

As We See It...EDITORIALLY

What? No Saturday morning cartoons???

Here's an interesting twist to a old concept, and it might mean advertisers would try to appeal to ADULTS instead of children — for once. Saturday morning has long been the bastion of "kid vid" — children's cartoon shows full of rock'em, sock'em adventures, monsters, bad guys and cereal commercials.

Well, that scenario might just be changing on the NBC TV network. Turn on your set anytime from daylight past noon each Saturday, and you'll see cartoon shows on all three networks. That sugary, unbelievable lineup is so strong and so permanent that even local Public TV stations won't show their own kids' shows like Sesame Street and Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood opposite the networks.

But NBC has been the home of the Smurfs for several years now, and those little blue folks have been ratings leaders for the Peacock network. Lots of kids enjoy the adventures of Smurfs and parents usually approve of their usually non-violent themes, too. So

they've helped NBC make lots of money Saturday mornings, too.

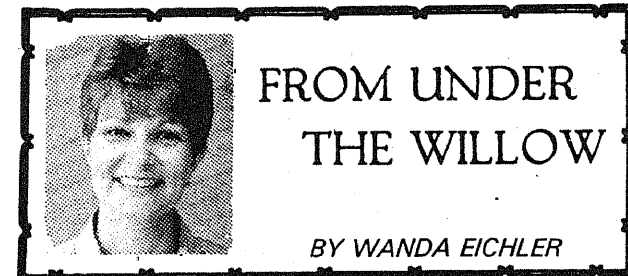
But, several conditions have contributed to smaller audiences and higher costs for Saturday morning cartoon shows. First, non-network stations and cable channels give many more choices than young viewers have ever had before — so Saturday toons aren't as unique or special as they once were. Then, skyrocketing manpower costs to produce such cartoons make them less profitable for the networks, and some Saturday morning half hours cost nearly \$300,000 to produce. And so Smurfs and other cartoons are repeated more frequently than in past years, which also tends to reduce audiences who've "already seen this one before."

But now NBC Entertainment President Brandon Tartikoff has a message for his network affiliates: things may be changing in cartoon land. And the alternative might not be aimed at kids at all, but at adults.

NBC may replace these kid shows with a Saturday morning of sports, or news or even a talk show, according to Tartikoff. Such a show would certainly be unique — and would tend to capture millions of possible adult viewers because it would be an oasis among the cartoon chases and explosions.

What a simple yet fascinating idea. Live shows — with live costs of real humans — are cheaper to produce than are cartoons. And, with a news gathering team like the hundreds of NBC News reporters already in place, enough content could certainly be found to fill an hour... or two... or three on Saturdays.

NBC, after all, last year started a "Sunday Today" show, adding on one more morning of the Monday-Friday news show which started it all back in the early 1950s. And, maybe NBC will be the trend-setter here in the 1980s and 1990s, bringing adult news and sports shows to a time period formerly forfeited to youngsters...



FROM UNDER THE WILLOW

BY WANDA EICHLER

On ripping and knitting

I'm working on a sweater, knitting it, to be exact. It's the third sweater of this design that I've made. I'm anxious to get it done so I can move on to another pile of yarn that is crying, "Knit us next!"

The first sweater was knit in black mohair type yarns with stripes of gray, then soft blue, then sparkly silver twined with subtle green, then warm white angora that worked up the bodice front toward the neckline. That sweater was knit quickly (for me, that's within a few months) for a dear friend who hadn't had anyone knit just for her. She shines when she wears it and so do I, when I think of how much she likes it. It was a labor of love.

Then came the second sweater. Again it was the same design, but this time it was knit in summer blues in a silk and wool yarn flecked with pink. Its stripes were shiny pale blues that frame another neckline, this time mine! It, too, was a joy to work on. I wear it for special days and occasions only.

Now I'm knitting a fall winter variation of the design in forest green wool that's dashed with royal blue. Its striped accents are brilliant and mauvy purples, royal blues, clear greens and a soft burgundy that sometimes what to be a gentle red.

The yarns and needles feel right as I knit, but I'm up against some design difficulties. Three times I've ripped out the neckline and three times I've knit it again. The yarn is good yarn. It will stand any number of rippings that I need to go through until I get this sweater right. Last night's third neckline wasn't right, so today I'll rip away.

Knitters are lucky artists. When something doesn't look right or when the fit is askew, we unravel the offending part and begin again. Perhaps that is the attraction of knitting. Weavers can't unweave. Farmers can't unfarm. Painters can't unpaint. Carpenters can't uncarpenter. Singers can't unsing. But knitters CAN unravel!

And unravel we do! I of good knitters, expert knitters, who undo entire garments, just to do it all over again and get it right.

Sometimes I want life to be like that. I want to redo the times that don't fit. I want to take back frayed words and trying times and begin again! How wonderful it would be to unravel a week here, several hours there, and maybe rip out the stitches of a month or two.

That is just for knitters to do, though. Once spoken, our words cannot be unravelled. Once done, our deeds speak for themselves. Once carried out, our dreams are our reality. They become the fabric of our days and of our ways. The mistakes and the good times and knit together into fabric that we then must wear.

As I tear out the greens and purples and silks and wools later today, I'll be thinking about knitting the next variation. Like the second theme in a symphony or the next field to harvest or the new day to fill with life's moments, the new is already before me. It is another try and it may be better or it may not be, but it will be another start.

And maybe I ought to again ponder the marvelous ability of all us humans to accept our bitter and bad moments along with our high and shining times and to start over. Our colorful lives are textured with our reknittings. Like a sweater laboriously knit, we work through the days and times of our lives, now knitting, now ripping, always trying again.

Lankey gets his 'pay'

One person in particular had plenty of reasons to smile last week, at Caseville's \$1.8 million Harbor expansion project dedication. Bud Lankey has served well in various Caseville Township and local government positions, usually without much pay. But during his present tenure as chairman of the Harbor Commission, BIG things are happening!

Lankey had the biggest smile and the best reason to be proud of the efforts which will help make this area even better for year-round and seasonal residents. His smart, hard, untiring work — along with that of the Harbor Commission members — means things are just a little better here.

It's good to see nice things happen to nice people. The pay hasn't always been there, but Bud Lankey got a whole pocketful of satisfaction Thursday. We're all better for it... and that people like him DO volunteer their time and talents.

Our readers write...

Thanks for helping us

DEAR EDITOR:

A big "thank you" goes to the nice young man from Pigeon who stopped to help us last Sunday afternoon, when the car we were towing came unhooked at the Colwood Bay City/Forestville Road Corner.

His help was appreciated and since we was from Pigeon, that ade it extra nice. Since I used to live in Pigeon and still have many friends there whom I enjoy coming back to visit, I thank you.
TOM AND MARGARET (Spence) MILLER

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RECOLLECTIONS Of By-Gone Days
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

Very soon people will be starting to take out their sugar beets. It's pretty late, but there are a lot of beans to take off yet.

A lot of young farmers say they never saw such a late bean harvest. Well, I don't think I'm the oldest man around, but I still remember that most of the beans used to get harvested in late September and early October.

They used to give us country school children what they called a "beet vacation." It used to last two weeks and in that time, people took off their beans and beets.

If we didn't get them done a lot of children stayed out of school over two weeks or until they were done. If you had a silo, they got filled, too.

Back in those days, when they filled silos they used to have three or four men walking around the silo, tromping silage down. We got done by noon and as I was still going to school, I decided to go to school.

After dinner, one farmer told me I was too big to go to school. I told him I was only 14. He said a big boy like you who weighs 170 pounds and is bigger than most men should stay at home and work.

Well, another man said I'd get in trouble if I didn't go to school because I was only 14. Well, the man said, "I often wondered by your Dad had to work the whole farm and such a big boy still walked to school." But now he knew why.

I helped one man fill silo and me made me sit on a

board on top of the silo and push the distributor around, but the ladder going up was so poor I almost fell down. I asked him if he had some nails and a hammer so I could fix it. Well, he said if I'd nail it too much he couldn't get the doors open. Well, I had a lot of nails in my pocket like most farmers used to have and I found a hammer and nailed it up really well. I don't know how he got his doors open, but I never helped him fill silo again.

We used to have low wagons to haul the corn up to the silo. Some people called them Mennonite wagons because all the Mennonites had one. We could walk along side of them and let the horses go and load it on without stopping.

I once helped at a place where one man just couldn't load it on without losing some bundles he loaded on the wagon. So I traded a wagon for a team with him and he still couldn't load the wagon. So he said "I guess it's my own fault."

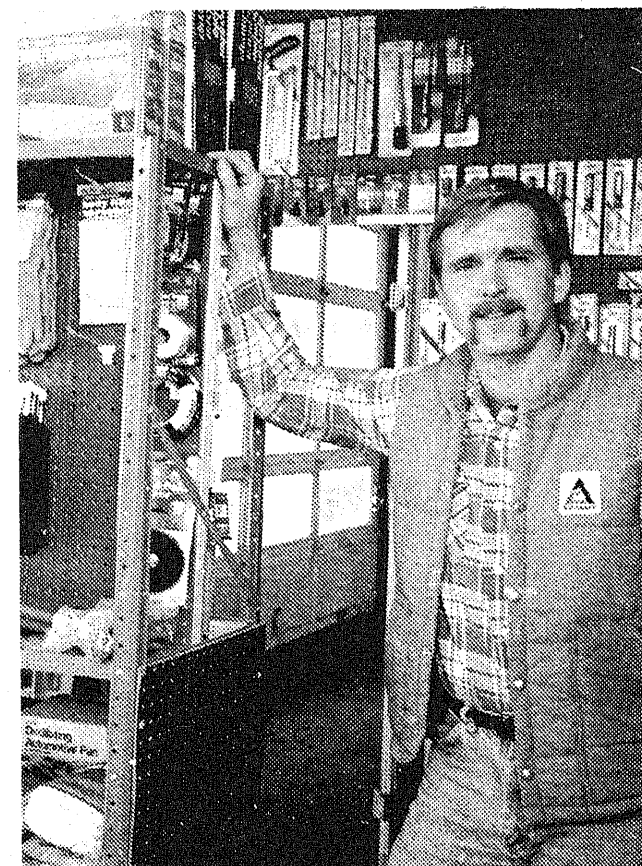
In Eccles. 1:4 it says, "One generation passeth away and another generation cometh, but the earth abideth forever."

Well, I've done things differently than my father and now I see the young people do things differently than I did.

And I know my grandchildren will do things differently, so if I'm ready to leave this world a little better than I found it, that's all I can do.

SINCERELY YOURS,
GEORGE KEIM

Ty's offers expanded auto service in Pigeon



AUTO PARTS: Ty Henderson, owner of Ty's Automotive is expanding his operation to include a full-line of discount priced auto parts. "Along with our service shop, we're going to have brand-name auto parts, both foreign and domestic. If a customer needs a hard-to-find part, we have next-day service," Henderson says. Along with oil and filters, the shop offers brake pads and shoes, rotors and drums, water and power steering pumps, starters and alternators, and much more. Car stereos and installation is also available, Henderson says.

The shop employs three state-certified mechanics, with combined experience totaling 62 years. Ty's is located on Michigan Avenue, and is open 8 to 5:30 Monday through Friday, and 8 to 12 on Saturday. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

He's a winner!



Carl Henne was recently presented with a check for \$75 by Georgene Beckett of the Lake Huron Chorus of Sweet Adelines for winning their "Share the Wealth" drawing.

Other winners are Doris Gattel of Pigeon, second place; Pat Maxwell of Elkon, third place, and Tim Roestel of Pigeon, fourth place.

The Lake Huron Chorus of Sweet Adelines would like to invite all interested ladies to come and join them at their Guest Night, Monday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe. There will be refreshments and an

evening of song and entertainment.

SHARE TIME: The week of Oct. 3 is also Sweet Adelines, Inc., "Share a Song Week," which will be celebrated nationwide.

The chorus is gearing up for its Regional competition and are learning many new songs. Members come from such towns as Caseville, Cass City, Bad Axe, Bay Port, Elkon, Gageton, Harbor Beach, Pigeon and Sebewaing, so transportation can be arranged.

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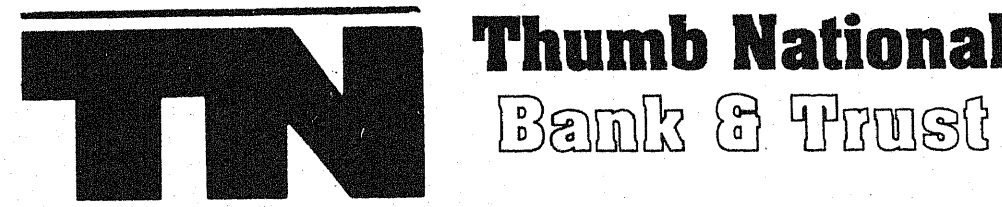
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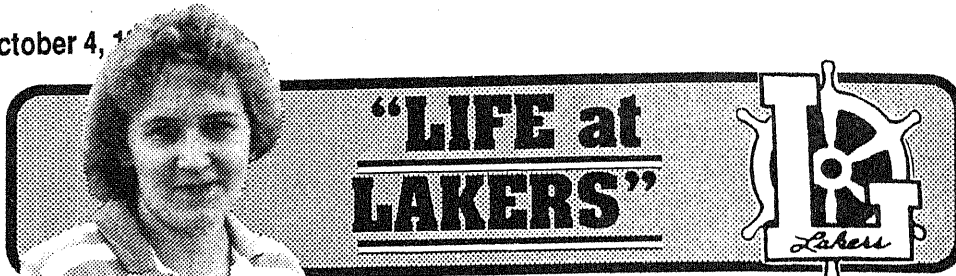


CHIMNEY WORK: Elkton's Log Cabin is getting a new addition as members of the Elkton Historical Society construct a fieldstone chimney for the cabin. The stones were donated by Earl Buschlen, from an old barn on his property south of Elkton. Here, Vern Powell, left and Milton Young work on the chimney which is rising at the rate of about a foot a day. The finished chimney will stand about 22 ft., Powell says, and will be a working chimney. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

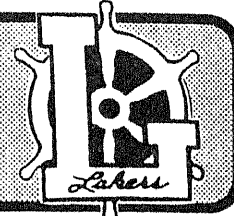
Port Austin news notes

Matt Reilly, Paul Renn and Jeff Krohn of Elkton and Leland Pratt, Fillion, spent three days at the Reilly's cabin near Hillman. Recently Dale and Carol Reilly spent several days at Canada Creek Ranch near Atlanta.

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"LIFE at LAKERS"



Learning about Elkton

By AMI CSANYI
Elkton Elementary School is where I ventured over to this week. I talked to Mrs. Colleen Krohn and Mrs. Kathi Weidman. Here are the highlights of our interview. One of the things second grade teacher Mrs. Krohn and I talked about was why she finds teaching to be so challenging.

She explained it's hard to come up with new ideas and techniques to teach the same material with every year. She added that with the age group she has, it is difficult to keep every child's attention all the time.

GOODPOINTS: Some advantages Mrs. Krohn finds in being a teacher are: working with children, seeing the children learn to read (she likes teaching children to read!) and seeing youngsters respond to what she teaches.

The only disadvantage she could think of is the paperwork. Since second-graders are not old enough to exchange papers, she gets "stuck" with the paperwork. This year the second graders will work on computers,

in addition to reading, math and playing some games.

First grade teacher Mrs. Kathi Weidman says she enjoys working with the young because "the young keep you young." She also learns from her students.

A disadvantage she finds is the frustration she gets for a child she can't do anything more for, and the amount of time it takes.

This year, first graders will become "Star Students." The "star" is recognized for the special characteristic that child possesses. For example, if a child is a good listener, s/he gets his/her name on the "Star Board"

and a certificate with their name and why they are the star for the week.

PICTURE BOOKS: Another interesting project for her first graders is the keeping of journals, but instead of writing in the journals, the children will draw pictures. Mrs. Weidman says this is a pre-writing activity.

The children know exactly what is said in the journals. To the parents, it might just be a bunch of scribbles, but to the children, it's a story.

Mrs. Weidman says she has a real creative group this year and is looking forward to the rest of the school year.

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For Elkton's Janet Renn

Sheep lead to State Fair Championship, crown

Janet had some little lambs, Their fleece was white as snow. She took them to the big state fair, And won everything in the show!



JANET RENN stands proudly with Governor James Blanchard when she was crowned Queen

QUEEN, TOO: She is also the reigning Michigan Suffolk Queen, representing the breed at various state shows and fairs. She was selected for the honor after a rigorous selection process including written resumes and interviews.

She, along with various other commodity queens, met this past August with Governor James Blanchard at Ionia.

This November will find the Renns traveling to Louisville, Ky., to the North American Livestock Exposition, where Janet will compete with her state fair-winning ram lamb.

The Exposition is THE premier show for livestock, Renn says, and she thinks she has a good chance at winning. "There will be animals there from all over the country. Only the very best show there," Renn says.

LOCALLY GROWN: Janet's mother, Joanne, says that it has been especially gratifying to know that every animal Janet has won with has

been of their own breeding. "The sheep are easy to like. It's really easy to get attached to them. They're a nice break from the cows, which we also have."

Even after she graduates next spring from Baker College with a degree in accounting, Janet Renn expects to keep on showing her sheep in competition.

She has two more years of eligibility left for the Michigan State Fair, as the cut-off age is 19, and 21 is the age limit for the national shows.

FUTURE TOO? Renn's FFA and 4-H projects have grown beyond simply a "project," becoming a family affair, as brother Dean also shows his own sheep. As Joanne Renn says, "It started out as a hobby, but it's gotten more serious than that now. It's gotten to be more work, but we like it."

And they're obviously enjoying the fruits of the labors, with the dining room mantle covered with Championship rosettes, banners and trophies.

She eventually sold those two lambs at the County Fair, and bought two ewes as breeding stock.

The farm's 55 sheep are all descendants of those two ewes, which makes the winning much sweeter for Renn.

She works hard making sure her sheep are in the best possible condition for show. "We pick two or three, the ones we think are the best. We work with them and get them used to handling."

GETTING READY: The week before a show, the sheep is washed, its fleece carded, and a blanket is put on to help set the fleece for shearing. Shearing takes place over three or four days so the judge will only see a perfectly groomed sheep.

Renn explains that in sheep judging, the judge will look for excellent conformation, good breed type, and grooming. In the showmanship classes, the handler is judged on how well the sheep is handling.

"I try to use the best-behaved sheep. Last year I used the best looking and best behaved sheep and won Grand Champion Showman at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit. This year, the lamb acted up and I won Reserve Grand Champion," Renn says.

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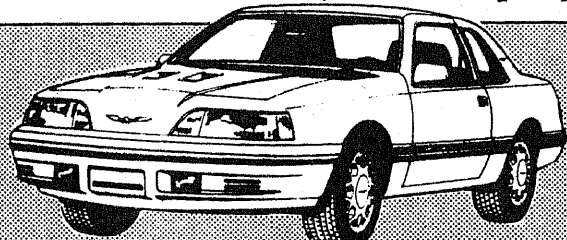
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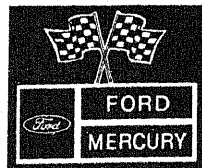
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Caseville retirees celebrate birthdays
The Caseville Retirement Club met Sept. 20 for its weekly meeting at the American Legion Hall with 140 members present. Two guests, Anne Kreh and Anna Damm, were welcomed, as was a new member, Bea Sternberg.
A total of 52 blood pressure readings were taken by Rose Koenig and Marion Parent with Louise Gerrard assisting.
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52 YEARS: Pigeon High School's Class of 1936 held its 52nd Class Reunion Sept. 17 at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, with 13 members and spouses present. Guests came from California, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Bay City, Owendale, Caseville and Pigeon. Shown in photo are, seated from left, Ellen Koch, Helen (Schumacher) Garte, Marie Mohr, Leona (Schulz) Fenske, Helen (Soldan) Fahrner and Emma (Einhart) Zabel. Back row, Edgar Strieter, Kenneth McAulay, Howard Haist, Orville Yacke, Nelmer Wright, Otto Voelker and Wes Murdoch. The group was entertained with music by Mel Baerwolf and Ray Schweitzer of Pigeon.



Elkton seniors greet autumn

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

The Elkton Senior Citizens met Sept. 20 with 54 people present.

Chairman Mike Renn welcomed Georgan McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross. Mildred Tait offered table prayer.

Two decorated cakes graced the food table: celebrating the anniversary of Bill and Eva Blaylock and the birthday of Edna Mae McDowell. The Birthday Song was sung for Ellen Tate, Harold Gregor and Edna McDowell.

"Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was sung for the Blaylocks. "America" was sung and the Pledge to the Flag recited.

Bernice Eidt reported she has sent 1800 Campbell Soup labels to Childrens' Haven

International in Mexico since January. Della Trudgen read an Autumn poem from Ideals.

Mary Matthews had cards signed for Florence Southworth and Ellen Tate, both of whom are not well.

Frank Ross amused members with the story, "How Long Does a Pumpkin Grow?"

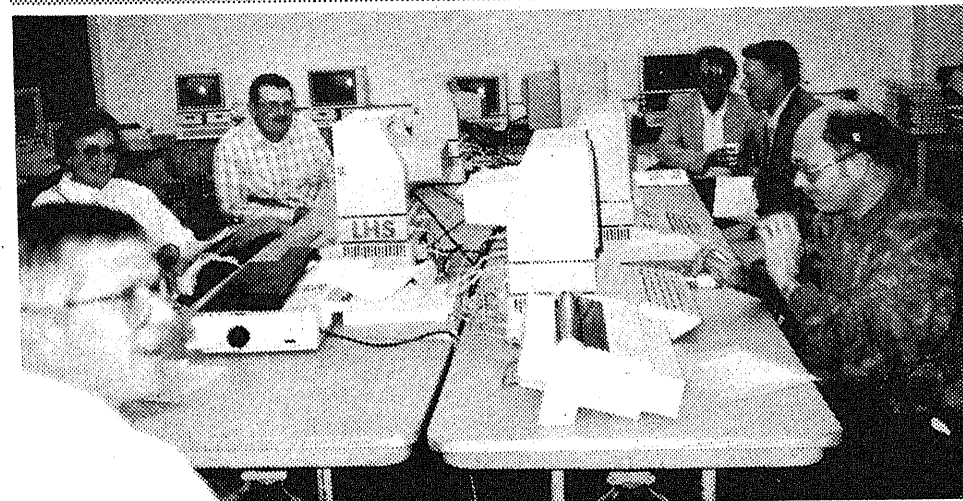
It was reported that 32 members attended the Caseville meal site last week for lunch, then visited the Paul Leipprandt farm.

Program Chairman Sherman Day introduced Mel Baerwolf and Ray Schweitzer, who entertained on the violin, banjo and guitar.

Mary Day announced that next week will be an open meeting. Vegetables were given away.

The Laker Wave

Parents tour school at Open House



Parents of students in grades six through 12 attended an Open House at Laker Junior and Senior High Schools on Sept. 20.

Twenty-four percent of the students had one or both parents in attendance.

Opening the program was Laker High School Student Council Vice President Alan McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. James McBride. He greeted parents to the evening's events and extended a sincere welcome on behalf of the student body.

This welcome was echoed by Principal Craig Douglas, Counselors Duane Guenther and Todd Bigger and Assistant Principal Lisa DiCamillo.

Completing the program was an abbreviated form of the six-period class day. Students were replaced by parents and the sound of 175 adults looking for teachers and classrooms filled the hallways. Luckily, the National Honor Society and Junior High School Student Council members were there to assist them.

Comments by parents included the following statements:

"It helps to know the teacher and what they expect of our children."

"Interesting — maybe too short in some classes because of questions to ask . . ."

"Yes! Good idea. Coming here is like seeing an old friend!"

"It is very important for the parents to meet their children's teachers, put a face with a name and meet them in a non-threatening atmosphere."

"It was very nice to see the children's rooms."

"Thank you for helping."

"Good workable system to be in each classroom setting."

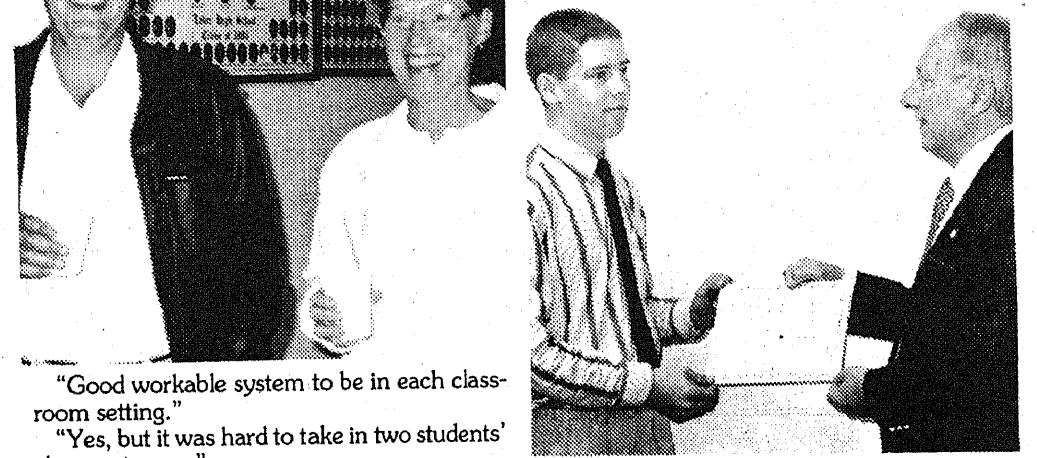
"Yes, but it was hard to take in two students' classes at once."

"Would prefer separate nights for Junior and Senior High — start later, please!"

"Yes, it specified what is expected of our students."

"Each teacher stressed being available for advice and help. Good!!"

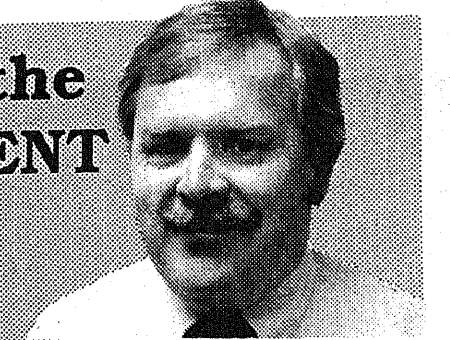
LAKER SENIOR QUALIFIES FOR \$25,000 SCHOLARSHIP



Anthony Motz, a Laker senior, recently enlisted in the United States Army and qualified for a scholarship of \$25,000. This amount will be available to him upon completion of his enlistment of four years. The money will provide Motz with a four-year college education.

Questions for the SUPERINTENDENT

By ROBERT DRURY, Laker Superintendent



QUESTION #1. Last week I read in The Progress-Advance that our school district is debt-free. What does this mean?

A common method used by school districts to generate a large amount of revenue for such purposes as constructing buildings, renovating facilities, asbestos removal or large capital expenditures is to borrow money for the project from a financial institution and then pay it back over a period of years.

The procedure is very similar to a conventional new home mortgage except in the case of a school district, the voters of that district must approve the borrowing.

The EPBP School District has had two debt issues since the consolidation. The first one in 1959 was for a period of 30 years to construct and equip Laker High School. This debt was paid off last July 1.

The second debt was incurred in 1973 for the purpose of winterization and roof repairs at the high school. That debt was for a much shorter duration and was paid off in 1983. Beginning with our 1988 property taxes, there is no millage added on for debt retirement. Thus, all of the millage generated will be used for the day-to-day operation of our schools.

QUESTION #2. I have recently heard talk about Michigan teachers being the fourth highest paid in the country. How much are the Laker teachers paid?

The average teacher pay in Michigan for 1987-88 was \$34,050. This compares to the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port average of \$27,736. A beginning teacher in 1988-89, with a bachelor's degree (four years of college) earns \$18,285.

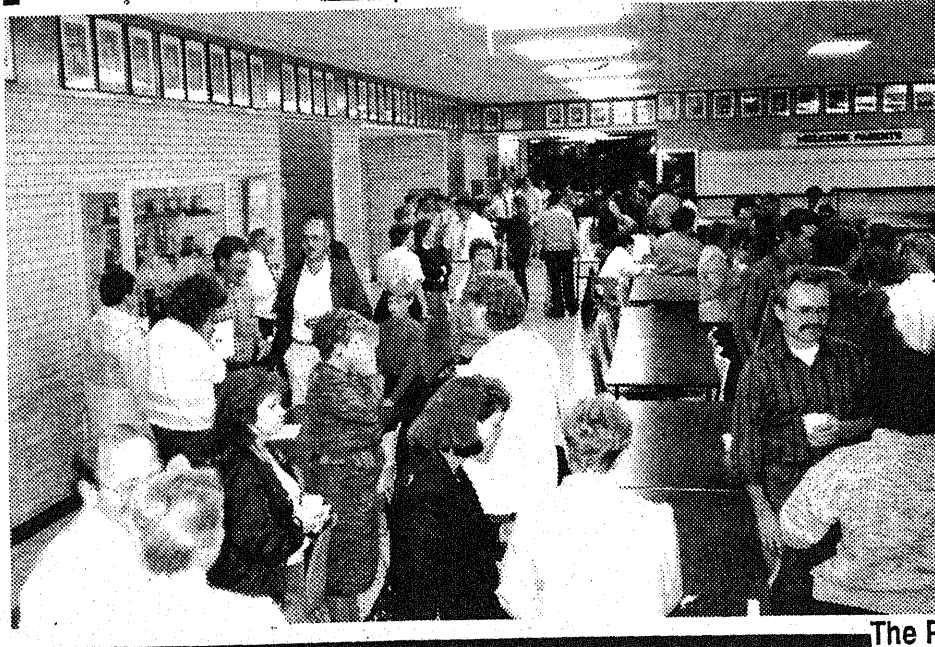
On the other end of the scale, a teacher who has successfully taught for at least 10 years and who has a Master's Degree plus 20 additional graduate credits (six to seven years of college) would earn \$32,461. Presently there are six teachers in our district who are at this top level.

As you can see, even with the benefit of our 1988-89 wage increase, our six teachers at the top are still \$1,589 below the 1987-88 average of all teachers in Michigan.

QUESTION #3. Who's having the school auction and what are the items for sale? On Saturday, Oct. 1, six school districts in our county are pooling their unneeded items to be auctioned.

The auction site will be behind the Elkton Elementary School building at 10 a.m. The list of merchandise to be auctioned that day will be published in the near future.

The list will include such items as school buses, kitchen equipment, student desks and chairs, copy machines, automotive testing equipment, plumbing, masonry and carpenter tools and office equipment.



Pigeon District LIBRARY CORNER

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

The Tuesday, Oct. 4 Preschool Story Hour theme will be "Animals," with the stories "Doghouse for Sale" and "Too Fat to Fly."

Exercises, fingerplays, a song and game will be part of the scheduled activities, as will be "Show and Tell." Children may bring in ONE item to share with the other children.

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. sessions. A registration fee of \$5.00 is required, per family per year.

SENIOR CITIZEN FILM FESTIVAL

The Pigeon District Library will host a Senior Citizens' Film Festival on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Scheduled movies will be "Whitethroat," "Alaska" and "Scram."

Senior citizens are invited to bring a friend to this first Film Festival of the season.

ADULT COFFEE HOUR

"Childrens' Dentistry" will be featured on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. sessions in the library's community room.

Speaker will be Laura Beedle, who works in the dental office of Stephen Beedle, DDS in Pigeon.

COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

1) I will read to my child daily.

2) I will listen to my child read daily.

3) I will help my child start a word collection of at least one unknown word daily.

4) I will take dictation of stories, poems and sayings my child creates.

5) I will help my child pursue an interest and find

five books to read on that topic.

6) I will praise my child for at least one success daily.

7) I will arrange for my child to use the library and visit bookstores to select books independently.

8) I will help find listeners to whom my child can read.

9) I will help encourage my child to buy books and educational games.

10) I will listen to my child when s/he reads or talks about what's happening at school.

REFERENCE COLLECTION

The Pigeon District Library has a well-stocked reference section in the Adult Fiction room. Anyone doing a research paper, report or needs to satisfy a curiosity, check out the reference collection.

• In the Generalities (000) we have 22 titles.

• In the Philosophy section (100s), we have 22 titles.

• In the Religion section (200s) we have seven titles.

• In the Social Science section (300s) we have 47 titles.

• In the Language section (400s) we have 19 titles.

• In the Pure Science section (500s) we have 14 titles.

• In the Technology section (600s) we have 39 titles.

• In the Arts section (700s) we have 29 titles.

• In the Literature & Rhetoric section (800s) we have 17 titles.

• And in the General Geography & History section (900s) we have 75 titles.

This is just a list of the number of books available in the library. These reference books are not circulated in the library, but may be used in the reference area.

We may have an earlier copy in our circulation area to be checked out for two weeks: ask at the circulation desk.



Homecoming Weekend Celebration

Thur.-Fri.-Sat

October 13, 14, 15

in Pigeon!

Don't Miss It!

The Early Bird Gets The Savings...

During Pigeon's

Early Bird Homecoming Sale!

Earlybird

SALE Begins at 6 am to 9 am Thursday, October 13th!

- The Earlier You Shop... The More You Save!!!
- Free Coffee & Donuts Many Places All Over Town!
- Bargains Townwide
- Save \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ • Layaway For Christmas!

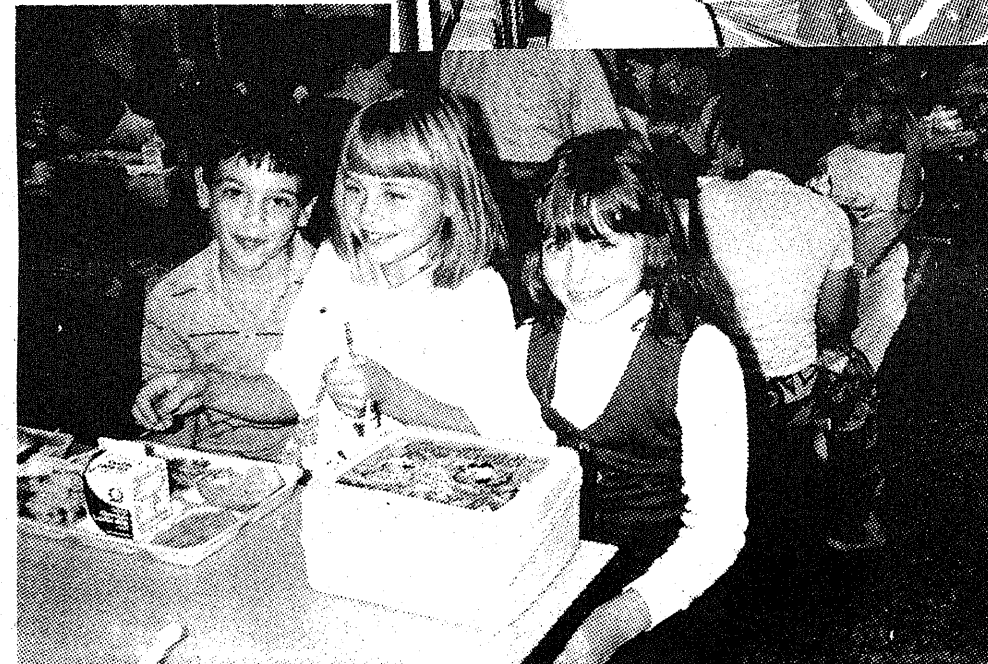
A School Spirit Contest Will Be Adorning The Store Windows. Come And See Their Displays!

Catch The Friday Night October 14 th Homecoming Game Against The Caro Tigers

Sponsored By The Pigeon Chamber of Commerce



**Elkton Events...
in
Pictures!**



**High School Seniors
Century III Leaders
Will Help You
Pay For
College**

We are looking for high school seniors interested in earning college scholarship awards totaling almost \$250,000. The Shell Oil Company Foundation and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are accepting applications for the 1988-1989 Century III Leaders scholarship program.

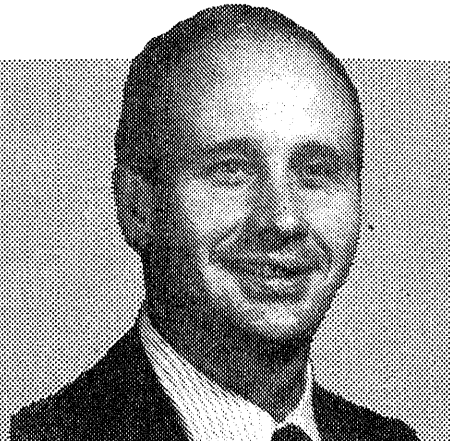
Now in its 14th year, the program seeks to honor students who have demonstrated leadership in their school and community and outstanding scholarship. Two winners from every state and the District of Columbia will each be awarded \$1,500, an all-expense-paid trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Va., March 2-6, 1989, and the opportunity to compete for a \$10,000 college scholarship.

Century III Leaders applications are available from your high school principal or guidance counselor. Entry deadline is October 21, 1988.

Contact your high school principal or guidance counselor now for more information.

**From the
PRINCIPAL'S
OFFICE**

By CRAIG DOUGLAS,
Laker High Principal



The staff and student body of Laker Junior and Senior High Schools are excited for the coming year. The faculty has identified five goals for our two secondary schools in 1988-89:

- 1) Coordinate the 6-12 curriculum
- 2) Improve the course selection process for all students
- 3) Emphasize reading, writing and speaking across the curriculum
- 4) Encourage professional development
- 5) Strive for consistency in discipline and organization

The first goal is directly geared towards the newly-created position of secondary principal, which I hold. This is an excellent opportunity for our staff to compare course goals and objectives in grades six through 12. Throughout the year we will be addressing the concern of what ought to be taught at the various grade levels in each department.

The second goal addresses the opportunity for students to select elective courses. Electives are extremely important as they provide our youngsters with the chance to explore specialized areas. However, we feel a tremendous need to stress the basics of "reading, writing and arithmetic." We will look closely at the choices our students can make in selecting classes to study.

Our third goal of emphasizing reading, writing and speaking across the curriculum is one way to address the "basics vs. electives" issue.

Furthermore, through the fourth goal (professional development), we hope to learn what current research says about effective schools. This type of information will be very helpful to us in developing curriculum plans.

The fifth and final goal, consistency in discipline and organization, helps us to remember we need to be fair. We need to plan. We must be organized. Moreover, we must be firm and consistent when working with our students.

This school year will be a challenging one. These five goals provide a focus to meet specific challenges in our program.

In closing, may I invite you to attend a parent-principal coffee to discuss our secondary program. This will be a monthly meeting at Lakers. Our first one will be Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior High Library. A brief program will be offered, and it will be a way for questions to be answered.

A sincere "thank you" goes out from me to everyone who has made by arrival at Lakers an enjoyable one! The Elkton, Bay Port and Pigeon communities are the friendliest and most helpful ones around!

**Laker High students
compare favorably on A.C.T.**

Below is a five-year history of the average scores for our ACT-tested students. When interpreting these data we must keep in mind the students taking the test are both junior and seniors.

TRENDS OF AVERAGE SCORES FOR LAKER HIGH SCHOOL
(Scores in parentheses are National averages)

| School Year | No. of Students | Eng | Math | S Stu | N Sci | Comp |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1983-84 | 70 | 17.2 (18.1) | 17.5 (17.3) | 16.9 (17.3) | 19.7 (21.0) | 17.9 (18.5) |
| 1984-85 | 70 | 17.2 (18.1) | 16.8 (17.2) | 16.5 (17.4) | 19.7 (21.2) | 17.6 (18.5) |
| 1985-86 | 56 | 18.3 (18.5) | 16.2 (17.3) | 18.2 (17.6) | 20.6 (21.4) | 18.4 (18.8) |
| 1986-87 | 57 | 19.3 (18.4) | 18.4 (17.2) | 19.1 (17.5) | 22.3 (21.4) | 19.9 (18.0) |
| 1987-88 | 75 | 18.5 (18.5) | 18.1 (17.2) | 15.1 (17.4) | 19.8 (21.4) | 18.0 (18.8) |

Another comparison can be made using students who follow a college prep curriculum vs. students who do not follow such a curriculum. For this comparison, we used the core curriculum developed from information collected by ACT. ACT has defined a model of core college preparatory courses as:

- ENGLISH:** (Four years or more)
One year credit each for English 9, English 10, English 11 and English 12.
- MATHEMATICS** (Three years or more)
One year credit each for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry. One-half year credit each for Trigonometry, Calculus (not Pre-Calculus), other math courses beyond Algebra II, Computer Math/Computer Science.
- SOCIAL STUDIES** (Three years or more)
One year credit each for American History, World History and American Government. One-half year credit each for Economics, Geography, Psychology, other History (European, State, etc.)
- NATURAL SCIENCES** (Three years or more)
One year credit each for General/Physical/Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics.

TRENDS FOR ACT AVERAGES WHEN COMPARED TO CURRICULUM
(Scores in parentheses are National averages)

| ACT TEST | CORE OR MORE AVERAGE | LESS THAN CORE AVERAGE |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| English | 20.3 (20.2) | 17.3 (17.4) |
| Math | 22.4 (20.4) | 14.2 (15.0) |
| Social Studies | 18.4 (19.7) | 12.3 (15.9) |
| Natural Sciences | 23.1 (23.6) | 16.8 (19.9) |
| Composite | 21.2 (21.1) | 15.3 (17.2) |
| | 37 Students | 36 Students |

**School secretaries give
visitors their first
impression**

Walk into any of the five schools in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District and who is the first person you will see? Why, the secretary, of course!
And why are they there? Because they love the challenge, the noise, the insanity and the kids.

Recently in a national school secretary poll,



Phyllis Booth, Pigeon Elementary



Joann Abbott, Bay Port Elem.



Dee Esch, Elkton Elementary

99% of those surveyed indicated that they like almost everything about their jobs — but they especially like the children.
What secretaries DON'T like is "nursing duty" — taking care of sick or injured children, including checking for head lice. But "nursing duty" is just one of the many tasks the nation's public school secretaries routinely perform.

At EPBP, we are fortunate to have eight energetic and highly qualified secretaries on staff. They are very important to the school district, not because of their qualifications, but because they are the first and sometimes only, contact many parents have with the school.

Secretaries are very aware of the important role they play as "ambassadors" for their school district. To them, parents dropping by the school unexpectedly are always welcome.



High School, Junior High and Central Office Secretaries: Front row from left, Gail Richmond, Linda King and Deb Herzog. Standing, Deb Armbruster, Patti Damm and Sue Sturm.

National Honor Society plans busy year



The 10-member Laker High School NHS met briefly last week to plan events for the coming year. Newly-elected President Darrin Jantzi will head the delegation in their plans for the upcoming induction ceremonies for new members.

Some constitutional changes are also being considered for 1988-89. The first is to expand the membership by including sophomores for the first time in Laker history. If the new amendment is ratified, sophomores who have a minimum scholarship average of 3.7 will join juniors with a GPA of 3.3 and seniors with a GPA of 3.1 to make up the students who are admitted to candidacy for election to membership.

Their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership and character. The Laker High NHS will perform many services throughout the year. The first was to be hosts at the Laker Secondary School Parents' Conference held last week.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD DO ALL DAY?

By FRED JOLES
Elementary Education Director
The answer to the question, "What does my child do in a typical day of school?" may best be summed up with the following information.
In the elementary classrooms at Elkton-Pi-

geon-Bay Port Schools in grades one through five, a typical day consists of 385 minutes of time spent daily at school. Reduced from the 385 minutes for academic learning has to be two 15-minute recess periods and 40 minutes for lunch and noon recess.

During the recess and noon periods, the children are learning how to get along with one another individually and in a group activity. This brings the total time for academic learning on a daily basis to 315 minutes, or five hours and 15 minutes.

Time to ACT on the A.C.T.

It's time to ACT on A.C.T.!
As the new fall term opens, Laker High School juniors and seniors should give some thought to taking the ACT Assessment.

The ACT Assessment, which consists of four academic tests that measure educational development and a detailed questionnaire that collects information relevant to educational and career planning, is recommended or required by more than 3,000 postsecondary institutions and scholarship programs.

Most students take the ACT Assessment during junior year or early in their senior year, so their results will be available in time for use in planning for postsecondary education and careers. The guidance office has the information and forms students need to register for the ACT Assessment. ACT also provides free copies of the booklet, "Preparing for the ACT Assessment," which contains information about getting ready for the examination, plus a complete practice test.

The basic registration fee for the Assessment is \$11.50. For 1988-89, ACT has established this test date schedule:

- SITE.....REGISTRATION DEADLINES**
- Laker HighSept. 23
 - Bad Axe HighNov. 11
 - Cass City HighJan. 13, 1989
 - Laker HighMarch 17, 1989
 - Cass City HighMay 12, 1989

TEST DATES

- Oct. 22
- Dec. 10
- Feb. 11, 1989
- April 15, 1989
- June 10, 1989

The Fall Sport Season is in full swing and at the time of this writing, the girls' basketball and boys' football teams are in the thick of the Thumb B race.

While varsity teams seem to get all the press, it may be interesting to note that both the JV girls' basketball team and the JV boys' football team are presently undefeated.

The academic instructional time has to be divided among the following on a priority basis. The "basic subject" matter (Reading-Math-Language-Spelling) are completed daily with the remaining subject areas competing for instructional time, as there is not enough time in any one instructional day to complete all areas of academics.

Math, Reading and Language/Spelling take an average of 150 minutes per day of instructional time with an infusion of Social Studies, Science, Music, Physical Education, Art, Library, Health, Band and classroom administrative details taking up the remainder of the day.

As you can easily see, the arrangement of subject matter presented has to be well thought out to ensure that the student is presented with all available information during the course of the school year.

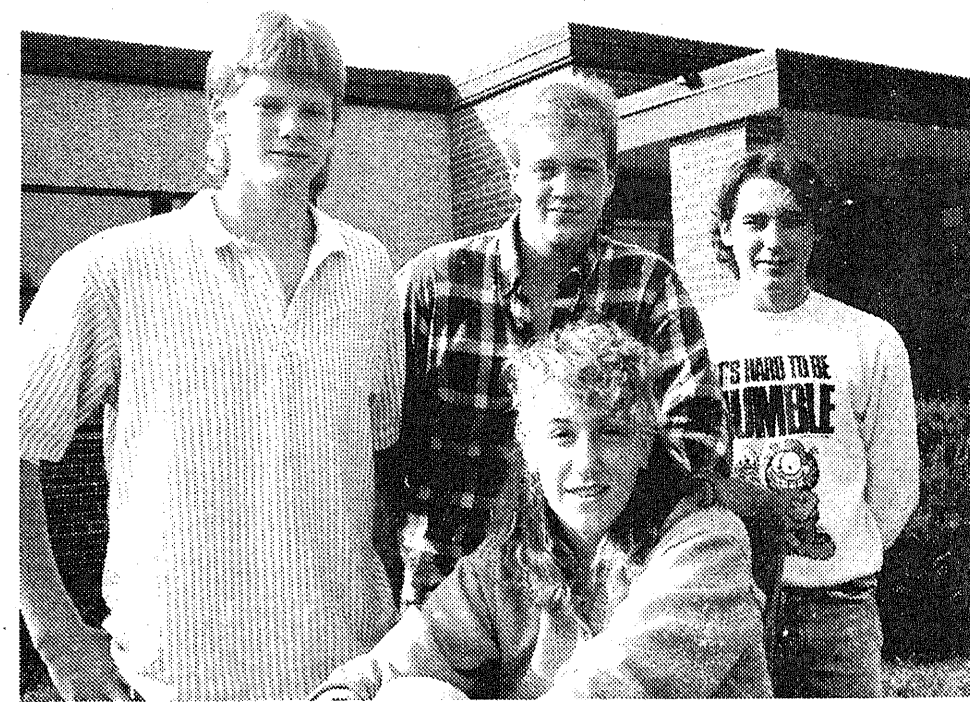
A curriculum guide has been developed to enable our staff to thoroughly prepare our students for the secondary educational programs. Programs are in place to accommodate the exceptional child as well as generate interests of the individual students and their needs.

The key factor in success for the students at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port is parental support of the student, student, staff and school in the ongoing process of education of the child with parental follow-up in the child's daily activities.

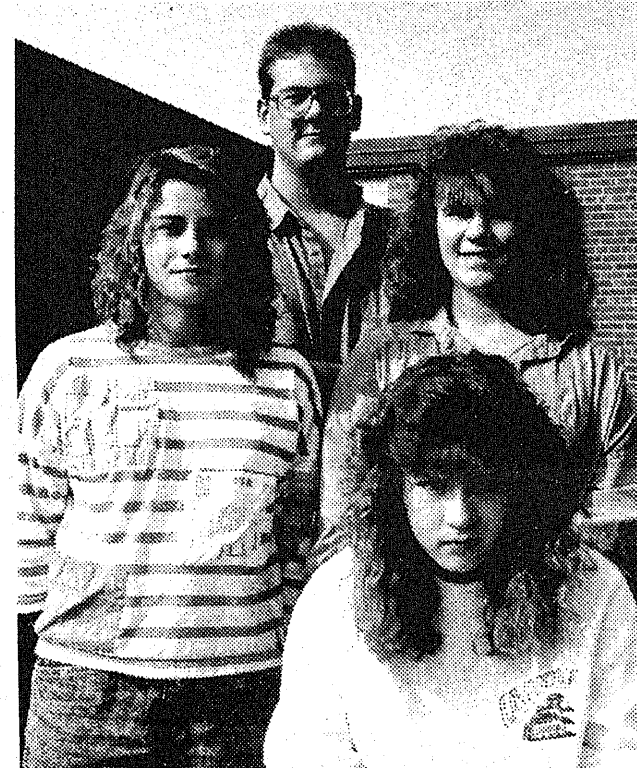
Caseville School elects officers for 1988-89



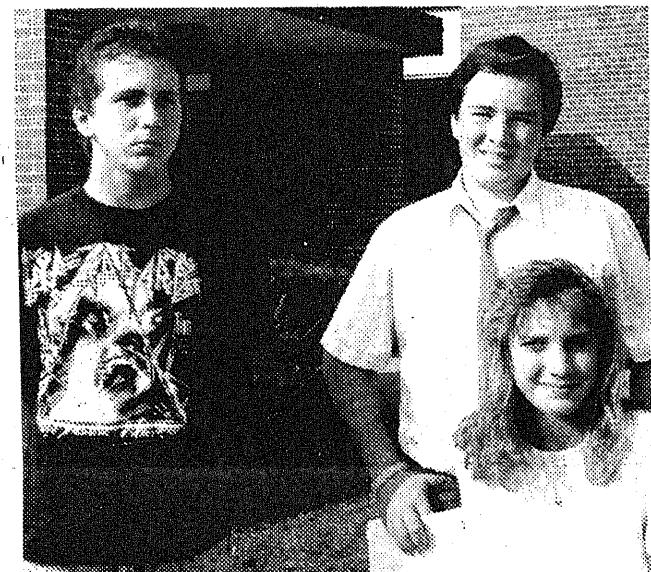
SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS Charlie Morden, Treasurer; Becky Dubey, Secretary; Cindy Eimers, President; and Jim Steinman, Vice-President.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS Front, Penny Murdoch, President. Rear, Brian Kraus, Treasurer; Jeff Brunn, Vice-President; Francis Barevich, Secretary.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS Front, Charlotte Bieri, President; Kirsten Hermanson, Secretary; Kim Duffy, Vice-President. Rear is Dan Bennett, Treasurer.



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS John Malett, President; Peter Ruiz de Castillo, Treasurer; Jill Miller, Secretary.



EIGHTH GRADE OFFICERS Front, Mandie Fritz, Treasurer; Destiny Gust, Vice-President. Rear, Robert Ruiz de Castillo, President; Renee Scepanski, Secretary.

Caseville Homecoming *Con't from Page 3*

will entertain Owen-Gage at home on Thursday.

PARADE TIME: The Homecoming festivities go into full gear on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. with the traditional Caseville Public School students' parade.

All Caseville Elementary students will be marching through the downtown area of Caseville to help the Eagles march on to victory.

The parade will begin and end at the school. The traditional bonfire and pep rally at the high school will conclude the Friday night activities.

SATURDAY PARADE: This Saturday, Oct. 1, the annual Homecoming Parade begins at 10:30 a.m. with the parade route beginning at the corner of Michigan and M-25. The parade will travel down the main street of Caseville and turn right at Pine, and travel to the High School.

During halftime of the Caseville-North Huron football game, the 1988 Homecoming Queen and her court will be announced to the crowd, Bednork says.

The Homecoming activities for the 1988 year will come to a conclusion with the 29th Annual Homecoming Dinner planned at the school at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is being sponsored by the Class of

1989. Dinner tickets may be purchased at the office.

Following the dinner, a dance will be conducted until 11:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

CANDIDATES: The '88 Homecoming Queen Candidates, all seniors, are: Miss Krista Kolgin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Souva; Miss Kelly Finley, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Conners, and Miss Tina Konke, daughter of Mrs. Patricia Konke and Mr. Frank Konke.

Homecoming King candidates are Troy Hartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hartz; Richard Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kuhn, and Jeremy Steinman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Steinman.

The Homecoming Court, all underclassmen, consists of the eleventh grade representatives Miss Kirsten Hermanson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hermanson, and Colby Cottick, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cottick.

Tenth grade representatives are Miss Penelope Murdoch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Murdoch, and Brian Kraus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kraus.

Ninth grade representatives are Miss Robyn Ploe, daughter of Mrs. Gwen Ploe, and Michael Bilkie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bilkie.

Bowling

See Additional Scores on Page 23

PIGEON THURSDAY NITERS LEAGUE

- Scheurer Hospital 13 3
- Pigeon Telephone 13 3
- Village Barber 10 6
- Country Maids 10 6
- Pigeon Inn 7 9
- J & B Plumbing 7 9
- McCormick Motors 7 9
- Butcher Block 6 10
- Fink's Farm Eq. 6 10
- Eltman's Hardware .. 6 10
- Want Ads 5 5
- Lee's Landscaping 5 5

Team high game & series: Scheurer Hospital (750-789) 2132; Want Ads (731-731) 2133; Pigeon Inn (738) 2117 and Butcher Block (738).

Individual high game & series: E. Gunden (183) 504, P. Niebel (186) 483, M. Ropp (191) 482, E. Turner 478, C. Haley (202) 470 and C. Poisson 171.

Splits converted: 2-7-10 C. Poisson; 5-7-9 B. Pobanz; 5-10 L. Welshans, F. Otto; 3-10 L. Smith, D. Schulz, S. Buchholz; 2-7 F. Behm, E. Gunden, J. Wissner. **All-spate game:** P. Niebel 186.

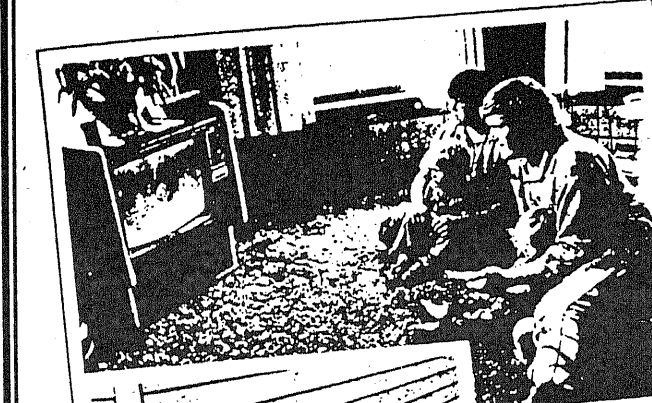
REGISTRATION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIR HAVEN, HURON COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be at my office at 2010 Ridge Road, Sebewaing, Michigan, on Tuesday, October 11, 1988, from 8:00 o'clock a.m. until 5:00 o'clock p.m., the 30th day preceding the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 1988, for the purposes of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors in said Township as shall properly apply therefor.

DATED: Sept. 17, 1988

CHERYL L. NITZ
Fair Haven Twp. Clerk
2010 Ridge Road
Sebewaing, MI 48759
883-3354

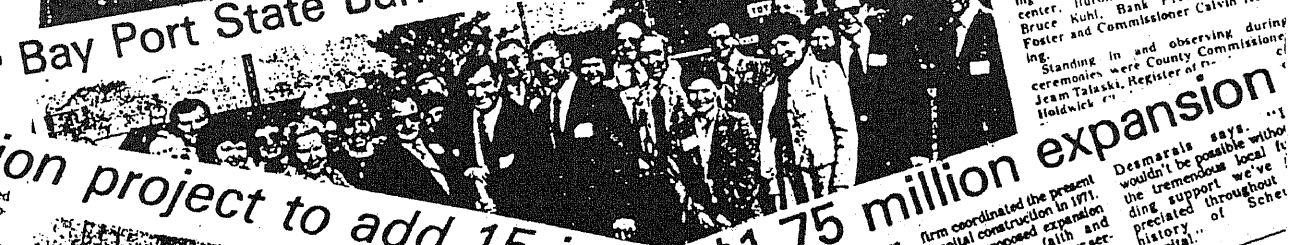
Pigeon: on the GROW again!



Cable TV hook-ups start
Cable television service is officially this week in Pigeon. The hook-ups are being completed by the Pigeon Cable TV system.

Pigeon EDC rolling on way to \$50,000 start-up

About \$50,000 has already been deposited for community development programs being undertaken by the Pigeon Economic Development Corporation, which is in the process of raising funds for the organization.



Bay Port State Bank breaks ground in Pigeon
The Bay Port State Bank is breaking ground for its new branch building in Pigeon. The building is located on the corner of Michigan and M-142.

Active Feed's \$1.6 million project to add 15 jobs

Fifteen new jobs are coming to Pigeon following announced plans for a \$1.6 million egg processing and packaging facility planned by Active Feed Company.

Scheurer Hospital plans \$1.75 million expansion

Major expansion plans for Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon are being completed. The \$1.75 million project will add 15 beds and a new laboratory.

New CPA office open for business

JOHN WALSH, CPA, opened the doors of his new office on Monday at 24 South Main Street in Pigeon.

Pigeon seeks local funds

Pigeon Economic Development Corporation is seeking local funds to support its various community development projects.

Pigeon's newest business

McCormick Motors, Inc. of Pigeon plans to construct a new automobile shop and repair center at the south end of M-142 and Caseville Road.

Lake water eyed for drinking, farm irrigation in Thumb area

Water from Lake St. Clair is being eyed for drinking and farm irrigation in the Thumb area. The water is being pumped from the lake to the area.

Pigeon EDC helped Porky's open

Pigeon Economic Development Corporation helped Porky's restaurant open in Pigeon. The restaurant is located on the corner of Michigan and M-142.

Vacant depot to Pigeon museum?

A vacant depot in Pigeon is being eyed for conversion into a museum. The depot is located on the corner of Michigan and M-142.

Pigeon's final Master Zoning map displayed

The final Master Zoning map for Pigeon is being displayed at the Pigeon Economic Development Corporation office.

Pigeon Zoning Plan nears adoption

The Pigeon Zoning Plan is near adoption by the Pigeon Village Council. The plan will regulate land use in the village.

Pigeon Manufacturing breaks ground

Pigeon Manufacturing is breaking ground for a new facility in Pigeon. The facility is located on the corner of Michigan and M-142.

Pigeon gives go-ahead to \$600,000 water plant

Pigeon Village Council has given the go-ahead for a \$600,000 water plant. The plant will provide clean water to the village.

\$100,000 goal set for Pigeon Library expansion

A goal of \$100,000 has been set for the expansion of the Pigeon Library. The expansion will include new books and a larger reading area.

Pigeon Council gives go-ahead to apartment proposal

Pigeon Village Council has given the go-ahead for an apartment complex in Pigeon. The complex will provide housing for the village.

HI RODNEY
— at —
F.S.U.
Thanks For What You Do!

As this selection of news stories show, business in Pigeon is alive and on the GROW again!
There is no more versatile town around where the friendly people who wait on you are the owners and managers, where good quality merchandise is backed by conscientious stores -- and where you always park free!
Come grow with us. For shopping information, call the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce at 453-3113, and for business facts, contact the Pigeon Economic Development Corporation at 453-3231. You'll be glad you did!

General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
June 30, 1987 and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| Cash on hand in bank | \$442,326 | \$699,266 |
| Account Receivable | 5,941 | 3,041 |
| Taxes Receivable | 127,779 | 6,608 |
| Interest Receivable | 1,094 | 2,117 |
| Bus Costs-Net of Amortization | 37,431 | 61,037 |
| Inventory--Supplies | 1,861 | 6,748 |
| Due from Debt Retirement | 41 | 20 |
| Due from School Lunch Program | -0- | 6 |
| Deferred Expenditures | 9,084 | 4,886 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$625,557 | \$783,729 |

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | 4,823 | 12,065 |
| Note Payable Buses | 47,018 | 68,229 |
| Salaries Payable | 65,681 | 75,769 |
| Payroll Deductions | 787 | 67 |
| Deferred Revenue-Title I | 1 | 1 |
| Total Liabilities | 118,310 | 156,131 |
| Fund Balance | 507,247 | 627,598 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | \$625,557 | \$783,729 |

General Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Years Ended June 30, 1987 and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| REVENUES: | | |
| Local | \$1,088,971 | \$1,133,358 |
| State | 10,697 | 6,660 |
| Federal | 14,530 | 16,403 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$1,114,198 | \$1,156,421 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Instruction | \$ 559,837 | \$ 598,512 |
| Support Services | 369,512 | 373,317 |
| Capital Outlay | 20,786 | 19,021 |
| School Services Funds & Other Transactions | 39,364 | 45,220 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 989,499 | \$1,036,070 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES | \$124,699 | \$120,351 |
| FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR | 382,548 | 507,247 |
| FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR | \$507,247 | \$627,598 |

Debt Retirement Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
June 30, 1987 and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| Cash | \$ 0 | \$ 9,034 |
| Investments | 26,428 | 18,891 |
| TOTAL ASSETS: | \$ 26,428 | \$ 27,925 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE: | | |
| Accrued Accounts Payable | \$ 1,448 | \$ 1,333 |
| Due to General Fund | 41 | 20 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$ 1,489 | \$ 1,353 |
| FUND BALANCE | 24,939 | 26,572 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | \$ 26,428 | \$ 27,925 |

Athletic Activities Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 1987 and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES: | | |
| Local | \$ 8,584 | \$ 8,846 |
| Incoming Transfers | 22,158 | 26,729 |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | \$ 30,742 | \$ 35,575 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Employee Salaries | \$ 18,025 | \$ 20,656 |
| Employee Benefits | 901 | 1,089 |
| Officials | 5,452 | 5,173 |
| Other Expenditures | 6,364 | 8,657 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 30,742 | \$ 35,575 |
| EXCESS REVENUES | -0- | -0- |
| FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR | -0- | -0- |

Trust and Agency Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
June 30, 1987 and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| Cash | \$ 27,319 | \$ 32,876 |
| Liabilities | -0- | -0- |
| FUND BALANCE | \$ 27,319 | \$ 32,876 |

Trust and Agency Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 1987 and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES: | | |
| Student Activity | \$ 42,269 | \$ 47,153 |
| Incoming Transfers | 1,950 | 3,700 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 44,219 | 50,853 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 45,211 | 45,297 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES | (992) | 5,556 |
| FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR | 28,311 | 27,319 |
| FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR | \$ 27,319 | \$ 32,875 |

Long Term Debt
Group of Accounts
June 30, 1987 and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| RESOURCES TO LIQUIDATE LONG TERM DEBT | | |
| Amounts available in debt retirement funds | \$ 24,939 | \$ 26,572 |
| Amounts to be provided in debt funds | 275,061 | 246,428 |
| Amounts to be provided for equipment notes | 15,000 | -0- |
| TOTAL RESOURCES TO LIQUIDATE LONG TERM DEBT | \$ 315,000 | \$ 275,000 |

General Statement

Caseville Public School is in a financially stable condition. The school district operated in the black this year and ended with an improved fund equity. This fund equity is used to defray operational costs from July to December, thus eliminating the need to borrow funds. The tax levy approved by the voters of the school district for 1987-88 was 18.25 mills for general operation. The Board voted to levy 17.7669 mills for operation and .69 mills for the 1974 debt. During the 1987-88 school year, emphasis was placed on excellence in the academic programs, as the district was again recognized by the State of Michigan for higher MEAP scores. In 1988-89, the curriculum thrust will continue.

Each year, the Board of Education provides funds in an effort to maintain your school in good condition. Our buildings were inspected for asbestos, which was found on our pipe wrappings in the pre-1975 buildings. Our efforts will be to service the asbestos in the immediate future.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Stahl

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Superintendent of Schools

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|--|---------------|
| Value of Equipment | \$240,785 |
| Number of Buildings | 1 |
| Number of Classrooms | 18 |
| Number of Fulltime Resident Pupils | 262 |
| No. of Fulltime Non-Resident Pupils | 2 |
| Teachers Salaries: BA/BS MA/MS | |
| Minimum | 17,396 18,594 |
| Maximum | 27,561 29,711 |
| Total Funds Spent for Salaries of Classroom Teachers | \$463,749 |
| Number of Fulltime Equated Classroom Teachers | 19 |
| Ratio of Pupils to Employees Holding Valid Michigan Teacher Certificates | 14 to 1 |

Debt Retirement Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 1987 and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES: | | |
| Local | \$ 43,980 | \$ 42,215 |
| Investments | 1,116 | 1,742 |
| TOTAL REVENUE: | \$ 45,076 | \$ 43,957 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Bond Principal | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Interest on Bonds | 18,710 | 17,260 |
| Fees | 74 | 64 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 43,784 | \$ 42,324 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES | \$ 1,292 | \$ 1,633 |
| FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR | 23,647 | 24,939 |
| FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR | \$ 24,939 | \$ 26,572 |

School Lunch Program
Comparative Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended June 30, 1987, and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| Cash | \$ 3,942 | \$ 1,812 |
| Accounts Receivable | 55 | -0- |
| Inventory | 1,090 | 1,168 |
| TOTAL ASSETS: | \$ 5,087 | \$ 2,981 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 89 | \$ 6 |
| Fund Balance | 4,998 | 2,975 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | \$ 5,087 | \$ 2,981 |

School Lunch Program
Comparative Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 1987 and 1988

| | 1987 | 1988 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES: | | |
| Local | \$ 20,841 | \$ 19,633 |
| Federal | 15,615 | 15,160 |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | \$ 36,456 | \$ 34,793 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Salaries-Employees | \$ 14,086 | \$ 15,027 |
| Fringe Benefits Employees | 1,709 | 1,970 |
| Food for Resale | 16,008 | 16,394 |
| Miscellaneous | 5,821 | 3,190 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 37,624 | \$ 36,581 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIT) OVER REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES | \$ (1,168) | \$ (1,788) |
| PRIOR PERIOD EXPENDITURES | -0- | (234) |
| FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR | 6,165 | 4,997 |
| FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR | \$ 4,997 | \$ 2,975 |