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Ballard leaving Laker High for state schools' job

Laker High School Principal James Ballard will be leaving that job on July 1 to accept a position as Assistant Director for the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, based in Ann Arbor. Ballard, 41, will coordinate the legislative and administrative actions of the MASSP, whose 1800 members represent more than 80% of the state's secondary schools. Ballard has not formally accepted the new job, but plans to in coming weeks.

NEW DUTIES: The educator, who came to the Elkins-Pigeon-Bay Port School District in 1972, will represent school principals before the legislature, state Department of Education, similar administrative associations and other school groups.

He will share information among school districts through in-person contacts, seminars, student council coordination, newsletters and lobbying work and will be functioning between MASSP officials in Ann Arbor and Michigan's capital of Lansing.

Ballard was chosen from 15 finalist candidates and is replacing Bob Rodda of the University of Michigan, who is retiring from the post.

BACKGROUND: Ballard graduated from Minot State College and earned his master's degree from North Dakota State, prior to com ing to the Thumb Area. He earned his Education Specialist's degree from Central Michigan University and was named Principal at Elkins and Pigeon Elementary Schools in 1975.

He was Laker Junior High Principal in 1974 and became Laker High Principal in 1979, replacing Duane Guenther.

Winner of 1 Michigan Press Association Excellence Awards since 1979

JAMES BALLARD

He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Caseville and have two children, Sara, 13, an eighth grader, and Paul, 11, a ninth grader, both at Caseville Public School.

"DON'T ROCK THE BOAT," a three-act comedy about a con vented graduate cruise ship named "Vergance," will appear on the Pigeon Historical Society sets local films for April 17

The Pigeon Historical Society will sponsor a showing of movies taken by Charlie and Don Sturm during the years 1939 through 1969, in a special showing on Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. in the community room of the Pigeon District Library.

The event coincides with the beginning of National Library Week.

The movies will show farming methods and implementing, farmers working in the fields, Pigeon street scenes and buildings; pictures of the Golden Jubilee parade and area business men on hunting expeditions.

The films are owned by Don C. Sturm and will be projected by Terry Sturm, who spliced and edited the series.

Refreshments will be served following the movies, and the public is invited to attend.

HAPPY EASTER CHICKS! James Swartzendruber's kindergarten class at Pigeon Elementary had their annual Easter Chick Hunt last Thursday. The hatched chicks, which cover a plastic egg filled with candy, were made by Swartzendruber's mother, Verne Bider of Elkins.

Bider has made the hatched chicks for the kindergarten class for the last nine years, and also sends them to other daughter, Joyce Dufffus, is Indiana to give to her kindergarten students. Bider says that she makes about five dozen of the chicks a year.

HERE, MRS. Swartzendruber's kindergartner display their Easter gifts.

ART SERCEN PHOTO

Regina Fluegge headed to national DECA tournament!

Regina Fluegge of Laker High School and Brenda Bulkowski of Harbor Beach High School will be traveling to Salt Lake City, Utah, to compete in national competition of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) on April 27-May 1. Fluegge earned a second place win in Event Preparation for the state competition at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn on March 31:13. Over 1500 students who had been regional winners took part in this state competition, with approximately 75 of them qualifying for the nationals. Ten students from the Huron Area Skill Center DECA chapter competed in the state contest.

The Huron Area Skill Center DECA students who received recognition at the state level by scoring in the top five include: Creative Kapers of Caseville High School; third place; Pigeon Enterprise Enterprise Project; Tricia Kubinski, Uly District High. Fourth placet overall was the Westphal Class of Laker High School.

Hotel/Motel Management; Sharon Klett, Uly District High School; Kristie Webner, Harbor Beach High School, both placed in Top 8, General Merchandising.

Regina is the daughter of Otto and Lorraine Fluegge of Elkins.

Huron Area Skill Center DECA Chapter Advisor is Joe Keena.

WINNERS: Brenda Bulkowski, left, and Regina Fluegge of Elkins display some awards in DECA competition.

Duane Guenther talks about the second steelheader opener... See "Woods and Waters" on Page 11

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Much Easter visiting by Pigeon Area folks
By DOROTHY DIERK
The Tribune-Kansan group will substantially reduce their visits to their nieces and nephews, and schools will not be open Saturday or Sunday. But it will be a big day for the Pigeon Area folks, with many visiting friends and relatives for Easter Sunday. Mrs. Mike Lindsay and her son, Jim, were joined by Easter dinner guests, Mike and Alice Maran and daughter, Susan, at the Lindsay residence. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Becks, with their son, Allen, and daughter, Ann, were看望 at the Becks home. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Storm, with their daughter, Anne, were看望 at the Storm residence. Mrs. Ray Book and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Book were看望 at the Book residence. Mrs. Elmer Book and Mr. and Mrs. John Book were看望 at the Book residence. Mrs. Elmer Book and Mr. and Mrs. John Book were看望 at the Book residence.

Frances Holswade again seeks "Deeds" post
By AMY CRIDER
Easter vacation brought many people into the Pigeon area this year. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Book, with their daughter, Debra, and children were students at Pigeon High School. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beets, with their son, Allen, and daughter, Ann, were看望 at the Beets residence. Mrs. Mike Lindsay and her son, Jim, were joined by Easter dinner guests, Mike and Alice Maran and daughter, Susan, at the Lindsay residence.

Bob Quinn seeks county board seat
By DOROTHY DIERK
Robert D. Quinn, Page County, has announced his candidacy for the Iowa Pigeon County Board of Supervisors. Quinn, 28, is serving a second term as a Pigeon County Supervisor. He was appointed to the position in 1986 by Governor Robert D. Quinn.

FRANCES HOLSWADE

No ‘typical’ student at Skill Center
By AMY CRIDER
Adult education in many places means taking a basket of knowledge. But in that same basket, it’s not all work and no play. It’s full of socializing and learning new skills. This is what happened when students at the Skill Center got a new job.

The center’s a new job.

There are really no limits to what you can learn at the Skill Center. The center is run by the students and faculty. Some have been there for over 30 years. If you have a burning desire to learn something new, you can come to the Skill Center.

PROFIT: One student at the center, Amy Green, is learning about marketing and business. She is planning to open her own business someday. Another student, Tim Johnson, is learning how to use a computer. He is planning to go to college in the fall.

THE CENTER: The Skill Center Center is located at 123 Main Street in Pigeon. They are open from 9-5 Monday through Friday, and from 9-noon on Saturday. For more information, call 555-1234.

STUDENT ENSUE: Amy Green is a senior in high school. She is looking for a job and is planning to go to college in the fall. She is learning about marketing and business at the Skill Center.

UP TOP: The 4th of July parade will be held on April 15th in Pigeon. The parade will feature floats, bands, and other activities.

BARRY KENNEDY

Edington elected to MSU Alumni Board

Wesley Edington, a graduate of the College of Ag and Bio Resources at Michigan State University, has been elected to the MSU Alumni Board. Edington is a member of the Alumni Board.

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Eating our way to an early grave...

As We See It...EDITORIAL

By John Doe

The American diet is terrible, and friends, it's getting worse all the time. I think it's because of NAFTA.

At the National Cancer Institute, we have been tracking the increase in the number of people who die from heart disease. The trend is disturbing, and it's something that we need to do something about.

There are many things that contribute to heart disease, but the American diet is a major factor. Too much fat, too much sugar, too many calories, not enough vegetables. The French fries and deep-fried foods we eat with ketchup and mayonnaise can't be good for us. They are high in calories, and they are high in fat and sugar.

We also need to eat more fish and less meat. Fish is a great source of omega-3 fatty acids, which are good for the heart.

We need to eat more fruits and vegetables, which are high in fiber and low in calories. And we need to eat more whole grains, which are high in fiber and low in fat.

There are so many different things we need to eat to have a healthy diet. But it's not easy. We need to make a conscious effort to eat healthier.

I think we need to have a national campaign to educate people about the importance of healthy eating. We need to have public service announcements on television and radio. We need to have educational programs in schools. We need to have incentives for people who eat a healthy diet.

But it's not enough. We need to do more. We need to have a national policy on healthy eating. We need to have regulations on the food industry. We need to have taxes on unhealthy foods. We need to have subsidies for healthy foods.

There's a lot we can do. But it's going to take a lot of effort. We need to do it.
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