By AMY HEIDEN

Clowen has traditionally been a civic attraction, but now they're popping up in all kinds of places. Banquets, picnics, birthday parties, no place is immune from the antics of a clown.

Now the Thumb Area has its very own clown in the person of Dusty D. Clown, also known as Dave Lewis.

DUSTY D.: Lewis, who moved to Caseville from Detroit, says he decided to get into clowning as a way to overcome his shyness.

"I thought I could do more things in makeup than without it," says Dusty, err Dave.

Lewis originally got hooked on clowning after taking a clowning class for a year at Detroit Area college, and has been clowning around for six years.

FAVORITE: His specialty is "The Tramp," and in competition at the Michigan State Fair, he won first place awards for the past three years in frump makeup and skit judging.

In the Thumb, Lewis says he has performed at mother-daughter banquets and bar mitzvahs, as well as participating in the Farmers Festival parade in Pigeon, the Case City Fourth of July parade and the Caseville Fair Festival parade.

CLOWN SCHOOL: Lewis is also teaching a clowning class through the Case City Adult Education program.

"My goal is to get a group of people in the area trained to be clowns, so I'd like to go into hospitals and nursing homes more, but for your skills to be effective there, you need more than one person.

Dusty, ah, Dave, had some memorable stories to tell about his clowning jobs, but his favorite was the one about a certain bride's parents who felt that their daughter was getting a woodhead from all the attention.

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Assets of Thumb National Bank and Trust of Pigeon and Case City were $88.75 million at the close of 1987. It was announced Tuesday afternoon when 82 of the banking firm's 130 shareholders attended the annual meeting in Pigeon District Library.

That's $4.75 million more than at the close of 1986, Paul Clabuesch, president and chief executive officer, told the shareholder audience.

RECORD HIGH: Along with that increase, he stated that loans had gone up 12.6%, to $64,758 million, and deposits increased 4.8% to $81,179 million, all record highs.

BUD LEUIDTKE RETIRES: At the close of the meeting, President Clabuesch announced the retirement of Arthur "Bud" Leuidtke, chairman of the board, from active service in the bank effective Thursday, March 31.

He has been affiliated with Thumb National for more than 27 years. Although he'll no longer be responsible for daily service after that time, Leuidtke will continue in a consultant capacity.

A "retirement" day will be observed Monday, March 30 for the longtime official and board member, when he will greet customers and friends all day long at the bank.

GROWTH PLAN: In his report, Clabuesch described the bank's loan growth, capital base growth plan, and he detailed the bank's theme of "Precaution - Safety - Soundness." He told about the control of loan losses through the bank's "conservative approach" and described how farm loan burdens were reduced.

Thumb National has enlarged its computer technology greatly in the past year, Clabuesch explained, which assists customers and helps the bank preserve and protect loans.

CASS CITY ASSET: He said Thumb National's decision to expand into Cass City a decade ago has helped the bank's deposit and loan scene greatly, because it helped the bank "diversify Pigeon's agricultural picture."

"The bank, he said, is "looking for other opportunities to diversify." Since opening its branch in Case City in 1979, Thumb National has become second largest in the city, he stated, explaining that Thumb National has taken over that position by supplying a low-interest loan.

DAVID CLABUESCH THANKED: When attorney/director David Clabuesch was appointed Thumb County Judge of Probate in 1987, he was required to resign his position on the board, due to potential conflict of interest.

President Clabuesch thanked the former director for his "invaluable insight and business knowledge.

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**EXPLAINING PROPOSAL**

MAC Representative Tom Nolf points out details of the Bay Community Airport plan. About 14 acres of the 30 acres would be used for the terminal area. The airport was opened in 1980 by Nolf, in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Agency.

**Bay Community Airport plans still progressing**

By AMY HEIDEN

Several months after the Bay Community Airport was opened, plans are still in the works for the airport to expand and improve its facilities.

**TEC GETS $1 MILLION LOAN**

The Tecumseh Business Association (TBA) has received a $1 million loan to help fund the expansion of the Tecumseh Community Hospital. The loan will be used to purchase new equipment and improve existing facilities.

**EAST PATCHLILY MERGER**

In a recent merger, East Patch Lilly and West Patch Lilly have combined to form Patch Lilly, Inc. The merger will allow the companies to better compete in the competitive pharmaceutical industry.

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**Thump Weekly News Round-Up**

**SPECIAL DEER SEASON?**

For the upcoming deer season, the DNR is considering a special early deer hunting season to control white-tailed populations, especially in areas where they are becoming a problem. The DNR is looking into the possibility of having a special early deer season to address this issue.

**Plants and Flowers Center**

A new center for plants and flowers has been established in the city. The center will offer a variety of plants and flowers for sale, as well as provide educational programs and workshops related to plants and flowers.
As we see it editorially
A political view 37 weeks from Election Day

We’re 37 weeks away from an event which happens only once every four years – the national presidential elections. To you, it is probably just another bit of everyday business. To me, it is an eternity. If you’re already tired of the hoo-ha, I can understand. But to those of you who are tuning in, I think we need to look at what is ahead.

President Reagan has been in office for more than two years already. He has shown a remarkable ability to handle the economy, reduce the deficit, and improve our standing in the world. But there are challenges ahead.

First, the budget deficit. The government has been running a deficit for several years. This has put a strain on the economy and put a strain on the taxpayers. 

Second, the economy. The economy has been growing, but it could use some improvement. There are still some areas that need to be addressed.

Third, the world. The world is a dangerous place. We need to be prepared for any eventuality.

Fourth, the people. The people are our most important asset. We need to make sure they are happy and healthy.

So, as we look to the future, let us remember that the future is uncertain. But with hard work and determination, we can make it happen.

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Have You Made Your IRA Contribution For 1987?

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

If neither you or your spouse are active participants in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, your IRA contribution is 100% deductible. But if you or your spouse are active participants in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, your IRA contribution deduction is based on your adjusted gross income. The chart below is intended to be a guide in giving you an estimate of the deductible amount of your contribution. Contact your tax consultant for further information.

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- If you file as single you must be under 70 1/2. If you file as married jointly you must be under 70 1/2.
- In general, your contribution will be fully deductible as long as your adjusted gross income is under $30,000.
- Your contribution will be 50% deductible if your adjusted gross income is between $30,000 and $40,000.
- Your contribution will be 25% deductible if your adjusted gross income is between $40,000 and $50,000.
- Your contribution will be 0% deductible if your adjusted gross income is over $50,000.

Source: The Wall Street Journal
By TIM BLAINEY

Friday night marked the first of the Uly bad Axe grapple, and the Lakers were ready. It was a hard-fought battle, and the Lakers emerged victorious. The game was intense, with both teams putting in a great effort. The Lakers' success was due to their teamwork and strong defense. The game was a great precursor for the upcoming season, and the Lakers are looking forward to their next match. 

**Regional win for Lakers grapplers**

**By Tim Blakeley**

It was a memorable night for the Wolverines, as they won the regional championship in their respective division. The team worked hard throughout the season, and their efforts paid off. The win was a testament to their hard work and dedication. The Lakers are looking forward to the state tournament, where they hope to continue their success. 

**'Elite' victory for Lady Lakers!**

**By Tim Blakeley**

The Lady Lakers dug deep to secure their win, despite facing tough competition. The game was intense, with both teams giving their all. The Lady Lakers' victory was due to their strong defense and teamwork. They played with determination and resilience, which paid off in the end. The win was a moment of pride for the Lady Lakers, and they are looking forward to the upcoming season. 

**Caseville School**

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The Caseville School continues to excel in their athletic programs. The team has been working hard throughout the season, and their efforts are paying off. With their recent victory, they have gained confidence and are looking forward to the upcoming games. The team's success is a testament to their hard work and dedication. The Caseville School is proud of their athletes and the role they play in the community. 

**In the News**

The school is planning to host an event for the community, which will feature various activities and games. It will be a great opportunity for the students to showcase their talents and for the community to come together. The event will be held in the school gym on Saturday, March 10th. 

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**OUR LADIES DISPLAYED THEIR GREATNESS BY THEIR HUMILITY**

**60 SECONDS**

**Time for ashes**

**READ MATTHEW 23:27**

There was a time when "every man was wrong, and all said, I have sinned!" and "he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."—Matthew 23:27

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**WINSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

February 2, 1988

The regular meeting of Winsor Township Board was called to order by Joe W. Sweeney, Township Chairman, at 8 p.m. on February 2, 1988. Joe W. Sweeney, Township Chairman, called for the attendance of the Board and members of the Township... Continue reading...

**Lenten services set for church**

United Methodist Churches in Kittanning, Kittanning Township and Verona have scheduled cooperative Lenten services, including worship services and Sunday school classes. The services will begin with Roy Jeffrey Maxwell at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30. The services will be... Continue reading...

**Club women report**

**PIGRO ISSUE WORTH WHILE**

The Pigro issue is in the hands of the Junior Women's Club... Continue reading...

**Enjoy lunch with leaders**

The Perry County Farm Bureau invited Denny and Leslie Stumpf to the Farm Bureau's monthly luncheon. Denny and Leslie Stumpf were... Continue reading...
## Community Estate Auction

**Saturday, February 10, 1984**

Pigeon Elementary School Gym, Pigeon, Michigan

The local school is seeking to give proceeds from this auction to help benefit the school. It will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

### Antiques, Coins and Collectibles
- 400-themed stamp collection
- Gold plate figurines
- Glassware and china sets
- Old watches

### Appliances and Power Tools
- Fridges, microwaves, and power tools
- Vacuum cleaners
- Yard and garden tools

### Campfire and Hunting Gear
- Campers, tents, and fish gear
- Hunting licenses, tags, and licenses
- Fishing rods and reels

### Furniture and Miscellaneous
- Couches, tables, and chairs
- Fixtures and lighting
- Books and magazines

### Miscellaneous Items
- Firewood, charcoal, and coal
- Batteries and bulbs
- Office supplies

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### News That Counts From Huron County

**Friday, February 1, 1984**

- **Lake-Chandler news items**
  - By MILDEE BALLAGH
  - Briefly, Mrs. and Mrs. Thompson (Nancy) Beal, a son, Beth Thompson, and four grandchildren, are the latest to reside in Chandler, and they are the latest to reside in Chandler. They are the latest to reside in Chandler. They are the latest to reside in Chandler. They are the latest to reside in Chandler. They are the latest to reside in Chandler.

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**COMMISSION ORDER**

(Per Under Authority Of Act 230, P.A. 1925, As Amended)

**STURGEON SPEARING SEASON - STATEWIDE**

Under the authority of Act 230, Public Acts of 1925, as amended, being sections 301 through 309 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, at its September 11, 1987, meeting, ordered that for a period of five years it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take sturgeon in any manner by means of spears from the inland waters of this state, except during the month of February each year.

This order takes effect April 1, 1988, and shall remain in effect through March 31, 1993.

Marlene J. Fischbock, Chairman  
Barbara McLeod  
Natural Resources Commission  
Commission & Legislative liaison  
COUNTERSIGNED: Gordon G. Geyer  
Director
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EUTHYL PENRY 1909 - 1988

Euthyl Perry, 79, of 438 Myrtie Avenue, died Monday, February 13, 1988, at Watauga General Hospital. She was the daughter of the late George and Cornelia Jordan. Survivors include a son, James Lee Perry of Salem; a daughter, sirene Perry of Morristown; a brother, George Jordan of Morristown; sisters, Lizzie Jordan and Ethel Blevins; and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Perry of Morristown. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Perry; and a son, Kenneth Perry.

William Bunting 1912 - 1988

William Bunting, Sr., 76, of 1001 D Street, died February 12, 1988, at the Cloverdale Nursing Home, after a brief illness. He was born December 31, 1912, in Blount County, the son of Robert and Anna (Bartlett) Bunting. He was married to the former Grace McCall. Survivors include his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bunting of Morristown; sons, W. B. Bunting, Jr., of Morristown; and Leroy Bunting of Grover, SC; a daughter, Mrs. James Lilly of Morristown; a brother, Cleveland Bunting of Morristown; and a sister, Mrs. Jack Jordan of Morristown. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 15, at Cloverdale Church. Burial will be in the family plot in the Cherokee Memory Garden.

ERIN SCHILLINGER 1946 - 1988

Erin Thomas Schilling, 42, of 100 Elder Street, Morristown, died February 11, 1988, at the Morristown Memorial Hospital. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 15, at New Hope Baptist Church. The family is being cared for by Thomas Funeral Home, Morristown.

KENNETH L. LANE 1918 - 1988

Kenneth Lane, 70, of 300 Kildaire, died February 10, 1988, at the Morristown Memorial Hospital. He was born December 18, 1918, in Blount County, the son of Ray and Ruby (Martin) Lane. Kenneth was the former President of the Products of Distinct and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Kenneth Lane; five sons, David, Gary, Robert, Mark, and Terry; and two daughters, Verna Lane and Mrs. James Anderson. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 15, at New Hope Baptist Church. The family is being cared for by Thomas Funeral Home, Morristown.

MILDRED (LIGHT) WALLACE GEER 1917 - 1988

Mildred (Light) Wallace Geer, 71, of 809 Masters Street, died February 8, 1988, at the Morristown Memorial Hospital. She was born December 16, 1917, in Blount County, the daughter of the late D. J. and Ethel (Adkins) Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover Wallace Geer. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 15, at West End Church. The family is being cared for by Thomas Funeral Home, Morristown.

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COMMISSION ORDER

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(UNDER AUTHORITY OF ACT 230, P.A. 1925, AS AMENDED)
LAKE TROUT SPEARING - STATEWIDE BAN-

The Natural Resources Commission, at its October 7, 1983 meeting, under the authority of sections 1 and 2, Act 230, P.A. 1925, as last amended by Act 82, renewed the order of August 10, 1973, that no person shall take lake trout by means of a spear or bow and arrow from any of the lakes of the state which this state has jurisdiction for a period of five years, effective January 1, 1984, through March 31, 1989.

John M. Robertson
Assistant Executive Director

COUNTERSIGNED:
Randal H. Glover Director
Department Of Natural Resources

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Our heartfelt congratulations to all of you who worked so hard to raise funds for the Michelle Ankmal Family Benefit Fund. We in the Pigeon area have a rare community spirit which, when called upon, can accomplish great things. Your efforts on behalf of the Michelle Ankmal Family are greatly appreciated.