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Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

HURON, TUSCOLA VALUES DROP 31% IN 1987 AG SALES

Western Thumb Area school districts and local governments -- already reeling from property valuation drops of one-third and more in the past two years -- can expect more of the same when 1988 assessments are formally announced.

That's the word from Huron and Tuscola County government leaders, as 1987 ag property sales figures are computed.

IN HURON COUNTY, Western Thumb townships will likely experience 30% valuation declines, says County Commissioner Bruce Kuhl (R-Sebewaing). Townships of Winsor, Sebewaing, Fair Haven, McKinley and Caseville Townships are expected to see drops of up to 31%, as will portions of Brookfield and Chandler Townships, Kuhl says.

Where farm land values averaged \$1300 per acre last year, they're expected to drop to \$900 per acre in the Western Area. Southern and mid-county townships with 1987 values of \$700 per acre will fall to an average of \$550 this year, or 21%, when final equalization figures are in, Kuhl says.

In central and northern Huron County, the decline is 30%, from average prices of \$1000 per acre to \$700 this year. The figures are based on sale prices of the 42 farm parcels sold in Huron County in 1987.

TUSCOLA COUNTY VALUES are dropping about 18% this year, says Equalization Director Don Graf. That's down from the state's biggest decline -- at 24% -- in 1986, Graf says, but it too will play havoc with schools, townships and counties trying to balance budgets.

Tuscola's State Equalized Value (SEV) on ag land will likely drop from \$221.6 million last year to \$183.5 million this year, meaning the county and other governmental units will receive fewer tax dollars for the same amount of taxes levied compared with last year. Ag land is roughly half of Tuscola's total property, which will decline by \$75 million in all this year -- to \$367 million from \$443.2 million in 1987.

WHAT'S AHEAD? Kuhl and other county leaders say the tax structure must be reformed to avoid such dramatic value swings, which have wiped out "paper profits" farmers and others have used as equity in financing farm operations in past years.

But, Kuhl says, since this is an election year, don't expect major financing changes on the state level.

OWENDALE BANK CLOSING

The Owendale office of First of America Bank-Thumb Area will discontinue operations in that site at 7253 Main Street, after Friday, Feb. 26.

FOA-Thumb President and CEO James Krause says branch operations and staff will be consolidated with the Gagetown Office, six miles to the south, and that branch



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Car drawing highlights busiest year ever

Dave Jarvis to head Pigeon Chamber

"Don't wait to be asked. Offer your help once in a while and be positive."

Those were the words of departing Pigeon Chamber of Commerce President Mike LePage, as he handed over the gavel to new president Dave Jarvis at the organization's annual meeting last Monday, Jan. 25 at the Specialty House Restaurant, Bay Port.

LePage, who had served as President for two years, offered praise for the board which served with him and for the many people who offered their support during his leadership. In his closing remarks, he added, "Be upbeat. You don't get a second chance to make a first impression."

WHAT A YEAR: In ending his presidency, LePage completed a year in which the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce took on the largest project ever -- the 1987 Christmas Car Giveaway.

According to 40 merchants and Chamber members who responded to a survey conducted by the Chamber Board, the vast majority were very pleased with the promotion, its effect on the community, the business climate, etc.

The Christmas promotion overall was a \$15,572 effort, when all advertising and expenses are included. Nearly 70 Chamber members each chipped in a special \$100 assessment to help fund the new car.

NOW YOUR TURN: The general public now has a chance to respond in a similar way to a survey, which printed on page 2 of this week's Progress-Advance.

All in all, 95% of the respondents felt that the promotion marked Pigeon as a "progressive community," and over 90% feel that another promotion of similar size should be planned for 1988.

ONTO TO FESTIVAL TIME: With 1988 well underway, the Chamber is in the beginning stages of planning for the 1988 Farmers' Festival, coming July 27-31. Overall Farmers' Festival Chairman Linda Clabuesch was recognized for her volunteerism and she approached the Chamber members in attendance for their help.

A mailing has already been distributed to those who helped with past projects, enlisting their support this year, and others are invited to submit new ideas.

"We're looking for new activities and also hope to revitalize events like the art show this year, which had been very popular," she said. "Maybe a chili cooking contest, with politicians as judges, would be an idea to pursue."

FAREWELL, HELLO: Stepping off the Pigeon Chamber Board of Directors are Mike LePage, Neal Eichler, Kent McKenzie and Al Abbott. In other remarks, LePage said, "I'll still be around. I don't plan to 'retire' from my Chamber work. I have plans to help work on Pigeon's Downtown Beautification project and other things. You'll still be hearing from me."

Added on to the Board roster are new members Rhonda Buehler of Dr. Douglas Buehler, Optometrist, Bill Esch of Universal Printing Co., Linda Gardy of Village Variety and Marty Caverly of Pigeon Telephone Co.

JOHN ORR HONORED: Long-time Orr's Drug Store owner John Orr was feted with applause and a plaque from the Chamber Board, in recognition of his 40-plus years of community involvement.

"Pigeon has been good to me," said Orr, in accepting the honor. "I tell you, you and your Board have done an exceptionally good job this year."

BIGGEST BUDGET EVER: The Chamber had overall expenses of \$39,873 this year, including more than \$11,675 for Farmers' Festival expenses, \$2,515 for Las Vegas Night costs, \$2,461 for



DAVE JARVIS,
Incoming President

Pigeon Chamber had its biggest year ever, sponsoring Valentine's Day promotion, Las Vegas Night, Moonlight Madness, Employee Seminar, Boat restoration, Garage Sale Weekend, Farmers' Fest entertainment, Golf Tournament, Queen's Contest, Sidewalk Sales, Grand Parade, Farm Bus Tours, Bingo, Anything Goes Games, Antique Car Show, Lip Sync Contest, Mud Volleyball, Teen Dance, Baby Crawl, Beard Contest, Treasure Hunt, Sheriff's Posse and more!



BILL ESCH



LINDA GARDY



RHONDA BUEHLER



MARTY CAVERLY

flowers and plant barrels and \$2,339 for Moonlight Madness expenses. The Valentine's Day promotion cost \$1,364 in 1987.

Dues collected from the 70-plus members were more than \$13,741, Farmers' Festival income was pegged at \$8,823 and the Las Vegas Night brought in \$3,924 in income, for a grand total of \$37,151. The Village of Pigeon's gift of \$2,500 was gratefully acknowledged, to aid in flower plantings and downtown beautification.

STORE HOURS: A decision to regulate downtown store hours was tabled to the board for a final vote, with feelings divided on Friday night store hours. Several retailers, including Linda King of Bay House Sports and Orville Schuette of Pigeon IGA, would like to see an additional evening added -- Thursday nights until 8 p.m. for a trial period.

Other businesses were opposed, and the issue will be brought to the board for a vote. "This is too big a decision to make in one night," said several Chamber members who were present.

Presently, Friday night shopping hours are slower than in past years for some merchants, while others say Friday is still worthwhile.

No other formal program was planned for the evening, and the meeting was adjourned before 9 p.m.

Laker Soup-Sandwich Supper Friday

You're invited to the Laker Band Boosters' annual Soup and Sandwich Supper this Friday, Feb. 5 from 4 to 7 at the Laker Student Center.

The Boosters will serve several varieties of -- what else? -- soup and sandwiches and each participant can

choose dessert from a wide variety of homemade selections.

Children five and under will eat free. Tickets are available at the door for everyone else. Proceeds will be used by the Band Boosters for junior and senior high band needs.

INSIDE: Have we got a diet for you (unusual, too!) See Page 13 this week...

Parents say 'yes' to co-op preschool

By SALLY RUMMEL
Parents of 15 preschool age children have found an educational, fun way to prepare their youngsters for years of schooling — enrolling them in the Tom Thumb Preschool of Caseville.

The school, which meets in a classroom at St. John's Episcopal Church, Sand Point, provides early educational experiences for up to 18 three to five year olds, and actively involves their parents, too.

CREATIVE PRIDE: According to teacher Tonja Nelson, who has taught at the preschool for six years, the school strives to help children experience creative learning situations, provide them with pride in their achievements, learn to func-

tion away from home and respect others and property.

For the children, all the "work" is found in fun and games, which includes painting, story times, group play and visits out into the community.

While most schools actively encourage parents to participate in their child's education, a co-op nursery school requires that of its parents, except for those who choose to pay the higher fee.

Teacher Nelson has found it to be a distinct advantage to have such parental involvement.

"It's the combination of parents, teacher and children which helps us give

such a good education," she says.

COMMUNITY, TOO: The community also has a chance to get involved with the Tom Thumb Preschool, with several fund-raisers planned yearly.

The preschool is also the beneficiary of gifts from local service organizations. For example, the Caseville Optimist Club and Caseville Kiwanis Club both donated funds to purchase badly-needed new tables for the classroom.

The answers they gave are as varied as the children themselves:

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Progress-Advance Publisher Sally Rummel was on-hand last Wednesday as a guest speaker, showing the children how, in very simple terms, a newspaper works.

This was considered one of the preschool's monthly field trips, which has included

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THESE 15 HAPPY FACES belong to the Tom Thumb Cooperative Nursery students, who meet three days a week for fun and learning.

PHOTO BY SALLY RUMMEL

PIGEON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Shopper's Survey

The Pigeon Chamber of Commerce appreciates your participation in the many events we sponsor in the Pigeon Area during the year!

We VALUE YOUR OPINION and are asking you to take a few minutes to answer the questions in this Shopper's Survey. We hope that through your opinions we can offer you even more exciting promotions as our Business District prepares for the 1988 season.

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER:

- During the Christmas Car Give-Away, were the tickets a factor in your decision to shop in Pigeon?
YES NO No Opinion
- Was the grand prize of an automobile the reason you participated in the drawing?
YES NO No Opinion
- Would you like to see another drawing with one large prize or several smaller prizes?
A. One Large Prize B. Many Small Prizes C. No Opinion
- Was the Christmas Car Give-Away drawing:
A. Well organized B. Poorly Organized C. Short & Concise
D. Too lengthy
- Do you believe that our Christmas Promotion made Pigeon appear as a progressive community?
YES NO No Opinion
- How did you hear about the Christmas Promotion?
A. Newspaper Ads B. Radio Ads C. Store Employee
D. Word of Mouth E. Other
- How much shopping would you have done in Pigeon if the Christmas Promotion was not as large a magnitude?
A. Much More B. Same Amount C. Much Less
D. No Opinion
- While no purchase was necessary, what do you believe is a fair number of tickets to give on purchases?
1 per \$1.00 1 per \$5.00 1 per \$10.00
No Opinion
- How would you rate the Christmas Promotion overall?
A. Excellent B. Very Good C. Good
D. Poor E. No Opinion

If you have comments or suggestions for the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce, please use the space below:

Please drop off your complete survey at any Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Member by Wednesday, February 17, 1988.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

Pigeon Area Chamber of Commerce

Laker Band to perform in Lansing

The Laker High School Band, directed by Bill Denbrock, has been invited to present a concert this spring in the state capital.

Balzer named at Elkton P.O.

Thomas Balzer, who has been regular window clerk in the Sebewaung Post Office for the past 15 years, has been assigned temporarily to the position of officer in charge of Elkton Post Office.

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

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

FAKE FAT? The NutraSweet Company has unveiled its new fat substitute which it says can reduce both the calories and cholesterol in many foods. The new brand will first be used as an ice cream ingredient, and it follows by two weeks the unveiling of Procter & Gamble's Olestra, also a calorie-free and cholesterol-free product.

Both these substances enable cooking oils to pass through the body without being absorbed. NutraSweet's product is made from milk protein, where Olestra is known as sucrose polyester.

These products can mean millions of dollars in revenues for weight-watching folks. Imagine making french fries in calorie-free oil, or having most of fudge or ice cream calories eliminated?

Like NutraSweet's "Equal" sweetener, these new "fake fats" will have a profound effect on American life...

SPEAKING OF CONSUMABLES: An aspirin every other day will keep the cardiologist away, says a major study of 22,000 doctors shows. A buffered aspirin taken every other day can cut your heart attack risk by 47%, reports the New England Journal of Medicine, by keeping blood from excessive clotting... Amazing...

SPEAKING OF HEART (HART) — This week's worst Gary Hart for president joke: If he's elected, will we have both a first and second lady?!

NO KIDDIE TAX — Our elected leaders in Lansing last week repealed the "kiddie tax" which would have made 80,000 state children earning money baby-sitting or on paper routes pay state taxes. That law change last fall said all persons earning money in Michigan had to pay state taxes on what they earned mowing lawns or shoveling snow.

Now, you've got to earn \$1500 or more before having to pay state income taxes — and Michigan loses up to \$5 million in revenues it may have collected.

GOOD NEWS — The Bay City Times has carried two good, informative stories about local folks in recent days: Pigeon native and Huron County Probate Judge David Clabusch was featured Jan. 19, outlining his idea of sending troublesome youths to a county "quiet room" where they'd HAVE to study... rather than home for a "vacation" of sorts.

Then, Rob and Tracy Herzog and their "New Image Racquetball and Fitness Center" were featured in Sunday's Times. That Bad Axe facility, with expertise and financing from the Herzogs, Erik Voelker and Dave Meyer, is a dandy, and is ahead of its time here in the Thumb.

LAST GARY HART JOKE: How about teaming candidate Hart with comedian Bob Hope? Then the campaign song would already be ready: "You've gotta have Hart, All you really need is Hart. When the odds are saying you'll never win, That's when the grin should start... You've gotta have Hope..."

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and nine other area FOA locations can serving Owendale Area customers' needs.

The Owendale location has been housed in the former Pontiac, Oxford and Northern Railroad Depot, which long served the community when rail service was available.

HURON MEETINGS IN '88

Here's the first half-year schedule of regular meetings of various Huron County Boards and Commissions in 1988:

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Regular meetings have morning sessions starting at 9:30 a.m. and afternoon sessions at 1:30 p.m. Scheduled sessions are:

- Tuesdays, Feb. 9 and 23,
- Tuesdays, March 8 and 22,
- Tuesdays, April 12 and 26,
- Tuesdays, May 10 and 24 and
- Tuesdays, June 14 and 28.

The County Board conducts all meetings in Commissioners' Room 211 of the County Building, Bad Axe, and has committee of the whole sessions every first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call 269-8242.

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. meets the first Tuesday of each month, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the County Building, Bad Axe. The EDC's annual meeting is Tuesday, March 1, and more information is available from 269-6431.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION meets the second Wednesday of each month in Room 305 of the County Building, Bad Axe, at 7:30 p.m. More information is available from the Building and Zoning Office, 269-9269.

COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Building and Zoning Office of the County Building, NE next meeting date is Wednesday, Feb. 10. For more details, call 269-9285.

HURON TRANSIT CORPORATION Board of Directors meet the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 211 of the County Building. For details, call 269-2103. Scheduled meetings are:

- Monday, Feb. 8,
- Monday, March 14,
- Monday, April 11,
- Monday, May 9 and
- Monday, June 13.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Huron County District 73, First Division, Court Judge John Schubel recently heard the pleas of or made determinations in cases involving:

■ Theodore C. Chappel, 24 of Fillion, pled guilty to drunken driving and disorderly conduct, following an Oct. 27 incident involving escape from police custody; sentenced to 30 days in jail, \$650 fines and costs and loss of driver's license for 12 months;

■ Brenda L. Huett, 33 of Sebewaung, pled guilty to drunken driving and unlawful blood alcohol level; \$650 fines and costs and loss of driver's license for 12 months;

■ Joseph Waterkuetter, 21 of Caseville, pled guilty to reckless use of firearms, following a Jan. 16 incident involving a rifle investigated by Caseville Police; sentenced to 90 days in jail;

■ James E. Welch, 26 of Vassar, pled guilty to driving with license suspended, following an incident on Sebewaung Road near Volz Road in Sebewaung Township; \$150 fines and costs;

■ Alex Prill, Jr., 55 of Port Austin, pled guilty to illegal sale of deer, following a Nov. 6 incident involving venison sausage and other deer meat investigated by the DNR; sentenced to five days in jail, \$250 fines, \$147 costs, \$3 conservation fee plus liquidated damages of \$1066 in restitution to the state of Michigan, plus suspension of hunting privileges through 1991;

■ Bruce W. Bastien, 31 of Flint, pled guilty to purchasing a pistol without a license, following a Nov. 15 incident investigated by State Police on McIlhargie Road in Hume Township; \$200 fines and costs.

Bean numbers re-stated

Stocks of dry beans in commercial storage in Michigan were upgraded by nearly 15%, due to a compilation error, it was reported by the Michigan Bean Commission and Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service (MASS).

Under the revised figures, commercial elevators in Michigan held 3.55 million hundredweights of dry beans at the close of 1987, compared with 3 million bags as estimated earlier.

WHAT THEY ARE: Making up the storage totals were 3 million bags of Navy Beans and 550,000 bags of all other classes combined.

In all, dry bean stocks held in elevators on Dec. 31, 1987, exceeded last year's low level by 137%.

Stocks on hand a year earlier included 1.2 million bags of Navies and 300,000 bags of all other classes. On Dec. 31, 1985, there were 2.8 million bags of Navies and 375,000 bags of all other classes.

Estimates of dry beans stored on farms are not included in the report.

New oat program announced by Co-op

By AMY HEIDEN
Officials at the Cooperative Elevator Co., Pigeon, have announced details of the new Minimum Price Guarantee Program for the 1988 oat crop.

Co-op Marketing Director Steve Fosdick says the program guarantees a minimum price of \$1.60 a bushel for Grade A oats, and minimum of \$1.50 for Grade B oats.

Growers enrolling in the program must specify the number of acres they plan to put into oats and the price will be paid on a maximum of 100 bushels per specified acre.

HIGHER PRICES: If the price of oats at the time of delivery to the Co-op is higher than the minimum price, the grower will receive that higher price, he says.

Fosdick, who is credited with opening up new oat markets for the Co-op, says, "We feel so strongly about this program that we're willing to give a minimum price, to accept some risk."

Soybean meeting this Friday

A soybean meeting has been planned for 9:30 am Friday, February 5, to look at production practices of growing soybeans, states Bill Bortel, Tuscola County Extension director. The meeting will focus on date of planting, varieties, fertilizer, herbicides, etc. in growing a good crop of soybeans in 1988.

The meeting will be held at the Extension office meeting room in Caro with coffee and rolls, and will adjourn by noon. MSU Extension personnel will be the resource personnel.

Cheryl Hollander recovering after liver transplant

Word has been received that Cheryl Scott Hollander, daughter of Pete and Elaine (Bolzman) Guster of Caseville received a liver organ transplant last Wednesday, Jan. 20, and is recovering on schedule.

"She's doing really well," said Mrs. Evelyn Rundell of Sebewaung, Mrs. Guster's cousin and Cheryl's godmother.

"I've talked with her father and even he sounded much better," Mrs. Guster was born Elaine Bolzman and raised in Unionville. Her daughter, Cheryl, was born in Pigeon, but the family moved several years later to California.

LOOKS GOOD: According to Mrs. Rundell, doctors' believe Cheryl's body has accepted the donor liver because she is losing the yellow skin cast associated with liver dysfunction.

She has also passed a critical seventh post-operative day without incident and continues to improve daily.

"She even walked down the hall by herself," said Mrs. Rundell.

NEEDS HELP: Fund-raising in and around Cheryl's home of Bellevue, Neb., has paid all but \$5000 of the organ transplant cost for the Hollanders.

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution may send a deposit to: Cheryl Hollander Liver Fund, c/o First Nat. Bank Omaha, Bellevue, Neb. 68005

As we see it editorially

Hospital must keep up with realities...

Last week's stories about good — and bad — situations underway at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon again points out how dependent we all are on certain "institutions" around us... yet often don't realize how widely their impact is felt.

The news these days is not all good from our local 47-bed round-the-clock health center. Small hospitals such as this one are constantly being discriminated against, and don't have the advantages and opportunities available to big-city hospitals... which not coincidentally charge much higher patient rates across the board.

Scheurer employs 160 persons and operates a top-notch medical care center. If you don't believe it, seek care elsewhere — further away, less friendly and (as stated) more expensive.

Scheurer Hospital is one large gem in the crown of jewels which comprise this beautiful, versatile area. Imagine what life would be like without it located here — just as lost as we'd all be without our fine schools, business community, churches, Co-op Elevator, progressive

financial companies, locally-owned newspaper, superb farmland and so much more.

But the hospital the late Dr. Clare Scheurer founded in 1947 is caught in a no-win position. Small hospitals are being caught in profit squeezes caused by federal payment guidelines which are too low, while costs and expenses keep rising.

Staff cutbacks are hurting essential areas of finance, in-service education, promotion and others... but hospital officials can't do much about it. The explosion of out-patient surgeries and the reduction of approved payment for long hospital stays has caused Scheurer's first staff layoffs in recent memory.

In the past, when other hospitals weren't busy or particularly attentive to local needs, Scheurer Hospital — in good cooperation with physicians and staff of Pigeon Clinic — made giant strides in manning satellite clinics in Caseville, Sebawaing and Port Austin.

These efforts, plus some extremely savvy promotional efforts and earnest appeals to special groups of hospital consumers — kept Scheurer's bottom line strong when others' finances weren't.

Future restructuring plans at Scheurer should help strengthen and expand its opportunities, but not all Michigan hospitals will be able to survive in the next five, 10 and 20 years. Scheurer has an administration and board members attempting to avoid being on that list headed for extinction. It's far from perfect, but it's as fair and functional as possible.

And this area isn't alone in having hospital problems — far from it.

Last Wednesday's Wall Street Journal carried a sincere letter from a hospital administrator in Ironwood, in the U.P., which responded to a Jan. 4 article "Small Rural Hospitals Struggle for Survival Under Medicare Setup." In fact, exasperated officials from Indiana, Wisconsin and Nebraska also talked about the frustration with these federal diagnosis-related group (DRG) rates on which Medicare payments are made.

"In Michigan, and other Midwestern states, there is a large disparity between the Medicare DRG payments to urban hospitals vs. rural hospitals. In Michigan's case, this disparity runs approximately 38%," writes Guy Kangas of Ironwood's Grand View Hospital.

"Hospitals that kept their rates low were penalized with lower DRG rates. The reality is that lower cost, efficient, community-based, rural health care providers are being wrung out of the system while larger, urban hospitals are able to market and develop outreach programs resulting in admissions to urban hospitals with higher DRG rates.

"Once again," Kangas writes, "the government is buying \$400 hammers.... The only real alternative for rural hospitals is to look to the courts for relief from this obviously discriminatory practice..."

As small hospitals see it, those with the biggest political clout have gained the majority of benefits in the new payment set-up, so vital to all health care facilities. And the little guy — once again — must make do and adjust, merely to exist.

Scheurer Hospital is a survivor itself, just as it's saved so many lives of local folks in these four-plus decades. And, watching the coordinated, excellent effort hospital boosters are using to help bring more doctors to this area, we believe the best is yet to come.

But isn't it sad that a small hospital, keeping costs manageable and charging fairly for quality service, must work so hard — and cause unemployment pain in local families — just to stay in existence?

Why don't more of our lawmakers fight FOR we "little guys," who need some protection and aid now and then? This is a case of government working AGAINST people...

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NEWS & ADVERTISING DEADLINE: 9 A.M. MONDAYS

RECOLLECTIONS
Of By-Gone Days
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:
Last Saturday I was eating dinner in the Dutch Kettle Restaurant in Pigeon with Raymond Swartzendruber and Wayne Henne and several others and a sparrow flew in the door and started to fly around in the air.

It tried to land on the lights and hit the ceiling and of course, several women screamed.

The waitresses got a broom and hit at it, while Wayne opened the door, but the bird didn't notice and it flew back in the bowling alley.

Then a waitress, Angela Herford and several others went back there, shutting the door and got after it. I guess they had quite a job because that poor sparrow almost went wild 'til it saw the open door and flew out.

A person doesn't need to be very old to remember how people used to get 2 cents per head for sparrows years ago if they took them to the township clerk.

In those days when all the barns were used and straw stacks were in back of the barn, farm boys used to make a little spending money by catching sparrows. They'd go up at the end of the barn and shake the hay stacks and holler and hold a flashlight.

You'd use a wooden paddle and knock them down and one fellow would pick them up. Then you'd go to the straw stack and catch some more. You could do that several times a winter and they'd be in there again.

You'd get 25 cents a head for a crow and 50 cents for a woodchuck and \$15 for a fox and 10 cents for a rat.
Now people use poison and

the barns aren't used as much anymore.

I used to kill sparrows, too, but now when I see all the insects they eat (and there aren't nearly as many sparrows as there used to be), they are pretty safe around me.

Lots of times a person is reminded about some things that happened years ago. Over 60 years ago one Sunday night in church, all the windows were open and church was full of people.

People were singing when all of a sudden, a big bird flew into a window. It flew back and forth and tried to sit on the lights, but it just slopped off and people all watched it. It did cause quite a disturbance.

It finally got tired and landed on a nail up in the roof. Then one of the ushers took a long-handled broom that the janitors used to get spiders down, and stuck it up against the bird.

The bird stuck against the broom and the usher took it out the door and it flew away. Then the people settled down and we had church.

In Matthew 10:29-30 it says, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father, but the very hairs on your head are all numbered."

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Caseville School



CONGRATS, ROYALTY!: Congratulations, Jeff Malett and Colleen Kopack! Jeff and Colleen were named 1988 Coming Home Prince and Princess at the half-time of the boys' varsity basketball game on Friday, Jan. 29, in which Caseville lost to Owen-Gage.

—CHS—
GIVE IT THUMB THOUGHT: Students have been preparing written work to submit to Thumb Thought, an annual publication of Huron County high school writings and art work. To enter an item, students must sign a release form stating that the work is their own and original. Many CHS students have had works published in the past and will hopefully have their items printed again this year.

—CHS—
DON'T DRINK, THEN DRIVE: Sophomores viewed an Alcohol Awareness assembly presented by Sheriff Stokan and Sgt. Woodward on Jan. 26. The assembly was designed to encourage students not to drink and drive. The hour-long presentation provided

interesting facts, such as 20% of drivers are teenagers, yet more than 40% of auto accidents are caused by the same age group. Facts like this opened the eyes of many 10th graders, and several even expressed wishes to join Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD).

—CHS—
PLAY IT AGAIN, PAM: Senior Pam Crane will participate in the Tri-County Honors Band on Sunday, Feb. 7 at USA High School.

In the News
By BRANDY PLOE

Guest conductor will be Dr. Max Plank from Eastern Michigan University.

—CHS—
FHA SPONSORS DANCE: Future Homemakers of America will sponsor a Valentine's Day Dance on Feb. 13. FHA members will take orders for helium balloons to be delivered Feb. 12. A lip sync contest will be conducted at the dance. The Valentine's Day Dance was a huge success last year and will hopefully be successful again this year.



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90 YEARS AGO JAN. 28, 1988

A very pleasant gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Leipprandt Saturday evening, in which about 20 participated. Games and vocal and instrumental music were the order of the evening until all departed at midnight.

George Vall bought an 80-acre farm two miles north of Elkton, including stock, machinery and products on hand, for \$2,900.

Berlin, Germany has 2,000 idle bakers.

80 YEARS AGO JAN. 31, 1908

When anyone tells you that the name of Taft is never heard in New York, and that everything is Hughes, just read one of the New York papers. The name Taft appears as often as commas.

Pigeon School Notes: Clara Schultz was our Star Speller this week. Visitors at school this week: Messrs. August Domine, Herman Siewart, Harry Kretschmer and Reuben Zimmer.

W. L. Douglas Shoes \$3, \$4 and \$6. Gilt Edge Shoes Cannot Be Equaled At Any Price. Adv.

70 YEARS AGO FEB. 1, 1918

More registrants for military service are being asked for. Eight are sought from Pigeon, three from Owendale, two from Caseville and none from Bay

Port or Elkton this time. Owing to the fuel situation and in response to the order of the Fuel Administration, the Evangelistic services and the Epworth League Convention, which were to be held at the Pigeon German Methodist Church, are postponed indefinitely.

Among the Pigeon Churches, pastors are Rev. Geo. A. Bowles, English M.E. Church; Evan Church, Rev. Charles Rodesler and German Meth. Church, Rev. Alfred Mueller.

60 YEARS AGO FEB. 3, 1928

William Steigman, Chandler Twp., owner of Silver Fox Farm, sold two silver gray fox pelts at the New York Fur Auction for \$345.

Winsor School Notes: The following pupils were neither absent or tardy for the month of January: Irene Lucht, Martha Schmidt, Julia Bresco and Peter Schmidt.

Others present every day were John Wright, Alfred Madinger, Ruth Wright, Marie Schneider, Anna Marie Sheller and Harold Madinger.

Township politics are heating up with contests in Winsor. McKinley, Brookfield and Chandler.

50 YEARS AGO FEB. 1, 1938

The lie detector machine has been used for the first

time to solve a Huron County criminal case, according to Prosecuting Attorney Thomas R. McAllister. It was used on a Kinde larceny case.

Pigeon Markets: Wheat 87c; Oats 32c; Rye 72c; Barley \$1.35 and Beans \$2.70. Don't all speak at once! Whose picture is on the hundred dollar bills?

40 YEARS AGO JAN. 30, 1948

Liquor by the glass took a 3 to 1 beating in Brookfield Twp. in a special election Monday. Voters turned back the idea by a 137 to 52 count.

It pays to feed Dr. Hess' Poultry and Stock Tonics sold at Orr's Drug Store, Pigeon, Adv.

An average motorist in the county pays \$27 annually for the upkeep of all roads, Huron County Road Commission member Bert Waterworth told members of the Pigeon Rotary Club at their regular Monday noon meeting. That is about \$15 for gas taxes and \$12 for the auto license.

30 YEARS AGO JAN. 30, 1958

Pigeon firemen will conduct the porch-light Polio Drive on Feb. 5. Polio is still a reality, in spite of the Salk vaccine, so give when the fire laddies sound the siren.

Officers of the Bay Port Chamber of Commerce elected for the next year are: Si Lee, Paul Dannesberger, James Stahl and Sam Muraw.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Wayne Miller of Pigeon attended the post-graduate conference for veterinarians of Michigan State University Jan. 22-23.

20 YEARS AGO FEB. 1, 1968

The future of Huron County will be discussed Wednes-

day night at Laker High School by Wilbur J. Pierce, director of the Developing Urban Detroit Research Project, sponsored by Detroit Edison and Wayne State University. The talk is sponsored locally by Rotary and Lions Clubs of Pigeon and Elkton, School Citizen's Committee and Pigeon Industrial Development Corporation.

Steve Collins won the Pigeon, Elkton and Bay Port Area Cub Scouts annual Pinewood Derby races. Michael Yoder won second and Marvin Klein third place in the contest.

10 YEARS AGO FEB. 2, 1978

Lakers leads the Thumb B basketball standings, with an 8-1 record. In last week's 76-58 win over Vassar, Dennis Fritz scored 25 points, while Clare Scheurer and Terry Heck each added 14 more.

Ackerman Memorial Park in Elkton is slated for improvements, lighting and blacktopping, totaling \$44,000, set by the Elkton Village Council at their special budget meeting Tuesday night.

Pigeon area's outstanding young farmer by Pigeon Area Jaycees at their awards banquet Saturday evening.

Norman Schaaf, 91 of Pigeon, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 25. He owned and operated Pigeon File Works from 1924-1958. He is survived by three daughters and two sons.

Mrs. Mabel J. Smith, 79, Caseville, widow of Frank Smith, died Tuesday, Jan. 24. Surviving are two sons, Richard Schuette, 49, an Elkton native, passed away Friday, Jan. 27 in San Antonio, TX. He leaves two sons, three daughters, his

father, Walter Schuette, Sebawaing, two brothers and two sisters.

Wendell Maust was elected president of the Huron County Port Producers at the group's annual meeting in Pigeon. Other officers elected were George Swartzendruber and Richard Strieter, both of Bay Port.

FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES 57 YEARS AGO JAN. 29, 1931

Gus T. Hartman, chairman of the House ways and means committee, believes the salary of Michigan's Governor should be increased to \$15,000 a year. Governor Wilbur M. Brucker's salary is now \$5,000 a year.

Mrs. Samuel Alexander was hostess to the Elkton Study Club Thursday evening. Taking part in the program were Miss Garlanger, Mrs. D. N. Proitzman,

Eugene Watterworth, Mary June Pariseau and Mrs. A.L. Swiler.

Wes Gebauer, Kenneth Ginter and Walter Milhollin of Elkton were business callers in Detroit Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Faupel, Mrs. Edward Letter and son Clifton were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heckroth near Caseville Sunday afternoon.

The Elkton Furnishing Club held their third meeting Jan. 22 in the basement of the Elkton Bank. There were 27 members present. A number of completed chairs were brought to class. A lesson was given on window treatment.

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from Huron County Clerk Helen Lemanski

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

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ASSUMED NAMES

NO. 4521 SCHELL MACHINE & GEAR, 604 Port Austin Road, Caseville, MI 48725. By: S.V. Schell, 6024 Port Austin Road, Caseville, MI 48725. Filed: 1/20/88

NO. 4522 HARBOUR LITE, 6937 Main Street, Caseville, MI 48725. By: William Frank Trapani Jr., Virginia M. Trapani, 6615 Farmer, Caseville, MI 48725. Filed: 1/20/88

NO. 4523 THUMB DIAPER SERVICE, 237 Western Avenue, By: Craig A. Harrison, 237 Western Avenue, Bad Axe, MI 48413. Filed: 1/20/88

NO. 4524 THUMB AGRICULTURAL SERVICE, 190 S. Unionville Rd., Bay Port, MI 48720. By: Leroy Gnagey, 190 S. Unionville Rd., Bay Port, MI 48720. Filed: 1/20/88

NO. 4525 MR. B'S WORLD OF WOOD, 219 E. Sharpsteen Sebawaing, MI 48759. By: Edward Skalski, 219 E. Sharpsteen, Sebawaing, MI 48759. Filed: 1/21/88

NO. 4526 THUMB EXCAVATING, 4484 N. Van Dyke, Kinde, MI 48445. By: Edward J. Goraski, 260 Michigan Street, Kinde, MI 48445. Filed: 1/26/88

JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE

Lorraine G. Larson vs. Donald C. Larson
Gerald J. Strozinski, Jr. vs. Michelle L. Strozinski
Phyllis Irene Gergely vs. Steven V. Gergely

WARRANTY DEEDS

January 20 - 26

Bernice Marie Henne and Florence E. Southworth to Arnold I. Reibling and Goldie E.; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Oliver Twp.

Robert J. Gundenau, Sr. and Barbara R. to Michael E. Fontana and Elizabeth J.; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.

David G. Wolfe and Patti L. to Jeffrey J. Diachenko and Malinda E.; a parcel of land located in Section 19 of Chandler Twp.

Norman Essenmacher and Nora to Betty M. Sieman and Clifford J. Essenmacher; a parcel of land located in Section 19 of Sherman Twp.

Leland Tomlinson and Carolyn to Larry Vignaski; a parcel of land located in Section 35 of Hume Twp.

Mary Kotenko to John and Edna Kotenko; a parcel of land located in Section 14 of Fair Haven Twp.

Joseph Peltz to Catherine Pantolis; a parcel of land located in Section 17 of McKinley Twp.

Dennis J. Champagne and Valeria K. to David T. Bouverette and Beverly M.; a parcel of land located in the Village of Caseville.

Renee M. Mallory to Donald A. Graf and Brenda A.; a parcel of land located in the Village of Sebawaing.

from County Register of Deeds Frances Holdwick

Estate of Anna Belle Jenks Scrantom, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 21,971. Supervised Trusteeship, Petition for Allowance of Supplemental Final Account of Trustee filed. Supplemental Final Account of Trustee filed. 2 Waivers, Consents and Receipts filed. 2 Receipts filed. Order Allowing Fourth and Final Account and Supplemental Final Account of Trustee filed. Order of Discharge filed.

Estate of Mary K. O'Connell, Deceased, of California, File 26,775. Supervised Trusteeship, Order Allowing Account filed.

Estate of Raymond Earl Olishove, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 28,753. Independent Probate, Order Determining Heirs filed.

Estate of Laura M. Lenzer, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,488. Supervised Probate, Order Allowing Final Account of Service by Ordinary Mail filed. Letter of Adjustment to Jurors filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed. Pre-Trial Statement filed.

Estate of Edward P. Lorkowski, Sr., Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,782. Independent Probate, Proof of Publication filed.

Estate of Veronica J. Newman, Deceased, of Milford, File 28,721. Independent Probate, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of August Harold Ehrlich, Deceased, of Owendale, File 28,671. Supervised Probate, Inventory filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Ruth Joseph, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 28,314. Independent Probate, Closing Statement filed.

Estate of Alan J. Mamisto, Deceased, of Detroit, File 28,816. Will filed.

Estate of Otto H. Sternberg, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,814. Will filed.

Estate of Rev. Raymond C. Oswald, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 28,336. Independent Probate, Closing Statement filed.

Estate of Alfred E. Lindeman, Deceased, of Sebawaing, File 27,376. Supervised Probate, First Amended Inventory filed. Annual Account of Personal Representative filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Alf Crawford Watson, Deceased, of California, File 28,281. Supervised Probate, Order Allowing Account filed. Petition filed. 2 Waivers and Consents filed. Order filed.

Estate of Jerry Leonard Western, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 27,420.

PROBATE COURT

January 21 - 27

Estate of Harold J. Gremel, Deceased, of Sebawaing, File 24,459. Supervised Probate, Annual Account of Executor filed. Notice of Hearing filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Leonard J. Spanski, Deceased, of Port Austin, File 28,783.

from County Probate Judge David Clubuesch

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Lake-Chandler news notes

By MILDRED BALLAGH
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Mr. and Mrs. William McBride were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. David Morauski and family of Marlette.

Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wallis of Akron.

Delores Oliver of Flint was a weekend guest of her aunt, Kate Ross.

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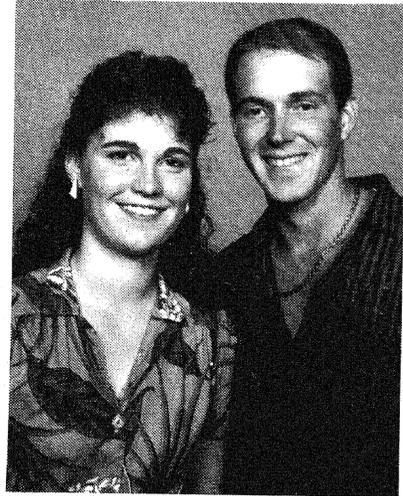
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Kathi is a 1986 graduate of Nodaway-Holt RVII High School in Graham, Mo. Her future husband is a 1981 graduate of South Nodaway RIV in Barnard, Mo. and is a 1983 graduate of Platt College in St. Joseph, Mo. He is employed by the Cooperative Elevator Company, Pigeon.

The couple plans a March 26 wedding at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Guilford, Mo.

Pigeon folks enjoy winter visiting

By DOROTHY DIENER

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Auerhamer, children Jason and Renee of Frankenmuth were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Otto and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke traveled to Sterling Heights on Sunday to visit with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke, Pamela and Kristine.

Mrs. Gene Sattler and Beth Ann of Bay City were Saturday callers of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Collison. They also attended the funeral of Neilan Hoffman.

Mrs. Roy Kleido and Connie spent Saturday with their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Verheaghe and family in Essexville.

To help Mrs. Viola Jarvis celebrate her birthday, her family held a potluck dinner on Sunday at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stevenson and Zella Sabin of Hale were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stevenson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schuette attended the funeral of Paul Marsh in Marlette on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dast were weekend guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dast and family in Bay City.

Marie Ruby returned home after a month in Freeman, S.D. with Mr. and Mrs. John Weier and family. The three Weier children returned with her to spend time with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartzendruber.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duf-

cher of Warren spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Ann Schuette and his mother, Mrs. Leona Dutcher in Bay Port.

After choir practice at Cross Lutheran Church on Wednesday, the members and spouses and several guests met at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann for their annual get-together.

Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. George Mohr were Mr. and Mrs. John Weiss, Mrs. Diane Michaelson and children of St. Clair Shores. A weekend guest was Marie Mohr of Birmingham.

On Sunday Mrs. Elsie Kern, Mrs. Ella Ziel and Mrs. Amanda Strauch visited Margaret Fahner at the Talaski Home on Verona Road.

Mrs. Oscar Haag, Mrs. Bertha Janke and Mrs. Elsie

Kern attended a benefit Spaghetti Supper at the Marlith Lutheran School auditorium on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman were Thursday luncheon guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Mike Heintz and family in Caseville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lotus Miller of Fairview were Friday guests of her mother, Mrs. Mary Ropp.

Hospice class to begin

Friends for Life will sponsor a new volunteer hospice training class on Thursdays, beginning April 7, according to Barbara Kube. All classes will run from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and be held at Huron Intermediate Educational Center, Bad Axe.

Hospice volunteers help terminally ill patients and their families.

They may help with physical care, run errands, do light housekeeping, meal

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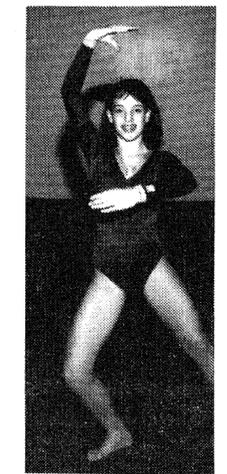
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Anniversary Achievements

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anderson



Mollie Swartzendruber, daughter of former Pigeon residents Ron and Sara Swartzendruber, compete in the State Iowa Gymnastics Meet on Dec. 12 and won first place in the Vault Competition with a score of 9.45.



Swartzendruber competes for the Iowa Gymnast Team from Iowa City in the 12 to 14 year old age group. She now

has begun training for the spring optional season. Swartzendruber is the granddaughter of Leon and Edith Swartzendruber of Pigeon.

A total of 1,137 students were named to the WMU Dean's List for the fall semester of 1987, including eight Upper Thumb residents.

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average on a scale of 4.0 in at least 14 hours of graded class work. Meeting these requirements were:

- Carolyn I. Gorney of Bad Axe;
- Amy J. Brown of Harbor Beach;
- Sherri Lyn Horner of Cass City.

Lyle Shetler of Pigeon, owner of Shetler Plumbing and Heating of Pigeon, Cass City and Bad Axe, has been nominated for the position of President of the Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association.



LYLE SHETLER

The group will conduct its 96th annual convention at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids on Feb. 15-18.

The convention is entitled "You're Not Alone" and registrants will attend several social and technical programs, as well as view an exhibit of nearly 3,000 products and services of nearly 400 plumbing-heating-cooling products manufacturers.

Nancy L. Gorney of Bad Axe achieved a perfect 4.0 -- or all-A -- average during the fall 1987 semester at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

Other local residents who were achieved grades in the top 10% of their class are:

PIGEON: Tracy L. Kropp, John M. Rathje and Beeki J. Schaar;

SEBEWAING: Amy A. Ricker;

BAY PORT: Scott Kuhl;

Brenda L. Richmond and Cynthia M. Walter:

OWENDALE: Michelle McPhail, and

ELKTON: Debra A. Weiss.

Ron Beckett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beckett and Phil Schadd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schadd, have been named to the 1988 Lions of Michigan All-State Band.

The local duo will be touring with the band next summer, including the Lions International Convention at Denver, Colo.

Schadd had the additional honor of being named first chair trumpet.

Beckett is a freshman drummer and Schadd is a senior in the trumpet section with the Laker High School Band, directed by William Denbrock.

Janice E. Bushey of Caseville was one of 350 students to have received a degree from Marquette University in December, according to the university's academic affairs office.

Bushey earned a bachelor of art's degree in journalism from the College of Journalism.

Shirley Rathje-Clark received a promotion to Assistant Vice President of Metro Mortgage Corporation.

She has been with the company for 2 1/2 years and is currently managing the Troy Branch of the corporation.

Clark, a 1975 graduate of Laker High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Rathje of Pigeon.

Gail and Bruce Anderson of Pigeon will observe their 30th Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 8.

First Methodist Church of Owendale was the scene of the wedding which united Gail Frances Ricker and Bruce Elwood Anderson. The Rev. Fred Werth was the officiating minister.

Joyce Kretzschmer Goodman was maid of honor. Sally Anderson Dittman Deeb, niece of the bridegroom and Eleanor Enderle Hodges were bridesmaids. Lynda Ricker Rocheleau, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

The late Victor Anderson, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Russell Anderson, brother of the groom and Robert Ricker, brother of the bride. Charles Anderson, nephew of the groom was ring bearer.

The Andersons have two children, Kurt Anderson and Sue Ellen Riesterer and one grandchild. Mrs. Anderson's mother, Berniece (Ricker) and stepfather John Kiehl reside in Owendale.

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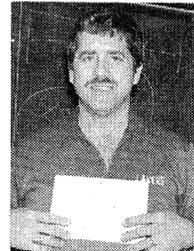


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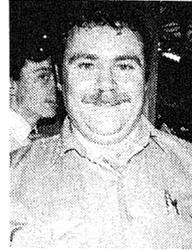
THIS WEEK'S "WE'RE ASKING YOU" QUESTION, ASKED BY RENEE BUSHEY AND KRIS McBRIDE:
If you had to pick your LEAST favorite month of the year, which one would it be... and why do you dislike it?



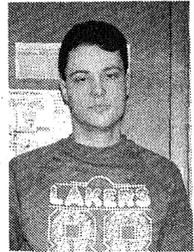
November and March, because they're muddy, sloppy and nasty.
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June, because school ends for the year!
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February, because there are no vacations.
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Some 'light' humor for a 'heavy' situation!

By AMY HEIDEN
These are stressful times we live in. There's stress in nearly everything — jobs, marriages, raising kids.

The boss wants that report yesterday, there's not enough money to pay the light bill, the kids are driving you nuts.

And experts say good eating habits not only help you watch you weight and ward off some diseases, but can help you deal with stress.

If you need a good diet that keeps you ready for any stress that may come your way, have I got one for you.

I borrowed this diet from a friend, and I found it really works. Modifications are allowed to fit various tastes.

- BREAKFAST**
1 Banana or 1/2 grapefruit
1 slice dry whole wheat toast
8 oz. skim milk
- LUNCH**
4 oz. lean broiled chicken breast with skin removed
1 cup steamed broccoli
1 Oreo cookie
Herb tea

- MID-AFTERNOON SNACK**
Rest of the package of Oreos
1 quart Chocolate Almond Ice Cream
1 jar hot fudge topping
- DINNER**
2 loaves garlic bread
1 large pepperoni,

- mushroom, ham, bacon, onion pizza
3 Milky Way candy bars
Entire Frozen Cheesecake eaten directly from the freezer

- TV SNACK**
Large bowl of popcorn
4 fudge brownies
Diet Coke

DIET TIPS
■ If no one sees you eat it, it has no calories. So go in

the closet, or eat alone.
■ If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, they cancel each other out. Actually, I'd rather have a diet candy bar and a regular Coke.

■ When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you both eat the same amount. So if you go to lunch, only go with someone you know will eat like a pig.

■ Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER counts such as hot chocolate, brandy, Sara Lee Cheesecake. So sniffle a lot. You know the

old saw — feed a cold, starve a fever.

■ Movie related foods don't count because they are simply part of the entire entertainment experience and not a part of one's personal fuel, such as Milk Duds, popcorn with butter, Junior Mints, and Red Licorice.

■ Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breakage causes caloric leakage.

■ Food eaten at 30,000 feet has no calories. They can't exist that high.

■ If you fatten up someone else, you look thinner. Along this same line, if someone around you is watching their weight, beware!

Fat cells that are being lost must go somewhere, and its my contention that they migrate through the air and settle on the nearest person. So only associate with non-dieters.

And if following this stress diet doesn't work to alleviate some of the pressure you're feeling, try screaming. Works for me!

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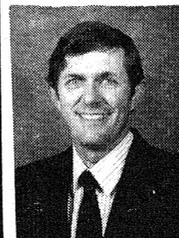
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Take your troubles to church; millions leave them there.
— Author unknown

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
— Psalm 46:1

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Sunday School 9 a.m.
Nursery 10:15 a.m.
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Bible Study 9 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON
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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Rev. Lawrence Brook
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON
Rev. Timothy Hastings
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-week Service 7 p.m.</p> <p>BAY PORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>HAYES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.</p> | <p>KILMANAGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>OWENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Zina Bennett
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.</p> <p>GAGETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. James Kummer
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
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Church School 10 a.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.</p> <p>HORSESHOE ACRES CALVARY CHURCH, BAD AXE
Rev. Stewart L. Justin
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Rev. Daniel Meddaugh
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Fr. Theodore LaMarre
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Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>STARTING MEMORIAL DAY
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Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>FAITH BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Rev. Robert D. Pfaff
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, BAY PORT
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Associate Pastor Terry Brown
Church School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:30 Prayer Service
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Junior Church 11 a.m.</p> <p>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, OWENDALE
5 Mile South of Elkton
Elder Tom Craig
Early Morning Worship 9:45 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
Preaching Service 11 a.m.</p> <p>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, CASEVILLE
Elder, Dennis Herbert
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Preaching Service 11 a.m.</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SAND POINT
Fr. Mark Jenkins
Sunday School 9 a.m.</p> | <p>CLANDLER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAD AXE
Pastor David Dively
Service 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>KINGDOM HALL OF JESUS CHRIST WITNESSES, BAD AXE
Sunday 10 a.m. Public Bible Discourse 11 a.m. Congregational Study Of "The Watchtower"</p> <p>ELKTON MISSIONARY CHURCH
Rev. Larry Salsbury
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Hour 11 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP
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Herbert Troyer, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>PIGEON RIVER Mennonite Church
Luke Yoder, Pastor
Kenneth Dietzel, Asst. Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, KILMANAGH
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Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
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Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday Of The Month</p> <p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, CASEVILLE
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.</p> <p>ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BACH
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>COMMUNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH, YORK STREET, ELKTON
Pastor DeWeerd Smith
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Sunday evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.</p> <p>CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, PIGEON
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Raymond E. Orth, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Wisconsin Synod
Rev. Jonathan Stern
Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month
Sunday Service 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BEAVER
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Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:1-2

After he had run all 26 miles of the New York City Marathon, one runner had this to say of the cheering crowds along the way: "My goal was to make the 16-mile mark, but the inspiration the people gave made me think twice about not finishing."

"The winner had passed by an hour before, but the crowd stayed on cheering us all. 'You can do it,' they yelled. How could I give up in front of this throng? I was beginning to feel sore in my thighs and hips. I had no energy left, but I plodded on to that faraway finish line."

All of us need encouragement in the daily race of our Christian life. That's why God puts us with other people. We can cheer each other on.

Congregations are meant to be support groups. In them we do bear one another's burdens. We can encourage those who weary of well-doing, lift those who stumble and fall, comfort those who ache and hurt from the blows of life. We tolerate stress and pressures better if at least one other person knows about it and cares.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, we thank You for taking on Yourself the burden of our sin and for letting us know You care about our pains and problems of daily living. Give us strength and courage. Use us today to demonstrate Your love to members of our church family. AMEN.

Luth. Convo Feb. 14 at USA

Plans are continuing for the Thumb West Circuit Lutheran convocation to be held from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, in USA High School Gym, Sebewaing. Theme for the day will be "Glad Praises We Sing," focusing on strengthening and celebrating families at individual, congregational and circuit levels. Members from eight LCMS congregations in the circuit are planning to attend, representing Caseville, Likeville, Bach, Sebewaing, Unionville, Kilmanagh, Fairgrove and Cass City. Members will join in prayer, song, discussion and fellowship, planners stated. Guest speakers will be Rev. Charles Mueller of Trinity Lutheran in Roselle, IL, and Rev. Gordon H. Light of Cross of Christ Church in Bloomfield Hills. He is second vice-president of the Michigan District, and will be the preacher at the worship service. Pastor Light was formerly pastor at Immanuel Church in Sebewaing, from 1958-1964. Adult and youth choirs and a bell choir made up of members from all 8 congregations will take part in the service. Pastor Mueller, author, essayist and lecturer, will be the convocation speaker. Among his publications are The Christian Prepares for Christmas, Thank God I'm a Teenager, Words of Faith, a devotional dictionary, and Let's Talk, a book for parents and teens. Light refreshments will be served.



THE 25-VOICE GOSHEN COLLEGE Chamber Choir will perform a program of sacred music on Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pigeon. Directed by Dr. Doyle Preheim, the chamber choir has chosen anti-themes of praise and prayer for the program. It will include "Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden" by J.S. Bach, "Sing Unto God" by G.F. Handel, two motets by Heinrich Schutz, settings by Howland and Nystedt and spirituals and hymn arrangements. The chamber choir is one of the major music organizations at Goshen College and admission to the choir is by audition only. Goshen College, a four-year liberal arts college in northern Indiana, is affiliated with the Mennonite Church. It was recently named one of the five most innovative colleges in the U.S. by "U.S. News & World Report" magazine. The college was also singled out by the magazine as one of three institutions of higher learning where "ethical values are lived as well as taught." Host pastor Herb Troyer invites the public to attend.

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Elkton Prayer Breakfast set Feb. 10

Sam Ingram of Port Hope will be the featured speaker at the next Elkton Prayer Breakfast, scheduled for 9 a.m., next Wednesday, Feb. 10 at the Elkton Civic Center.

Praise and Worship will be led by Debi Ackerman and child care will be provided at Elkton United Methodist Church. For more information, phone Barbara Kube at 269-8683.

Immanuel hosts auction

Services, baked goods and homemade crafts are among items that will go on the selling block when Immanuel Lutheran Parent-Teacher League of Sebewaing presents its second annual Super-Service Auction on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the school gym. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bidding begins at 2 p.m. Items from all sales will go toward the purchase of playground equipment and classroom supplies needed by Immanuel students. Auctioneer Dale Wertz of Bay Port will conduct the selling of new and used items, including a new, full-size handmade quilt. A silent auction table will be open, offering baked goods, and door prizes will be awarded throughout the day's activities.

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Obituaries

NEILAN M. HOFFMAN
1917 - 1988

Neilan M. Hoffman, age 71, of Pigeon, formerly of Elkton, passed away Thursday, Jan. 28 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon. He was born Jan. 16, 1917 in Elkton, son of the late Edw. and Margaret (McIntyre) Hoffman. He was united in marriage to Lela B. Melpass on Nov. 19, 1939 in Elkton. She preceded him in death on July 12, 1986. On May 9, 1987, he was united in marriage to Florence Kerr, Pigeon.

After serving with the United States Navy in World War I, he returned to Elkton and started Hoffman Plumbing and Heating until 1967. Then he went with the postal service, Elkton for five years. In 1972 he transferred to the Merrick Post Office and retired in 1979. He was past president of the Elkton Rotary Club, charter member of Carpenter-Dors VFW Post #6013, charter member of the Community Wesleyan Church, Elkton, past member of the Elkton Fire Department, former Oliver Twp. Assessor, was on the Elkton Village Council for many years, served as mayor pro-tem Elkton and attended the First United Methodist Church, Pigeon.

Surviving are his wife, Florence; three daughters, Mr. Charles (Sharon) Cole, Pigeon, Mrs. Linda Kleinschmid Grand Rapids and Carol Hoffman, Lapeer; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Dale (Neila) Collison, Pigeon, Mrs. Willia (Anita) Behm, Lapeer and Mrs. Robert (Mary Lou) Thib Pigeon; four grandchildren; six stepchildren; his brother Olin Hoffman, West Bloomfield.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. Pastor Gordon Nus, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Pigeon, officiated with burial in Colfax Twp. Cemetery.

ABBY SUSAN BAKER
1972 - 1988

Abby Susan Baker, age 15 of Paw Paw, Mich., with local relatives, passed away at her home on Monday, Jan. 18 after an illness of five years.

Miss Baker, the daughter of Duane and Penny Baker was born Aug. 12, 1972. She was a member of the Paw Paw United Methodist Church. A sophomore at Paw Paw High School, Miss Baker was a cheerleader, loved dancing, horseback riding, 4-H and many other activities.

Surviving are her parents; two sisters, Amy and Ar Marie; an older brother, Andrew; grandparents, Pearl and Robert Baker of Elkton and Freida and Louis Spaeth of Carleton. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Kei Laidler and the Rev. Eugene Moore officiating. Cremation followed.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Association for Brain Tumor Research, c/o Adams-Zole Funeral Home, 226 1/2 E. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, MI 49079.

ELIZABETH MANDICH
1911 - 1988

Elizabeth Mandich, age 76 of Owendale, passed away at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon on Friday, Jan. 29.

She was born Sept. 26, 1911 in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of the late Alexander and Elizabeth (Zaldi) Kosha. On Feb. 1, 1935, she was united in marriage to Mike Mandich in Caro.

Mrs. Mandich is survived by her husband, Mike of Owendale; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Rose Marie) Baslock Bad Axe; three sons, Lewis Mandich of Owendale, John Mandich of Bad Axe and Michael P. Mandich of Owendale; grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three brothers, Alexander Kosha of Davison, Louis Kosha and Rudolf Kosha, both of Vassar; two sisters, Miss Sophie Kosha Gilford and Mrs. William (Julia) Nagy of Caro.

A daughter, Dorothy May Mandich, a sister, Elsie Baird and two brothers, John and Arthur Kosha, preceded her death.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. from Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, which handled arrangements. Rev. Zina Bennett, pastor of Owendale United Methodist Church, officiated with burial in Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

MARTHA GARDNER
1891 - 1988

Martha (Schlichter) Gardner, age 96, of Marlette, with local relatives, passed away Friday, Jan. 15 in Marlette Community Hospital.

She was born July 12, 1891 in Blaine. She married Aldred Schlichter on March 12, 1912 in Port Huron. He died Aug. 1, 1961. She married Clyde Gardner on Aug. 20, 1967 in Dexter. He passed away Jan. 17, 1973.

She and her husband, Aldred Schlichter owned and operated Schlichter Hardware Store in Marlette for several years.

She is survived by two daughters, including Mrs. Sal (Arlene) Thompson of Caseville and many other relatives. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 19 in the Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette. Burial was in the Marlette Cemetery.

EDWARD M. MILIEWSKI
1923 - 1988

Edward M. Miliewski, age 64, a Sand Point resident, passed away suddenly on Sunday, Jan. 24 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

He was born on Oct. 25, 1923, son of the late Martin and Laura (Katlarek) Milewski in Detroit. On May 8, 1948, he was united in marriage to Patricia R. Murawski in Detroit.

Mr. Miliewski is survived by his wife, Patricia of Pigeon; brother, Richard Milewski of Westminster, Calif.; a sister-in-law, brother-in-law and mother-in-law.

Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon conducted funeral services.

Memorials may be made to P.A.W.S., Bad Axe.

Top spellers ready skills for Spelling Bee

Lots of local kids are "buzzing" about this Thursday's annual Laker Spelling Bee, set for 7 p.m. in the Laker High School Auditorium. One speller and one alternate was chosen by each teacher in grades four and five. In the Junior High, four students and an alternate were chosen from each school will represent their grade.

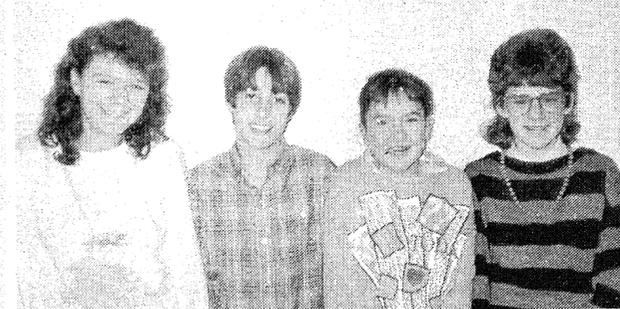
REGIONALS: The last students left in competition in grades 5-8 from each school will represent their school in the Detroit News-Lawrence Institute of Technology Spelling Bee Regionals coming at Lakers on March 3.

Students from 23 schools will be attending from Bay, Sanilac, Tuscola, and Huron Counties. The winning speller at the regional competition will advance to the Michigan Spelling Bee in Detroit March 22.

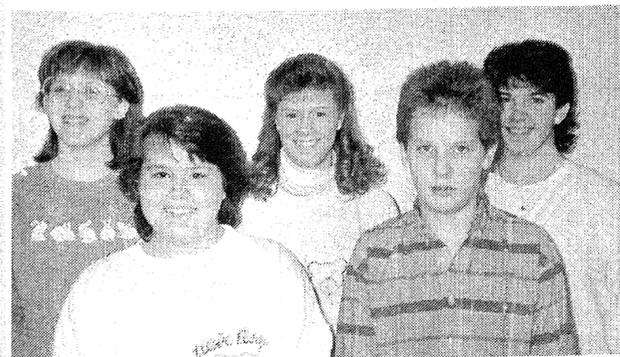
From there it is possible to advance to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. May 29 - June 4.



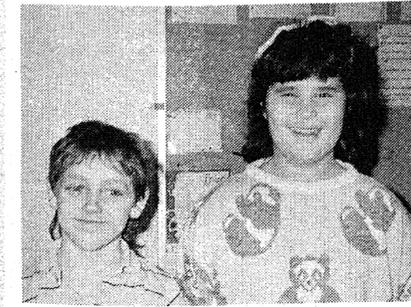
LAKER SEVENTH GRADE: Tracie Steinman, Sara Hill, alternate Rene Scepanski. Front, Jason Gnagey, Carol Hebert.



LAKER SIXTH GRADE: Krista Keim, Joel Toner, Wendy Seley, Jill Collison. Missing, alternate Shelly McCain.



LAKER EIGHTH GRADE: Front, Angie Burkoen, Chad Gascho. Rear, Tricia Elston, alternate Brandi Willoughby, Michelle Siemen.



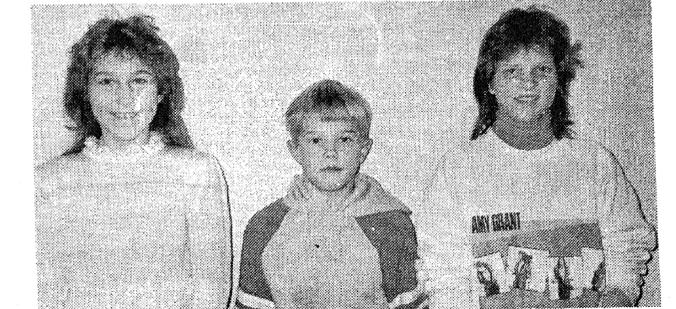
PIGEON FOURTH GRADE: Donald Buchholz (alternate), and Jamie Walsh.



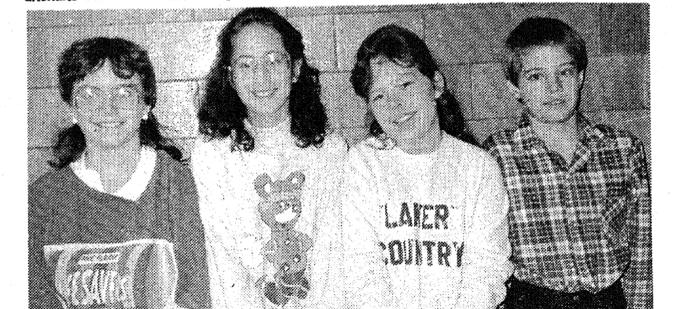
PIGEON FIFTH GRADE: Matthew Keefer (alternate), Seema Kella.



ELKTON FOURTH GRADE: Elkton Elementary: Fourth graders Brian Shaw, alternate Chandra Keillor, and alternate Meghann Haley. Missing, Dan Collings.



BAY PORT TOP SPELLERS: Bay Port Elementary: Fifth grader Kari Swartzendruber, fourth grade alternate Jeff Horton, and fifth grade alternate Vicki Gascho. Missing, Fifth grader Tami Bieri.



ELKTON FIFTH GRADER: Fifth Graders Kara Kronner, Lindsay Krueger, alternates Sara White and Tim Champagne.

County IGNITE classes begin

The winter IGNITE enrichment classes for students in grades 1-8 will begin around

Huron County the week of Feb. 8.

The classes will be conducted in the school districts of Bad Axe, Lakers, Owen-Gage, Port Hope and North Huron. Classes offered will include art, calligraphy, typing, keyboarding, aerobics, French, needlework and computers.

To register for a class, contact the Gifted/Talented Department at the Huron Intermediate School District at 269-6406.

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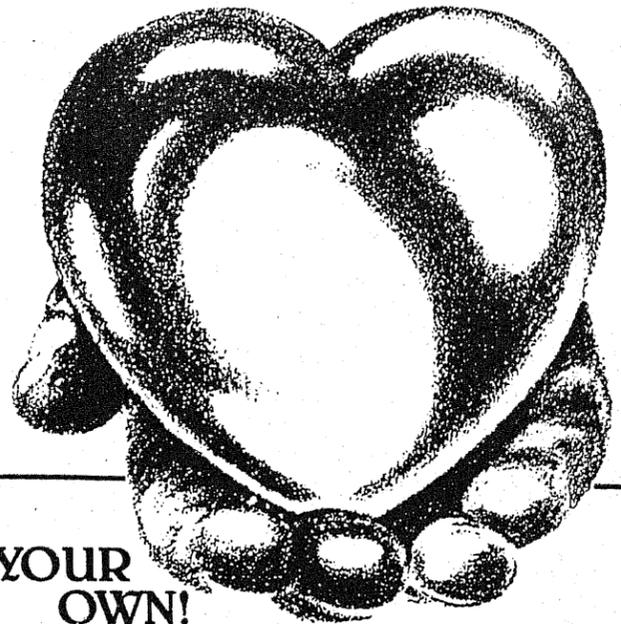
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