New plant could bring 15 manufacturing jobs to Pigeon

Up to 15 new jobs may be created in the new Axis Machining division of Huron Casting, Inc., which was awarded a $600,000 property tax cut for 12 years by the Pigeon Village Council Nov. 14.

Huron Casting owners — managers Leroy Wurst, DeVere Sturm and Gary Bensdorff — said the new firm will machine parts for a new plant site to be eligible, Light said. HELP WANTED: The new company is now looking for a supervisory/manager person.

Council member Cliff Pobanz said he hoped local people would be considered for employment.

"People here are looking for jobs, yet some [Huron Casting] workers come in from Harbor Beach or other towns," Wurst said owners can't require where workers live, but Sturm noted Huron Casting hires summer workers regularly and as many local people as possible.

EXCEEDS GUIDELINES: Council members expressed concern that about 30% of Pigeon's total equalized value is under tax abatement, meaning the village gets only 50% of what the normal property taxes would be.

Huron Casting has nine of the 15 tax cuts approved since 1977, but Council members noted some or all of the 15 projects may not have been started without the tax relief. "We've added many jobs here," Village PLEASE TURN TO PG. 3

Hot soup on a cold day

DELICIOUS BEAN SOUP: Scott Meyerskock, left, and Village President Dave Geiger had a warm job on a cold day Saturday, as they dished up the hot bean soup offered free to shoppers in Pigeon by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. There will be free bean soup this Saturday and every Saturday, now until the $5,000 grand drawing Saturday, Dec. 17.

Lots of winners on a rainy Saturday afternoon

Plenty of rains came Saturday afternoon, but they brought along more than two dozen winners in Pigeon's second weekly drawing to win $5,000 in shopping cash for Christmas, 1986.

Barbara Maxwell of Pigeon will be back Saturday, Dec. 17 as one of five finalists for the $5,000 prize. She and Jackie Dast of Pigeon were the two winners whose keys opened padlocks at the 4 p.m. drawing. Ms. Dast chose the "surprise box" prize instead of a chance at $5,000 — and won a $200 microwave oven purchased from Elman's Our Own Hardware.

Mrs. Maxwell's ticket came from Ott's Drug Store, while Ms. Dast's was from Pigeon IGA Foodliner.

The other eight finalists — who each won $10 in shopping cash — are Jean Rathbun (Lauren's Pharmacy), Mary Orth (Elman's Hardware), Kathy Plessner (Pigeon IGA). PLEASE TURN TO PG. 23

Community Christmas Bazaar this Saturday

Area residents are invited to spend Saturday, Dec. 5, browsing and shopping at the eighth annual Community Christmas Bazaar at the Laker High School gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Featured at this year's bazaar will be crafts, baked goods, candies, quilt raffles and jewelry. A luncheon will be served at 12 noon in the auditorium when handmade soups, sandwiches, pies and cakes will be offered. Take-outs are also available.

Door prizes and free drawings will take place several times during the day. The sponsoring organization is the First United Methodist Women of Pigeon.

Participating groups, all non-profit, include: First United Methodist Church, Bad Axe Boys Scouts of Caseville, Huron Audubon Society, Bad Axe Catholic Study Group, Methodist, American Cancer Society, Bay Port RUDS Church, Elton Wesleyan Church, Sweet Adelines, St. Paul's of Linwood and Hayes United Methodist.

Also displaying and selling are the Pigeon Cub Scout Troop, Crafter's Club, Church of the Covenant, Pigeon Exchange Club, St. Mary's School, St. John's Episcopal Church, St. John's School and Trinity of Case City.
Boy Scouts fill needy pantries

Boy Scouts of America's Council of Virginia and Boy Scouts Troop 349 want to thank the people of Caseville and its surrounding areas for their support. The Boy Scouts of America asked all people and groups across the nation to take part in the "Feeding a Needier You" program. The funds collected will be used to help those in need.

According to Caseville Mayor Sandy Hasenbusch, "The program was organized to help our community and to encourage people to give back to those in need." The program is open to all those who wish to contribute, regardless of age or background.

Habitats for Humanity are the main beneficiaries of the program. "The funds collected will be used to help build homes for families in need," Hasenbusch said.

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Christmas is not just a time of joy and giving, but also a time to remember those in need. The Boy Scouts of America and Caseville are proud to be a part of this community effort to help those in need.

 Lots to do in Elkton this Sunday during Open House!

It may not be Dec. 25 according to the calendar, but it will look like Christmas in Elkton this Sunday, Dec. 4 when "The Town With A Smile" hosts its popular holiday event, Elkton's Christmas Open House from 1 to 4 p.m.

Elkton is expecting record crowds to shop, visit Santa (and hopefully) win one of the dozen prizes offered by Elkton merchants. Four lucky winners will take home a "fatter wallet": three people will win $100 in Elkton Smiling Bucks and a fourth winner will pocket a $100 Savings Bond.

Lucky winners might include kids, too. Santa will be giving away tickets all afternoon for a lucky boy and girl who will win brand new bicycles. Candy will also be abundant supply as Santa plans to distribute enough "sweet stuff" for over 500 children. Children can sit on Santa's lap and tell them their Christmas wishes at Santa's House located in downtown Elkton, from 1 to 4 p.m. For hungry Elkton visitors, hearty bean soup, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be available throughout town.

Browser's are also encouraged to visit the Village Hall, where an Arts and Crafts Show will be on display. Elkton plans to roll out its holiday red carpet this Sunday and Chamber President Phyllis Podlaskowski invites all area residents from near and far to enjoy the friendliness and good shopping town of Elkton, "The Town With A Smile."
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**Weather-wise**

My Dad was great at predicting the weather. Long before John McGinnis, Muddy Waters and Mike Flaherty appeared on the scene, my Dad had already begun to do so. He was a daily avid hunter of observing and recording weather conditions. He was, in fact, a noted amateur meteorologist. In his spare time, he would sit on the back porch of his home, studying the clouds and the patterns they formed. He would then predict what the weather would be like the next day, and it usually turned out to be accurate.

**Pigwenn**

By Duane Guenthner

**Library Corner**

Preschool Story Hour

Come and join us for Preschool Story Hour on the first Tuesday of each month. The stories are selected from the children's section of the library. Join us for fun and games as we read and interact with the stories. This is a great way to meet new friends and have fun. The next Preschool Story Hour will be on Tuesday, December 1st.

**QWERTY**

A quick way to learn about our library is to visit our Facebook page. We post updates on new books, events, and other important information. Follow us today to stay informed!

### Pigeon District Library

**Our Library**

Come and join us for our monthly Pigeon District Library Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend.

**Branch**

Our branch is located at 123 Main Street, Pigeon, IN 46773. We are open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM. For more information, please call (555) 123-4567.

### Tis The Season To Shop In Elkton

The stores and shops in Elkton are ready to help make this a Christmas you'll remember for years. Visit Elkton, and you'll be able to visit with Santa, take part in Open Houses at many of our stores, and enjoy our annual, town-wide Elkton Chamber of Commerce Open House. Visit Elkton this Christmas Season! From the staff and management at Active Industries, we wish our employees and friends the very happiest of holidays this year!

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### Outdoor Report

The fall season is here, and we are seeing some beautiful colors in the trees. For example, the leaves on the oaks are turning shades of orange and red. This is a great time to go outside and enjoy the beauty of nature.

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### Registrations due for porkout to Warsaw, Ind.

The Pork Power, 6974 Main St. (M-25)
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### Registration deadline for porkout is December 31.

All participants must register by December 31. For more information, please call 856-2745.

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