Laker netters ready for regionals!

By TIM BLAKELEY

The Lakers Tennis Team is determined to make it to State as they beat Rockford in the IHSA Regional on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The team had a total of 70 players, with 8 doubles teams and 7 singles teams. The singles teams took 1st place, followed by the doubles teams. The boys' tennis team finished in 3rd place overall.

The girls' tennis team had 45 players, with 7 doubles teams and 8 singles teams. The singles teams took 1st place, followed by the doubles teams. The girls' tennis team finished in 2nd place overall.

The team is looking forward to a strong showing at the IHSA State Tournament on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The team will be competing in the 2A and 4A divisions.

Juniors and Seniors:

- Junior Alex Smith
- Senior John Wilson

Lakers prepare for regional competition with confidence and excitement.

Sports of the Week

Lakers split with BA, NB

By TIM BLAKELEY

The Lakers split with Bon Air, 6-0, and New Braunfels, 7-0, in a doubleheader on Friday, May 20, 2011.

The game against Bon Air was a lopsided victory for the Lakers, with a final score of 6-0. The Lakers dominated the game, hitting and fielding with precision. The game against New Braunfels was a close contest, with the Lakers winning 7-0. The Lakers played with intensity and determination, outscoring their opponents.

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Outdoor Report

Fishing has continued to improve throughout the week. Lake Pueblo has been hosting several serious anglers, including a group of anglers who were fishing for the annual Lake Pueblo Bass Tournament. The tournament was held on Saturday, May 21, 2011, with a total of 70 fish entered. The winning fish was a 5.2-pound smallmouth bass, caught by Mark Green from Des Moines, Iowa.

Anglers are encouraged to continue fishing in Lake Pueblo, as the lake is currently full of bass. The lake is located at the corner of 5th and Main Streets, in Lake City, Iowa. Anglers are advised to check the lake regulations and obtain a fishing license before fishing in the lake.

The fishing report is provided by the Iowa DNR, and is updated weekly. Anglers are advised to check the report regularly for the latest fishing conditions in Lake Pueblo.
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Artwork

The altar was decorated with a large, hanging candelabrum candle holder and matching candelabra. The center of the altar was a large, white, Pozzi glass candelabrum with matching candelabra. The sides of the altar were decorated with white, Pozzi glass candelabra. The front of the altar was decorated with a large, white, Pozzi glass candelabrum with matching candelabra. The sides of the altar were decorated with white, Pozzi glass candelabra.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. John Benefield. The couple exchanged vows and rings, and the ceremony concluded with a kiss. The couple then walked down the aisle, hand in hand.

The reception followed at 7 p.m. at the First Church. Attending the reception were the couple’s parents and other family members. The reception included a delicious buffet and a live band.

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Engagement

Kretzschmer - Riesterer

Area school lunch menus

Week of May 23/27

Cassville school

Monday: macaroni and cheese, homemade rolls, garlic bread, broccoli, and applesauce. Tuesday: chicken and vegetables, tomato soup, and applesauce. Wednesday: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, and rolls. Thursday: fried fish and chips, coleslaw, and applesauce. Friday: spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, and applesauce.

Band Boosters elect officers

Laker Band Boosters held their final meeting of the school year on May 17. The meeting was held at the school and was attended by the president, treasurer, and secretary. The meeting began with the president providing an overview of the past school year. The treasurer then presented the financial report for the past school year. The secretary then reported on the activities of the band. The president then presented a motion for the approval of the budget for the upcoming school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the members present.

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Voelker family farm honored in centennial

By AMY HEIDEN

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The Voelker family is legacy of farming that dates back to the early 1900s. The farm has been in the family for four generations, and each generation has contributed to its success. The Voelker family is a testament to the importance of family and tradition in agriculture.

The Voelker family is honored for their dedication to the land and their commitment to sustainable farming practices. They are an inspiration to other farmers and to the community as a whole.

Farewell to Nuzzo

BY MISS JENNER

The Nuzzo family has been a part of the community for generations. The family has been involved in many aspects of the community, including farming, volunteering, and being active in local organizations.

The Nuzzo family has been a strong influence in the community, and their contributions will be missed. The community is grateful for their service and contributions.

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FIELD TRIPS: The Caseville High School football team will take a trip to the University of Michigan on May 26. The team will compete against the University of Michigan for a state championship. The trip will be sponsored by the Caseville High School Booster Club. The event will be open to the public.

ACHIEVEMENTS: The Caseville High School Academic Team will participate in the State Academic Meet on May 15. The team will compete against other schools in various academic disciplines. The event will be open to the public.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: The National Honor Society will meet on May 14. The meeting will be open to the public.

STUDENT COUNCIL: The Student Council will meet on May 15. The meeting will be open to the public.

Piano students earn high marks

Twenty-five local piano students at Frank Fox of Pigeon placed at the National Piano Playing Festival in Chicago, Illinois. The students ranged in age from 5 to 16 years old. The competition was open to all students, regardless of age. The students were judged on their technical skill, musical interpretation, and overall performance.

PICTURED: Piano students who participated in the festival include: Scott Fox, Jennifer Fox, John Fox, and John Fox Jr. The students were judged on their technical skill, musical interpretation, and overall performance.

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MATTHEW ROBERT SHELTON
"Teddy" PARENTS: Ruth & the Late Walter R. Shetton, Bay Port. PLANS: Full-time employment. MEMOY: Economics & government class.

TIMOTHY S. SILOW
"Nike" PARENTS: Steven & Nancy Sadow, Pigeon. PLANS: Attend CMU. MEMOY: All my friends.

BARBARA MICHELLE SMELLE
"Sue" PARENTS: Alice & Robert Small, Bay Port. PLANS: Kent School of Art & Design. MEMOY: Homecoming.

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Anita Gettel Will Miss Her Daily Route After 21 Years

By AMY HEIDEN

Bus driver Anita Gettel will park her bus and turn in her keys for the final time on June 14.

Gettel has been transporting thousands of students to and from school for 21 years, starting in September 1967.

"I was a housewife back then, and after having raised three kids, I decided it was time to get back into public again," she recalls.

"The hours were perfect because I'd be working when the kids were in school, and I would get home shortly after the kids got there," says Gettel.

WHY NOT? Bill Gordon, who was transportation administrator then, asked Gettel if she would be interested in driving a bus.

My husband, Omer, had been driving a milk truck, and I also had experience in driving loaded milk trucks. I thought that if I could drive a truck, I shouldn't have any trouble with a bus.

"But I did get excited and nervous about driving a big rig," Gettel recalls.

Likelv Job: "I enjoy driving for the kids and I really like the responsibility. If I didn't like it, I sure wouldn't have done it all these years."

MEMORIES: Gettel enjoys recalling some of the more memorable incidents of her career as bus driver, such as sliding in a ditch from a road covered in ice.

"Back then, we had stick shifts in the buses. I started off slowly, but when I changed gears, the bus started sliding. It seemed like forever before we went into the ditch, time passed so slowly."

"It was scary, but the kids were happy because they were going to be late for school," she remembers.

Gettel says she remembers one little kindergarten student who slipped under the rail that used to divide the driver's seat from the students' seats.

"He crawled up beside me and said, 'Mrs. Gettel, how's your life?' He was so cute and so serious about it," Gettel says. She regrets not keeping a diary of her experiences because of so many encounters like that little kindergartner.

CHANGES: The longtime driver says things have indeed changed, between 1967 and now.

"You can definitely see a change in these kids these days. I can tell a child nowadays to sit down and he'll just look at me. Then he'll sit down, and 10 seconds later he'll be at it again. It seems like they know the rules, but they just don't care," Gettel says.

Driving nearly the same route for 21 years, Gettel says she probably could do it blindfolded — but she won't try.

GENERATIONS: And driving has given her the opportunity to sometimes transport two generations of the same family.

"Some of the kids I'm driving now, I drove their parents when they were in school," says Gettel.

Retirement plans for Gettel include some travel, "and I'm thinking of going fishing with my grandson. I've always wanted to fish, and now I have the opportunity to do as much as I want."

"But I'll always be on the move. I can't bear to be standing still."

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Explaining why his tank

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Introducing... The Caseville

Class Of '88

Twenty graduates of Caseville High School will take their place on stage at Commencement Exercises on Saturday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Preceding commencement will be Baccalaureate, which is held on Sunday, May 29 at 3 p.m. Rev. John Hamilton of the United Methodist Church will deliver the invocation, address and the benediction. Out of three honor students from the Class of 1988, a Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be announced during Commencement. Honor students vying for the top spots are Clint W. Cottick, Jeffrey S. Maletti and Carrie Z. Zollner.

Senior Colleen M. Kopack will deliver the Invocation. Counselor Janet Watts will present scholarships and Principal George Rednork will present awards. Class President Kimberly M. Mader will present the Class Gift, precede the introduction of graduates, made by Superintendent James G. Stahl. School Board President Kenneth Hill will confer the diplomas, then the Benediction by senior Amy Conrad will follow.

Parents, relatives, friends, and members of the community are invited to attend Commencement Exercises at Caseville High School.

Alma College Sets Dean's List

Sophomore Michelle Stahl of Caseville and freshman Christine Licht of Pigeon are among the 283 Alma College students named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 1988 Winter Term which ended April 15.

Licht, a 1987 graduate of Lake High School, is the daughter of Kenneth and Betty Licht of Pigeon. She expects to major in biology or psychology at Alma College.

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He’s glad that his officers are demanding that they insist on perfection. “Some soldiers complain about the Army’s insistence on cleanliness, on shoes, clothes, rifles, everything being spic and span.”

“But we’ve found that even one speck of dirt in the wrong place can chew up an engine in this technological age,” he pointed out.

And, he added, then we learn respect, as another bonus.

Just to prove that he isn’t totally starry-eyed in his career, he admits that there have been low points.

For instance, he recalls with a smile, that 18th birthday to which he’d been looking forward for so many years, was a real downer for him.

“I was in basic training, we’d be out in the field for a week, I was soaked through from rain and it was thundering. The sky was filled with flashes of lightning, and we were sitting low for lightning protection.”

“Suddenly I thought, ‘What am I doing here?’”

But soon the field training was done, basic was out of the way, and the skies turned sunny again.

Then Ken remembered all the benefits of the GI Bill. He thought of everything he’s learning, and that soon he’d be training in field welding, which interested him greatly.

He thought of future training in light wheel mechanics, and he met up with some Michigan men—from Warren, and Muskegon and Lansing.

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The talk was about the possibility of going to Germany for part of their term. Things were looking rosier by the minute. Besides, he’d just received his Presidential Ribbon. And, not to be overlooked tomorrow would be payday!

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