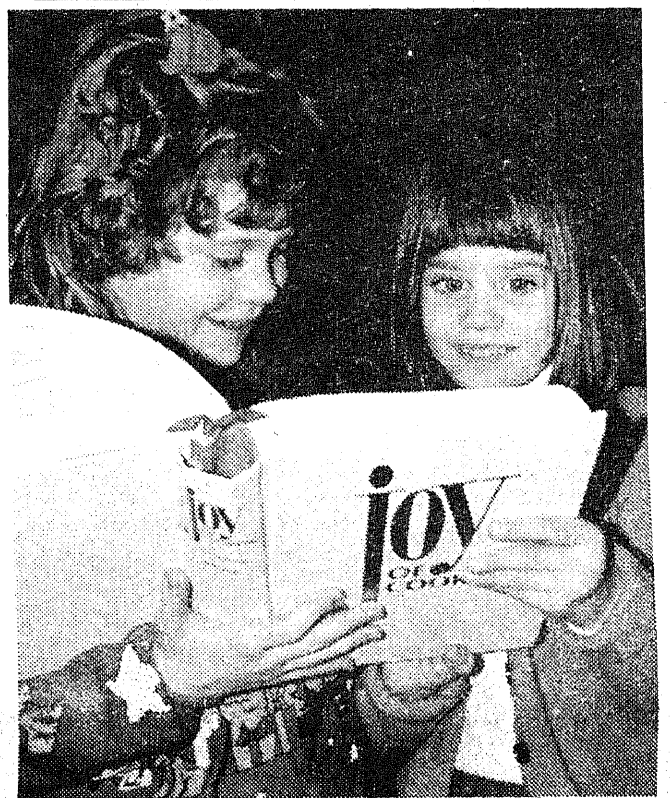
cock of Bay Port (Diener's Home of Fine Furnishings).

Two adults' names were drawn, but they weren't present to participate: Pam Kummer of Elkton (ticket from Pigeon IGA) and Linda Fritz of Owendale (ticket from Co-op Elevator).

**KID WINNERS:** Matthew McIntosh of Elkton won the final children's bike given away by the Pigeon Chamber on Saturday.

The 14 other kids' winners of toys are: Megan Danks, Josh King, Renee Elbing, Jessica Deming, Bryce Haley, Kristen Marvin,

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**CHECKING THAT RECIPE:** Kindergarten students Jessica Leipprandt and Erin Gulash check the recipe for roasting a turkey.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

# Hey kids, what is that recipe?!

By AMY HEIDEN  
Kitchens all over the area show signs of the holidays as cooks gather the ingredients for their Christmas dinners. For a great number of cooks, turkey will be the centerpiece of the meal.

But where do you get a turkey, and exactly how do you cook it?

For the answers to these questions, we asked preschoolers at the Elkton United Methodist Church Preschool, and Mrs. Lang's morning kindergarten class at Elkton Elementary School.

**ERIKA GROSS:** You get a turkey from somebody's barn, and cut it and put stuffing in it. My mom doesn't set a timer, but cook it for three hours.

**KIM JEWETT:** You get a turkey from a farm, take the stuff out of it, take the feathers off, then you put stuff in it. You cook it for three minutes in a real hot oven.

**JUSTIN WALKER:** We get a turkey from my dad's sister's husband. He raises them. You pin its legs together and take stuff out of it and bake it for 20 minutes.

**LINDSAY BERRY:** You get a turkey at the store and cook it for four minutes at 100 degrees.

**ERIN GULASH:** Get a turkey at the market. Hang it upside down, chop the head off. Take the feathers off, and take the stuff out of it. Put it in the oven, then cook for two hours at 30 degrees.

**RYAN WELSHANS:** Go get a turkey out of the barn. Put stuffing in it. Cook it for three minutes at 5 degrees.

**JESSICA WEIDMAN:** Put it in the microwave, then in the oven.

**KELLEE IGNASH:** I don't know. My mom never cooks a turkey.

**ANDREW KUMMER:** Flip it over.

**JOEL ACKERMAN:** Get it from the store. Put it in the oven. Warm it up seven to eight minutes at 45 degrees.

**SCOTT HERFORD:** Get a turkey from the store, cool it up, wash it up. Cook in the oven for five minutes at 13 degrees.

**KYLE RUSSELL:** Get a turkey out in the woods. Cook it for two hours at 50 degrees.

**MATTHEW RUTH:** Buy a turkey at the store. Put in the oven and cook for five minutes in a real hot oven.

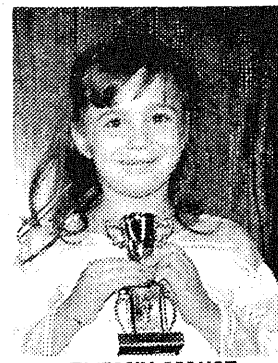
## Youngster wins poster contest

Tiffany Maust, a kindergarten student at Cross Lutheran School in Pigeon, has been named a winner of the Safety Poster contest sponsored by Detroit Edison.

Tiffany's winning poster was selected from entries throughout Detroit Edison's Thumb Division, which includes all of Huron County.

Tim Mulligan, Field Operations Supervisor at Detroit Edison in Bad Axe,

presented a trophy to Tiffany at her class at Cross and said her poster will be on display at the Detroit Edison office in Bad Axe.

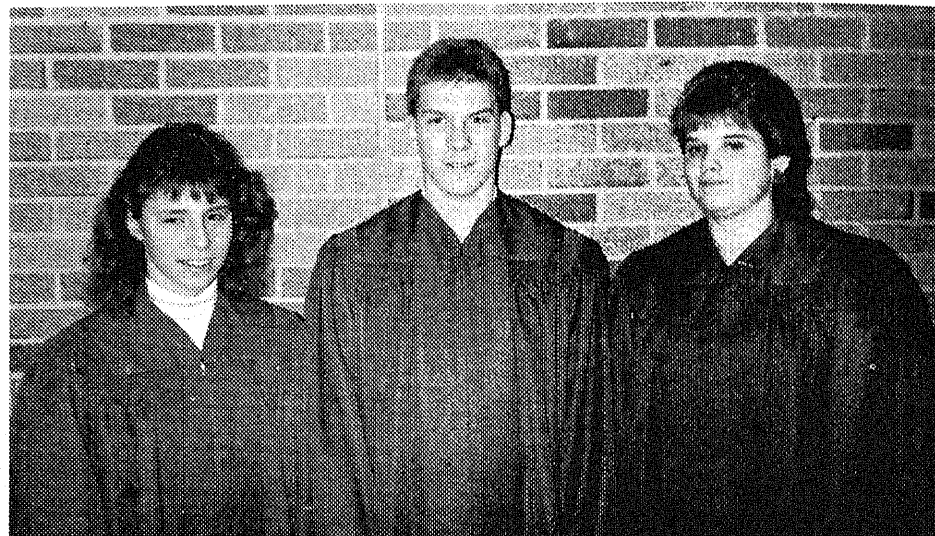


TIFFANY MAUST

## Sang with Saginaw Pops

Three students from Laker Schools recently sang with the Saginaw Symphony Orchestra's "Christmas with the Saginaw Pops."

Becky Ropp, Brenda Vuillemot and Eric Wissner were included in the concert which was shown on Flint's WJRT-TV, Channel 12. The program will be repeated on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. on Channel 12.



DONNING CHOIR ROBES for their singing event are Laker vocalists Becky Ropp, Eric Wissner and Brenda Vuillemot.

PHOTO BY AMY HEID

## Letters to Santa Claus

DEAR SANTA, you. I love you much.  
Will you please bring Cabbage Patch. Love, AMBER MARIE STIRRETT

DEAR SANTA, Love, RACHEL HELMS  
Please can you bring me two Cabbage Patches. Thank you, MATT BEDNOREK

DEAR SANTA, Love, JORDAN WROBLEWSK  
Please bring me a Chalkboard. Thank you.

DEAR SANTA, Love, ALICIA ANN WOOLFORD  
Please bring me a Remote Control Car and bring Army Legos. I like you. I will be on the couch.

DEAR SANTA, Love, JERRY D. HARDER  
Please bring me a computer, I love you. Thank you.

## P.B.T. unit aids Pigeon Police

It's slightly bigger than a pack of cigarettes, but the P.B.T. unit employed by the Pigeon Police Department carries a big wallop.

Village Marshal Van Johnson says the P.B.T. — Preliminary Breath Testing — unit aids him and Officer Jeff Wiechert in checking the sobriety of persons who may be drinking and driving.

And, Pigeon is the only Huron County village to have a P.B.T. unit in operation, with both officers certified to administer the tests.

**HOW IT WORKS:** When police observe a person who may be intoxicated and driving, the P.B.T. machine is put into use. The suspect is asked to blow into the throw-away mouthpiece on top of the machine, and a reading of the percentage of alcohol on the person's breath appears in about 60 seconds.

The unit is accurate to within .005 of the actual reading. The registered reading may be one of the factors which lead to the person's arrest. Later, a blood test or breathalyzer test using chemicals is administered at the Huron County Jail and Sheriff's Department or the Michigan State Police Post, or at local hospitals, Johnson says.

**WHAT'S ILLEGAL:** A person whose alcohol level is .08 or above may be charged with impaired driving, while persons with .10 and above may be ticketed for drunk driving, under Michigan statutes.

Law officers observe a possible person for at least 15 minutes prior to administering any tests — and persons arrested will be lodged in the county jail for a minimum of eight hours.

"Often, the little things people do may key the officers to watch certain people," Johnson says. "If they don't pass the test, we'll give lawbreakers 'free transportation' to jail."

**IS IT ACCURATE?** The P.B.T. machine only measures intoxicants, Johnson says. Cough syrup, mouthwash and most medicines don't register on these machines, since it only measures alcohol levels.

"However, a person acting in an unusual manner whose P.B.T. comes up .000 is a likely candidate to be under the influence of drugs, if not alcohol," he reminds. Then, blood tests must be administered to determine if drugs are present in the body. "The P.B.T. is a

preliminary test, prior to arrest. Persons who aren't breaking the law by mixing drinking and driving have nothing to fear. But since we began using it in early 1985, it's one more aid in our job of keeping Pigeon and the area as safe as possible," Johnson says.

## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

**DNR "STING" NETS 23 IN HURON**  
A total of 23 fishermen and hunters have been charged by the state Department of Natural Resources with illegal sale of fish and game, in a one-day sweep of area locations Thursday. DNR officials call it a major undercover operation, possibly one of the top 10 of its type in Michigan.

As many as 45 uniformed DNR officers and several undercover lawmen used 11 teams to round-up and arrest the alleged violators, involving primarily the commercial sale of sport caught fish — primarily perch — centered in the Bay Port area.

"We have been extremely concerned about the situation in the Saginaw Bay area for some time," said DNR Law Enforcement Division Supervisor Bruce Gustafson, "and in the early summer of 1986, we moved conservation officers into the communities to begin the undercover investigation."

Several of the violations involve sale of deer or deer parts, he added.

Assisted by Huron County Prosecutor Karl Kraus, warrants were obtained last week and District Judge John Schubel arraigned nearly all 23 persons involved on Thursday.

Penalties for conviction on the illegal fishing charge include fines up to \$500, up to 90 days in jail plus restitution of \$10 per pound of game fish.

Penalties for conviction on the deer sale charge include fines from \$200 to \$1000, up to 90 days in jail and \$1000 in restitution per animal.

Persons pleading guilty last week include:  
■ Roger Finkbeiner, 26 of Pigeon, pled guilty to illegal killing of deer: sentenced to five days in the Huron County Jail, \$300 fines and costs and \$500 in damages.

■ Richard Harder, 35 of Bay Port, pled guilty to illegal sale of fish: sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay \$371 in damages.

■ Jerry D. Harder, 54 of Bay Port, pled guilty to illegal sale of fish: sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay an unnamed amount of restitution.

■ Shirley B. Brown, 50 of Owendale, pled guilty to illegal sale of fish: sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay \$1184 restitution.

■ William Kowaleski, 42 of Port Hope, pled guilty to charge of illegal sale of deer: sentenced to five days in jail and ordered to pay \$300 fines and costs.

■ Rodney Heck, 31 of Elkton, pled guilty to illegal sale of deer: sentenced to five days in jail, ordered to pay \$300 fines and costs and to make \$1828 in restitution.

Others who pled not guilty to their charges have a Dec. 30 pretrial date set.

### BRIDGE WORK COMING

Two local bridges will be replaced in 1988-89 by the state Department of Transportation under its critically deficient bridge program.

In Huron County, the Nottor Road bridge over the Pigeon River southeast of Pigeon will be replaced, and the Vassar Road bridge over the Southgate Drain in Tuscola County will be replaced. They are two of 36 bridges statewide being rebuilt in the emergency program.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS

In 73rd District Court, First Division (Huron County), Judge John Schubel heard these pleas and made these determinations recently:

■ Paul A. Santhony, 38 of Caseville, pled guilty to drunken driving: sentenced to 45 days in the Huron County Jail, and loss of driving privileges for 12 months.

■ Rodger C. Vliet, 36 of Gageton, pled guilty to driving with license suspended: \$150 fines and costs.

■ Ricky R. Bowers, 31 of Kinde, pled guilty to disorderly person, obscene conduct, following a Nov. 12 incident at a drive-in restaurant north of Bad Axe: \$150 fines and costs.

■ Kimberly R. Shirley, 18 of Davison, pled guilty to larceny, less than \$100, following an incident involving a can of spaghetti at a Sebewaing convenience store on Dec. 14, as investigated by Sebewaing Police: \$100 fines and costs or serve 30 days.

### POLICE BLOTTER NEWS

■ Louis Pechette of Caseville suffered burns on his face and hands last Saturday, Dec. 12, when a 4000 sq. ft. hog barn caught on fire about 7:45 p.m. The Dunn Road structure was ablaze when Caseville Firemen arrived, and they were later assisted by Elkton, Bad Axe and Kinde crews.

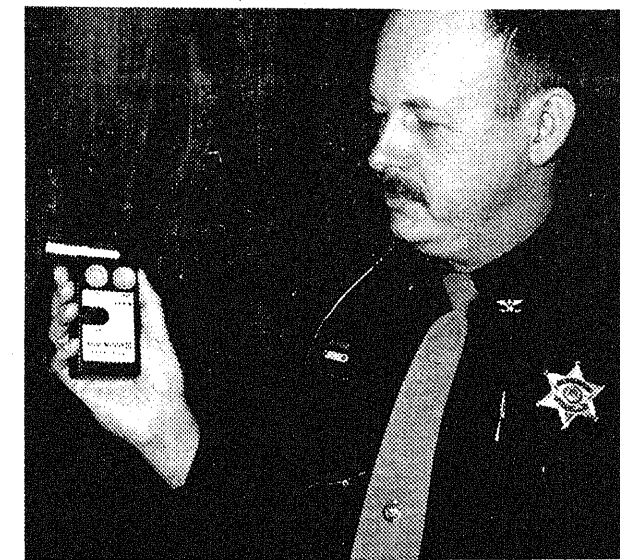
Pechette saved 23 hogs before the fire spread, which also destroyed a tractor, gravity box, seed, hay and straw. Total losses are estimated at nearly \$50,000. Firemen believe the blaze started in an upper barn area, and may have been electrical in nature.

### SHELTER FUNDS AWARDED

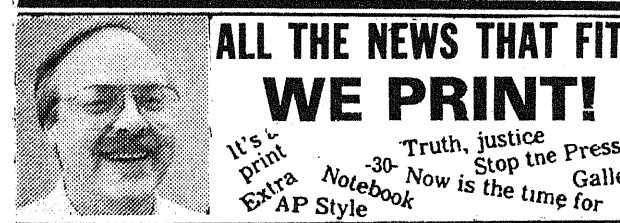
Huron and Tuscola Counties are among 47 counties which are dividing \$5.3 million in emergency food and shelter funds allocated by the federal government to Michigan in 1988, according to U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle (D-Flint).

Huron County will receive \$26,650 and Tuscola \$38,819. The

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IT'S SMALL: Pigeon Marshal Van Johnson shows the Portable Breath Testing (P.B.T.) unit, with the throw-away mouthpiece in place.



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

THINGS I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO WRITE ABOUT — This is a unique, fascinating and very involved business. We get many, many more story tips and ideas from our readers than we ever have time and space to handle — and publish. For a typical week's issue, we get six times as much material offered to us as we have room to handle. Our biggest problem enters in when we try to hold back a few items "for next week" which are interesting to us, but need more work at the time.

Often, they're then caught up in the NEXT week's flow and mysteriously move around on the editor's desk... until they're very hard to find.

But we sincerely welcome such contributions, and hope you'll continue turning them in to us. And, to the four or so folks who are patiently waiting for us to return an old post card or photo... thanks for your patience. We've GOT them all (I don't think I've thrown away even ONE picture in 10 years) — we're just having difficult putting our hands on them right now. But we'll keep looking!

Now, a few "passed-over" items come to mind as I look back on the 10 years Sally and I have headed this business. Generally, these are things I've WANTED to write about, but haven't been able to. For instance:

■ I've always LOVED the message which appears on hand dryers in public bathrooms. You know — the ones that say:

"Push Button."  
"Rub Hands Under Warm Air."  
"Stops Automatically."

I don't know what womens' bathrooms look like, but EVERY single mens' bathroom has had part of that message rubbed off by joksters everywhere, so they now read:

"Push Butt."  
"Rub Under arm."  
"Stops Auto."

I don't know why that always seems funny to me, but it is... ■ GARY HART's re-entry last week into the Democratic presidential morass (look it up) says something very poor about his own standards and this country's needs, too.

What makes him think he could ever win? Hart says people don't deserve to know about his personal life, but I think we SHOULD know about a possible president's life. Maybe it's a double standard, but I think very few people would actually vote for him, versus almost any other candidate, if and when that day would come next November.

It appears Gary Hart missed the limelight, plus he wants to earn at least \$1 million in presidential election monies available. Too bad his motives aren't the needed ones we desire — honesty, ability and a desire to serve the country... We're looking for persons with good character. Gary Hart falls short...

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**CRUISE POPULARITY** — Cruise ships are sailing our Great Lakes to new prosperity, a recent national story revealed. And, the demand for dinner ships, cruise ships and ferries is growing, such as:

■ the 500-passenger Arwana Queen on the Maumee River and Lake Erie, at Toledo;

■ overnight cruise service between Montreal and Quebec on the St. Lawrence River (which carried 34,000 passengers last year);

■ the 509-passenger City of Midland which carries autos and rail cars between Ludington and Kewaunee, Wisc., (80,000 passengers last year), and

■ the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls, whose four boats carry a million passengers to view the falls each year.

That doesn't count the Mackinac Island boats, plus Beaver Island (Lake Michigan), Harsen's Island (Lake St. Clair) and Put In Bay (Lake Erie) ferries (all of which I've ridden... and LOVED!)

In all, U.S. and Canadian cruise operators had two million bookings last year and a recent study says a 168-passenger "Love Boat" could be built for \$12 million and operated profitably.

Quite a task, but quite an opportunity, too. It's something we here on the Great Lakes almost take for granted, but possibilities that Iowa, S. Dakota and even Tennessee can never, ever have...

WISH I'D SAID THAT — "The best gift of all at Christmas or anytime comes in what you GIVE, not what you GET." (Karl Hertz)

**Christmas Greetings**

Wishing you health and happiness during this joyous season and in the coming year.

Greetings From  
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**Have a Very Merry Christmas**

STAFF: front row from left, Sandy Hyzer and Mary Schuette, Back, Jan Jolly, Patsy Walsh and Lauren Fleming.

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As we see it editorially

The greatest story ever told

The "Greatest Story Ever Told" starts with a little babe in a manger in Bethlehem, 2000 years ago. It's a story that has inspired tens of generations, and it still has an unmatched impact today.

In this year's telling of what is becoming an annual local tradition, we're pleased to offer this publication of the REAL Christmas story, Christ's birth. This year's story comes from the New International Version of the Holy Bible, written unforgettably in Luke 2:

*In those days, Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.*

*This was the first census that took place when Quirinius was governor of Syria.*

*And everyone went to his own town to register.*

*So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.*

*He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.*

*While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born.*

*And she gave birth to her first-born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.*

*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*

*"Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.*

*"This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

*Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

*"Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to men on whom his favor rests."*

*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."*

*So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger.*


*When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.*

*And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.*

*But Mary treasured up all these things, and pondered them in her heart.*

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

*On the eighth day, when it was time to circumsize him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.*



**From Under The Willow**  
Can we ever 'finish Christmas'?  
By WANDA EICHLER

Finishing Christmas. That's what I'm working toward, somewhat seriously, this week.

For several years, maybe three or four, my fifth and sixth grade Sunday School class has been presenting a pantomime portrayal of the nativity scene during our church's Christmas Eve service. It's a special time, a time of candlelight and "Silent Night" sung in German and a real baby Jesus. This year it's time that the angels have new costumes.

Three costumes are cut out and being stitched this week. They'll be complete with satin sleeves and glittering silver sequinned trim, just right for 11 and 12 year old angels.

Liesl's new coat needs finishing, too. She and I cut out a fake fur coat for her at Thanksgiving time. Gradually throughout December I've worked a little here and there until all the coat needs is final stitches in the lining. Those stitches will finish a coat that Lee and I have been dreaming about for at least two years, since we chose the material and pattern.

Then there's Ed's vest. In the summer of 1986 I purchased two pounds of gray mohair/black lamb blend roving. I spun and spun that roving until I had skeins of glistening worsted weight two-ply yarn. Then after much imagining and planning and swatch knitting, I started knitting a gray sweater vest for Ed. The project, the first handspun and handknit sweater for this spinner, now needs finishing touches (ribbing bands, ends tidied up) so that it will be done for Christmas. Only a few more hours of the many hours already spent will complete the precious handmade present.

Finishing touches go with Christmas. Yet Christmas will come whether or not I complete my special projects.

And that is part of the wonder of Christmas. While sweaters and coats and costumes are important touches of love, what really matters is the spirit of Christmas and that's never complete just on Christmas Day.

People who run food pantries and foster care centers tell us that after Christmas, no one comes to greet and gift their people. Then it's back to the grindstone, tax time and perpetual Monday mornings all over again. In our self-centeredness, we forget about those warm Christmas feelings that we had when we extended a helping hand. In a sense, we finish "doing" Christmas and get back to something else that has hard, crass edges on it.

Christmas love, unlike sweaters and costumes and cookie plates, has to be worn and practiced and worked on every day of that year. That's the best part, and the hardest part, for Christmas is more than a one day celebration. Christmas means that we work at living love all year long.

Merry Christmas, from under the Willow that shades us all!



**FORE!**  
By MAVIS PECHETTE

C-O-B-K-E. Do you know what that is? It's a bee "B" in a Coke! That's the kind of joke you come up with after almost two days of expressway driving.

In southern Georgia, the rest areas are equipped with pop machines which dispense into a cup, rather than the kind which expels cans in exchange for coins. The sweet liquid always drips a bit from the machine and that syrupy stuff attracts bees.

We patronized such a machine at a late afternoon break. Stretched, relieved, relaxed and refreshed, we hit the highway again, taking along our drinks. A few miles down the road Number Three Son reported there was a bee in his coke.

That was when we made up the terrible (??) joke above. Another impulse was to refer to another old joke: "What's he doing in there?"

"Look's to me like the backstroke!"

This bee was doing the Dead Man's Float, so it was easy to remove with no harm done.

It also brought to mind the occasion when a brother had a B-E-B-E-R. That's a bee in a beer. On a hot, summer day he was sipping, not realizing that a bee had found its way into the opening of the can. As he raised the can to his lips, the bee decided to emerge and take revenge on his way out. Try explaining that fat lip to a mother who frowns on alcoholic beverages!

The expressway driving does get tedious. We left home at the beginning of deer hunting season so the early part of the trip we watched for deer on cars or in pick-ups. As we progressed southward, we spotted bucks in Kentucky and Georgia, too. The season must be about the same time in several states.

Another roadway pastime is to keep track of license plates by states. There are lots from Michigan all the way, Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana and Illinois are numerous, too. We've become quite familiar with them, but when we spy one from Oregon or California, we wonder what those folks are doing in this part of the country.

Does everyone play the Alphabet Game on automobile trips? With so many billboards along the expressway, it doesn't take long to find all the letters. Motel signs for Howard Johnson's and Quality Inn help with some of the more difficult letters, "J" and "Q." And we always hope to hit mid-Tennessee in need of "Z." There's Crazy Ed's and Lazy Tom's, both known for the sale of fireworks with lots of sizzle (all the "Z's" you'd ever need!).

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**RECOLLECTIONS of By-Gone Days**




By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

Well, here it is Christmas again and it always is a day to be happy. I like to remember the good ones and what we used to do to make other people happy.

One that I remember real well was the first Christmas we spent when we lived east of Elkton on a farm. It was the first year that we farmed and everybody that has ever farmed and started from scratch like some of us older ones did know how hard up a fellow can be.

We didn't have much money and the war was going on. A lot of things were rationed or hard to get.

Well, I got my wife some dress goods to make her a dress and an aluminum kettle that she didn't have and needed. She got me a wood plane and a flannel shirt.

Well, I felt so good that I gave my horses a gallon of oats and some extra hay!

Then we drove to Pigeon to my folks for dinner. They were still living and my sisters and their families were there too. We had a good time!

This year if everything goes right, I'll be spending Christmas in the Netherlands with my older daughter and her family. I was there once before at Christmas and I know I'll have a very good time.

In 1934 I was in Florida over Christmas. My father knew somebody who had lived in Ohio and his son lived close to Sarasota. I wrote him a letter and asked if I could get a job if I came down there. He wrote back and told me to come down and try.

Well, I went down with some people I knew. It took four days to get to Zephyrhills and I had

thought they would go as far as Tampa, but they did take me to Sarasota.

The guy who had told me I could get a job said his house was full and a frost had frozen his celery and there was no work to be had.

Here I was away from home, not knowing anybody and only had a little money. I found a place to stay and the people I knew went back to Zephyrhills.

The next day was Christmas and here I was... It was a beautiful day and people walking around looked real happy, but I was so homesick I couldn't see anything nice. I walked all over town and at about 3 o'clock, I bought a Mr. Goodbar candy bar. That was my Christmas dinner on Dec. 25, 1934.

That night I went to a Christmas program in a small Mennonite church and the preacher told me work was hard to find but if I looked hard enough and prayed hard enough, I'd get a job.

Well, I did both and found a job in a grapefruit cannery. I made grapefruit juice and got paid 25 cents per hour and a bonus on extra juice I made.

And, I got good enough that I made 40 cents per hour and with my overtime, I made \$22 per week. Anybody who remembers the Depression knows that was a good wage.

In Prov. 3:5 it says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not onto thine own understanding." Well, I found that to be a true a lot of times.

Sometimes things all seem to go wrong, but when it's all over, it always works out for our own good.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
GEORGE KEIM

Letters from readers

Thanks from the Anklams!

DEAR EDITOR:

There aren't enough words to express how we feel. We would like to thank family, friends and complete strangers for your prayers, cards, comforting words and gifts during Michelle's illness.

We hope everybody has a Blessed Holiday Season. Thanks again!

KAREN, LISA, MICHELLE ANKLAM

As member of Spartan Marching Band Teri to see Rose Bowl up close!

By AMY HEIDEN

Pigeon native Teri Damm will be watching Michigan State University play the University of Southern California in the Rose Bowl from a front row seat as a member of the MSU Marching Band Color Guard.

Damm, a finance major in her senior year at MSU, and daughter of Robert and Karen Damm, is flying to San Diego on Dec. 26, and on Dec. 27, the band will be giving a concert at Sea World.

PLENTY OF MUSIC: Disneyland will be the scene of another concert on Dec. 29, then next Wednesday, Dec. 30, the band will give concerts at Universal Studios and Century Player.

New Year's Day will see the band march in the Rose Bowl Parade and in halftime activities during the game. For those watching the parade on television, the



Lake-Chandler news notes

By MILDRED BALLAGH

The Block family gathered at the Elkton Civic Club Saturday for a pre-Christmas party. Attending were Mrs. Lawrence Block of Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bedford of Marion, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gilbert and family, Donna, Joyce and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Tom DeSimpelare, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Craig and son Steve, Mr. Walter Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. David Flores and children, David, Danielle and Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wolfe of

Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Block, Mr. and Mrs. David Block and friend Brenda Guigar of Owendale, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Clark and children Jason and Brenda of Sebewaing, Rev. and Mrs. William Stites of Owosso. Oldest present was Mrs. Block of Pigeon and the youngest, Andrew Lawrence Block of Owendale.

Next year the family will meet again at the Civic Center.

Mrs. George Southworth accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Duane Southworth of Flint

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**



FROM LEFT, Alice Draschil, Betty Dubs, Wendy Connors, Betty Schulze and Jim Laursen.

Wishing you an old-fashioned holiday filled with mirth and warmth, love and laughter and all the special delights of the season.

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Have a Holly Jolly Christmas



Have a festive Christmas with all of the trimmings... like peace and joy, love and contentment, laughter, smiles and warm memories to treasure always. Enjoy all these this season and in the new year to come.

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FRONT ROW, from left, Kathy Jarrett, April Kingsbury and Jane Kretzschmer; in back, Louis McCarthy and Vern Kretzschmer.

**KRETZSCHMER Hardware Center**  
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Progress-Advance

sports of the week

'Angry' Lakers frown past Bad Axe Hatchets, 75-46

By TIM BLAKENEY  
Up close, the Laker basketball squad appeared to be angry in Friday night's game against Bad Axe.

Lakers definitely have the ability to end the season on top. They are now 1-1 in the league, trailing behind Vassar and Cass City.

They gave the Hatchets some wrathful stares as they got fouled. Coach Bill McLellan says, "They were just playing hard. They had on their game faces."

The make-up worked as they defeated Bad Axe, 75-46.

Dean Roesel and Jay Anthes had nine a piece and Kevin Wolfram was good for eight. The three were perfect on the free throw line.

It was the first win of the year for the jayvees, winning 71-41.

As a result, Lakers scored 17 in the first period while Bad Axe could only get seven.

A good running team such as Bad Axe can add up points in a hurry. Later in the second quarter, the Lakers missed a few shots and gave way to the visitors' running game.

Jeff Sturm hit eight and aided the Lakers with great ball handling and passing. Kel Hill and Mark Kretzschmer each shot for six.

McLellan then called a time out to regroup, saying, "We were letting them run a little. We were fouling and not making the shots."

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AT HALFTIME: An eight-point half-time difference sent Bad Axe to the locker-room with some hope of a comeback.

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HELPING OTHERS: Christmas will be brighter for some families in the Caseville area thanks to members of clubs, churches, and schools who donated money, clothing, toys, and food gift certificates to the Caseville Community Christmas Fund.

Pat Newbery, one of the original organizers of the fund drive, said that approximately 205 individuals will receive gifts this year.

Ballard is drawing winner!

Jim Ballard of Caseville was chosen Monday as the winner of the Anklam 50-50 benefit drawing, conducted to help with medical expenses for Michelle Anklam of Pigeon.

Behold... a Child is Born  
"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."  
Luke 2:11

INSIDE: Many Santa letters!

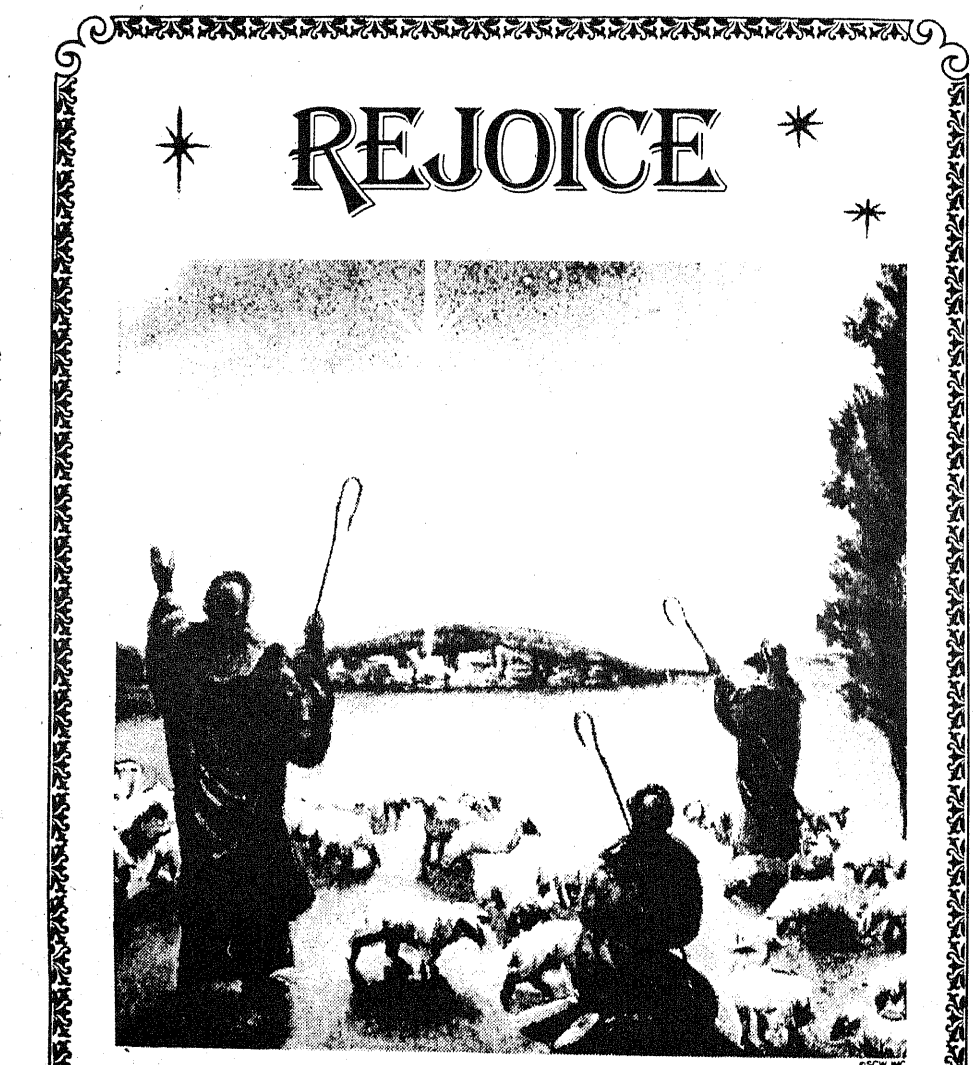
May this joyous season bring you and your family peace, love and happiness, and bountiful blessings for the new year.

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gun with 19 points, Rick Behm had 14, Brian Bushey 10 and Marc Hill, nine.

The freshmen exceeded their perfect record to 3-0. Dan Gonzales was high scorer with 13. Brian Keim and Ricky Duffy shared 10 each and Phil Nusz had nine.



As we approach the Holiday Season let us not forget the Birth of Christ. May peace and goodwill always dwell in your hearts.

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

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TY'S SUNDAY NIGHT ROLLERS  
First Half Finals

H & R Block	21
G.W. Engine Repair	19
Ty's Bowling Lounge	18
Video Spotlight	17
Miller Lite	15
Pizza Pizza	15
Souletown Farms	14
Finkbeiner Farm Equip.	9

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ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE

Don's Barber Shop	59
Jim's Garage	54
Finkbeiner's Farm Equip.	53
Hazard's Hotsy	44
Auto Color Professionals	43
Thumme Insurance	39
Moon Beams	39
Elktion Petroleum	33

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TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

Pioneer Cablevision	4
Coors	4
Farm Crest Foods	3
Osentoski Ford Tractor	3
Arlen's Duck Inn	2
Dutch Kettle	2
Kretzschmer HC	1
Steinman Agency	1
Pigeon Inn	0
Pigeon Lumber	0
*Bob Smith Builders	0
*Ralph's Tavern	0

High team series and game: Dutch Kettle 2574 (966), Coors 2527 (865-862), Arlen's Duck Inn 2525 (863), Osentoski Ford Tractor 2496 (861).

High individual scores: H. Schuette 607 (236), L. Smith 585 (231), R. Buschlen 575 (216), D. Schulz 542 (203), J. Gunden 220, B. Lake 209, H. Ropp 202, L. Roesel 201, D. Steinman 200.

MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

George's Bar	39
Pigeon Lanes	33
Millers	32
Qwik Stop	30
Bay Shore Collision	29
Pigeon Motor Sales	27
J & B Plg.	25
Damm's Inc.	23 1/2
J.O. Wurst Tiling	21
Bay Shore Realty	18 1/2
Brighton Metal	18
Walsh Packing	16

High team series and game: Millers 2591 (922-854), Pigeon Motor Sales 2583 (905), Bay Shore Collision 2581 (918), J & B Plg. 2574 (934), Walsh Packing 2502 (868), J.O. Wurst Tiling 2490 (865), George's Bar 2482, Damm's 2480 (960), Pigeon Lanes 2473 (859), Brighton Metal 895.

584 (219-211), J. Beyer 572 (204, R. Damm 570 (245), Troy Gunden 569, Roger Koch 569 (216), D. Parrish 564, D. Schulz 555, J. Dunn 552 (204, O. Murdoch 552 (204), B. Rollo 543 (220), J. Gunden 245, D. Roesel 217, T. Kula 209, T. Damm 205, H. Lange, Jr. 204, L. Smith 203, D. Schulze 202, D. Diener 200.

GUYS AND DOLLS

Roesel-Strauch	26
Christner-Honne	25
*Gunden-Rapson	25
Elbing-Roesel	24 1/2
Heintz-Hundersmarck	23
Dubs-Smith	22 1/2
Beauchy-Weidman	22
Kretzschmer-Thiel	19
McCrimmon-Cusimano	18
Dunn-Seemann	13
*Morin-Rowe	13
Dietzel-Swartzendruber	5

High team series and game: Elbing-Roesel 2026 (728-681), Dubs-Smith 1957 (691), Roesel-Strauch 1954.

High individual scores: MEN - L. Smith 648 (258-207), R. Elbing 570 (203), F. Strauch 555 (201), R. Thiel 555, D. Parrish 554, J. Christner 535 (200), F. Hundersmarck 207, D. Roesel 204.

POOL LEAGUES MENS' MIDWEST As of Dec. 16

Colwood Bar	68
Ralph's Bar	60
Ty's Lounge	59
Ed's Bar	52
George's Bar	51
Gagetown Inn	50
Bud's Bar	47
Pigeon Inn	46

Ethel Gunden of Pigeon was named the Thumb Area Womens' Bowling Association "Bowler of the Week" for Nov. 30-Dec. 8, with a 627 actual series.

Gunden bowls on the Sunday Night Guys and Dolls League at Pigeon Lanes.

Other 550 and higher series bowled were: Emily Ginther 622 and Shirley Ginther 594, Almac Lanes, Bad Axe; Doreen Lackowski 579, Bad Axe lanes; Norma Wallace 561, Charmont, Cass City and Sue Arnott 557, Biff's, Kinde.

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Pigeon Lanes	40%
Active Feed	38
Co-op Elevator	33 1/2
Caseville Fruit Market	25
Albrecht Auction Service	24
Silver Dollar	19

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THURSDAY NITERS

McCormick's	4
Brighton Metal	3
Lee's Landscaping	3
Fink's Farm Equip.	3
Country Charm	3
J & B Plg.	2
Pigeon Telephone	2
Want Ads	1
Village Barber	1
Scheurer Hospital	1
Pigeon Inn	1
Serenity House	0

High team series and game: Brighton Metal 2237, J & B 2227 (852), Lee's 2213 (779), Village Barber 786.

High individual scores: E. Gunden 543 (182-193), H. Collins 509 (189), B. Heintz 506 (208), T. Gnagay 504 (205), F. Otto 502 (181), A. Albrecht 497 (181-189), M. Ropp 495 (176), S. Buchholz 488 (192), W. Kovach 484 (178), J. Kretzschmer 463 (193), E. Rounds 462 (199), B. Pobanz 459, A. Lackie 458, D. Maust 458, B. Schulz 457, M. Ruby 184, V. Swartzendruber 182, B. Dubs 178, P. Schulz 177.

Splits converted: 3-10 C. Dubs, S. Conrad, M. Griggs, B. Pobanz, J. Freeman; 2-7 L. Smith, C. Poisson, A. Buschlen; 5-6, 4-5 P. Roesel; 5-6 B. Stahl, F. Otto, A. Albrecht; 5-10 G. Smith.

Make-up game: McCormick's 2189 (3), Brighton 2146 (1), E. Rounds 515 (200), J. Kretzschmer 174, K. Herford 173.

Five consecutive strikes: J. Kretzschmer.

DEAR SANTA: I would like a flower making basket, a doll, some new clothes and a pair of shoes, a new dress and a necklace, a TV and a Puffalumps. Well, I better be going now.

Your friend,  
NICOLE JOHNSON

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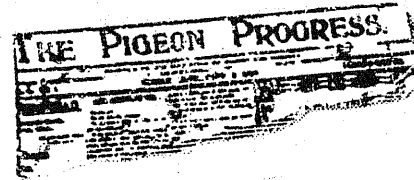
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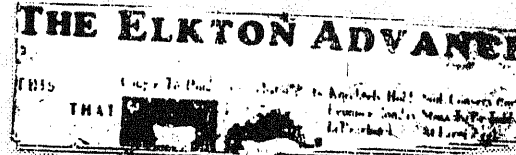
**MUTUAL SAVINGS**

Mutual Savings will be closing at 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will remain closed December 25 and 26 so our employees can observe the holiday. We will close New Year's Eve, December 31 at 2:00 p.m. and remain closed January 1 and 2.

Sebawaing Pigeon



## The Past in Print...



### 90 YEARS AGO DEC. 17, 1897

A large quantity of turkeys came into Pigeon Wednesday, to be shipped to outside markets.

Samuel Gettel, 16, living six miles east of Sebawaing, was fatally shot Saturday by the accidental discharge of his gun, the full charge lodging in his thigh.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Bunk of Berne, a son on Monday.

Work on the sidewalk from the Pigeon M.E. Church to Leipprandt Brothers store, is being pushed along rapidly.

Henry Schluchter moved into his fine new residence in Pigeon on Monday.

Charles Swails is again the S.T.&H. Railroad station agent at Pigeon.

### 80 YEARS AGO DEC. 20, 1907

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maier, Pigeon, a daughter on Monday; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Diebel, Caseville, a daughter on Tuesday; to Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Morley, Owendale, a son on Tuesday.

Dr. A.G. Kaumeyer of Port Hope called on friends in Pigeon Thursday.

George Zinnecker sold his furniture and undertaking business in Owendale to D. Striffler of Cass City.

Solomon Holtzman, who has been a resident of Pigeon the past three years, will move to Chesley, Ontario, where he has secured a position in a furniture factory.

Michigan Gov. Fred M. Warner was in Pigeon last Friday.

Quite a number of families are moving to the Bay Port Quarry.

### 70 YEARS AGO DEC. 21, 1917

One of the most severe blizzards in years visited Huron County last Thursday. In the country school districts, many children were not allowed to go home and were taken care of by those living close to the schools. In some cases as many as 15 children were cared for by generous farm families.

Donald McAulay, manager of the Pigeon Cooperative Elevator and Milling Assn. plant, has given the company his resignation, to take effect as soon as a successor is appointed. Nelson Broderick, who is assisting Mr. McAulay, has also handed in his resignation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fogle, who recently moved from Caseville, are now settled in their new home in the Gould Addition in Pigeon.

Windsor Twp. Highway Commissioner W.E. Harder has accepted a position in Detroit and will leave for that city next week.

James Bright of Pigeon has been awarded the contract for building the three miles of state trunk line road west of Pigeon. The contract price was \$80,643.86.

A number of cottages at Crescent Beach were damaged by the heavy wind storm last Wednesday, including those of Dr. C.B. Morden and John J. Campbell of Pigeon.

New officers elected at the meeting of Pigeon Community Club Friday evening are Robert Wurm, William Schumacher, Leo Bliss and Chris Diehl. Board members

include Arthur Anderson and Russel Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Thiel plan to leave Pigeon by auto Dec. 27 for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

The box social at the Kilmanagh School was well attended and proceeds were over \$100.

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DEC. 17, 1937**

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**40 YEARS AGO  
DEC. 19, 1947**

Michael Banek, 54, a veteran of World War I, died at his home in Chandler Twp. Surviving are his widow, three sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Eugene Watterworth, 84, nee Emma Hay, Elkton, passed away Tuesday. She leaves three sons and two daughters.

The Sunoco station in Pigeon, the Francis McCormick station in Caseville and Kit's Korner station in Sebawaing were three county filling stations entered by thieves Sunday night.

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**30 YEARS AGO  
DEC. 19, 1957**

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In observance of their silver wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knechtel were honored Sunday at an open house in the Elkton EUB Fellowship Hall planned by their two daughters and husbands.

Alfred Roberts, Pigeon, received a 50th anniversary medal from Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives for "outstanding contributions to American agriculture" from Federal Land Bank of St. Paul and a certificate of appreciation from MAFC for his 42 years as a cooperative leader. He was manager of the Pigeon Co-op for 28 years.

**10 YEARS AGO  
DEC. 22, 1977**

Mrs. Mary Diefenbach, 88, Pigeon, widow of the late Christian J. Diefenbach, passed away Dec. 17. She is survived by six grandchildren.

Emory Paul Ward, 76, Caseville, died Friday, Dec. 16. Surviving are his wife and two children.

Mrs. Ruth C. Abbe, 51, Sebawaing, died Sunday, Dec. 18. She leaves her husband, Raymond Abbe, a son and three daughters.

**44 YEARS AGO  
DEC. 9, 1943**

The annual Christmas party of Elkton Community Club will be held in Elkton High School auditorium Monday evening, Dec. 13. Members of the club, their wives and employees will attend.

Gerald Roth and Willard (Bill) Seley met in Italy a few days before Thanksgiving Day. They are both in the best of health and were more than glad to see one another.

Perhaps more of our Elkton boys will meet there before long as quite a number from Elkton are stationed in Italy now.

Robert David Simmons, 4½ month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Simmons, died Friday of pneumonia at the home of his parents in Lake Twp.

## Letters to Santa Claus

DEAR SANTA,  
For Christmas I would like a John Deer Combine, a Radio and a remote control Car.

Love,  
CARY DUMAS  
P.S. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year.

DEAR SANTA,  
You are very very nice and you give people nice things and people like the nice things that you give them. And I like the things that you get me for Christmas. And I want ALF, and a Radio, Computer for Christmas.

I Love You,  
JENNIFER LYNN BORN

DEAR SANTA,  
You are a very kind man. You like to give to others. That's why kids love you so much. I would like a Ventriloquist Doll. Have a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year! Bye

Love,  
CASEY

DEAR SANTA,  
Hi! How are you doing Santa? Are any of your elves sick? For Christmas I want a Turbo Hopper and a Mountain Climber.

Your Friend,  
JEREMY

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,  
How\* are you and Mrs. Claus? I'm fine. How are your elves? I hope they are fine. But I love you and your

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wife Mrs. Claus. DEAR SANTA a fun Christmas.

Love,  
CANDICE LYN AVALOS  
This year I was very helpful. I make my bed, unload the dishwasher and keep my room clean. I try to play nice with my friends and my brother. I am in the third grade. I can't wait until Christmas is here. I like to go to church on Christmas Eve. And have big family dinners. I hope we have lots of snow for Christmas.

Happy Holidays,  
TED JASKOWSKI

Love,  
MATTHEW O.  
P. S. Merry Christmas to you.

DEAR SANTA,  
I am eight years old and in the 3rd grade. I would really like for Christmas a Skateboard, Torpedo Run, and a Telescope. Hope you have a happy Christmas.

From,  
SCOTT WALSH

## 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...

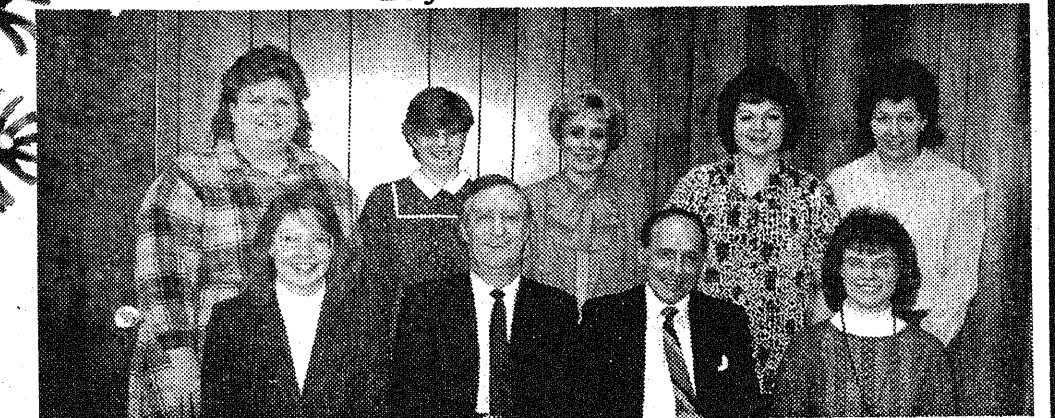


Pigeon Personnel



LEFT: Al Nixon, Gylan Metzger, Kay Fortsch & Mary Damm.

Bay Port Personnel



STANDING From Left: Lori Schweitzer, Patty Diebel, Jan Henne, Karen Phillips, Jalaine Kundinger. SEATED: Rachael Zollner, Jim Foster, Don Dammrow and Joyce Keim.

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**Letters to Santa**

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a remote control Dune Buggy, Light-Up Constructs, a Hot Wheel Semi-Car Carrier, and a remote control Robot.  
LEVI J. ZAGORSKI

DEAR SANTA,  
I will put out some cookies and milk for you. I love school and I love you. I like your rosie cheeks and I've been good and I hope you get a big Teddy Bear for my baby sister. And I wish I could have a new Puppy, and Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.  
SABRINA GUSTER

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a big big Teddy Bear! I want some clothes. And I want a little piano. And I want some fruit in my stocking and I want a little Teddy Bear.  
SHERI ANN EADY

DEAR ST. NICK,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I would like some School Supplies, a small TV for my room, a Teddy Bear, some games, anything else you would like to bring me for Christmas.  
KRISTIN HOCKIN

# Thumb club news notes

## BAY PORT WOMAN'S CLUB

The Bay Port Woman's Club met for their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. William Shaw, Pigeon.

The women enjoyed a Christmas dinner at a restaurant and returned to the Shaw residence to conduct their meeting.

The 10 members present packed Christmas plates for shut-ins, which were delivered with a visitation the next day.

Margaret Falyn led the ladies with a Christmas activity game. Dorothy Deming then awarded prizes to the winners of Christmas bingo. A gift exchange was conducted by Mrs. Shaw.

The next meeting will be conducted in March with Nasta Opanasenko.

## ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Inclement weather delayed the meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens for one day.

President Mike Renn congratulated 32 persons who attended on Wednesday, Dec. 16 rather than on the normal Tuesday meeting date. Preceding the ham Christmas dinner, Della Trudgen gave a Christmas reading and Harold Gregor led in "The Lord's Prayer."

Harold and Beatrice Gregor opened group singing with "God Bless America" and the Pledge to the Flag. Those having birthdays before the end of the year were honored with The Birthday Song, including Clayton Gemmill, Vera Sherwood, Sherman Day, Christine Conkey, Mildred

Renn, Ray English and Delores Gardner.

In honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary, the Clayton Gemmells were saluted with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." They were thanked also for furnishing a cake for dessert. Christmas tree ice cream furnished by Knechtel's was a special treat.

Good Cheer Chairman Alvena Walsh announced that Christmas cards had been signed for those in poor health: Esther Hodapp, Lena Roberts, Henry and Dorothy Carty, Ina Anderson, Vera Sherwood, Estella Rolph, Marie McGee, George Shaw and Emma Morley.

Program Chairman Mary Day introduced Delores Gardner, who presented a program of Christmas music accompanying herself on the

guitar and inviting the audience to sing along.

The next meeting will be Jan. 5 with Mike Renn as program chairman.

## OWENDALE WOMEN'S CLUB

Ten ladies attended the December meeting of Owendale Women's Club, held Wednesday evening at Sherwood Country Club, Gageton.

Included were a short business meeting and gift exchange.

On the following Monday, ladies packed 20 fruit boxes for elderly and shut-in residents of the community. A fellowship hour followed. Flower arranging will be on the agenda for the January meeting.

# Engagements

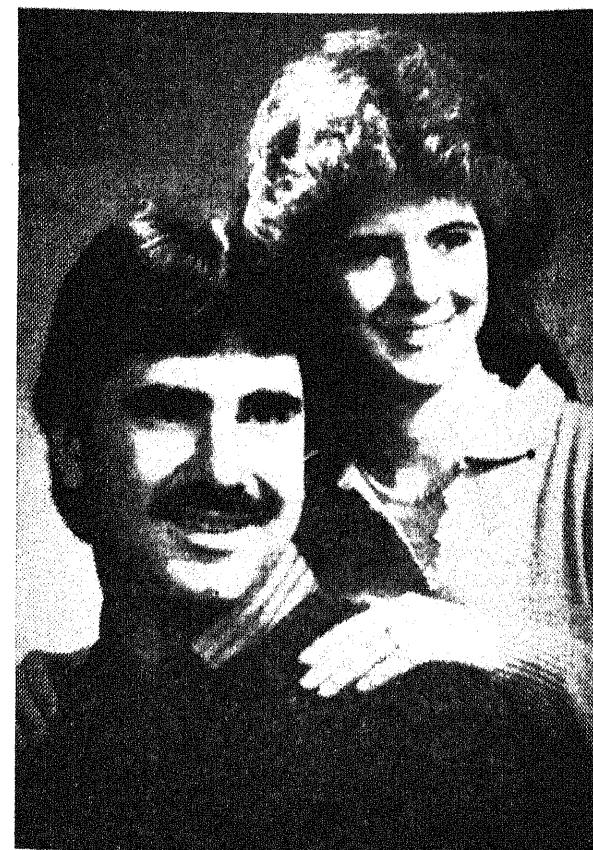
Bivens - Buggy



John and Suzanne Bivens, of Elkton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Elizabeth, to Michael Richard Buggy, son of Bonnie and John Burtlett of Canton.

A July 9, 1988 wedding is being planned.

Burk - Leppek



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burk of Elkton are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda K. Larry Leppek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Leppek of Cass City.

The bride elect is a 1985 graduate of Laker High School. She is presently employed at the Huron Medical Care Facility, near Bad Axe.

Her fiancé is a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School and is presently employed at Active Industries, Elkton.

The couple will be married May 7, 1988 at Free Methodist Church, Bad Axe.

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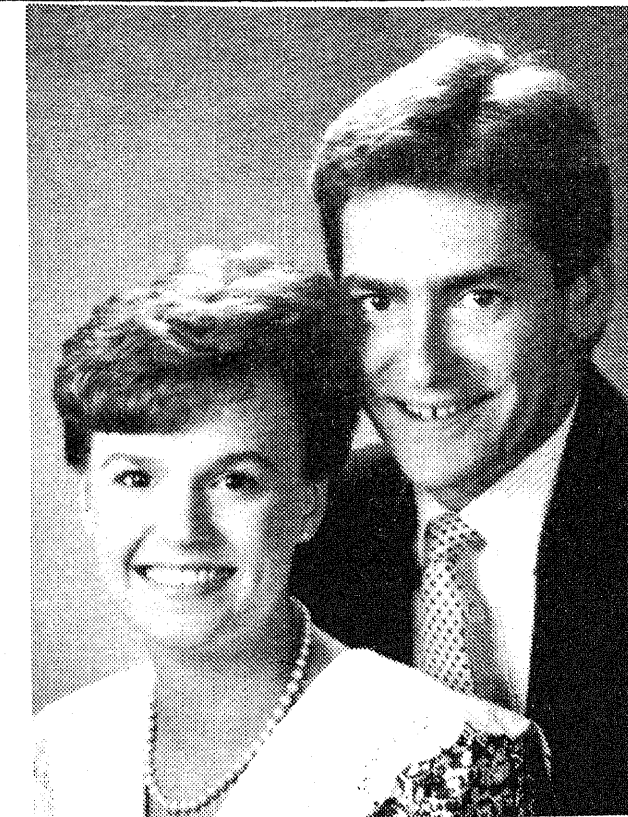
Laursen - Roof

Mr. and Mrs. James Laursen of Pigeon and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roof of Saginaw announce the engagement of their children, Karen Louise and Jeffrey Raymond.

Karen will graduate in February from Michigan Technological University, Houghton with a bachelor of science degree in Mathematics.

Jeff will be a May graduate of MTU with a bachelor of science degree in Electrical Engineering.

A Dec. 17, 1988 wedding is being planned.



## Pigeon news

Henry Schulz of Grandville was a guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schulz.

Mrs. Albert Schulz visited Monday with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Oesch at the Provincial House, Cass City.

Thanks A Million

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:

He's a recovered alcoholic. He's mostly confined to a wheelchair. He can get up for short periods of time, but always with great difficulty and pain. He's very lonely. He's seldom able to leave his small apartment and must do his own cooking. He has a hard time manipulating the pots and pans.

He could certainly use a small microwave to help in preparing meals.

He ain't heavy, Mr. Ross, he's my brother... and I would be forever grateful if you could help him. — Ms. A.H., Las Vegas, Nev.

DEAR MS. H.:

He's my brother, too, for we're all brothers under the skin. He's getting a new microwave because my check is on the way. — \$\$\$\$\$\$—

DEAR MR. ROSS:

What's with you? This is the fifth letter I've written, asking for \$6,000 to buy a piece of property from my friend. I keep stalling her by saying the check should come through any day. Where is it, for crying out loud? Like I forestated, I'm on a fixed income and really want this land. What more do you need to know? — Mr. B.F., Fairfield, Ala.

DEAR MR. F.:

You can write to me 50 times, but my answer will be the same.

There are many things people would like, but just wanting them doesn't mean you're going to get them. — \$\$\$\$\$\$—

DEAR MR. ROSS:

This is about my eight year old son. He collects aluminum cans and saved the money in his piggy bank. The bank recently got full so I set it away on top of the ice box. He was saving for a new boy's bike and to get his younger sister a talking baby doll.

That day we had company — my mother and father. My father has a serious problem — he's an alcoholic and had come around looking to borrow money for beer.

My husband and I don't drink alcohol. We live on a very tight budget and didn't let my father have the money he asked for.

When my folks left, apparently so did my son's bank. When I told my son his bank was gone, he started to cry and said he couldn't buy his sister the doll.

Mr. Ross, this hurts me so much. I don't know much about what alcohol does to a person. I do know it's a disease. Do you think after my father sobers up, he'll know what he's done?

Although I'm concerned about my father, when I see him again, I'll have to tell him to stay away until he gets his life straightened out. I know you can't help with my hurt, but would you help my son with his? — Mrs. D.H., Salem, Ill.

DEAR MRS. H.:

That's one of the ugly facts of alcoholism... it will lead a grown man to steal a little boy's piggy bank just to get a drink.

It's difficult enough for an adult to understand this behavior, let alone a child. So after receiving my check, let your son know he was meant to have a bike and his sister a doll. — \$\$\$\$\$\$—

DEAR MR. ROSS:

For a man in your position, I see you as being a born opportunist. Let me ask, what's the

best opportunity you've seen in the past 12 months? — D.H. Seattle, Wash.

DEAR MR. H.:

One lone dog in a parking lot full of Christmas trees. — \$\$\$\$\$\$—

## It's a girl!

A daughter, Renee Elizabeth, has joined the Eldon and Peggy Voelker family of Pigeon, following her birth on Sunday, Nov. 29 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

Bryan and Donna Burk of Bad Axe announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Rachael, who was born Nov. 17.

Elizabeth weighed 6 lbs. 8 1/2 oz. at birth and measured 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Harrison Satterly and Linda Vance and step-grandparent Betty Satterly of Bowling Green, Ky.

Paternal grandparents are Howard and Donna Burk of

Elkton.

Great-grandparents are Walter and Thelma (Burk) Schember of Elkton. Great-grandmother is Winifred Ward of Bad Axe.

You're reading The Progress-Advance and we appreciate it.

## BLESSINGS TO ALL

A very special holiday greeting to all our special friends and patrons who have visited us this past year. We enjoyed serving you and look forward to seeing you soon!

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—From The Staff—

From left, Deb Hornbacher, Dr. Songer, Cindy Shetler, Donna Schuette and Carol Mammel.

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DEAR MR. ROSS:

For a man in your position, I see you as being a born opportunist. Let me ask, what's the

# Christmas memories . . . Readers recall favorite Christmases of long ago!

## "A Christmas Memory"

By JEANNETTE McDONALD

Christmas is a happy time for everyone, especially children, and when I was a little girl, it was no different. We always had a freshly cut tree, usually a blue spruce. Sometimes it may have looked like a "Charlie Brown" tree by the time Christmas Eve came. Having been a dry season, needles tend to drop off easily. It made no difference. We still had the tinsel, the gaily-colored fragile bulbs and the lights. Christmas is a time for sharing and caring. My mother had two very special cousins, who were more like sisters to her. They had attended the local country school together, became fast friends and shared a special bond for all of my mothers' life.

When Mom had gotten married in 1931 and later had us children, they began a practice that I shall never forget. At Christmastime, they paid a visit, with some little surprise gifts for my twin and I. It may have only been a bottle of perfume, tiny china tea pot, game or Bobsey Twin books, but they always had a very special surprise that tickled two little girls. It made our childhood Christmases a bit more special. To this day, I hold a very special corner in my heart for these two special ladies.

## "Our Christmas Letter, 1976"

By OTTO BAUR

DEAR COUSIN GUS:

A year ago the suggested theme for the December meeting of the Writers Group here at the Village was "A Christmas Incident." A life-time practice of avoiding work as much as possible immediately prompted my memory. The incident happened many years ago, but we used it in our Christmas letter of 1976. You may find it of interest.

The Christmas Season again and come this weekend, we are hosting a Sunday night supper for a few friends. Mama, busy with her newest cookbook, is frustrated. "I just don't know what to serve."

My suggestion: "Why not oyster stew?" produced a frown, then the 12-pound look and for a moment, I thought she would throw the book at me. Then we laughed.

Memory took us back some 30 years to our first year in Royal Oak. We had joined the Homebuilders Group at the church and each December, that group decorated the church Christmas trees. Being new members, we were tagged to head a committee of 12 to hang the baubles and bells. So far, so good -- we had trimmed Christmas trees before. Then we learned of the tradition -- the afterglow of the tree-trimming was oyster stew at the home of the chairman.

This was different. My tastes never ran to oysters so Mama's experience in that area of cuisine was nil. My two years of internship as night chef in Bacon's Restaurant at Albion was of no help. The plain tastes of the patrons of that beaverly seldom went beyond roast beef and pork chops. It sounded so simple but how many oysters and how much milk?

Fortunately, help was just around the corner. Our neighbor, Elita Graves, offered information. This was her third time on the committee. "Plan on at least 16. It's a fun evening and a few extra always show up."

Came Friday evening. Mama had a meeting that afternoon so, as instructed, I got milk and oysters on my way home. We had a fast supper snack and then went to the church. The trimming went fine but there was a disturbing note -- eight extra people showed up. But consternation really took over when Elita and Mama went to our kitchen. Somewhere the lines of communication had broken down. I had gotten pints of oysters instead of quarts. It was a fun evening alright, but regularly for months thereafter, some crude joker would ask me for our recipe for oyster-less stew.

As we laughed tonight, I suggested the incident as a topic for this letter. Mama dissented. "No Christmas message in that."

"Well, it has precedent in Scripture."

"Where and what?"

"At Galilee. A multitude was fed with two small fishes."

This time she did throw the book at me.

To you and yours, may this Christmas Season of 1976 be one of Joy and Glad Tidings.

Well, older brother Jim would tell me, he had checked with mom -- and that mystery box contained a chemistry set for our other brother John. Many were the discussions of all the experiments John could perform, once Christmas came and that box's label would read "To John."

But even older brother John had his own explanation of what was in "the box." John had checked with dad, who had told him it was a magic set for Jim. Wouldn't he be wonderfully surprised with it, on far-away Christmas? John and I would giggle about the gift "To Jim" during late summer baseball games and early fall football contests.

Oh, what a glorious Christmas it would be, I knew -- and I was the only one who knew the box contained something desired by each other brother. In a page from O'Henry's famous "Gift of the Magi," I was CERTAIN each brother would LOVE getting that gift, their heart's desire.

It never entered my growing mind that "the box" could actually contain two different items for two different old brothers. Each would hear more facts and fancy on the story telling, and I was just along for the dream.

When Christmas finally arrived, (and I had finally turned eight,) "the box" indeed was placed under the tree.

No name tag appeared until Christmas morning, however -- and the eight-year-old's surprise was staggering when saw it read, "To Mark."

I had to wait until other gifts were opened (sigh underwear, socks and the like) -- but my surprise was overwhelming when "the box" was finally opened and revealed A silver and black two gun cowboy holster for ME!

All the talk, stories and hype had been carefully orchestrated by two conniving brothers, who knew all along the box was for me and who had been told what it contained.

Looking back, the fact that 10- and 13-year-old brothers could keep such a secret for several months is amazing.

I find it difficult to hold back from telling my own six- and three-year-old children about their "goodies" even now!

But I'll keep my lips sealed. If 10- and 13-year-old brothers could in 1957, so can a 38-year-old father today!

The snow is now falling.

And Santa's down the chimney calling, Saying Ho-Ho-Ho and Merry Christmas, Fulfilling many children's wants and wishes.

We all gather round the warm stovepipe, Telling tales and watching grandpa smoke his pipe, The warmth of the family gathering around, Is Christmas to me in this small town.

## CHRISTMAS

By JEFF MALETT  
Caseville High Senior

Christmas time is now here,  
Time to rejoice and be near.  
Love, care, and be together,  
Because we all won't be here forever.

## Christmas is drawing near

By CARRIE ZOLLNER  
Caseville High Senior

Christmastime is drawing near  
I've been waiting for this day all year

I lived through June - my birthday and all  
Then came Halloween and Thanksgiving this fall  
Now December is the cold time of the year  
But I will always remember the fun and holiday cheer  
Our Christmas tree sits proudly in our living room  
And from our stereo one can hear many a holiday tune!

## CHRISTMAS

By MISHU AKBAR  
Caseville High Senior

Christmas is for  
Exchanging love, not valuable gifts.  
It is a time,  
When families should reunite.  
And when the blessings  
Of God, surround all of us.

Let's share this Christmas  
With joy and love,  
With a prayer for the ones, who are dead,  
And prayer for the ones, who are alive.  
Christmas is for  
Sharing love, not hate.

## Getting caught!

By BRIAN KRAUS  
Caseville High Freshman

I remember when I was four years old, about 1:30 in the morning on Christmas Eve my brother and I came downstairs to see what Santa had left for us. We were in awe at the presents.

We stood there for a moment or two and then we moved closer. We noticed that one present wasn't wrapped. It was a little car. We turned on the light and saw that it was a Bat-Mobile.

We decided to drive it around. We each took turns driving it while the other was a lookout. We were switching when we heard a noise coming down the stairs. We froze, then hid behind the couch!

We looked and saw that it was our dog Sugar. We decided we should go back to bed so we didn't get caught. As we were going upstairs, Mom and Dad came out of their bedroom.

WE WERE CAUGHT!!!

## Christmas isn't...

By TERI CASSADA  
Caseville High Sophomore

Christmas isn't mistletoe  
Or Christmas trees with lights  
It isn't skiing in the snow  
On cold and windy nights.  
Christmas isn't waiting for Santa Claus  
Or leaving cookies for him on Christmas night  
It isn't a gym filled with applause  
For a Christmas program done just right  
Christmas isn't gifts beneath the Christmas tree  
It's the birth of Jesus Christ  
The gift from God to you and me.

## She's the BIG new car winner!



VICKIE KANYAK of Caseville is the proud (and happy!) winner of a brand new car, as part of the 1987 Christmas Car Giveaway promotion, sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. Here, Kanyak grabs a hug from Terrill McIlhargie, who stood new to her on the stage as one of the 10 finalists. PHOTO BY AMY HEIDEN

# Season's Greetings

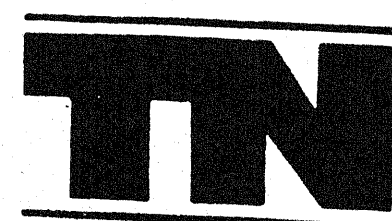


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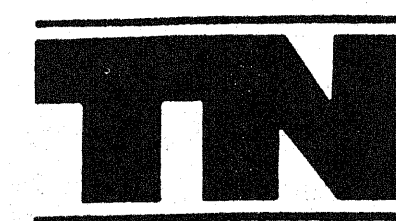
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## Christmas tricks by two brothers!

By MARK RUMMEL

Christmas, 1957 was and is my most memorable one ever. Christmas for an eight year old boy is magical anyway, but there was just enough trickery and fooling in that one 30 years ago to prompt a subtle grin yet today.

I wanted a one- or two-gun cowboy holster, just like my heroes the Lone Ranger and Roy Rogers wore on TV all the time.

I preferred a two-gun model, after long consultations with ragged-page catalogs, but was more than willing to settle for the one-gun variety, if that's all Santa Claus could manage. I had vowed to be easy to please that year at least!

My two older brothers had constantly been badgered about this hoped-for present (others too, of course), but each had their own ideas of whether or not I'd get my gun set.

During late summer and early fall months, 10-year-old Jim and 13-year-old John filled me with stories about "the present" we had found.

Our old rambling house had a tiny under-stair closet where Christmas decorations were kept. If lighted, it would have been a great place to play -- but the darkness made it fun for just a few minutes, just a few times each year.

However, the wandering eyes of three boys aged 7, 10 and 13 had located a single WRAPPED PRESENT in that spot, which our mother and dad no doubt had bought early and "hidden away."

# Some delicious rolls and baked treats!

For a holiday breakfast treat, try one of these make-ahead breads that can be made in one afternoon and frozen.

## APRICOT SOUR CREAM STRUDEL

**Dough:**  
1/2 stick (1 stick) butter, softened

1 cup dairy sour cream  
2 cups all-purpose flour

### Filling:

1 can (12 oz.) apricot cake pastry and dessert filling  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel

melted butter  
For dough, combine butter and sour cream, blending well. Stir in flour to make a soft dough. (It's easiest to work mixture into dough with fingers.)  
Turn out onto lightly

floured surface and knead into ball. Wrap tightly and chill thoroughly.  
For filling, combine apricot filling, sugar, pecans and lemon peel; mix thoroughly.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Divide dough into thirds and keep portions not being used in refrigerator.

Roll 1/3 of dough into rectangle 7 x 14 inches on lightly floured surface. Brush light-

ly with melted butter. Spread evenly with 1/2 cup apricot filling. Roll up, beginning at wide side. Place roll on cookie sheet. Cut into 1-inch strips, but do not pull apart.  
Bake 20-25 minutes, then cut slices apart to remove to wire racks. Dust with confectioner's sugar and cool. Repeat with remaining portions of dough. Makes 42 pieces.

## PANETTONE

4 1/2 to 5 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 pkgs active dry yeast

1 cup milk  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup chopped mixed candied fruit  
1/2 cup raisins  
2 tablespoons pignolias (pine nuts) or chopped almonds  
1 tablespoon anise seed  
1 egg white  
1 tablespoon water

Thoroughly combine 2 cups flour, sugar, salt and undissolved yeast in a large mixing bowl. Heat together milk and butter until very warm (120-130 degrees F). Gradually add to dry ingredients and beat 2 minutes at medium speed of mixer, scraping bowl occasionally.

Add eggs and 1/2 cup flour. Beat 2 minutes at high speed, scraping bowl occasionally. Mix candied fruits, raisins, pine nuts and anise seed with 1/4 cup flour; add to dough. Stir in enough additional flour to make a soft dough.

Turn out onto lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Place in buttered bowl, turning to butter top. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Punch dough down. Turn out onto lightly floured board. Divide in half; form

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**Merry Christmas To All!**

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# Merry Christmas

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## Something To Think About

JOHN A. CHAMPAGNE  
DIRECTOR

### CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT FUNERAL

Should a bereaved child attend the funeral of a loved one? Studies have shown that if a child's mourning cycle is repressed, the child may later react by internalizing these emotions in unhealthy ways, sometimes with the loss of the capacity for personal intimacy. The child reasons that the parent has abandoned him and consequently becomes afraid to let anyone else get close to him. Funerals are an ancient ritual designed to counteract such reactions. A funeral formalizes death into a collective event, showing all involved the universality of death and making the survivors feel part of a natural process.

The child is as much in need of these psychological comforts as the grown-ups, and probably more. He feels included, remembered. He feels he is not alone in feeling the loss; and, like everyone else, he is now a participant in the grief, sharing along in the collective sorrow and catharsis of his whole community.

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## Letters to Santa Claus

DEAR SANTA:

Please give toys to the poor. Because they get some toys but not many. So please give toys to the poor and give the people the homes that had burned down. And give toys for the ones that won't get them.

Love,  
KATHLEEN ROWE

DEAR SANTA,

I hope you can make it in time to my house this year. And if you do come, I hope you don't get frozen on the way. And if you do come to my house this year I hope you don't get stuck in the chimney. And I hope you like the glass of milk and cookies that I set out for you. And tell Mrs Claus I said hello.

Love,  
CHRISSE HELMUTH

DEAR SANTA,

I would like you to come to our Christmas Program. It is on Dec. 15, 1987. Our program is in Pigeon Elementary Gym at 7 p.m. I hope you can come. We are going to sing "Christmas On The Isthmus Of Panama and Santa's Doing the Rhumba". We might have cookies and milk. I will say Hi to you. All the kids will be surprised if you come. I hope you get my letter.

For Christmas I would like a Mascot Radio Control Car, some Micro Machines Military Set or Street Racer Set and Nightmare Skateboard. Will you put an orange in my stocking, please. My stocking will be on my bedroom doorknob. Please be careful so you don't wake me up when you come in my bedroom. Because I don't want to see what I am getting. You be careful so my mom's cat won't attack you because he's sassy. So be careful when you come up the stairs to fill my stocking. To get to my bedroom come up the stairs, go left and turn a half circle. My stocking will have my name on it. Only fill it about half full. Will you please hide my stocking some where in the house and leave me little notes like the Easter Bunny did. Cause it will be more fun.

Love,  
TIM STAFFORD

P.S. We will have cookies for you.

DEAR SANTA,

The only thing I wish for this Christmas is to see your house, ride your sleigh and see your reindeer especially Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer. The thing I want is a computer and another thing is a Merry Christmas to everybody!

Love,  
SHRIKANT KAMLAPURKER

Your Friend,  
TRAVIS M. FUNK

DEAR SANTA,

I want ALF and Barbie Ice Cream Shoppe. And I won a prize at the drawing. I've got two dogs. Their names are Princess and Patches. My brother wants Walkie Talkies for Christmas. My mom and dad's names are Bobbi Jo and Lonnie.

Love,  
MELISSA D. FRITZ

DEAR SANTA:

I want a Sectar and a GI Joe, an Air Skiff, and Zanzabur and a remote control Airplane and Shoes. I hope you and the elves don't do a lot of work.

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DEAR SANTA,

I want a Ten Speed Bike and a Helmet. I will take care of it. I also would like to have a Rock Tumbler. I want a Spacewarp, and a Mountain Monster. And a Zero Gravity Cliff Hangers Race set. But....I am thankful for what ever you will bring me.

Love,  
TONY JAMES HOCKMUTH

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LIBRARIES Celebrate! 150 AMERICAN SESQUICENTENNIAL

## Pigeon District Library News & Notes

### HOLIDAY HOURS

No Preschool Story Hour session is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 29 at the Pigeon District Library, due to the holidays, but the library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day for regular business.

The library will be closed on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25 and New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1, but will open the days following those holidays, on Saturday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### BALLOON FOUND!

A balloon that was launched on Saturday, Nov. 21 by Kim Sturm of Pigeon in celebration of Children's Book Week has been found by a family in Ohio.

The balloon had burst and was sitting on a pole in front of the Scandinavian Health Spa. It is reported that the family was "delighted" to have found it and they responded quickly.

### IF THE ICE MELTED...

Ice now covers about one-tenth of the earth. What would happen if it all melted?

Based on studies by a marine scientist, they tell a story. For one thing, seawater would flood New York City. The Statue of Liberty would be waist-deep in the harbor, because the ocean would rise by as much as 200 feet.

The sea would flood other cities as well, including Washington D.C., Miami, Fla., Houston, Tex., both Los

Angeles and San Francisco, Calif. Memphis, Tenn. would be on the shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

The Fertile Valleys of Texas and California would turn into wide bays. The Arctic Ocean would cover a big chunk of Alaska. Hawaii's mountains would still jut from the ocean, but the state's coastal cities would be underwater.

There's no need to panic, however. Scientists say the ice will not start melting for several thousand years, or perhaps much longer.

### THINK ABOUT IT

"Take Time."  
Take time to WORK: it is the price of success.

Take time to THINK: it is the source of power.

Take time to PLAY: it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to READ: it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to WORSHIP: it is the highway of reverence.

Take time to be FRIENDLY: it is the road to happiness.

Take time to LAUGH: it is the music of the soul.

Take time to DREAM: it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to LIVE.

### Lake-Chandler news items

Dr. and Mrs. Gary Gascho of Chula, Ga. plan to spend a few days, including Christmas, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh.

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# Two area ladies celebrate 95th birthdays!

During the holiday season of 1893, two baby girls were born in Michigan's emerging Thumb Area. Both grew up, married and raised families in the Upper Thumb -- and are now preparing to celebrate their 95th birthdays in their own way.

**Mrs. Louise Smith**, a longtime Sebawaing resident, and now of Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe. Born in Pigeon on Christmas Day, 1893, Louise Diebel was married to Arthur C. Smith of Pigeon, now deceased. She has one son, Louis. Mrs. Smith plans a private birthday celebration.

**Mrs. Martha Winter** of 4330 Caro Road, Sebawaing, was born on New Year's Day, 1893, and has lived her entire life in Sebawaing. She married Omar Wagner (now deceased,) and has one daughter, Ruth. There will be an open house in honor of Mrs. Wagner's birthday from 2-4 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 1, at her Caro Road home. Friends and relatives planning to attend are asked not to bring gifts.

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# Obituaries

## MARTIN GRAF 1903 - 1987

Martin Graf, age 84, of Pigeon, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe after a short illness. He was born Nov. 10, 1903 in Austria-Hungary, son of the late John and Catherine (Schmidt) Graf. He married Cleva (Kinney) Stevens on Jan. 26, 1952 at Fremont Methodist Church, Bay City. Mr. Graf retired in 1968 from the Bay Port Stone Quarry, where he was a crusher-operator. He was a World War II army veteran. Surviving are his wife, Cleva; one stepson, Sherman Stevens, Bay Port; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Curtis C. (Marjorie) Trueman and Ms. Virginia Kinde, both of Bay City; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Nick (Mary) Bambach, Bad Axe and Mrs. Eva Root, Flint and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jake Graf. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. The Rev. Timothy Hastings, pastor at Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon, officiated with burial in the New Bay Port Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## JAMES A. BROWN 1917 - 1987

James A. Brown, age 69, of Mud Creek and Fort Myers, Fla., passed away Sunday, Dec. 13 in Fort Myers. He was born Dec. 13, 1917 in Caseville. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith M. Brown, on Oct. 19, 1976. Mr. Brown is survived by a son, Thomas J. Brown of Flint;

one daughter, Marilyn Jones of Goodells; sisters Elsie Rose of Bay City, Mabel Koehn of Saginaw, Elizabeth Miller of Port Huron and Anna Koenig of Fort Myers; grandsons, Rickey Brown of Fort Campbell, Ky., James Jones of Port Huron and Michael Jones of Avoca; granddaughters Deborah Bramer of Port Huron and Kristine Jackson; several great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Karrer-Simpson-Crawford Funeral Home, Port Huron.

## LOIS LEIGHTON 1911 - 1987

Lois Ruth Leighton, age 76, of Indian Rock Beach, Fla. and Bay Port, passed away Monday, Dec. 14 in Florida. She married Myron Leighton and the couple formerly resided in the Pontiac area and later spent winters in Florida and summers in Bay Port. Mrs. Leighton was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by her husband, Myron, Indian Rock Beach, Fla.; two sons, Robert Leighton, Pontiac and Richard Leighton, Birmingham; one daughter, Mrs. Linda Joss, West Bloomfield; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 18 at the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home, Pontiac. The Rev. Alger Lewis, pastor of Bay Port United Methodist Church, officiated with burial in Ottawa Park Cemetery, Pontiac. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or the Emphysema Foundation.

## Letters to Santa

DEAR SANTA,  
I want Starcon Man and a Colptin-power Robot and a Ghost Buster for my brother and a Heman Guy and some Transformers.

From,  
JAMES ROY BAKER

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a Scooter for Christmas and a Barbie Ice Cream Shop.

MICHELLE MOHR



**LUNCH WITH SANTA:** More than 200 youngsters enjoyed lunch with Santa Saturday in Elkton. Club 59 sponsored the event, along with the Village donating candy. Names were drawn for prizes after lunch was served and lots of kids went home happy.

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## Answering Lake's Feger Laker leaders want tax reply

By AMY HEIDEN  
Laker school officials are planning to respond aggressively to a letter enclosed in Lake Township tax notices earlier this month and writ-

ten by Township supervisor Joe Feger.  
The letter reads in part, "The reason for the increase in millage is that farm values have dropped about 25 to 27% in the county in the past two years. The 7.5 mills will have to be voted on again next year."

"The Township Board and I have not requested any pay increases for the past two years, due to the decline in farm values, but the Elkton-Pigeon - Bayport school board decided to increase the salaries at the school 6.5% for three years even though their income had been reduced. This is why they needed such a large millage increase."

**ANSWER:** In response, Laker Schools Business Manager Bob Drury says he doesn't dispute the facts in the letter but felt the method Feger used to distribute the letter was unfair.

"Receiving a tax notice is a pretty sensitive thing sometimes, and to inflame things further is not necessarily the way to operate," said Drury.

"Tax notices have more taxes on them than just school taxes."

Officials noted that teachers' salaries had been negotiated before the drop in land values necessitated an increase in the millage.

Laker Supt. Harry Brunet says the school board has been in contact with the Michigan Townships Association to determine if Feger's conduct in enclosing the letter with tax notices is unethical.

**ONE ON ONE:** "Mr. Feger should come to the school board meetings if he has a complaint," said Drury. "That's a much better forum than sending a letter."

Repeated attempts to contact Mr. Feger for his response have not been successful.

## What's your job?



Pat Dubey

"I'm the branch supervisor of the Elkton office of Education Employees Credit Union. I enjoy working here, dealing with customers, but I wish there was less phone time involved. "My home is in Elkton, and I have three grown children and one very precious six-year old grandson."

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Elkton will hold a public hearing Tuesday, January 5, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Hearing will be for the purpose of zoning ordinances regulating the development and use of land reviewed by Council. Copies are available at the Clerk's Office and may be purchased or inspected during regular business hours.

Janet Santos, Clerk  
2526 27th

Winsor Township Board meeting will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. until further notice, starting January 1, 1988.

Dianne V. Kohr  
Winsor Twp. Clerk  
2526th

## SEASON'S BEST



Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the new-born Prince of Peace — may He bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

Butch, Nova Jean,  
Ken, Henry and Dana  
J&B Plumbing & Htg.  
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453-3931

# News That Counts From

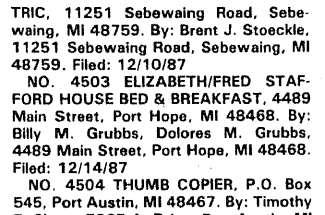


from Huron County Clerk Helen Lemanski

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Week of December 14

Edwin C. Burkhard & Bernice A. Godzinski  
Richard L. Bacca, Jr. & Mary Ann Deming  
Gregory J. Bailey & JoAnn M. McBride  
Dennis P. Bergman & Renee K. Koch

**ASSUMED NAMES**  
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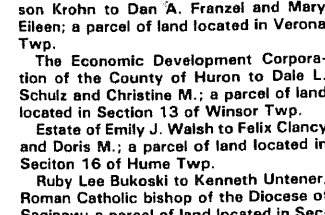


from County Register of Deeds Frances Holdwick

**WARRANTY DEEDS**  
December 9 - 15

Leonard T. Jennings, III and Sharrill E. to Clayton A. Pethers and Sharon G.; a parcel of land located in Lake Twp.  
H. Dan M. Gribbs, Dolores M. Gribbs, 4489 Main Street, Port Hope, MI 48468. Filed: 12/14/87  
NO. 4505 THE MARKET RIDERS, 111 Park Avenue, Bad Axe, MI 48413. By: Marcella Budzynowski, Connie & Lawrence Respondek, Gerald P. Sorenson, Ken Krinke, Dennis & Joan Bushey, Bad Axe, MI; Alan & Brenda Kretzschmer, Owendale, MI; Dave Bushey, Kinde, MI; Cindy & Jeff Woodke, Port Hope, MI. Filed: 12/15/87

**JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE**  
Andrew A. Nowak vs. Amy L. Nowak  
Diane J. Dahlmans vs. William Dahlmans



from County Probate Judge David Clabuesch

**PROBATE COURT**  
December 10 - 16

Estate of Joycel M. Dall, Deceased, of Bay Port, File 28,759, Independent Probate, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, 16 Waivers and Consents filed, Register's Order filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Publication and Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
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Estate of Gertrude T. Korolinski, Deceased, of Kinross, File 28,763, Will filed.  
Estate of Glenn J. Bechler, Deceased, of Caseville, File 28,700, Supervised Probate, Order Appointing Personal Representative filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.  
Estate of Marilyn M. Karg, Deceased, of Port Hope, File 28,006, Supervised Probate, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Lee Cyrus Shupe, Deceased, of Elkton, File 27,991, Supervised Probate, Order Allowing Final Account filed, Order of Discharge filed.  
Estate of Emily J. Walsh, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 28,384, Supervised Probate, Report of Sale of Real Estate and Petition for Confirmation filed, 4 Waivers and Consents filed, Consent to Personal Bond filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Order Confirming Sale of Real Estate filed.  
Estate of Robert A. Brown, Deceased, of Holly, File 27,738, Supervised Probate, Register's Order filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Letters of Authority filed, Claims Notice filed.  
Estate of Jacob E. Ullig, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,770, Will filed.  
Estate of Lloyd James Kuhl, Deceased, of Bay Port, File 28,732, Independent Probate, Order Determining Heirs filed.  
Estate of Lori E. Sensenig, Deceased, of Port Austin, File 28,728, Supervised Probate, Order Appointing Guardian Ad Litem filed, Acceptance of Trust and Report of Guardian Ad Litem filed, Appointing Personal Representative filed, Letters of Authority filed, Order Determining Heirs filed.  
Estate of Kenneth M. Bolda, Deceased, of Sebewaing, File 28,825, Independent Probate, Petition for Court Supervision filed, Petition for Order Authorizing Settlement of Wrongful Death Claim filed, Petition for Authority to Distribute Proceeds of Wrongful Death Claim filed, Petition for Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Order of Adjudgment filed.  
Estate of George Louis Schwartz, Deceased, of Port Austin, File 28,233, Supervised Probate, Order of Discharge filed.  
Estate of Elmer F. Budgery, Deceased, of Port Hope, File 28,685, Supervised Probate, Order of Discharge filed.  
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The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Huron to Dale L. Schulz and Christina M.; a parcel of land located in Section 13 of Winsor Twp.  
Estate of Emily J. Walsh to Felix Clancy and Doris M.; a parcel of land located in Section 16 of Hume Twp.  
Ruby Lee Bukoski to Kenneth Untener, Roman Catholic bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw; a parcel of land located in Section 6 of Sigel Twp.  
Emma Jean Nay to Robert S. Nurak and Betty J.; a parcel of land located in Lake Twp.  
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Clara Finkbeiner and Grace to Robert R. Mosley and Venice M.; a parcel of land located in Section 33 of Winsor Twp.  
Earl C. Zeese and Shirley L. to Jack Hochfort and Jean; a parcel of land located in Hume Twp.  
Douglas M. Braun and Sharon S. to Renée M. Carson; a parcel of land located in the City of Bay Port.  
John T. Blackstock and Gayle A. to Terry L. VanDeVoort and Donna M.; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Lincoln Twp.  
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Estate of Martha Loppak, Deceased, of Ruth, File 28,391, Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.  
Estate of Virginia M. Emery, Deceased, of Sebewaing, File 28,538, Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.  
Estate of Joseph E. Friedt, Deceased, of Caseville, File 28,769, Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register's Order filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Letters of Authority filed, Claims Notice filed.  
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- SIXTH: Spumoni Parfait

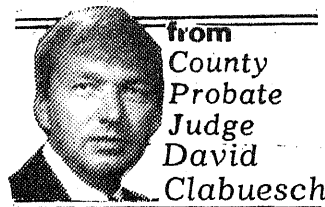
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Estate of Emily J. Walsh, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 28,384, Supervised Probate, Report of Sale of Real Estate and Petition for Confirmation filed, 4 Waivers and Consents filed, Consent to Personal Bond filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Order Confirming Sale of Real Estate filed.  
Estate of Robert A. Brown, Deceased, of Holly, File 27,738, Supervised Probate, Register's Order filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Letters of Authority filed, Claims Notice filed.  
Estate of Jacob E. Ullig, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,770, Will filed.  
Estate of Lloyd James Kuhl, Deceased, of Bay Port, File 28,732, Independent Probate, Order Determining Heirs filed.  
Estate of Lori E. Sensenig, Deceased, of Port Austin, File 28,728, Supervised Probate, Order Appointing Guardian Ad Litem filed, Acceptance of Trust and Report of Guardian Ad Litem filed, Appointing Personal Representative filed, Letters of Authority filed, Order Determining Heirs filed.  
Estate of Kenneth M. Bolda, Deceased, of Sebewaing, File 28,825, Independent Probate, Petition for Court Supervision filed, Petition for Order Authorizing Settlement of Wrongful Death Claim filed, Petition for Authority to Distribute Proceeds of Wrongful Death Claim filed, Petition for Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Order of Adjudgment filed.  
Estate of George Louis Schwartz, Deceased, of Port Austin, File 28,233, Supervised Probate, Order of Discharge filed.  
Estate of Elmer F. Budgery, Deceased, of Port Hope, File 28,685, Supervised Probate, Order of Discharge filed.  
Estate of Esther Erna Hanselman, Deceased, of Port Hope, File 28,685, Supervised Probate, Inventory filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed, Order Closing Hearing of Claims filed.  
Estate of Frieda M. Helms, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 28,768, Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register's Order of Discharge filed, Letters of Authority filed.

## Letters to Santa

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Your friend,  
MICHAEL ARMSTEAD

DEAR SANTA:  
I have been pretty good. I would like a radio and a Santa Bear and a Puffalump. Oh! I almost forgot. Have a happy Christmas.

MARIE HURREN

## MAVIS

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We finally did arrive at our winter home. It takes awhile to get unpacked, the place cleaned up, and things put away. This single-wide mobile home sure doesn't have the storage room our farmhouse does. After spending the summer on the farm with its wide open spaces, it takes some time to adjust to hearing neighbors sneeze. We can adapt because, most importantly, we are where it is much warmer than winter in Michigan.

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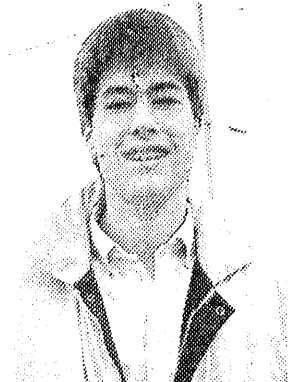
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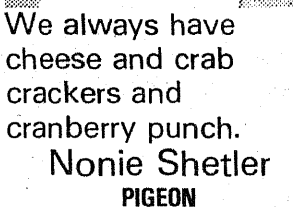
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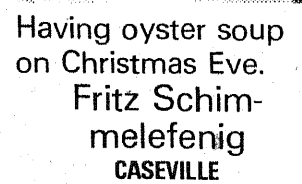
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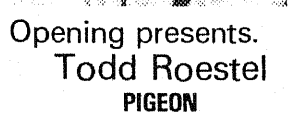
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## Woods & Waters

By DUANE GUENTHER

It wasn't too many years ago an outdoorsman could pretty well anticipate what kind of presents would be found under the tree come Christmas morning. Wool shirts, down vests, a couple of boxes of copper-plated, high-brass duck loads, perhaps a new shotgun, some binoculars, or a .22 automatic would be the standard fare. That doesn't seem to be the case anymore.

The new high tech craze sweeping the country has carried over into the sporting world. Some of it is very functional, while others border on the ridiculous. But how does the saying go? One man's ridiculousness is another man's high tech treasure.

I have made up a Christmas list of high tech presents to buy based on hunting experiences encountered this past year. In each case, the new merchandise would have made the situation easier, and if not that, certainly more interesting.

My oldest son, Doug, is a goose hunting addict. Of all the outdoor sports he has participated in, field hunting for geese ranks first on his list. And he is a first rate partner when we share our makeshift blind in a standing cornfield. However, when the corn gets knocked down and we are forced to lie within the stubble, his patience becomes that of a 2-year-old.

This past fall, while hunting late in the year, we experienced a situation that brought my gift idea to mind. Lying flat on our backs in a recently knocked-down cornfield we spotted 3 geese hightailing it toward our decoys. At the last minute they flared to the right, but the last one veered back and gave us the old once over. With his neck stretched out like he was peering down an open well, the goose flew directly over us sweeping his long neck back and forth. We were caught without any cover-

ings over our faces and the minute he spotted our pink cheeks he was gone in a flash. So, the first gift on my list is for my son, Doug. With it, he will no longer have to suffer the agony of not being able to see those incoming geese, and when he does see them, they won't be able to see him.

The Pop-Up Portable Blind marketed by L.L. Bean really got its start as a blind for photographers, but it didn't take long for duck and goose hunters to realize the practicality of this device. Made of lightweight tubular steel, it is covered with windproof nylon topped with camouflage. The top is spring loaded but allows you 360 degree visibility in the down position. When the birds are over your decoys, all you have to do is hit a button and the top pops open leaving you with a clear shooting field.

While duck hunting from a large stake blind off Geiger Road this past season, I began to feel sorry for my buddy, Al, who owned the blind. After each pass of a bluegill, it would be Al's job to lower the boat and chase down the cripples. He did it with perfection. First circling the crippled ducks and herding them back towards the blind to be dispensed with by his water-swatting comrades. However, this all took time and work. So, the second gift on my list is for my buddy, Al.

Robo-Duck, the retrieving decoy is in a high tech class by itself. Sold through Herter's, this mechanical marvel is the most efficient retriever available. You don't have to train, feed, give shots to, or clean the kennel of this friend of the duck hunter. Robo-Duck is completely radio controlled, obeys your every command, and can do things besides retrieve ducks.

Powered by an Astro Flight motor, it can accelerate up to 10 mph and the spring steel fingers that protrude from its breast can easily grasp 2 mallards or a Canada goose. It can even move decoys that are bumping together after a wind shift. How's that for a man's best friend.

For myself, all I want is a game trail timer. Each deer season, this one included, I can never figure out which runway to

plop myself down on. After choosing the wrong one for 5 straight years in a row, I need someone, or something to help me decide.

The Game Trail Timer, sold through

## High-tech Christmas

### Exclusive Thumb Area

## Outdoor report

Some records and some firsts came about in the early going of the 1987 Michigan elk hunt. A state record field-dressed weight was set on the first day when Earl Harrison of Dearborn brought in a 688-lb. bull elk. It was 6 pounds heavier than the largest elk taken last year. Two hunters from Charlotte and Greenville were the first ever in Michigan to shoot elk with handguns. Jerry Ackley of Charlotte killed a 575-lb. bull and Michael Winegard of Greenville shot a 398-lb. cow. Another first was registered by Leon Hanson of Plymouth. Leon shot a 595-lb. bull elk with a flintlock muzzleloader. It probably wasn't the first elk shot with a flintlock in Michigan, but the last had to be killed well over 100 years ago.

cuts and ditches along the shoreline, but some of the more hardy ones were even venturing out on the ice this past weekend. The warm rain Saturday evening and Sunday morning did a good job of destroying the skim ice, but before it went, some great catches of Perch were reported in both Bay Port and Sebewaing. Cautious anglers were seen inching out over shallow water and being rewarded with the first "slabs" of the year. Don't expect to hear them talking about their "hot spots" for places like that are best-kept secrets. If you're looking for some early ice action, dress warm, (maybe even waterproof) and stay close to shore. The big fish are in close so there is no need to go deeper and really get in trouble. Action has been best with Russian hooks with a glass eye.

Early Perch fishing around the Thumb is really beginning to pick up. Not only are eager fishermen taking advantage of the early winter runs in all the rivers,

### Port Crescent Park plans Ski Clinics

A Cross Country Ski Clinic is planned at Port Crescent State Park on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m., beginning at the park headquarters.

The clinic will be taught by qualified instructors who will give assistance to the beginner, as well as to the more experienced skier seeking more advanced tips. The Huron Audubon Society will provide hot dogs and hot chocolate to participants in the clinic.

A one-mile trail through the woods will be lighted by candles on Sunday, Jan. 17, for a two-hour cross country ski run beginning at dark. The trail is located across the iron bridge at the west end of Port Crescent Road, five miles southwest of Port Austin on M-25. Warm refreshments and a bonfire will be part of the evening's activities.

The State Park Motor Vehicle Permit will be required for vehicle entry into all areas of the park except for the clinic at the headquarters on Jan. 10.

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BUS 222	C Principles of Economics II General economic concepts	3.0	T	7:00 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.	TBA
ENG 101	D English Composition I Current prose and practice in Composition	3.0	W	6:30 p.m. - 9:20 p.m.	Riegle
ENG 102	B English Composition II Units of Composition with emphasis on personal style	3.0	Th	6:30 p.m. - 9:20 p.m.	Riegle
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HIS 102	A History of Modern Civilization Since 1815 Western Civilization from 1815 to present	4.0	Th	6:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Rogers
PS 101	B Intro to Political Science Institutions and principles of government	3.0	W	7:00 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.	TBA
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Happy 8th Birthday  
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Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
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funds offer money to be used for the homeless in local towns and townships, as needed.

Bay County received \$96,317 while Sanilac is earmarked for \$28,977. Lapeer County is in line for \$50,851 and Saginaw \$135,014 for 1988, Sen. Riegle's office says.

**SEBEWAING PARK AWAITS FUNDS**

If all goes as Huron County Parks Supervisor Steve Romzek and DNR Coastal Planner Dave Kessler hope, Sebewaing County Park could be properly surveyed, blueprinted and \$16,000 closer to reality by springtime.

As soon as the 18-acre purchase was finalized last December, Huron County officials applied for an \$8,000 grant through Michigan's DNR and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Ocean and Coastal Management.

Matched with an equal amount of county financing, the money would finance site analysis, a master plan, additional engineering specifications and effectively construct a detailed blueprint for development of the park's entire 40-acre tract.

"I was told the DNR has approved it, and we're waiting for the state to fund it," said Romzek of the study grant. "It's my understanding the grant is part of a funding package that is tied up for some reason."

Dave Kessler of DNR's Department of Land and Water Management confirms Romzek's explanation. "Officially, it's still up in the air," said Kessler of the grant. "We have recommended approval of the grant and about 30-some other projects, but the decision still hasn't been made in Washington. We expect approval soon."

Application for a \$300,000 grant to finance the majority of actual park construction has been turned down for this year, according to County Commissioner Bruce Kuhl of Sebewaing.

"We weren't in the appropriations this time," Kuhl said recently. "We were one of the higher ones (in priority,) but we didn't come in for funding. We were number 16 or 17 on the list, and they funded only 15 this time."

"They said we should re-apply for next year and we'll be on the top of the list."

The grant in question is from the Kammer Land Trust, the fund that approved an original grant for \$225,000, providing most of the money used for the park purchase. Public hearings to determine scope and specifications of Sebewaing County Park will be announced after site work begins in the spring.

**DONOVAN IS TUSCOLA'S PICK**

Patricia Donovan of Fairgrove has been appointed Tuscola County Treasurer, filling the vacancy created when Eugene Keller retires Jan. 1. Donovan, 33, now serves as Tuscola's deputy treasurer, and likely will seek the job full-time in next fall's elections. The post pays \$23,000.

An Akron - Fairgrove High graduate, she started working in the treasurer's office after high school and was promoted to bookkeeper in 1975. She became deputy treasurer in 1977 when Keller was elected treasurer.

She was chosen from 15 candidates seeking the appointment.

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**MEDICAL OFFICES FOR CARO**

Caro Community Hospital leaders plan to construct a 3000-sq.-ft. medical office on hospital property on Hooper Street, to house medical specialists and provide more space at the 50-bed hospital.

The clinic could house specialists in orthopedics, neurology, podiatry and oncology, plus hospital business offices. When funding is arranged for the \$150,000 project, construction could begin by spring, 1988, officials say.

**Few contests in Pigeon or Elkton**

No Primary Election is needed in Pigeon in February, as no opponents filed nominating petitions for the seven posts up for election.

Village President David Geiger was the only person to file for his position. Village Clerk Janet Heckman is also unopposed, as she seeks her first full two-year term.

Treasurer Frankie Armbruster is also seeking her first two-year term unopposed, and Assessor Roy Lawrence likewise has no competition for his job.

Trustees David McCormick, Ken Licht and Mike Gehrs are the only candidates who filed for the three available seats. All are Republicans.

**IN ELKTON,** February Primary Elections will decide only the posts of Village Treasurer and Assessor, as all others are unopposed.

Incumbent Republican Dennis Learman is being opposed by challengers Alvin John Knechtel and Orville Liedtke.

Incumbent G.O.P. Assessor Phyllis Tamblin is being opposed by Donna Fisher in the Feb. 15 contest.

Otherwise, no one filed against Village President Elmer Ropp, Jr., or Village Clerk Janet Santos as they seek two-year terms.

And, the three incumbent Trustees — David Fisher, Barbara Thompson and Ron Cunningham — are unopposed for their two-year terms.