

Co-Op sees \$2.04 million margin on \$34.4 million in sales

Volumes were up in some commodities such as beans and wheat in fiscal 1987-88, but lower farm prices brought dollar amounts down, patrons of the Cooperative Elevator Company learned last Wednesday at the Co-Op's 73rd annual meeting at the Colony House.

Still, the 930-stockholder-member organization nearly matched the record levels set in 1987, to close the fiscal year ending June 30 with a net margin (profit) of \$2.04 million.

President and Chief Executive Officer John Kohr told more than 750 patrons that acquiring the Gagetown fertilizer plant and construction of the \$1.5 million specialty feed plant at Elkton are highlights of the past year's operations.

GOOD YEAR: Co-op revenues totaled \$42.094 million for 1988, down from \$45.674 million in 1987. But, thanks to depressed commodity prices, the cost of goods sold also fell, to \$34.4 million from \$38.3 million in 1987.

Total operating and administrative expenses were up slightly, to \$6.0106 million for '88, reflecting the higher costs of operating more locations. Total of net margins from operations fell from \$1.682 million in 1987 to \$1.664 million for '88.

GOOD PROFITS: Overall, the Co-Op's net margin for 1988 is \$2.04 million, down barely 10% from 1987's \$2.265 million, according to the annual report. The Co-Op added \$879,000 for current patronage refunds payable in cash, to increase the amount of patron's refunds and capital reserves to \$13.503 million as of June 30, up from \$12.276 million the previous year.

Vice President of Finance Bill Boyle said patrons will receive a 1% return payment on everything purchased and 7.8% rebate on everything sold by each patron. In all, Boyle said, \$1.463 million will be paid off -- 40% in cash and 60% on credit to be revolved at a later date -- representing nearly three-fourths of the Co-Op's net income for the '88 fiscal year.

BACKGROUND: Total assets -- receivables, inventory and others -- are

\$12.149 million as of June 30, more than double the \$5.467 million figure on June 30, 1987. Most of that increase is in inventories, up \$5.5 million from the previous year.

Property, plant and equipment at cost totals \$27.066 million, up from \$24.973 million last year. Total assets of the Co-Op are up more than \$7.3 million, to \$27.757 million as of June 30.

On the other side of the balance sheet, current liabilities total \$9.886 million, up from \$2.978 million last year. Long-term obligations are down slightly, to \$3.811 million (from \$3.960 million last year).

Total value of all Co-Op equities -- stock, as well as allocated patronage refunds

and reserves -- is up more than \$500,000 to \$14.060 million as of June 30.

CEO'S VIEW: Kohr said this year's theme -- "Opportunities Through Cooperation" -- correctly describes how the Co-Op has grown to be the state's largest bean and grain facility. He noted Retail Vice President Wes Edington's department sold \$2 million in seed last year, while 85,000 acres were covered with 26,000 tons of fertilizer.

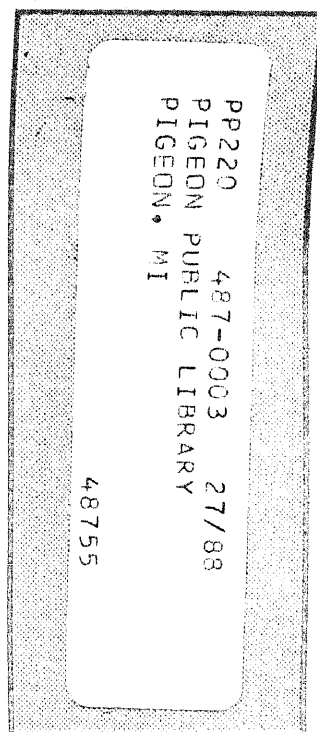
Service stations at Pigeon and Sebawaing sold nearly three million gallons of fuel and mounted more than 3,000 tires.

Feed and specialty products represent a big growth area for the future, and the

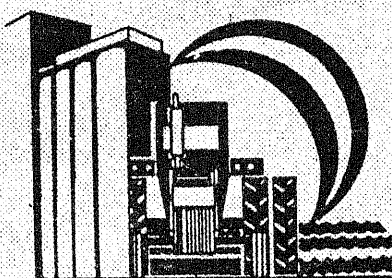
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COMPARING NOTES: Outgoing Co-Op Director Fritz Damm, left, chats with newly-elected Director Randy Baur, following Wednesday's election. Damm retires after 15 years of Board service.



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Laker Schools ease them into new environment

Sixth graders 'learning' about Junior High

By AMY HEIDEN

Remember what it was like to be 11 or 12 years old? Awkward, gangly, too young to be a kid, yet too young to be a teenager. A "tweenager," one wise sage said.

Put these "tweenagers" into a new school setting, and the possibility exists that they will get lost in a sea of unfamiliar faces, new teachers, and frustrations.

Which is exactly why the Laker Junior High holds a sixth-grade orientation every year for students moving up from the elementary schools. It's important to introduce the students to their new school so they have some idea of what to expect on the first day, explains Assistant Principal Lisa DiCamillo.

"A slow change is best. It's not fair to plop them down in junior high and tell them, 'here you are, make the best of it', so things are a little different than the seventh or eighth grades," says DiCamillo.

ADAPTING SLOWLY: For example, sixth grades students only have three different teachers instead of six, as the seventh and eighth graders do. They get some experience in changing classes, but it's on a much smaller scale.

The kids are never thrown together with the senior high students, she says, and when they do go into the high school building, they are supervised by a member of the staff.

Lunch hours are staggered so that senior and junior high students aren't mingled together, DiCamillo says.

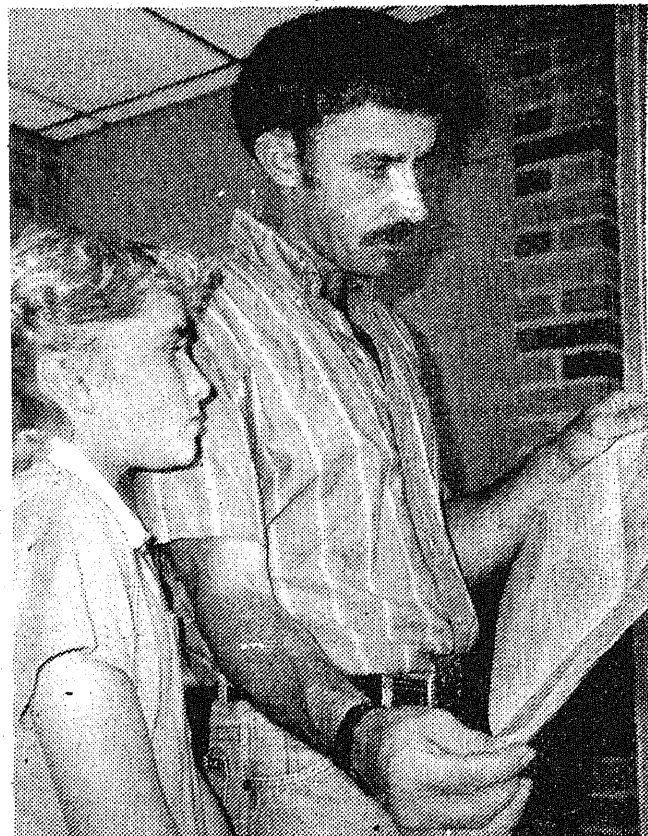
STUDENT REACTION: Brandy Gaeth, a new sixth-grader, attended the orientation with dad Jerry. "Yeah, I'm nervous and scared a little. It's going to be different with changing classes and opening the lockers. But my friends will help."

Jerry Gaeth says the best advice he can give his daughter is to "not be afraid to ask for help. I know she'll be nervous, but I think she can handle it."

FRUSTRATING DAYS: Seventh grade teacher Dick Pauly, attending the orientation for the first time as a parent of a sixth grader, says that although the first day of school is very exciting, the students are pretty fearful, too.

"All of a sudden they're sitting next to a student they've never laid eyes on before. It's extremely tough on them. And there will be a few tears of frustration because they can't get their lockers open and they're afraid of being late to class, scared that something will happen to them.

"But after a couple of weeks, they get right into the routine, and they're not from Elkton, or Pigeon, or Bay Port anymore. They're Laker students, and they're proud of it," Pauly says.



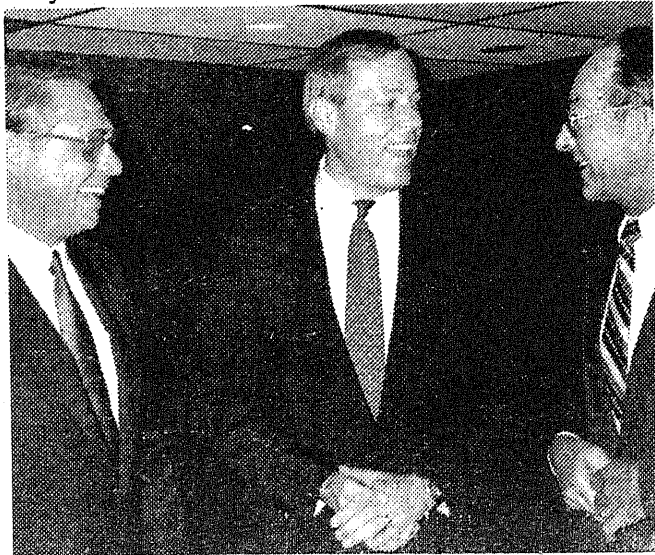
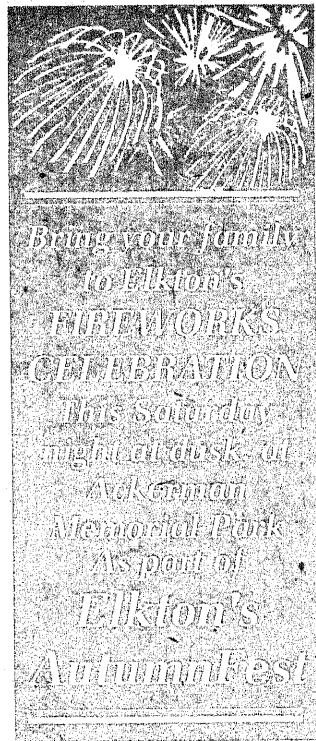
SIXTH GRADER Brandy Gaeth and her Dad, Jerry.

Shawn Diebel bravely says he's not nervous about changing schools. "I asked other kids what junior high was like. I may be a little lost at first, but I'll make new friends.

"I think I'll have to do a lot of walking. And at lunch, that will be different. I might not know what I want, since they have different choices," young Diebel says.

Shawn's mother Lois, on the other hand, is kind of nervous for him. "I remember some of the things I went through, so I think I can tell him how to get along."

And, like many other parents of sixth-graders, she has made good use of the grapevine to find out about the school. "Everybody I talked to said having the sixth grade here at the junior high worked out well," Diebel says.



COOPERATIVE ELEVATOR CEO John Kohr, left, and Board of Directors President Gerald Elenbaum, right, speak with State Ag Director Paul Kindinger.

As We See It...EDITORIALLY

Minds are terrible things to waste

This is the week local schools open their doors for another year, with freshly painted hallways, buffed floors, cleaned desks and piles of books ready to be devoured by (hopefully) eager young scholars. It's a special, memorable time of year to which people of all ages can relate.

Combine that reality with the fact that this is a presidential election year, and a new emphasis is put on deciding what kind of learning will be done — and ultimately, what changes can be made to assure U.S. children get the best education possible.

National columnist Robert Maynard recently challenged both Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis to improve our education system, for the future good of us all. He said we waste so many things in our land, but "the worst waste of all is our pervasive waste of people."

More than two of every three entry-level job applicants for word processing positions fail the skills assessment exam.

More than a million American high school students drop out each year, and another three-quarters of a million graduate... but cannot read and compute well enough to compete for the simplest of today's jobs.

These and other factors, Maynard points out, mean several very important things to our future.

First, we've reached the point predicted at least 20 years ago where a growing group of American adults will become a permanent welfare burden. They will never hold a typical, conventional job.



FROM UNDER THE WILLOW

BY WANDA EICHLER

Soap's Up!

It's a box that got deposited in the basement before I had a chance to inspect it. The box is heavy and has a strange cargo inside of it. It is filled with soap — homemade soap, to be exact.

When Great-Grandma Clara Eichler died in June, 1980, my father-in-law surprised us from week to week with treasures from her house. Rather than have an auction or estate sale, Dad Eichler just distributed Grandma's things out and about the family for a number of months. That's how we ended up with her old flour bin, the coleslaw maker and an old recliner and ottoman that we eventually had recovered and are still using.

But the box of soap was a surprise. There were several boxes from Grandma's basement that were transferred right to our basement without any inventory taken of what was in the boxes.

Just last year I discovered the box of soap. It's homemade soap that's cut in big, even bars. The soap is very hard and the box must contain at least 20 bars.

What is telling about the box of soap is the 1956 Bay City Times that covers the layers of soap. The paper's headline reads: "Four killed, 124 hurt as tornadoes bombard state." Several front page articles tell of destruction and death in the Flint area as well as in Bay City and Saginaw. The Bay City Times cost seven cents a copy in those days and could be delivered seven days a week for 40 cents.

That means that the soap is at least 32 years old. What do I use soap that old for? Well, Grandma Eichler made great soap! When Willie wears his tube socks too long or when chocolate is spilled down the front of a light colored shirt or when a tablecloth stain just doesn't want to budge, then out comes Grandma's soap.

I've even discovered that I can take a potato peeler and shave off bits of the soap right into my automatic washer. The resulting suds do a remarkably good job of cleaning and sometimes has to substitute for laundry detergent.

I remember my Grandma Rose Luedtke making soap when I was a little child. Just once, I'd like to try my hand at making soap like this. There's a recipe for homemade soap in the Mennonite cookbook that I use, "More With Less." Orpha Wertz of Pigeon has demonstrated soapmaking for Farmers' Festival in years past. She'd probably be able to give advice to a novice soapmaker. Then, too, I'd have to refine the fat that I'd use by reheating it and allowing it to separate. Oh, yes, and I'd have to make soap at the same time that we were

This is a tremendous waste of human potential.

Second, research shows us a severe labor shortage will hit this country within the next 10 years. We'll either have much older workers doing entry-level jobs, or we'll be forced to employ more immigrant labor — while inadequately trained Americans go without jobs.

Maynard says there's little our nation's leaders are doing to stop tragedies like the ones he's pointing out. A high school diploma is no longer a guarantee an applicant can adequately read, write, add and subtract.

The next president — whoever he is — must move strongly to admit our public education system isn't adequate to the needs of today and tomorrow. And, although much of public education is handled by locally-elected school boards, Maynard believes the new president must keep education in the spotlight of this nation's needs. The next president must lead the way in helping all of us see the necessity of making the essential investment in our children and youth, he adds.

Of course, Maynard is right. We cannot continue wasting people, who become bigger burdens the further behind they rest of us they fall.

In Michigan, the focus on education right now is how many school districts will likely have teacher strikes this fall. Those 47 districts will likely be heard from again, but for strike talk, not educational excellence. For the past six months, we've heard about Republicans and Democrats wrangling over a school finance reform effort in the state legislature. Nothing has happened yet, and we doubt people will vote to raise their sales tax without an explicit listing of what we'll get for the money.

The fact that teachers' pay is increasing nationwide is a good sign, although many people think teacher pay is part of the problem with our educational system today. The national average teacher's salary is \$29,573 during the coming 1988-89 year, says the U.S. Department of Education.

We will not get — and retain — good teachers unless they're adequately paid. That's all there is to it. And kids cannot be trained well if their leaders are not the best they can be.

Today's six-year-olds will become the Class of 2000, needing to be properly equipped for the 20th Century in more ways than we even know today. By the age of 18, today's children are exposed to more knowledge than their grandparents could consume in a lifetime. The challenge is great, in providing an adequate, comprehensive educational system. But the rewards are even greater.

Our readers write . . .

Remember to vote on pork question

DEAR EDITOR:
I would like to urge my fellow pork producers to get out and vote in the upcoming Pork Referendum. It is being held at the County Extension Office on Sept. 7 and 8.

This is going to be one of the most important business decisions that you will be making for sometime. It gives us the opportunity to have some control over the future of our pork industry.

I urge every pork producer to vote "Yes" on the referendum because of all the positive things that have happened while the current check-off has been in effect. There has been more promotion because of the increased funding and consumer demand has increased 3% in 1987 and 3 to 4% in the first five months of this year. A total of 70% of the check-off money has gone for pro-

motion, while the rest has helped fund research, some of which has helped the nutritional aspects of pork. Also, check-off money has helped the pork producers teach health care professionals all about pork and how they can properly prepare and serve it to people that they care for.

I feel that it will continue to be beneficial to us to make a financial investment to ensure our future. With the passing of the Pork Referendum, all pork producers will be contributing proportionally and we will have a more unified industry, one of which we can all be proud.

PAUL SWARTZENDRUBER, President, Huron County Pork Producers

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RECOLLECTIONS
Of By-Gone Days
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

I guess it's "goodbye" to the Pigeon community. In a few days we will fly across the ocean again to Holland.

It is two months and 2300 miles late than when we arrived in July. Those ever-present elevator bins are so familiar to us. It won't be easy to say farewell to the Pigeon community.

Some of the things we will have taken from here are the Farmers' Festival buttons. Our collection is getting larger! We flew over the area with Butch Miller one evening and now we have some pictures of Pigeon from the air and these, too, will be packed into the suitcases.

We can't take the Wednesday mornings at the Dutch Kettle along with us, but we can remember the chances we had to see lots of people.

The doughnuts are so delicious, we don't have doughnuts in Holland.

One day I drove my father's "new" car around through the area. This wasn't so hard to remember as we always lived on a farm that was the last place on the bus route.

Things do change in a community. We are all changing with the times. It isn't easy to go away and stay away so long. Each time I come back some more people have died and others have become old and feeble. I, too, am not getting any younger.

I'd just like to say I enjoyed being back for the summer. It was very good for our children. They love it!

One of the things I especially enjoy is the Sunday morning church service under the big tent at the end of Farmers' Festival. When I was growing up, this was unheard of, and I'm glad that this is one of the changes that has taken place here.

There are ball games, the coffee hours with all the people who come into the restaurant. There is a Farmers' Festival and many more things that make this place a community in the summer months.

I don't live here anymore, and so maybe what seems so commonplace to you is very special to me.

Following my father's tradition of ending with a Bible verse, I have chosen some verses in Isaiah 55. "Sing, break forth into singing and cry aloud. Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cards and strengthen thy stakes.

The Pigeon community does this when it welcomes people back, but it is also a stable, good place to be. I hope it will stay that way and still not forget to keep lengthening the cords of the tent.

GOODBYE,
MARY MAARSEN-KEIM

Our readers write . . .

Thanks for senior millage vote

TO AREA SENIOR CITIZENS:
The Huron County Council on Aging would like to express their sincere appreciation for the overwhelming support for the Senior Services millage passed at the August Primary Election. Many Senior services are available to those persons 60 and over in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties.

They include Home-Delivered Meals, Case Coordination & Support, Chore Service, Congregate Meal Sites, Home Weatherization, Senior Home Repair and Transportation provided through the Human Development Commission, plus Personal Care and Respite Care pro-

vided by Thumb Area Services for Seniors. Eligibility for most of these programs is based on need. There is no charge for services, but donations are welcomed. Donations from Seniors who have received services make it possible for many more folks in need to receive assistance.

The funds generated by the millage will take effect Oct. 1, 1988. More information will be forthcoming after that date, concerning what services will be available through Human Development Commission in Caro, Mich.

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We Welcome These New Teachers Into The Laker And Caseville School Districts For The 1988-89 School Year



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Local seniors meet in Elkton, Caseville

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Chairman Mike Renn welcomed the 47 people present, including guests Roy and Bessie Furness, Marge Stuart and John Knechtel, who brought his father, Al, from Four Seasons Nursing Center.

Della Trudgen gave the

table prayer. "God Bless America" was sung, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. The Birthday Song was sung for Earl Kasserman and the group thanked them for the decorated birthday cake and ice cream they furnished.

Group singing was led by Ruth Avery and Mary Mc-

Carty. Minutes of the past meeting were read and approved. An invitation was read for the group to attend the 60th anniversary Open House on Sept. 11 honoring Ina and Secord McMullen at the Caseville Eagles Aerie Hall.

A thank-you note was read from Harry Renn. A card was signed for Eleanor Izzo, who is ill. Beatrice Gregor is feeling better, it is reported, and Hugo Leipprandt is home from Saginaw General Hospital.

Next week's meeting will be a catered dinner, with reservations made to Mike Renn. George Keim's daughter from the Netherlands will be guest speaker.

Bingo was played with prizes going to Edna Wakefield and John Knechtel.

CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

A total of 111 members, two guests and two new members were present for the Aug. 23 potluck of the Caseville Retirement Club held at the American Legion Hall.

President Tom Beadle introduced guests Bea Sternberg and Julia Wyman and new members Harold and Mary Jane Hunt. He asked all to stand and greet their neighbors, then led in the Lord's Prayer before lunch.

The Pledge to the Flag opened the meeting. Welcomed back were those who had been absent for some time.

Travel club member Ray Gerrard reported details on upcoming trips. Celebrating birthdays were Jo Broverge,

Marion Grunow, Alice Dean, Mary Ellen Janos, Hank Hill, Lena McGee and Bill Smith. Celebrating their 46th anniversary were Herb and Betty Hawthorne.

Recovering at home are Helen Kijas, Ed Alward and Joe Christie.

Beadle thanked John and Dorothy Kavalar for the

home-grown tomatoes and melons, which were given as door prizes.

Phoebe Pedrotte conducted the 50/50 drawing.

Beadle read an invitation from the Human Development Commission, with more details to follow in the future.

2 nominees set at bean meeting

Two candidates for District 4 of the Michigan Bean Commission will be nominated at a meeting starting at 7 pm Tuesday, September 6, according to Einer Thorlund, Commission chairman.

Two names are selected at the meeting and they will be submitted to Governor Blanchard, who will appoint one of the nominees to serve on the Commission for a 3-year term.

Lyle Ackerman of Vassar has represented District 4—which is Tuscola County—for the past 3 years. Commission members are eligible to serve 2 successive terms of 3 years each.

The meeting will be held

at the farm of Rich and Vince Sattelberg, 1 3/4 miles east of Colwood on Dickerson Road.

The meeting will also include a tour of variety plots and will present speakers telling about the 1988 crop and marketing possibilities in Ontario, the Midwest and Michigan.

Growers who desire further information about the meeting or are interested in being considered for nomination, are invited to contact the Michigan Bean Commission. The Commission address is PO Box 22037, Lansing, MI, 48909, or phone 517-694-0581.



By AMY CSANYI

Hello, my name is Amy Csanyi (pronounce it without the "c") and I am entering my senior year at Laker High School (finally!).

I got my journalism start when Mark and Sally Rum-

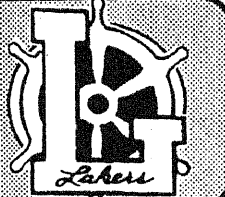
mel asked me to write a column about "Life at Lakers." I would like to involve everyone at Lakers in my column, which highlights the "goings-on" at the high school, the junior high and the three elementary schools.

STARTING AT THE TOP: We'll start the school year off by starting at the top. I interviewed our new principal, Mr. Craig Douglas and the new assistant principal, Miss Lisa DiCamillo.

Mr. Douglas and I discussed his former schools: Oscoda,

A look at the 1988-89 Educational Year

LAKER SCHOOLS in the News



Big Rapids and Chesaning. At Oscoda, a Class "B" school, he was assistant principal.

At Big Rapids, also a Class "B" school, he taught and coached basketball and baseball for seven years. At Chesaning High School, he taught math.

WHAT HE LIKES: Mr. Douglas likes working in administration because "You work hard to make things enjoyable and it's a nice atmosphere to work in."

When I asked him what he likes the least, he had a hard

time thinking of anything. Finally, he said he doesn't like things to be out of control.

When I asked him how he likes living here, he said his children love it here — they haven't complained at all! They like being able to ride their bikes up town to get an ice cream cone. He said it takes him "back to his youth" because he grew up in a farming community himself.

CHATTING WITH MISS D.: Miss DiCamillo and I talked more about why she

likes to work with kids so much. Her response was, "Kids challenge you all the time and keep you thinking." Another reason is that "Kids keep you involved, active and feeling."

Although she will miss teaching, she says she needed a new challenge and wanted to work with kids in a different role. Miss DiCamillo is really looking forward to working with the sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Miss DiCamillo will still

be involved in cheerleading, Students Against Driving Drunk (S.A.D.D.), Mock Trial, Professional Development, the Pigeon Worth While Club and the ADK Sorority. Knowing Miss DiCamillo, she'll make time for every one of these activities — plus!

Even though this is the first year for our new principal and assistant principal, don't underestimate them. They're eager to start the new year right. I think they'll do a fine job!

3 promoted at Bay Port State Bank

Three employees of Bay Port State Bank have recently received promotions, according to Bank President James V. Foster.

KAY FORTSCH has been promoted to the position of Assistant Vice President. She is a 20-year employee.

KAREN RICHMOND PHILLIPS has recently been promoted to Assistant Vice President. She has worked at BPSB for nearly 10 years and has her Associate's Degree in Business Studies.

RACHEL ZOELLNER has been promoted to Bank Officer and Assistant Security Officer. She has been employed nearly six years and

has degrees in Computer Information and Business Administration, Foster says.



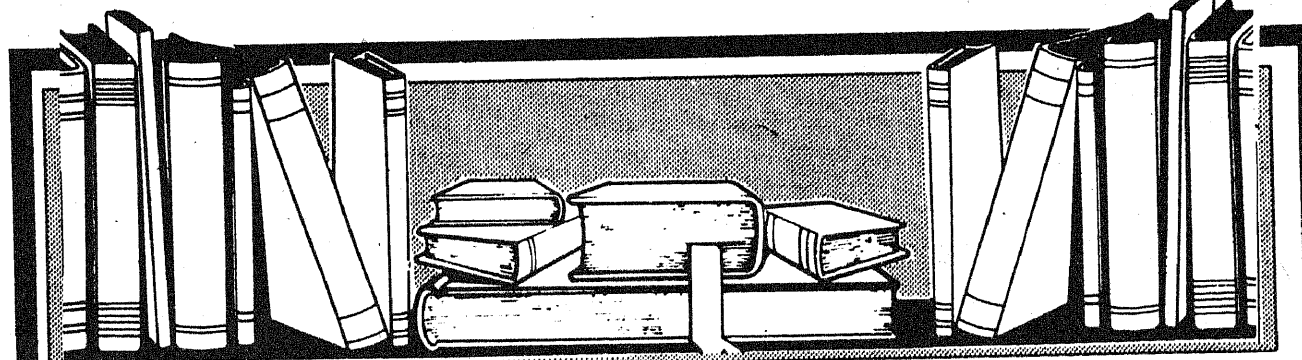
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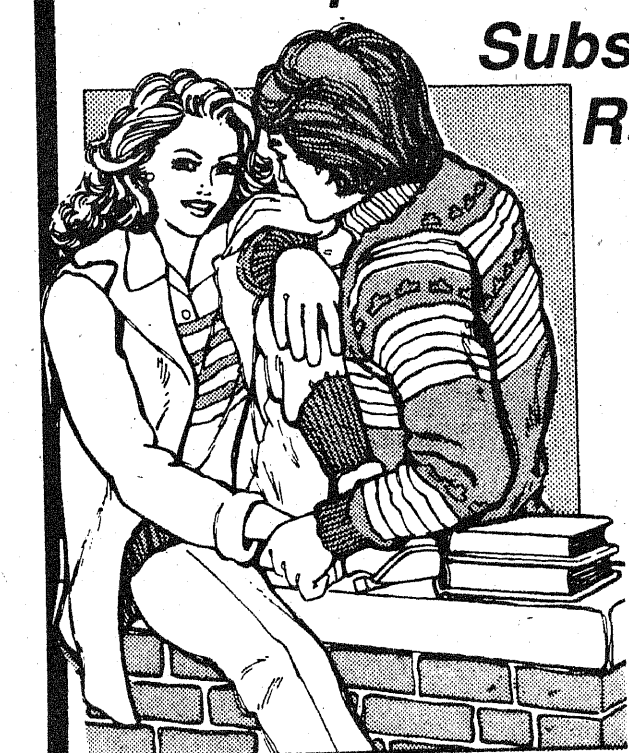
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PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARY CORNER

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

The Preschool Story Hour theme for Tuesday, Sept. 6 will be "Henrietta" with the stories "Henrietta, Circus Star" and "Henrietta, the Early Bird."

Exercises, fingerplays, flannelgraphs, songs and games will be part of the scheduled activities.

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. sessions. A registration fee

of \$5 is required, per family per year.

CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

September means "back to school" and back to the library — time to remind par-

ents and students of the most important school supply of all: a library card.

A library card can give a teenager a real edge on school, on fun and the future. "We think of the library card as a credit card for teenagers offering unlimited

education and entertainment with no annual fee and no finance charges," says Librarian Naomi Jantzi.

So don't forget your free library card at the Pigeon District Library, residents are reminded.

HOMEWORK HELP

Now that school is in full swing, we look forward to seeing you with your child at the library for homework and school assignments. We do need your help and support, however, in order to provide the best services we can to meet your child's homework needs.

Here are a few suggestions on how we can work together to accomplish this goal:

1) Please take time to learn what resources and services we provide for your child. Bring your child with you to the library for a visit. In this way, you will become familiar with the library materials for which you might have a need later.

2) Make sure your child clearly understands what the assignment requirements are. We will be glad to help your child find what he needs.

3) Please let your child do his own research on his homework. Help your child

in a constructive way by not criticizing his reading ability. If you happen to be the lucky parents of a gifted child, please let your child decide what he likes to read for himself.

4) Give your child ample time to finish his research at the library. Do not rush him and add to his anxiety. We want your child to have a positive library experience with us.

5) You may check out as many fiction books as you like. However, please limit non-fiction to two books per subject. Remember that others may have the same homework subject.

6) Please let your child know that the library is not a meeting place. There are other patrons who need to concentrate.

It's a boy!

David and Karon (Maust) Willard of Pinconning announce the birth of a son, Anthony Philip, born Thursday, Aug. 18 at Bay Medical Center.

The infant weighed 7 lbs. 14 1/2 oz. and measured 21 inches long at his birth. Maternal grandparents are Marjorie Maust and the late Arthur Maust.

Anthony has one brother, Tristram David, age four.



GRADUATES, ALL! A total of 23 children graduated from Preschool Story Hour into the new world of kindergarten following special graduation "ceremonies" at the Pigeon District Library on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Pictured here are proud graduates, front row from left, Justin Wiederhold, Bradley Hirschberger, Chris Maust, Kristin Marvin, Peter Vollmer, Kelly Swartzendruber and Manisha Raythatha; middle row, Jennifer Sanchez, Carissa Eden, Melissa Fritz, Kimberly Gaeth, Carissa Smith, Lindsey Herzog, Anand Raythatha and Debbie Sting; back row, Jessica Swartzendruber, John Strieter,

Erin Lister, Jackie Steele, Steven Hurren, James McKnight, Martin Sturm and Matthew Kraft. Not pictured are graduates Keith Voelker, Sarah Himmel, Sarah McCollum and Jamie Dubs.

"Dusty the Clown" provided special entertainment for the young scholars, who each earned a cap and diploma for their efforts. The library staff wishes all the new kindergartners "good luck in the coming year."

PHOTO BY SALLY RUMMEL

COUNTY NEWS From Page 3

Tuscola officials hope to target at least one site for an in-county waste disposal location, possibly to be decided later this year, according to Richard Halloran, a committee member.

MORE THUMB TRASH WOES...

And, Sanilac County's landfill near Ruth Road and M-46 has stopped receiving Detroit Area trash — although it is still accepting refuse from Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and four other nearby counties.

Waste Management Company says less than eight months' of usable life remains at its Sanilac landfill, while the company awaits DNR approval to add 46 acres to its Tri-City Landfill there. The present landfill sits atop at least one aquifer, an underground water reservoir, which could become contaminated if dumping continues there.

But Waste Management says it must accept trash from other counties to operate the site profitably, as Sanilac County alone does not generate enough waste. A Sept. 26 hearing before Circuit Judge Allen Keyes will consider whether to block all out-of-Sanilac trash.

WILLOW From Page 4

having lamb or mutton slaughtered so there'd be fat on hand to use.

Just considering the planning that goes into homemade soap makes me appreciate the work that women did in years past. Kitchens made hot from canning and baking, endless hours at the wringer washer and ironing board and sundry tasks like soapmaking occupied many hours from our foremothers.

What is an adventure into the past for us (like soapmaking would be for me) was part and parcel of the daily and seasonal work for our grandmothers. Those bars of soap in my basement are more than just effective cleaning agents.

The soap is a glimpse into the past, a touch of the old and a reminder of long, hard labor. They are also a precious treasure for the smell and feel of that old soap brings a bit of Grandma's world of the fifties to me every time I use it.



REMEMBERING A FRIEND: A flowering crabtree planted in the courtyard at Laker High School last Tuesday will remind students for year to come of 1988 graduate Brian Caister, who was killed June 10 in an accidental explosion at his home.

The tree was purchased by the Class of 1988 in memory of their classmate.

Pictured here, standing next to the tree, are Brian's parents, Jane and Derald Caister, his brother Mark and 1988 Class President Brad Clark.

Family reunion

REIBLING

The 10th annual reunion of the family of Irwin and Lillie (Steinman) Reibling was held Saturday, Aug. 20 at the home of John and Lois Steiner in Fort Wayne, Ind. After a 1 p.m. picnic din-

ner, the business meeting was conducted by Leona Bixler, president.

The afternoon was spent playing games and visiting among those who had come from Elkton, Mayville, Alma, Grand Rapids, Farmington,

Sturgis, Caseville and out-of-staters from Youngstown, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Ind.

Officers for the coming year are Dwight Reibling, president; Calvin Reibling, vice president and Marilyn Elenbaum, sec-treasurer.

The 1989 reunion will be held at Ackerman Park, Elkton on the third Sunday of August.

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which children, women, men — and even the athlete confined to a wheelchair can all participate.

TOUGH TEST: To test this new and challenging game, we invited a committed basketball fanatic to try his luck.

Paul Beachy, Laker High girls' varsity basketball coach, readily accepted our invitation and gave it his best — scoring a respectable 111.

Starkweather says t only one in 10 players gets over 100 on the first try. Beachy's shooting experi-

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ence and good eye for angles helped on most of the stations, but the diabolical shots at Nos. 17 and 18 took their toll.

He scored a big zero on No. 17, but did a little better on No. 18. He was impressed by the game, and said high school basketball players could learn something from the game.

HELPS KIDS: "This would teach them to aim for a certain spot on the backboards. I don't think it would help free throw shooting, but it's fun basketball."

"I liked it," Beachy says.

ANOTHER TRY: This reporter took up the basketball after a challenge from Starkweather, who predicted I'd only score 60 points.

Several of the stations took their toll, with lots of zeros showing up on the scorecard. But sweet triumph—the basketball swished through the hoop on tricky No. 17, and those double points from the outer circle looked mighty good.

But best of all, I beat Starkweather's prediction by two big points, finishing with a 67.

WORD SPREADS: Starkweather expects the game to become more and more popular as word gets around, and Beachy says he'll be bringing his two sons to try Bankshot Basketball.

It's something new and different, and definitely challenging, and best of all, it's a lot of fun!



GIVING THE FINER POINTS: Laker Girls' Basketball Coach Paul Beachy learns the finer points of Bankshot Basketball from owner Jim Starkweather, who says he's pleased with the response he's gotten for the new sport.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF LANDS TO VILLAGE OF PIGEON

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Pigeon, a municipal corporation in the County of Huron and State of Michigan, will present to the Board of Supervisors of said County the petition of said Village at the opening of the September session of said Board to be held on September Thirteen, 1988, at the Board Room of said Board of Supervisors in the City of Bad Axe, said County and State, which petition will request said Board to have annexed and taken into the said Village of Pigeon the hereinafter described lands and premises which adjoin the territory of said Village and which are described as follows:

Parcel 1: Land located in the Township of Winsor, Huron County, Michigan, described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 3, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, Winsor Township, Huron County, Michigan; thence NO2° 20' E 1314.01 feet along the East Line of said Section 3; thence N88° 13' 38" W 350.0 feet along the South 1/8 Line of said Section 3 to the Point of Beginning; thence N88° 13' 38" W 350.0 feet along the South 1/8 Line of said Section 3 to the Point of Beginning; thence N88° 12' W 186.0 feet; thence N11° 26' W 230.70 feet; thence N05° 54' 40" W 60.29 feet; thence N34° 42' 16" W 46.22 feet; thence N02° 20' E 496.40 feet 5; thence S88° 13' 38" E 186.0 feet along the South 1/8 Line of said Section 3

to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, Winsor Township, Huron County, Michigan and containing 3.35 acres of land more or less. Subject to easements and rights of way of record.

Parcel 2: Land located in the Township of Winsor, Huron County, Michigan, described as follows, to-wit:

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Parcel 3: Land located in the Township of Winsor, Huron County, Michigan, described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 3, Township 16 North, Range 10 East; thence North along the East section line 492.86 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 50 feet; thence West 133 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence East 133 feet to the Point of Beginning.

By order of Council of Village of Pigeon
Janet Heckman,
Village Clerk

News that COUNTS from Huron County



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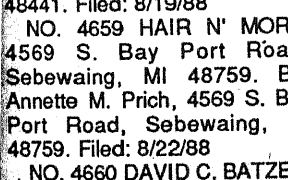
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Lawrence J. Wruble and andra M. Cazzier
Mark Schooley and Lori Bolda
Michael E. Haley and Rhonda Henry
Patrick McKenna and Jennifer Reed
Stanley R. Koroleski and Iivian L. Leppok

ASSUMED NAMES

NO. 4657 PERRY WOL- SCHLEGER TRUCKING 9356 Lincoln Road, Harbor Beach, MI 48441. By: Perry Wolschleger, 9356 Lincoln Road, Harbor Beach, MI 48441. Filed: 8/19/88

NO. 4658 JAROME'S DESIGNS, 115 Broad Street, Apt. D, Harbor Beach, MI 48441. By: David J. Emming, 115 Broad Street, Apt. D, Harbor Beach, MI 48441. Filed: 8/19/88



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County
Probate
Judge
David
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WARRANTY DEEDS
August 17 - 23

Gus M. Peponis and Margaret to Lester L. Orris Trust; a parcel of land located in Sherman Twp. Marcella L. Mack to Gilbert P. Stanow and June M.; a parcel of land located in Caseville Twp.

PROBATE COURT
August 18 - 24

Estate of Frederick W. Hall, Deceased, of Port Hope, File 29,058, Will filed.
Estate of Gertrude T. Koroleski, Deceased, of Kinde, File 28,763, Supervised Probate, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed, Order of Discharge filed.
Estate of Emily J. Walsh, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 28,384, Supervised Probate, Petition for Second Partial Distribution filed, Notice of Hearing filed.
Estate of Monica Ruth Conrad, Deceased, of Port Austin, File 26,660, Supervised Probate, 6 Waivers and Consents filed, Order Allowing Account filed.
Estate of Bernice Mae Bixler, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 29,032, Supervised Probate, 3 Waivers and Consents filed, Order Appointing Personal Representative filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Letters of Authority filed, Proof of Publication filed.
Estate of Myron C. Gunsell, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 27,934, Supervised Probate, Stipulation for Settlement and Consent to Entry of Order and Order filed.
Estate of James R. Minton, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 28,076, Supervised Probate, Annual Account of Personal Representative filed.
Estate of Lyle V. Schumacher, Deceased, of Port Austin, File 29,053, Supervised Probate, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Testimony of Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Proof on Probate of Will filed, Order Admitting Will to Probate and Appointing Personal Representative filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Letters of Authority filed.

Timber Rapids Land Company to Porter-Mulder Land Company; a parcel of land located in Section 36 of Brookfield Twp.
Earl John Mast and Elsie and Laverne Ruth Mast Bolzman and Jane Mae Mast Finkbeiner to The Village of Sebawaing; a parcel of land located in the Village of Sebawaing.
George M. Toth and Ruby M. to Michael J. Baranski; a parcel of land located in Section 29 of Hume Twp.
First National Bank of Bad Axe to Jerry L. Holmes and Marie; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.
Lyndon Corporation to Colfax Township; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.
Elizabeth M. Brinker to James M. Hinterman and Susanne; a parcel of land located in Section 13 of Colfax Twp.
James M. Hinterman and

Susanne to Lyndon Corporation; a parcel of land located in Section 13 of Colfax Twp.
Verl W. Sparling and Aimee and Vaughn Sparling and Dorothy and Norman Engelmann and Marilyn and Harold Cummings and Doris and Carl E. Binder and Wanda to Virginia I. Saldana; a parcel of land located in Hume Twp.
O. Dale Pangman and Irene E. to Jeffrey M. Castle and Donna D.; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.
Florence M. Baur to Donald R. Merrick and Lyla V.; a parcel of land located in Section 16 of Meade Twp.
Estate of Frieda Mary Heintz to Douglas DeVos and Mary J.; a parcel of land located in the Village of Pigeon.
Richard H. Miller and Anna P. to Arthur Koss and Dorothy; a parcel of land located in Sherman Twp.
Albert Glaza, Michael Glaza and Leslie to Bryce E. Stambaugh and Joyce A.; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.
Estate of Arthur G. Eddy to Robert H. Leczar; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Hume Twp.
Samuel J. Murray and Shirley A. to David R. Brickel and Beverly A.; a parcel of land located in Colfax Twp.

Publication and Notice of Hearing filed.
Estate of Nellie M. Kreh, Deceased, of Caseville, File 28,900, Supervised Probate, Inventory filed, Proof of Service by Personal Service filed.
Estate of Richard M. Gunsell, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 28,894, Supervised Probate, Stipulation for Substitution of Attorneys filed, Testimony

Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed, Proof of Publication filed.

Estate of Catherine E. Pantelis, Deceased, of Bay Port, File 29,027, Independent Probate, Order Determining Heirs filed.

Estate of Howard Clinton Hauck, Jr., Deceased, of Caseville, File 29,052, Independent Probate, Proof of Publication filed.

Estate of Herman R. Lawitzke, Deceased, of Port Hope, File 25,646, Supervised Probate, Annual Account of Co-Personal Representative filed.

Estate of Anna Micklash, Deceased, of Uby, File 28,660,

Independent Probate, Inheritance Tax Receipt filed.

Estate of Lillian V. Grubb, Deceased, of Kinde, File 28,934, Supervised Probate, Order for Adjudgment filed.

Estate of Harold J. Peterson, Deceased, of Kinde, File 28,079, Supervised Probate, 2 Waivers and Consents filed, Order Allowing Final Account and Assigning Residue filed, Waiver and Consent filed.

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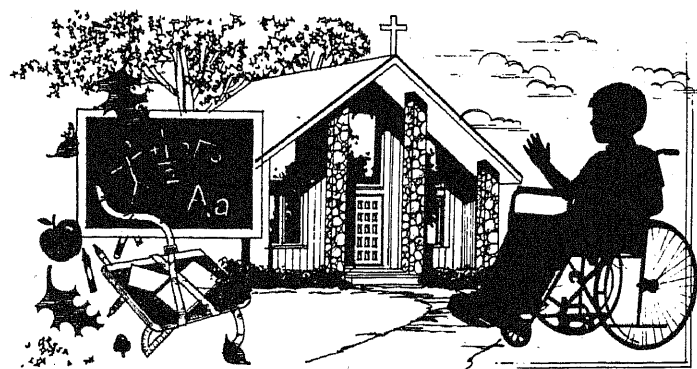
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Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday School 9 a.m.
Nursery 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Bible Study 9 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON
Rev. James P. Schwaandt
Summer Schedule:
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Nursery Provided</p> <p>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SEBEWAING
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 Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-week Service 7 p.m.</p> <p>RAY PORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Aliger T. Lewis
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>HAYES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Aliger T. Lewis
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.</p> | <p>KILMANAGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Jeffrey Maxwell
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:15 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
Rev. Zina Bennett
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.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Jr. High & Sr. High Youth 6 p.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.</p> <p>HORSOSHORE ACRES CALVARY CHURCH, BAD AXE
Rev. Stewart L. Justin
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Sunday School 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD, BAD AXE
Rev. Daniel Meddaugh
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.</p> <p>ST. FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH, PINNEBOG
Fr. Theodore LaMarre
Saturday Mass 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>STARTING MEMORIAL DAY:
Saturday Mass 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>FAITH BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Lynn A. Randall
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Morning Preaching 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-Week 7 p.m.</p> <p>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CASEVILLE
Pastor James Duprey
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, BAY PORT
Elder Ervin Haley
Terry Brown, Associate
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10 a.m. Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
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(3rd Sunday each month)
9 a.m. Crafts
10 a.m. Junior Church</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
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Pigeon woman feted on 90th

Hattie Decker of Pigeon was honored with a party on the occasion of her 90th birthday on Aug. 24.



HATTIE DECKER

She is the daughter of the late Mary and August Blundy and was married to John Decker, who passed away 15 years ago.

They have three children, Richard Decker of Canton, Vera Beyer of Bay Port and Bud Decker of Elkton. She also has eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Pigeon news

Mrs. Ada Binder was among guests at the wedding of Kim Muentener and Brian Henry on Saturday at the Caseville United Methodist Church and the reception which followed at the Pigeon VFW Hall.

Pigeon

By DOROTHY DIENER

These ladies attended the Installation Service of the Pastor John Mueller at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Casville on Sunday: Mrs. Edward Reinker, Mrs. Florence Quick, Mrs. Elsie Kern, Mrs. Clara Gettel and Mrs. Amanda Strauch.

A Sunday eveing visitor of Mrs. Ada Binder was Ralph Sbresyn of Unionville.

Visiting Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schnitker in Sebewaing were Mr. and Mrs. John Diener.

Surprising Mrs. Avis Cragear on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Frances Roggenbuck of Zephyrhills, Fla. with her daughter, Mrs. Joan Slogan of Detroit, who later entertained her with a dinner out.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trowbridge and family of Warren spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Elsie Trowbridge.

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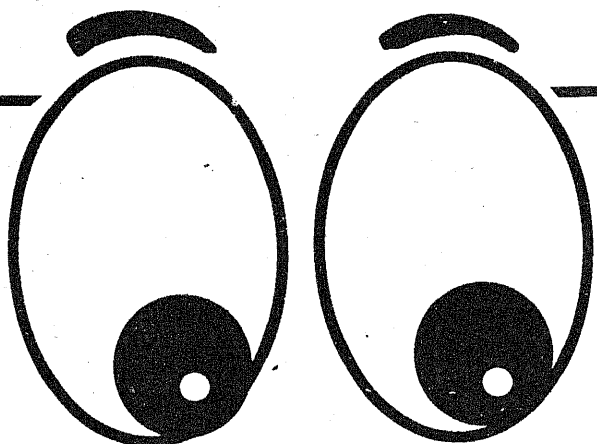
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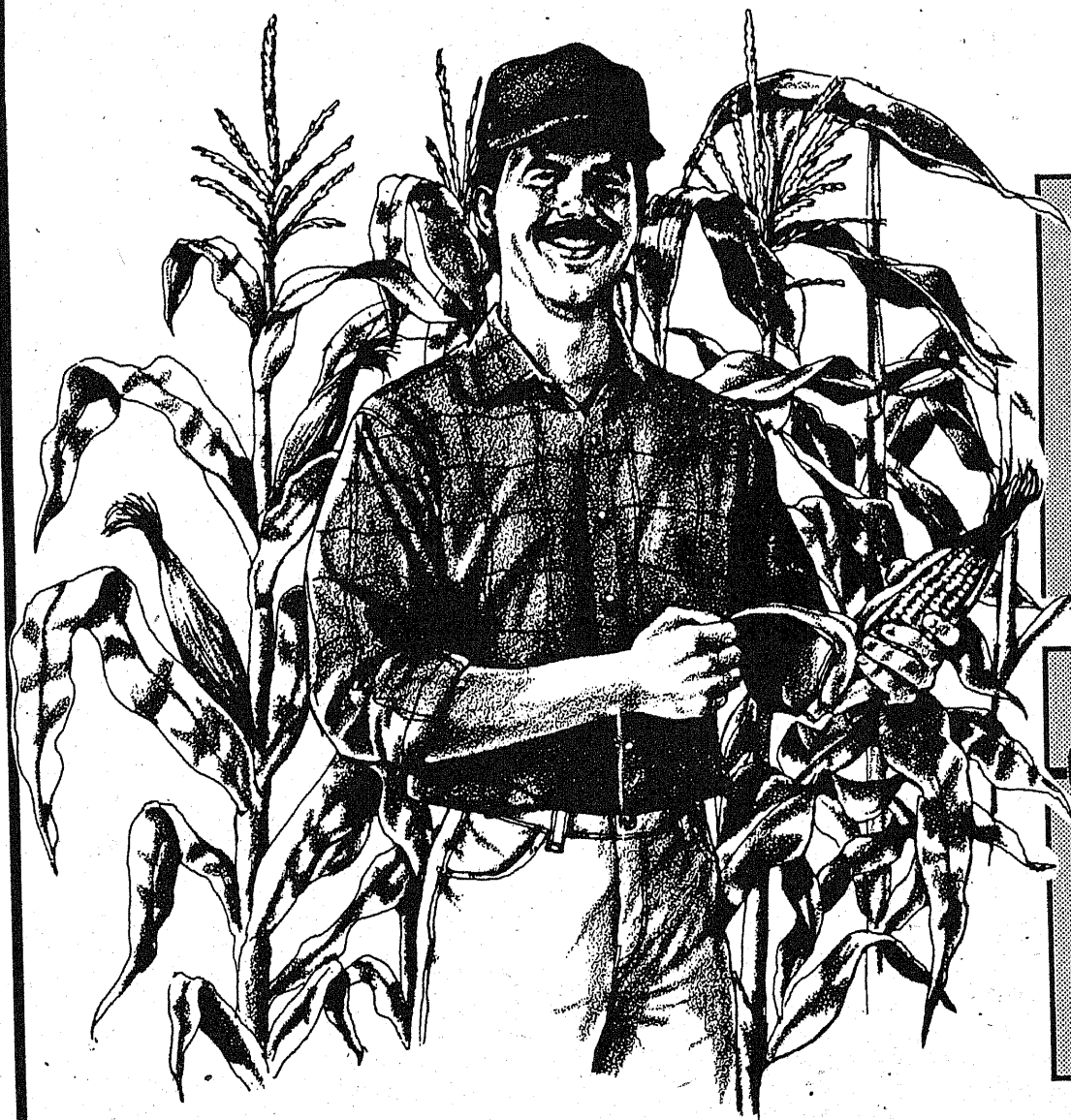


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Pictured here are Elkton Teen Queen candidates, standing in front of the Gazebo, Kristina Clunis and Rachel Rokicki. Seated inside the Gazebo is Holly Esch and standing, from left to right, are contestants Rebecca Leipprandt, Kim Gebauer, Sherry Erb, Connie Lorkowski, Missy Champagne, DaviJo Ferris and Elyse Champagne.

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One of these lovely teens will be the 1988 Elkton Teen Queen!

Elkton's Teen Queen for 1988 has already been chosen from a field of 10 lovely young ladies, but only the judges are privy to the secret of her name.

Judges for the contest were Orville Snider, former Laker High School Principal, Betty Champagne of Betty's Boutique in Bad Axe and Nancy Williston, guidance counselor at Bad Axe High School. Interviews were conducted at the Elkton Civic Center Thursday evening.

59 is a civic organization which over the years has quietly accomplished many projects for the community good. They have planted shrubs around Elkton Elementary School, planted and cared for flowers outside the Elkton Civic Center and have taken baskets of goodies to shut-ins. The group conducts various fund-raisers during the year, and all funds are returned in some way to the community.

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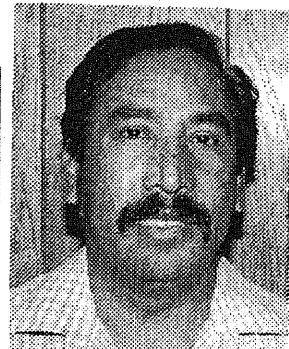


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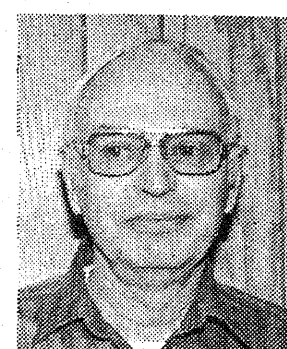
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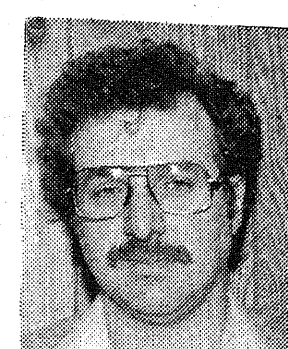
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Local sends up fireworks in celebration

By AMY HEIDEN
Bob Hurren and Don MacMillan of Allied Industrial Workers Local 628 in Elkton plan to make this Labor Day the biggest celebration in Huron County, with fireworks scheduled for

Saturday evening as part of the Autumnfest celebration. They say it's fitting that their fireworks display in honor of Labor Day coincide with the AutumnFest, since Elkton is the home of the Local.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE: The Local plans to send up over 200 shells in the display, which will cost nearly \$2,500 and will be staged by Tom O'Neill of "Thud and Thunder" of Port Hope. Hurren says the display

should last about 30 minutes, "and I guarantee that at the end nobody in town will be asleep."

"We're planning a big surprise at the end and if you're not in the park, you'll miss half of it."

FIRST EVER: Hurren and MacMillan researched various union locals in the county, and they say their research shows this will be the first time any union local has sponsored fireworks for Labor Day.

"We've always been asked to march in the Labor Day parade in Detroit, but we thought that this year we'd like to do something here. So we came up with the idea of fireworks."

"With the AutumnFest falling on Labor Day weekend, it just fell into place," says Hurren.

TRADITION: AIW Local 628 has been representing workers at Active Industries in Elkton for more than 30 years, since August 1950.

At its certification, its membership numbered 74, and now has 742 members, one of the largest in its region.

The local wasn't always affiliated with the AIW, Hurren says, but started with the United Auto Workers and changed affiliations in 1956.

The local has always been active in Region 6, Hurren says, and the current Regional Director, Bob Kellermann, hails from Local 628.

PERSONAL VIEWS: Although Hurren and MacMillan are active members of the local, when they first started working at Active, they weren't too interested in the workings of the local.

Hurren was raised in a union family, his father and grandfather being committed members of the Teamsters.

But both say concerns about safety conditions prompted their commitment to the local.

"I felt like I couldn't sit back and complain about

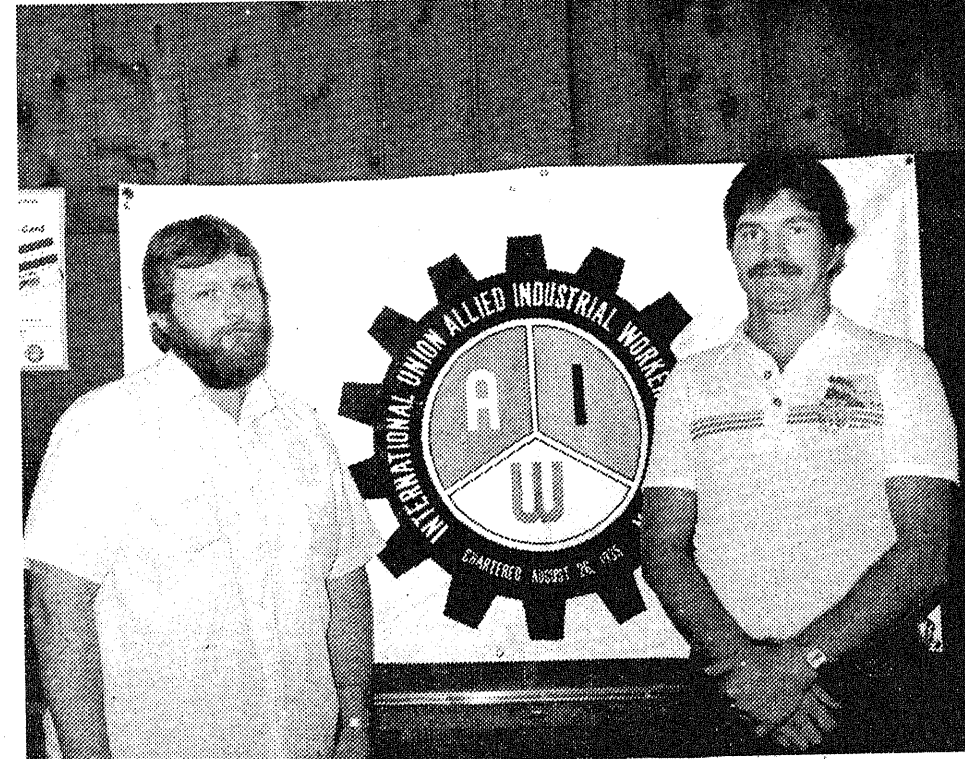
things and not work toward helping change those conditions," says MacMillan. He works today as a plumber-pipefitter at Active, while Hurren works in the construction-maintenance department.

QUALITY HONOR: Active Industries was recently honored with Ford Motor Company's Q-1 award, presented to its suppliers for consistent quality in parts supplies, and Hurren credits the local with playing a big part in obtaining the award.

"Japan is making quality parts now, and we have to have quality to compete with them. The emphasis used to be on quantity—get them out in great numbers—but now we're focusing on quality," Hurren says.

"There used to be a handful of suppliers for metal stampings, but now there are hundreds out there. Bidding

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SENDING UP FIREWORKS: Bob Hurren, left and Don MacMillan, both of Allied Industrial Workers Local 628 in Elkton are proud of their union affiliation, which is sponsoring the first annual AutumnFest Fireworks Display this Saturday night at dusk at Ackerman Memorial Park.

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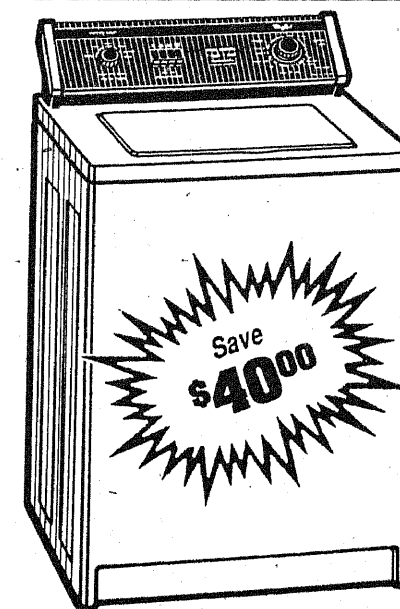
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Chainsaws to roar Sunday

By AMY HEIDEN

A chainsaw is a power tool used to cut trees and firewood, right? Well, usually, but not always.

Some men have made a sport of sawing wood, and now that sport of chainsaw competition is coming to Elkton on Sunday as part of the AutumnFest.

John Lackie, organizer of the five-class event, is one of those men who gets a lot of pleasure out of trying to be the fastest to saw through an eight-inch by eight-foot log.

Why? "I guess you could call us 'weekend lumbermen.' I do it for a hobby, and for competition," Lackie says.

He also competes in two-man crosscut competition, woodchopping and axe-throwing, and those activities will be demonstrated at the AutumnFest, too.

EXPENSIVE: It's not a cheap hobby, either, Lackie says. A modified chainsaw costs anywhere from \$400 to \$1500, a single-headed woodchopping axe—unsharpened—runs \$175-\$400.

A good crosscut saw blade can cost between \$400 and \$1100, Lackie says, and of course, a good supply of eight-inch softwood logs must be on hand on which to practice.

"I probably go through between \$200-\$300 a year for wood for three men to practice on," Lackie says.

STARTING: Lackie got interested in the sport through his friendship with two other competitors, Bob Fritz of Unionville and Bob Stiebe of Filion.

"I went to Mio, where they hold the State Lumbermen's championship every year, with the two Bobs, and I really enjoyed it. I thought I'd give it a try, and I've been in it about four years now," Lackie says.

He owns four competition chain saws along with four single-bladed chopping axes, and a very big pile of wood in his back yard.

CATEGORY: There are several different classes in chainsaw competition, but probably only A, B, and C Modified and three stock

classes will be offered at the AutumnFest, Lackie says.

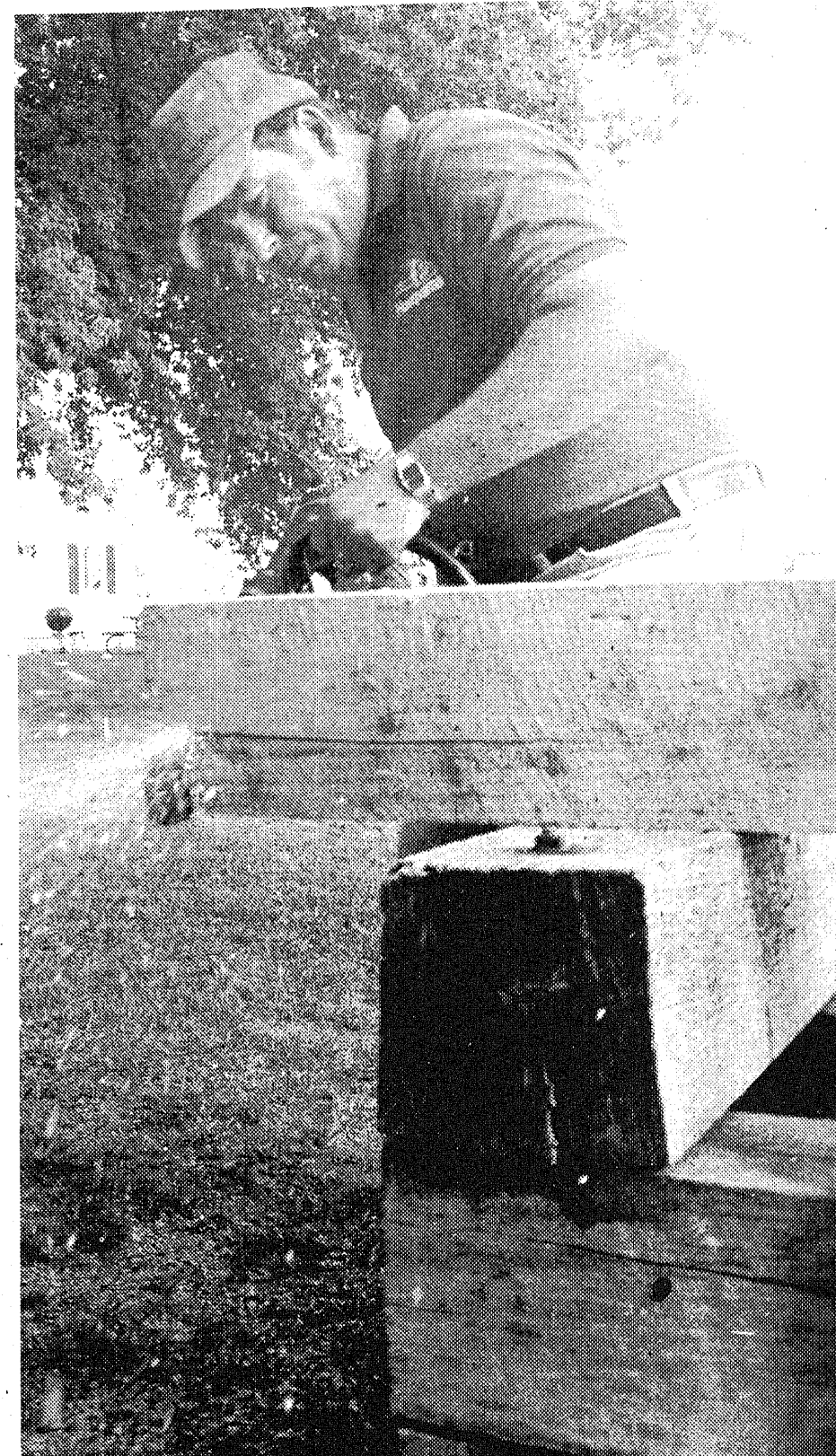
In the A-Modified class, a good sawer can make five cuts through the log in a little over six seconds. The B-Modifieds are a little faster, making five cut-throughs in about five-and-a-half seconds, while the C-Modifieds, with their go-kart engines, will make their five cuts in around five seconds. The stock classes will be offered for anyone willing to bring their chainsaw and enter the class.

FLYING FIR? Wood chips sometimes fly as far as 30 to 40 ft. as the chainsaws rip through the log, and some of the modified saws run as fast as 20,000 rpm, Lackie says.

One concern of the average chainsaw user is kickback, in which the saw hits an obstruction and "kicks back" toward the operator, but Lackie says the competition saws run so fast that it's not a concern.

Competitors wear safety chaps made of Kevlar, but

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CHAINSAW HOBBYIST JOHN LACKIE of Elkton is all grit and determination as he perfects his craft in time for AutumnFest Chainsaw competition on Sunday afternoon.

You "auto" see these autos!

By AMY HEIDEN

Americans have always had a love affair with automobiles ever since the first Model T rolled off the assembly line.

Most of us indulge our love of cars by lavishing careful attention on the cars we already own, and maintaining them so that they'll go from Point A to Point B in relative style and comfort.

Others, though, take the love affair a few steps further. They collect old cars the way some people collect coins or stamps, lavishing tender loving care and money on their antique cars—and enjoying every minute of it.

One such group of collectors are members of the Thumb Area Antique Auto Club, and Walt Forster, vice-president of the club, is organizer of the auto show at Elkton's AutumnFest.

The club, numbering 33 members, will be out in full force for the show, with other clubs in the area bringing their cars, also.

BIG DISPLAY: Forster estimates that well over 100 cars will be on display Sunday at Ackerman Park, making it the largest such show in the Thumb.

"This year we sent out over 120 personal invitations to the show, so I'm hoping we have a real good turn-out," Forster says.

Forster and his wife, Carole, also an avid fan of antique cars, is hard-pressed to explain his love for old cars.

"Everybody gets into it for different reasons. Some have them to sit in the garage and look perfect. Mine aren't perfect, but I enjoy driving mine," Forster says.

THE PRISTINE 1958 Pontiac Bonneville, on right, carried Walt and Carole Forster, members of the Thumb Area Antique Auto Club, to the east coast and back, while the 1958 Cadillac Fleetwood on the left is a more recent purchase. Forster is in charge of the antique auto display at AutumnFest.

He and Carole have even driven their 1958 Pontiac Bonneville out to the east coast to attend various auto shows, putting more than 2,100 miles on the car in the process.

USE 'EM, TOO: Most of the members of the club do drive their cars, Forster says, with the club taking various tours throughout the year, along with appearing in parades and auto shows.

Walt and Carole share a love of old cars, with Walt doing the body and engine work and Carole doing all the upholstery work and helping with sanding and painting.

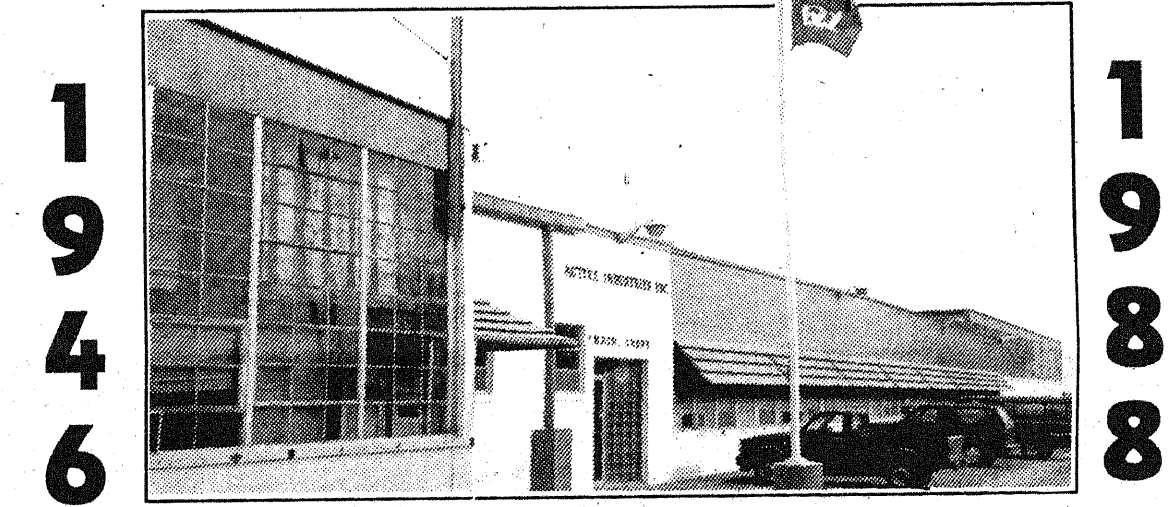
"This is something we can do together," Carole says. "I enjoy going to the shows and looking at cars and meeting people. I also enjoy working with Walt, but of course, if I didn't help him, I'd probably never see him," she laughs.

TAXI TALES: It was through the club that Forster found Elkton's Yellow Checker Cab.

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How well do you know Elkton . . . past and present?

By AMY HEIDEN

Here's a little quiz to test your knowledge of some of Elkton's past and present, in honor of the 1988 Autumnfest.

1. How many dead end streets are there in Elkton?
2. What is the highest structure in Elkton—Active's water tower, the Village water tower, or the silos at Elkton Cooperative?
3. How did Elkton get its name?
4. Who was the first president of the village? Who were the members of the first village council and when were they elected?
5. What is the oldest existing merchant building in the Village?
6. Which existing church building is the oldest? Be careful.
7. How far is it from the east village limits to the west limits? From the north to the south?
8. How many wells supply the village water system?
9. How many trustees are on the village council? Who are they?
10. How many stop signs are in the village limits?
11. When did Elkton get its first paved street?
12. Which streets in Elkton have two different names?
13. When did the old Elkton Advance begin publication and when did it combine with the Pigeon Progress, becoming what is now the Progress-Advance?
14. When was Elkton incorporated as a village?
15. How many Elktons are there in the United States? Where is Michigan's Elkton on that list in size?
16. In what year were telephones installed in the village?
17. When did Elkton get its first fire engine?
18. Who was the first Postmaster in Elkton and when was the post office established? Who is the present postmaster?
19. What "first" in local sports was recorded at what place?
20. What was the first name and use of the building which now houses the Hitching Post Restaurant?

Kids' attractions plentiful

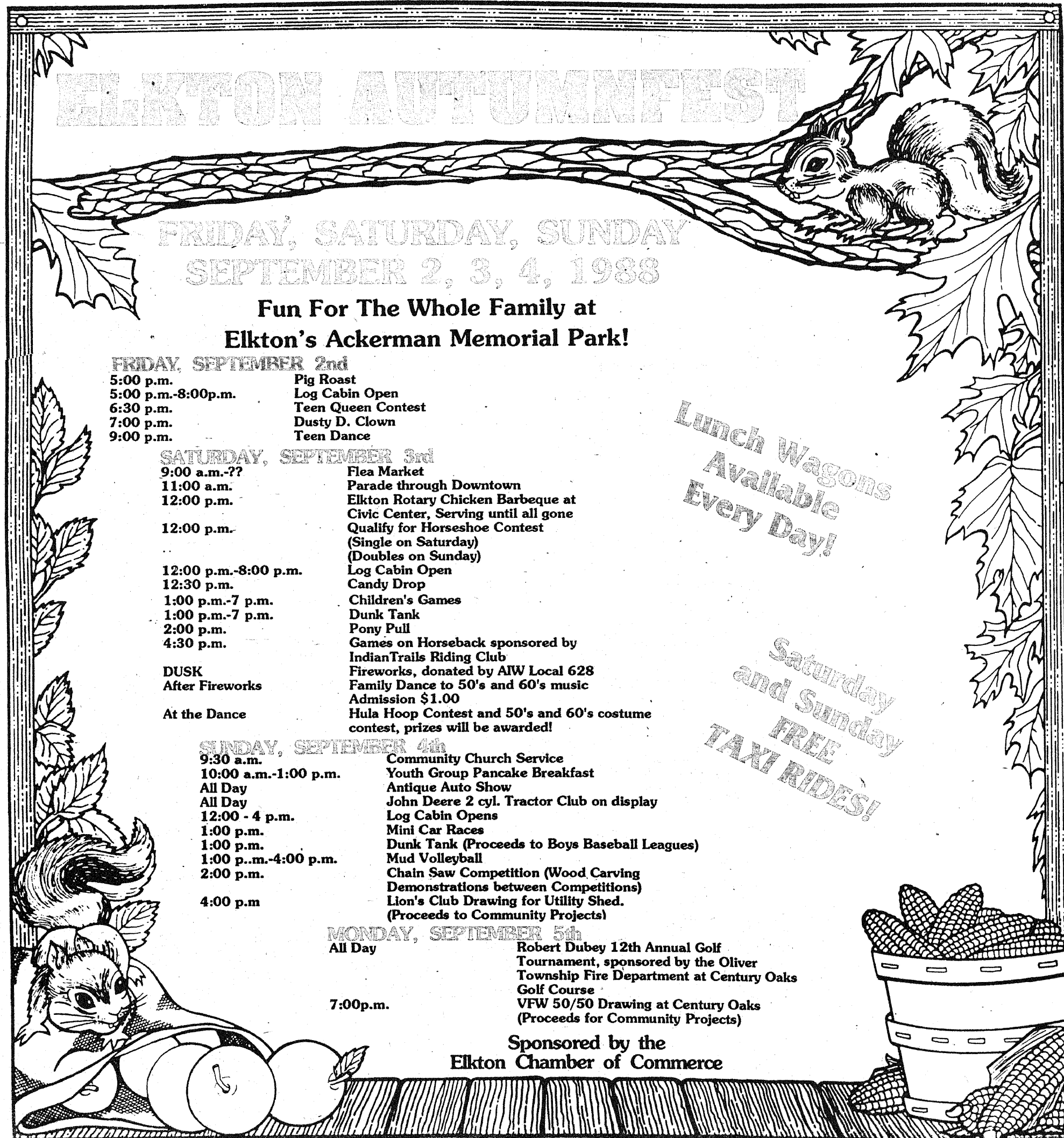
Along with parades, kids are especially fond of games and there will be plenty of those to keep youngsters occupied during this year's Autumnfest. Organizer Bev Willoughby says that many of the games at the Fest will be the same as last year's, with lots of prizes for the lucky winners. The games are scheduled for Saturday afternoon from 1 to 7 p.m. in Ackerman Park. Tickets for the games will be five for \$1, Willoughby says. The candy drop, always a hit with the young set, is scheduled for 12:30 p.m., right after the big parade. A helicopter from the Huron County Sheriff's Department will make fly-bys and drop lots of candy for the kids to pick up. A new addition to the kids' games will be the dunk tank, with local celebrities and just plain folk getting dunked for a good cause. Balls for the event will be three for \$1.

ELKTON AUTUMNFEST

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
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<p>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Pig Roast 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Log Cabin Open 6:30 p.m. Teen Queen Contest 7:00 p.m. Dusty D. Clown 9:00 p.m. Teen Dance</p> <p>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd</p> <p>9:00 a.m.-?? Flea Market 11:00 a.m. Parade through Downtown 12:00 p.m. Elkton Rotary Chicken Barbeque at Civic Center. Serving until all gone 12:00 p.m. Qualify for Horseshoe Contest (Single on Saturday) (Doubles on Sunday) 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Log Cabin Open 12:30 p.m. Candy Drop 1:00 p.m.-7 p.m. Children's Games 1:00 p.m.-7 p.m. Dunk Tank 2:00 p.m. Pony Pull 4:30 p.m. Games on Horseback sponsored by Indian Trails Riding Club DUSK Fireworks, donated by AIW Local 628 After Fireworks Family Dance to 50's and 60's music Admission \$1.00 At the Dance Hula Hoop Contest and 50's and 60's costume contest, prizes will be awarded!</p> <p>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Community Church Service 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Youth Group Pancake Breakfast All Day Antique Auto Show All Day John Deere 2 cyl. Tractor Club on display 12:00 - 4 p.m. Log Cabin Opens 1:00 p.m. Mini Car Races 1:00 p.m. Dunk Tank (Proceeds to Boys Baseball Leagues) 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Mud Volleyball 2:00 p.m. Chain Saw Competition (Wood Carving Demonstrations between Competitions) 4:00 p.m. Lion's Club Drawing for Utility Shed. (Proceeds to Community Projects)</p> <p>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th</p> <p>All Day Robert Dubey 12th Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Oliver Township Fire Department at Century Oaks Golf Course 7:00 p.m. VFW 50/50 Drawing at Century Oaks (Proceeds for Community Projects)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">Lunch Wagons Available Every Day!</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">Saturday and Sunday FREE TAXI RIDES!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored by the Elkton Chamber of Commerce</p>
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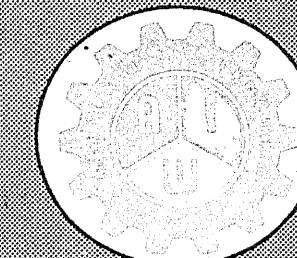


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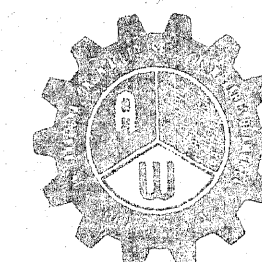
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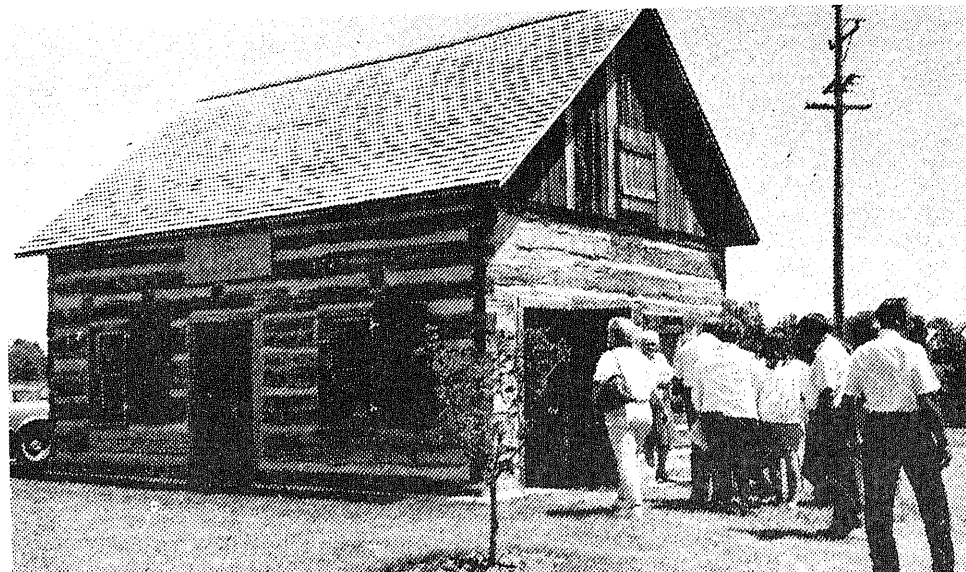
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Log Cabin Museum holds festival hours

Members of the Elkton Historical Society are extending an invitation to visit the Log Cabin Museum during Elkton's AutumnFest. Many items of historical interest are on display, according to Society President Len Bumhoffer. The Museum will be open Friday evening from 5 to 8 p.m., on Saturday from 12 to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m.

Visit Elkton all weekend long as the Village celebrates AutumnFest, Friday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 5. Read this official AutumnFest issue of The Progress-Advance to find out everything that's going on!



Lots of 'horsin' around' Saturday!

Nearly everyone has played the game of musical chairs—but how often do you see that game played on horseback? You'll see it Saturday when the Indian Trials Riding Club presents "Games on Horseback" at Ackerman Park in Elkton.

Organizer Jane Clunis says that several different games will be played by the riders and horses, such as the pick-up race, barrel racing, water jug fill-up, and the no-nonsense race—a race in which the rider must ride to the end of the ring, put on and take off a pair of pantyhose over his clothes, remount the horse, and race back across the ring. "People think owning and showing a horse is expensive, and it can be, but we want to show that you can have fun with your horse without spending a lot of money," says Clunis. "We like to make it something the whole family can be involved in, not just the adults, but the smaller kids, too."

Auto Show

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Members exchange information freely about parts and cars that may be available, and that exchange led Forster to the cab. "I had been all over looking for a Checker Cab, and someone found this one sitting behind a chicken coop in Cass City. We paid \$100 for it, and put a lot of work into it. Now it's a real show piece," Forster says. Along with the antique cars, the Thumb Two-Cylinder Club will be on hand with their restored tractors, complementing the gleaming chrome and bright paint of the carefully cared-for automobiles of the Thumb Area Antique Auto Club.

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Chainsaws roar Sunday

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same material used in bullet-proof vests, to protect their legs in case a chain breaks.

"It's definitely not a sport for the timid," Lackie admits. "But you have to take risks to do it. It's like parachuting, I guess, you just hope nothing happens."

SCHEDULED: Along with the chainsaw classes, axe-throwing and two-man cross-cutting will be demonstrated.

Axe-throwing means literally throwing a double-headed axe with a minimum weight of 4 1/2 pounds at a log 20 ft. away with a great deal of accuracy.

The two-man crosscutting

has two men using a 5 1/2-ft. saw to make three cuts in an eight-inch log.

And for the loners, there is the bucksaw, a 45-inch saw which is handled by one man.

One interesting event which Lackie hopes to demonstrate is having a chainsaw compete against a two-man crosscut saw. "Believe it or not, the two men with the crosscut can beat a chainsaw, if they're good," Lackie says.

MANY WATCHERS: Lackie is quite gratified with the spectator interest the sport draws. "At the state championships in Mio, a lot of older people tended to

watch, but everybody seemed to be intrigued by it."

The Mio event is well-attended, not only by the contestants, but by curious on-lookers, too, and Lackie hopes there is a good crowd for the contests in Elkton.

"We want to have another Mio here in Elkton eventually, to have it grow into something big. If the manufacturers come in, like we think they will with some growth, then this has the potential to grow into a major woodcutting event," Lackie states.

Many of the major competitors from across the state and Canada will be present, Lackie says, and he hopes

1988 State Champion Cliff Heisel, a pulp cutter by trade who uses his experience to compete, will be able to come.

The 1987 champ, Kurt Hyser, will be bringing his saws and axes, and of course, Lackie, Stiebe and Fritz will be competing along with any other local enthusiasts who would like to enter.

CARVER, TOO: A special attraction of the event will be Troy Merrell, who uses a chainsaw to carve items from wood. He's done many different carvings, such as mushrooms and chairs, all from a chainsaw, a tool not always associated with fine, detailed woodcarving.

Chainsaw and woodcutting competitions haven't been well-publicized in the past few years, and the three local enthusiasts have operated with little fanfare.

But Lackie says they have held their own in major competitions in the state. For example, Fritz has dominated the "B Modified Super Stock" class for the past three

years at Mio, while Lackie and Stiebe have had high placements in modified and super-stock classes.

So the high-pitched screaming of chainsaws at Ackerman Park on Sunday

won't mean the trees in the park are coming down.

Lackie hopes that sound signifies the start of an annual event at the Autumnfest, one that just gets bigger and bigger.

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How well do you know Elkton . . . ANSWERS TO "HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELKTON?"

1. According to maps of the village, there are five dead-end streets in Elkton. They are Maude, Renn, Barbara, Mary, and Arthur.
2. Let's call this one a tie. Bob Schroeder at Active Industries tells us that Active's water tower stands 160 feet above the ground. Blueprints at the Co-Op say the silo is 130 feet tall—but nine feet of that is underground, leaving 121 feet above ground. Add another 39 1/2 feet for the loading leg on top of the silo, and the total height ends up then at 160 1/2... which sounds like a tie to us!
3. There are two or three different stories floating around about how Elkton got its name. The most popular story tells of three elk, together weighing a ton, that were shot at what was called Bagley Camp, now Elkton. Another story is that a large elk, weighing a ton, got himself entangled in the clothesline behind the McGilivray's house and was shot by Mr. McGilivray. Then again, there is the possibility that a settler from another Elkton in the country gave the settlement its name.
4. The president of the first village council was D. J. McCall, and the clerk was H.C. Wales. The council members were elected on December 9, 1897, and they were M. A. Vogel, H. Kellerman, H. Snider, H. Magdson, George Weber, and Charles Soehner.
5. Boy, this is a toughie. No one really knows for sure, but Wes Gebaur tells us it is probably the building owned by Mrs. Jake Deering next to Elkton Railroad Depot Antiques. A clear runner-up would have to be the building that houses Elkton Hardware.
6. Another toughie. (Why do we ask such hard questions?) As near as we can determine, the Trinity Lutheran Church on High Street would have to be the oldest existing church building. According to our research, it was built in 1902, and has been remodeled extensively since then, but much of the original building remains.
7. Department of Public Works Superintendent Walt Forster tells us it is one mile from the east limits to the west on M-142, and one mile from north to south on Main Street.
8. There are four wells supplying the Village of Elkton.
9. There are six members of the village council, and they are Barbara Thompson, Alfredo Santos, Jr., James Wilson, David Fisher, Ron Cunningham, and Richard Koehler. The Village President is Elmer Ropp, and the Village Clerk is Janet Santos.
10. According to the latest sign survey at the Village Clerk's office, there are 49 stop signs in the village.
11. Don Weiss, a history buff, cement was poured for Main Street in 1924, almost 20 years before M-142 was paved.
12. M-142 through town is called Whalen Street east of Main Street and Mill Street west of Main. The street running from Active Industries to Ackerman Park is called Drettman Drive south of M-142 and Mullen Street north of M-142.
13. The Elkton Advance began publication in 1898 as the Huron County Review. It later became the Elkton Advance, alternating names several times before finally settling on the latter name. According to our records, the Progress and the Advance were merged into one paper in late fall 1955.
14. According to a document on display at Village Hall, Elkton was incorporated in October 1897, and two months later, the first election was held.
15. Our research turned up 16 Elktons in the United States. Our Elkton is No. 6 in population among those other Elktons.
16. In 1896, a telephone exchange was put in from Elkton to Saginaw, but telephones were not installed in farm homes and around town until 1910.
17. Elkton purchased its first fire engine from Bad Axe—for the princely sum of \$2,001! This transaction took place June 30, 1899.
18. Simon Hoffman was Elkton's first postmaster, and the Post Office was established November 24, 1886. The population was listed as 30, and mail service was provided to 500 people. And, Jack Burns is currently Elkton's Postmaster.
19. An article in the October 28, 1953 issue of Michigan Tradesman states that the first night baseball game in the Thumb was played at the athletic field as a benefit game between Elkton and Pigeon.
20. The Commercial House, also known as the Hasty House, was built for use as a hotel-saloon in 1913, and has housed a check and a restaurant in its long life. A mirror image building was built in Hemlock, by the way.

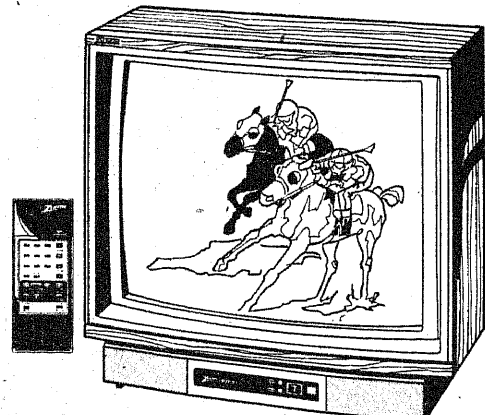
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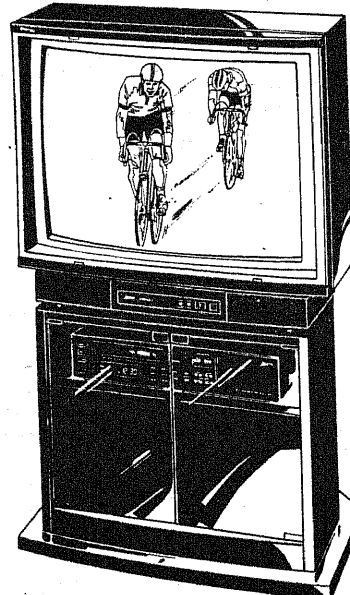


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Contestants gear up for Royal Duties . . .

Ten of Elkton's brightest young teens will be vying for the title of Elkton Teen Queen, succeeding 1987 Teen Queen Melissa "Missy" LaBelle, on the opening night, Friday, Sept. 2 of Elkton's AutumnFest. Here's an introduction to the contestants.

REBECCA LEIPPRANDT, age 14, daughter of Debra and Timothy Leipprandt of Elkton, is sponsored by Seley's Home Fire Protection. She enjoys swimming, dancing and playing the piano.

CONNIE LORKOWSKI, age 14, is the daughter of Connie and Frederick Lorkowski of Elkton. Sponsored by the Oliver Township Fire Department, Connie enjoys designing new hairstyles in her leisure time.

KRISTINA CLUNIS, age 15, daughter of Jane and Douglas Clunis, Sr. of Elkton, is sponsored by Bumhoffer Surge Sales and Service. She enjoys training and riding her horse.

KIM GEBAUER, age 14, is the daughter of JoAnn and Douglas Gebauer of Elkton. She is sponsored by Thumme Insurance Agency and enjoyed talking on the telephone and visiting with friends.

SHERRY ERB, age 14, is the daughter of Evelyn and Robert Erb of Elkton. Sponsored by Ron's Party Store, she enjoys biking and swimming as extracurricular hobbies.

MISSY CHAMPAGNE, 14 year old daughter of Lynn and Gary Champagne of Elkton, is sponsored by the Elkton Food Center. She enjoys bike riding and walking.

HOLLY ESCH, age 14, is the daughter of Kathy and Chuck Esch of Elkton. She enjoys playing basketball, and is sponsored by The Lunch Bucket.

ELYSE CHAMPAGNE, 15 year old daughter of Jan and Roger Champagne of Elkton, is sponsored by Champagne Funeral Chapels. She enjoys horseback riding and playing the flute.

DAVIJO FERRIS, age 15, is the daughter of David Ferris and the late Mary Ferris. She is sponsored by Pizga Pizza and enjoys all sports.

Rachel Rokicki, age 15, is the daughter of Janet and Richard Rokicki of Elkton. Sponsored by The Hair



LOOKING OVER THEIR LIST of Teen Queen Candidates are judges Nancy Williston, Orville Snider and Betty Champagne.



ONE LAST ROYAL LAUGH is enjoyed by 1987 Teen Queen Melissa LaBelle, who shares a chuckle with Club 59 President and contest organizer Donna Schuette of Elkton.

AT LEFT, Queen Melissa lends a helping hand to this year's contestants as they handle royal paperwork.

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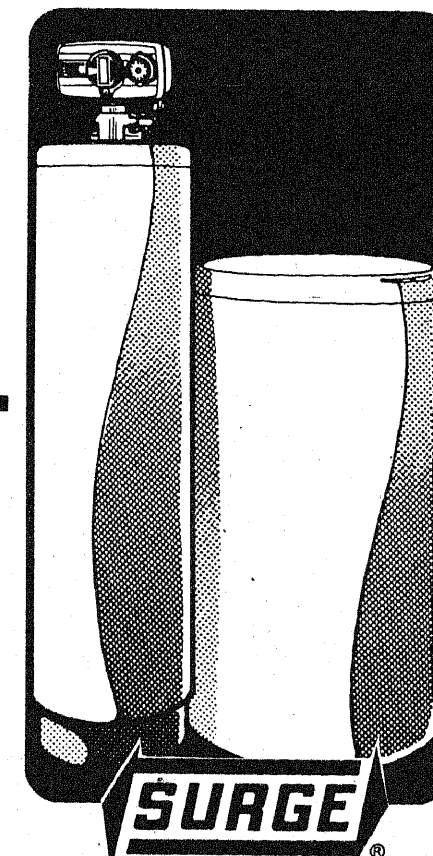
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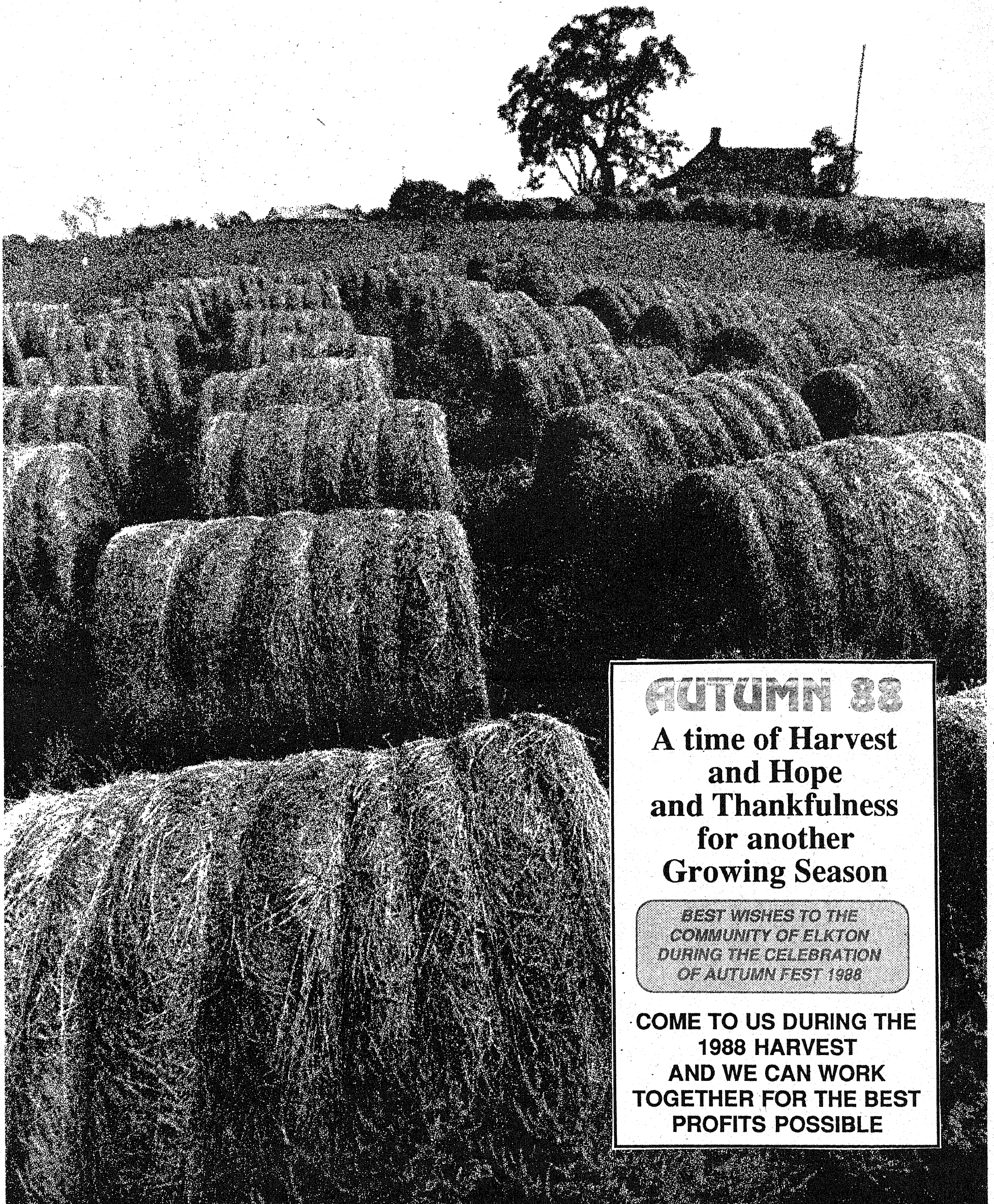
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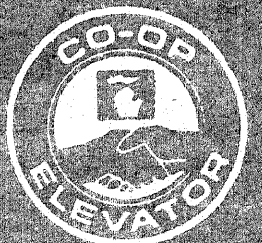
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