

As We See It...EDITORIAL

## Truly a lasting Reagan legacy

The man's young daughter was trying to comprehend this whole concept of the country's presidency, and how power is transferred from the old president to the new one.

"Who was president before President Reagan?" the seven-year-old daughter asked inquisitively. Thinking for a moment, the father realized the little girl had lived her entire life under the presidency of this one leader. All other presidents were "the old days" to her.

Then the father realized how the country itself has been under the rule and the definite direction of this one man, Ronald Reagan, during the entire 1980s decade. Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon and the other had all come before, and represented vastly different times. It's a mood, a feeling -- but a real attitude which the U.S. has felt since 1980, thanks to the amazing leadership of the former actor turned president.

Ronald Reagan has survived two assassination attacks, several major surgeries, a multitude of questionable business or personal episodes. He leaves office as popular as when he came to power, or perhaps more so. The "Teflon President" -- who somehow has deflected the brunt of shame, anger and hostility which so greatly weakens every national leader -- is certainly an exception. A great exception.

Scolars are already pointing out how President Reagan will be remembered historically. These experts say he'll be remembered as an

"average" president, one who was better in person or on camera than he actually functioned in office.

That's not true.

In coming months, and in future years, the Reagan era will be remembered as a time of prosperity and good feelings, a time when we saw fighting stop in the Iran-Iraq war, in Afghanistan and even in Central America. The Reagan years are times we built huge armies, navies and air forces -- yet when we became more friendly with the Soviet Union than at any time in the past 40 years. Even the jamming of Radio Free Europe has ended.

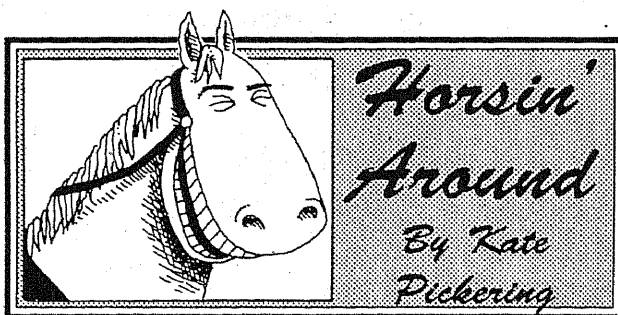
The Reagan era might indeed be a better show or presentation than it is a successful reality. But this man, this showman, this actor, played his part so convincingly that we as a nation are PROUD of our land again. We find glamor, pomp and power in the presidency. No one burned flags or openly resisted authority during this decade. They felt GOOD about their county, and themselves.

What a legacy to leave behind!

President Reagan certainly has had his faults. The deficits he's encouraged during these years of military spending will be with us for decades to come, if not forever. The average-to-poor-quality of advisors he relied on is unfortunate. Even astrologers had their say in the Reagan White House.

But through it all, our president was indeed PRESIDENTIAL. He led us when times were bad, and he pushed us through promising better days ahead... with no new taxes. These will be memorable years, and President Bush has a tremendous task ahead, just to keep these feelings alive and intact.

President Reagan's legacy is a tough act to follow, and a new course awaits us in 1989 and beyond.



Poor Tex...

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR again when simple errands like taking a letter to the mailbox, or going out to lunch turn into major tasks. You have to suit up like an Olympic ski champion heading for a day on the slopes just to walk the dog! After several weeks of this, a few weary-but-foolhardy types will try to dash out with a jacket or just a heavy sweater, but once outside, these people can be seen moving at speeds that leave onlookers suspicious of metabolic steroid usage! However, for those of us who are natives of the icy north, we adjust, adapt and live through it, year after year.

But imagine, if you will, being born and raised in Dallas, Texas, living there through your entire youth and young adulthood. Suddenly, when you're now middle-aged, accustomed to the climate of the sunny south and set in your ways, someone loads you in a trailer and hauls you to Huron County Michigan. You have no say in the matter, you're not allowed to bring any of your things, and you'll never again see your friends or family, or your home of nine years. That's right, nine years. That's how long my Texas born and bred Quarterhorse lived on the J. W. Beaver Cattle Ranch located just north of Dallas before he was hauled to an auction in Ada, Oklahoma, purchased by a Huron County area horseman and shipped to Harbor Beach last April.

I first saw "Tex" one mild Saturday afternoon in the spring, when my friend Kathy invited me to go for a drive to check out this newly arrived shipment of cutting horses. I had intended to go *only* as a curious onlooker, but spotted the big sorrel gelding stabled at the end of the barn, and fell in love. A voice behind me said, "Want to ride him?"

Well, that's all it took. Two weeks later Tex was behind our pasture fence, adjusting quite nicely to his new surroundings and stablemates. I had mentioned to a few "horsey" friends that I was worried about what Tex might think of a Michigan winter. They all assured me that he wouldn't know the difference, that nature would intercede and help him adapt.

Physically - yes. Mentally? Are any of us ever mentally prepared for winter? POOR TEX!

## Our readers write...

Carl Dast recalls barns and other Quarry memories

DEAR EDITOR:

I read your article on barns. Strange, I have for the past six months been taking pictures of old buildings from Saginaw to Grindstone City. Must take some more.

In 1920 when my father was the farm boss for the Quarry farms, we had nine barns, cattle sheds, grainerys and all other farm buildings.

We had a building that housed only salt, another for harness repair, as we had 43 horses at one time. Anyway, Mr. Wallace being a very proud man, he always kept his buildings well-painted and in good repair.

The paint he used was red or white lead mixed with boiled linseed oil, red for barns, white for the 26 homes at the Quarry plus four farm houses plus a four-family apartment.

Every year he some some one painting buildings. One such man was Walter Wine-man's father from Sebawaing and I cannot remember his first name but he had a gray blind horse pulling a one horse wagon. One year they came to paint

the Crawford farm buildings where we lived. A farm of that time (or most of them) always had room for an extra man or two. Mr. Wineman had two young boys with him that year and they said they would stay with us.

The first night they went up to bed, something on the bed broke and spilled the boys on the floor -- so then they went out and slept in the barn until the job was done!

Many years later Dr. Scheurer was telling me about the time he and some other kid was working for Mr. Wine-man painting barns for the Quarry and the place where they stayed and the bed broke down.

Now the strange thing: every barn that Mr. Wallace kept painted rotted and fell long before those that were never painted at all.

From Caseville Road west on Berne Road are still some unpainted barns still standing pretty straight. So Dr. Scheurer took his first tumble at our place!

SINCERELY,  
CARL DAST

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RECOLLECTIONS  
Of By-Gone Days  
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

Some time ago several of us were sitting around the table in the Dutch Kettle shooting the breeze when Dale Wertz asked me if I never done anything wrong.

Well, I thought a little and I said that when I went to school the teacher had a rubber hose in her desk and I knew it stung. But my feet used to keep my head from getting hurt!

I don't know why but boys used to fight quite a bit in school those days. We weren't supposed to fight on the school grounds so we'd go to the lot next to the school, where the home that Ken Dietzel now is, in Pigeon.

If you were just standing watching, the high school boys used to knock our heads together and start a fight.

But if I could run, I got out of there. I could out-run pretty near anybody and I'd take off.

One time I and another boy were up town and a fellow started to chase us and we ran into John Diebel's hardware store.

The boy didn't follow us but sat on the steps to wait till we came out. So we asked John if we could go out the back way. We walked around behind in the alley to where the ST & H oil station was and yelled at the fellow who was waiting on the store steps.

He took after us but we had too big a start on him and we got away from him. But I had to watch myself for a couple of days.

Then once a guy was chasing me and right where the bank now is, there was a water puddle on the sidewalk and I splashed some water over a woman's legs.

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Caseville School in the News!  
By CHARLOTTE BIERI and KARI NEVIN

ACADEMIC TRACK: The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will be preparing for their academic track season. Caseville will have two meets, one at North Huron on March 7, the other with Harbor Beach at Caseville on March 21.

The students participate in many different categories such as biology, ancient history, and potpourri.

Once the testing has been completed, students will then participate in performing categories such as instrumental solos, boys' and girls' trio, and instrumental band.

MID-TERM EXAMS: The CHS students are preparing for their mid-term exams on Jan. 19 and 20. Third, fourth, and fifth hour exams will be taken Jan. 19, and first, second, and third hour exams will be taken on Jan. 20.

Jim Steinman states, "I'll start studying the night before exams," and senior Krista Kolgin says, "I've already begun to prepare for my mid-term exams."

VOLLEYBALL: Varsity Volleyball lost to Deckerville Jan. 12. In game one, CHS defeated Deckerville 16-14.

Charlotte Beiri led scoring with seven service points. Game 2 was also taken CHS, 15-7. Bieri once again led serves with seven.

In the third game, CHS lost 3-15. Kim Bailey had two points. Defeated for the second time, CHS's 10 serves were made by Kim Bailey, Teri Cassada and Charlotte Bieri.

In the final game, Deckerville took the match 15-3. Renee Simpson was the leading scorer with three service points.

The JV team lost to Deckerville two out of three. Scores were 15-7 Deckerville, 15-3 Deckerville and 10-15 Caseville. Kim Pittenger was the leading server with nine points.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Varsity boys traveled to Port Hope Tuesday, where they were defeated 84-50. Leading scorer was junior Colby Cottick with 12 points and Senior Jeremy Steinman had eleven.

The JV team won against Port Hope 37-33. Leading scorers were junior Dale Delmotte and Sophomore Jeff Brunni with 17 points each.

Charlotte Beiri led scoring

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FIVE GENERATIONS! Five generations descended from Paul Strauch recently celebrated Christmas together. In the front is Great-Great-Grandfather Paul Strauch of Owendale, and Great-Great Grandson Michael Hnatuik IV of Grand Haven.

Standing in the rear is Granddaughter Gayle Hnatuik of Auburn, Great Grandson Michael Hnatuik III of Grand Haven, and Daughter Dorothy Gettel of Bad Axe.

Mr. Strauch recently celebrated his 90th birthday on Jan. 7 at a party hosted by his daughter in Bad Axe, with whom he now resides. PHOTO FURNISHED

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**90 YEARS AGO**  
JAN. 27, 1899

The stone for the new German M.E. Church is being hauled from the Bay Port Quarry.

A box social was held at the Bay Port lumber camps last evening under the auspices of the Epworth League. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Some of our young people took in the KOTM Installation and Dance at Canboro.

The Hotel Hannah at Sebawaing is now lighted by electricity.

William Steadman, living three miles north of Pigeon, sold 19 head of cattle this week for \$590.

vest, getting ready for the coming summer months.

Fred Hutchinson of Owendale has purchased an auto. This is the first machine to be owned in the village.

Henry Rohr is the new proprietor of the Hotel Heasty at Pigeon, replacing Mr. Moore who went to Saginaw.

A load of friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Hilyer drove to their place near Bay Port for a surprise farewell. A fine oak rocker was presented by the brother Maccabees. The Hilyers are moving to a farm just west of Unionville.

**70 YEARS AGO**  
JAN. 24, 1919

A bill is to be introduced in the state legislature requiring all vehicles traveling on the public highways at night to display lights. The bill will be supported by Gov. Sleeper. This should prevent

accidents when automobiles suddenly encounter horse-drawn vehicles.

Those working at the Red Cross rooms this week are Mrs. Wes Thiel, Mrs. Albert Kleinschmidt, Mrs. Ernest Paul, Mrs. Win Gregory, Mrs. J.E. Wurm, Mrs. B.D. Eddy and Mrs. Chas. Maier.

New officers of Elkton Lodge F & A.M. are B.R. Sudman, H.C. Wales, Charles McDonald, Bert Libkumming, J.Z. Hoffman, N. McPhail, Ed Hoffman and C.L. Morse.

Rev. Fred Matthews, pastor of English Methodist Church, Pigeon, was in Detroit and obtained a stereopticon to be used in the revival meetings.

C.E. Hirschberger sold his farm to David Rothfuss and has purchased a farm in Iowa.

**60 YEARS AGO**  
JAN. 25, 1929

Mrs. E.W. Issacson, 39, died at her home in Pigeon. She is survived by her husband and three daughters.

At the annual meeting of Pigeon Community Club, these directors were elected: J.N. Spence, Harry Leslie, Edgar Edighofer, Edward Woodward, W.H. Kramp and Herb Haist.

Mrs. Harry Weeks, 36, former Fair Haven resident, passed away at her home in Caro, leaving her husband and six children.

Farmers and their families will hold a big meeting at the Hayes Church Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. Subjects include "New Use of Farm Machinery" and "New Dairy Opportunities." A potluck meal will be served at 12 noon.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
JAN. 27, 1939

George H. Anklam, 48, formerly of Pigeon, died at his home in Tucson, Ariz. His wife, a brother and three sisters survive. He was postmaster in Pigeon for eight years and a veteran of the World War.

The home of Arthur Tibbits of Caseville Township was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning.

Bert Watterworth of Chandler was in Lansing for the banquet given by the board of supervisors in the Olds Hotel in honor of Howard Nugent, speaker of the House of Representatives.

Charles F. Sturm and son Don, Leo Sturm, Omar Swartzendruber, Ralph Hartman and Etril Koch attended a dinner for Chevrolet men at Frankenmuth.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
JAN. 28, 1949

Gerald Elenbaum took the State Bean Championship award at Farmers' Week at Michigan State College. Second prize in open competition went to Herb Gettel and Sons. Clare Finkbeiner won the state 4-H bean championship. They are all of Pigeon.

An automatic windrower and loader machine, built by William H. Bergman of Pigeon, is on display this week at Farmers' Week.

New officers of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Linkville are William Heck, Herbert Schweitzer, Charles Edler, George Thaut and Arthur Gettel.

A number of Pigeon folks are now in Florida, including Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dietzel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shetler, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Sol Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Swartzendruber and daughter Frieda, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gunden and son Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Roth and sons. They all attended a Michigan picnic at Sarasota on Christmas Day.

The new Cross Lutheran School will be dedicated in services on Sunday, according to Pastor E.G. Richter. Theo Heine was in charge of construction and members of the building committee are Godfrey Diener, Herman Buchholz, August Koehler, Albert Schuette, Otto Schulze and Mr. Heine.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
JAN. 22, 1959

Arnold J. Schumacher, 51, Port Austin banker, died at his home. Surviving are his widow, a son and daughter, his mother, Mrs. William Schumacher of Pigeon, three sisters and a brother.

Pigeon's 1959 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Judy Sharon Blakely.

Fire destroyed a large barn and its contents on the Fred Zabell farm near Pigeon early Tuesday morning with damage estimated at \$10,000.

Pigeon firemen collected \$1,250 in their annual March

of Dimes fund drive, it was announced by James Schumacher, local fund chairman.

John Sticken, 77, Owendale farmer, died at Hubbard Hospital in Bad Axe. He is survived by two daughters and two sons.

William A. Schluchter, 73, died at his home in Pigeon. He leaves his wife and a daughter.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
JAN. 23, 1969

An open house is planned for Jan. 26 to honor Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McArdle, Sr., of Pigeon, on their 50th wedding anniversary. They have 10 children.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Henne were honored by their children and families Jan. 19 for their golden wedding anniversary. They have four daughters and two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Flores of Pigeon observed their 45th wedding anniversary with a family dinner Sunday. They have four sons and six daughters.

Winners in the Pigeon, Elkton and Bay Port area Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby were Brian Whelihan, Dave Miller and Mike Yoder.

New officers of the Pigeon Local of the Michigan Milk Producers Association are Robert Baur, Harold Weidman and Ervin Buchholz. Delegates are Dale Wertz and

Roy Ebert. They were chosen at the annual meeting at First United Methodist Church, Pigeon.

Winners in the 1968 corn growers contest sponsored by the Cooperative Elevator Company of Pigeon are Wayne and Keith Sturm, Gerald Elenbaum, Edward Stoeckle, Arliss Kraft and John Eichler. Ted Leiprandt, Jr. was contest supervisor. The annual awards dinner was held at First United Methodist Church, Pigeon.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
JAN. 25, 1979

Three Laker High students have art work on display at Hampton Square Mall in the 1979 Scholastic Art Awards Competition: Connie Gilbert, Cindy Andrus and Kurt Laursen.

The Joe Maust family of Pigeon has purchased controlling interest in the Akron State Bank.

Rev. Terry Claus delivers his farewell sermon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Caseville and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Linkville, following his acceptance of a call to Faith Lutheran Church, Highland.

Advertised specials at Pigeon IGA store include McDonald's 2% milk, half gallon 77 cents, Hills Bros. 1 lb. can coffee \$2.39, Banquet Pot Pies, 4/\$1.00.

**Pigeon news briefs**

Spending Sunday and Monday in Sterling Heights with their son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke, Panalia, Kristine, and Mark were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke.

On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Ella Ziel with Mrs. Elsie Kern visited with Mr. and Mrs.

Otto Schulz in Owendale and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bolzman in Sebawaing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schulz spent several days in Lincoln Park. On Wednesday, they attended the funeral of her nephew Richard Woolley, Jr. who died on Sunday.

**Engagements**



**Fluegge - Mackezyk**

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fluegge of Elkton and Mrs. Arnold Mackezyk of Ruth are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Rhoda Marie to Terry Nathan.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port High School and is currently attending Central Michigan University, pursuing a career in Business Education.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Ubyly High School and is employed at Elctive Industries, Inc., of Elkton.

An Aug. 5, 1989 wedding is being planned.

**Jarson - Stein**

Mrs. Joyce Jarson, Midland, and Mr. Jack Jarson of Alabama wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Teresa Joan Jarson to Airman Apprentice Jerold William Stein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stein of Pigeon.

The bride-elect is currently employed at Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe. Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Great Lakes Naval Academy and is now stationed at NAS Memphis, Millington, Tennessee. He is presently taking advanced courses for aviation structural mechanics.

They have chosen a March 4, 1989 wedding date.



**Reilly - Lemanski**

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Reilly, Port Austin, proudly announced the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Marie, to Thomas Michael Lemanski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lemanski of Harbor Beach. An August 1989 wedding is being planned.

**Buerker - Eftman**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buerker, Pigeon, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janis, to Dave Eftman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Eftman of Pigeon.

The couple is planning a 1989 wedding.

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Continuation of Appointive Officers:  
Section 15.7  
Except as otherwise provided herein, after the effective date of this Charter, all appointive officers and all employees of the Village shall continue in Village office or employment which they held in the Village prior to the effective date of this Charter, and they shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of this Charter.

Boards and Commissions:  
Section 15.8  
The present Boards and Commissions now established shall continue under the terms of the ordinance establishing them. The Terms of office of the members of such Board and Commissions shall continue as established, and they shall continue in office until their successors are appointed in accordance with the terms of office established in the ordinance creating such Boards and Commissions.  
Resolution of Adoption:

Section 15.9  
At a regular meeting of the Charter Commission of the Village of Caseville, held on the 26th day of July, 1988, the following resolution was offered by Frederick Fortsch:

Resolved: That the Charter Commission of the Village of Caseville does hereby adopt the foregoing proposed revised Charter of the Village of Caseville, and the Clerk of this Commission is directed as follows:

- To transmit a copy of this Charter to the Governor of the State for his approval in accordance with statute.
- To file forthwith with the Village Clerk a copy of this Charter.
- To cause this proposed charter to be published in one of the newspapers circulated within the Village, on or before January 31, 1989.

The resolution was seconded by Michael J. Quinn, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Frederick Fortsch, Michael J. Quinn, Robert D. Quinn and Melvin P. Dutcher.

Nays: None.

Absent: James Ballard who has resigned and not been replaced.

The Chairman declared the foregoing resolution carried and requested the members of the Charter Commission to authenticate said resolution and also the copies of the Charter to be presented to the Governor, and filed with the Village Clerk by attesting their names hereto:

s/ Robert D. Quinn  
Robert D. Quinn

s/ Frederick Fortsch  
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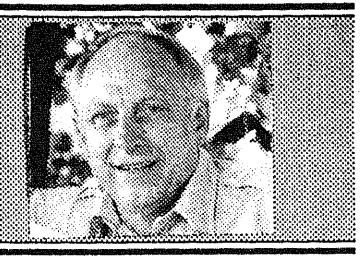
s/ Michael J. Quinn  
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s/ Melvin P. Dutcher  
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All of the above Commissioners having attested as to said resolution and also having attested the copies to be signed by the Governor and filed with the Village Clerk, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

# Woods & Waters

By Duane Guenther



## Winter camps

Winter camping can be fun. Given all the modern conveniences available to insulate us from the snow and cold, the experience can be downright enjoyable. However, if you're a hopeless romantic like myself and long to return to a type of life 200 years in the past, winter camping takes on a totally different meaning. Each year I try to spend some time in the woods living as my forefathers did. Most often it is during a muzzleloading event scheduled at the shooting club to which I belong. While enjoyable, these weekends are simply not "primitive" enough for me. So to augment my needs, I simply disappear into the woods for a period of time and play out my fantasies. This is not much of a problem during the summer months, but in winter it is a different matter.

Another problem is whether to go 100% authentic or cheat a little. The latter is very easy to do, and many of the national campouts maintain that you're primitive as long as modern conveniences are out of sight...

This means that you could wear miracle fabrics under your buckskins, or sleep on a foam pad as long as it was hidden inside a period blanket. While my body tells me this is the way to go, and on many of the shoots I do camp in this fashion, more and more I long to try it a few times as it was back then. My latest trek took place in a small woods nearby. I approached the dense grove of cedars where I would make my camp with an anticipation unequalled by Daniel Boone or Simon Kenton. I was dressed as "period" as I could get, and carried nothing that was manufactured after 1800. In reality, all my trappings were of modern construction, but any of them could have been found prior to 1750.

I wore no underwear beneath my tight-fitting buckskin trousers, although they were covered with wool leggings on the outside to help ward off the cold. Over my nightshirt of unbleached muslin, I wore a heavier linen shirt and this was topped with a linen hunting frock. My moccasins were stuffed with leaves and thistle down stolen from a mouse nest found in my wood pile. My outer garment was a heavy blanket coat made in the style worn during the Revolutionary War. On my head was a Liberty Cap of wool knit and my only gloves were the extra long sleeves of my blanket coat.

## Outdoors in the Thumb

Ice fishing was slow during the past week. Several days of warm weather, coupled with the strong winds of last weekend, shifted the ice around quite a bit and made most angling days a touch and go business. Nice perch were reported from the north shore of Sand Point, but the ice was jumbled and dangerous to fish. Mud Creek still had open water but some fishermen reported fair catches during the week. Off Sebewaing, fishermen were taking some nice stringers of 8-inch perch. Perch are starting to vacate the shallow water and moving offshore, and with the bad ice, it makes fishing all the more frustrating.

If you picked up the January issue of Michigan Natural Resources Magazine and checked the pictures real close you would have caught the names of a couple local photographers. On the back cover is a photo of a cottontail rabbit building a nest by Roger H. Elliott of Port Austin while the inside cover is a lakeshore shot by Erlind Nordstrom of Caro.

If you're interested in sled dog racing you will have a chance to see them close up at Delta Community College next Saturday. A sled dog race sponsored by the Mid-Union Sled Haulers, or MUSH, featuring 7 to 10 dog teams from 5 states as well as Michigan will compete in the 2-day event.

The race will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 21 and conclude on Sunday, January 22.

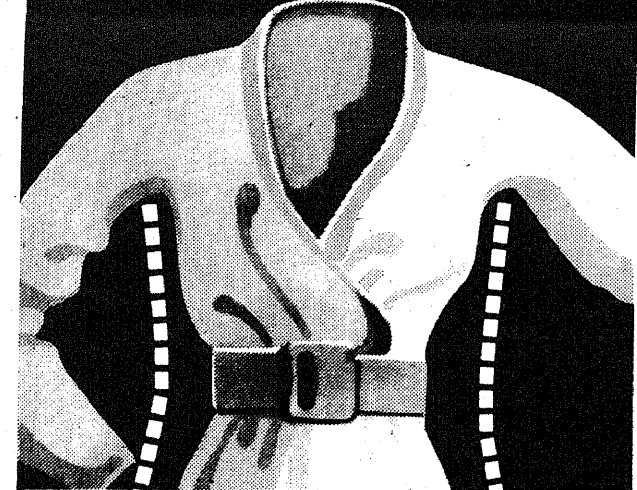
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With all of the SERIOUS injuries and fatalities caused by auto accidents in Huron and Tuscola Counties lately, I hope EVERYONE is buckling up their seat belt before taking off. Parents especially remember to buckle up children. They might not like it and you may not like to wear a seatbelt, but it could SAVE YOUR LIFE. Don't you have something to live for that's worth two seconds to buckle up?

It's about time someone fixes the water hole near Foster Drive on M-25 east of Caseville. This is very hazardous and dangerous, especially to unexpected drivers who have almost been involved in serious accidents because of it. We don't want just a few flashers, we want the problem eliminated completely. Thank you to the Sandpiper Restaurant, for a really nice Christmas party atmosphere. We enjoyed it! Signed, Friends.

I agree about this 50% pay hike for elected leaders in Washington. That's too much money! People doing government work should do so to serve our country. I think the Caseville airport and the oncoming sewage plant should be located at the Caseville Beach. Both plans stink, as well as the beach. I really wish Lakers would get a new P-A announcer or change the system. Most of the time you can't hear it at all. Years ago, you could hear messages real clearly. Some people are fortunate to have their family home during the holidays. Due to working conditions, the only time our family can come home to celebrate the holidays is New Year's. They enjoy seeing all the beautiful lights and tree decorations. At least it's still within the holy season and by Epiphany. Thank you.



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I enjoyed the stories about "what I'd like to see during 1989." What I'd like to see is a catering service such as what was previously offered by the Lamplighter. Thank you.

I don't think WLEW should have moved their radio station to 102.1. It interferes with the Saginaw station that many people listen to in this area. I think it will cause problems in the future. Thank you.

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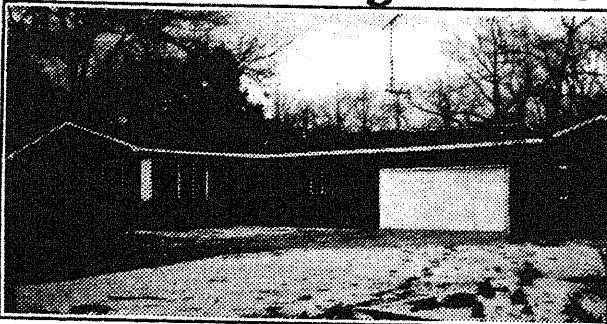
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## Thumb youth center

FROM FRONT PAGE

offered the rent-free use of the warehouse behind their Elkton business, to help get a center off the ground. They admit it needs some work, but said this first step could lead to something bigger and better later.

Organizations offering grants look much more favorably on an idea that is already in existence and has made a start, Willoughby said.

**HELP OUT:** He called on the audience to volunteer anything they can -- time, money or expertise. He said financial knowledge, such as making budgets, is needed, along with volunteers willing to paint, sweep, make repairs or counsel kids.

"One small community can't get all this done. That's the toughest hurdle. We need to tap all resources.

"There's lots of talent out there, and we need people with specific talents," Willoughby said. "This would not be just for Elkton kids. It's for the youth of all of Huron County."

**NEXT STEP:** Establishing a board of directors is the next step needed, and a meeting to name those leaders is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Elkton Village Hall. "We have to prove to our youth we can commit ourselves and overcome petty political differences," Willoughby said.

Planners agreed Monday that at least two youths will be on the board, with the rest

made up of representatives of various civic organizations and churches supporting the idea of a center. Willoughby said it's important for young people to have a voice in governing the center.

**SUPPORT:** Dennis Mitin, director of Common Ground, the drug and alcohol abuse prevention group in Huron County, said Monday night he is behind the youth center concept 100%. "This is a good alternative to driving around cracking open a beer," Mitin said.

"I don't think it's a glorified babysitter as some fear."

**MORE HELP:** And Huron County Sheriff Michael Gage, also in attendance Monday night, is supportive of the center concept, too.

He offered inmate labor to do repairs, or to paint a youth center, saying, "all population is pretty young right now. Maybe a youth center would have kept one or more out of jail."

Laker Schools' Supt. Robert Drury -- who noted he was attending the meeting both as a school leader and as a parent of three young daughters who may use a youth center -- said, "This is a heck of a good idea, but it will take a lot of involvement both from a financial standpoint and a volunteer standpoint."

"We at the school take the rap for not doing more (for young people), but there's only so much we can do.

"The kids need some place away from school, that's not connected with school activities," Drury noted.

**WORK TOGETHER:** "I think there's a lot of territorial pride that will have to be overcome (in locating the center), but it can be overcome by the kids."

Anyone interested in helping out is asked to contact Willoughby, Mrs. Motz or to attend the Feb. 1 meeting which is open to the public, organizers say.

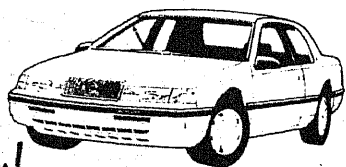
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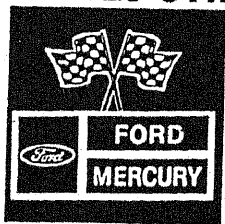
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