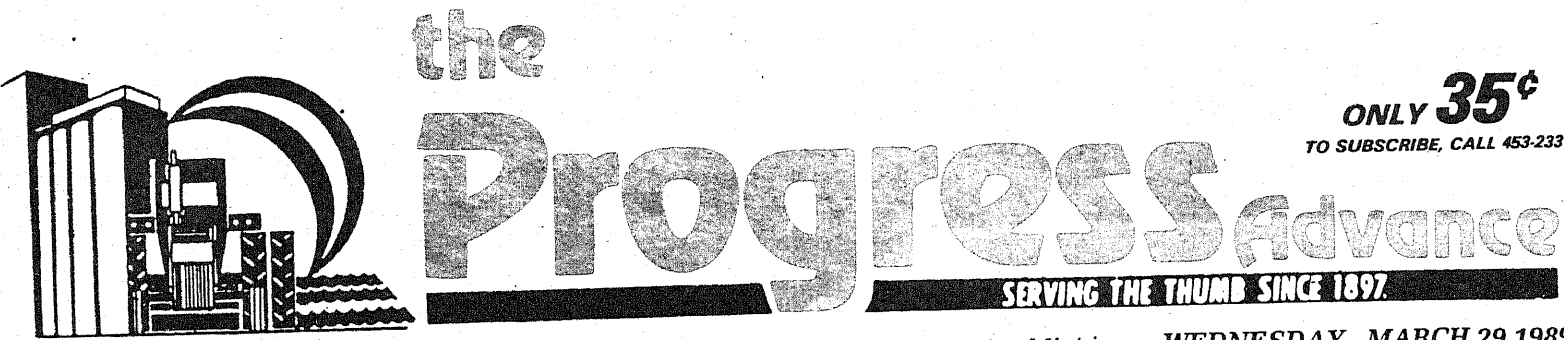


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and...  
LAS VEGAS CONTEST  
FINALISTS!

Canada Geese rise to the occasion...



ALL THAT HONKING, calling and trumpeting you hear isn't an inconsiderate motorist -- no, it's the sound of some of nature's finest returning from their winter "holiday." The beautiful Swans, Canada Geese and other beautiful birds seen in area fields are resting as they head north -- a sure sign that spring is indeed here.

4 local students earn Voc.-Ed. regional/state honors!

Four local students are among a dozen earning special honors in various regional competition through the Huron Area Skill Center. **AMY CSANYI** of Laker High took second place in the Marketing and Distributive Education Class state competition March 10-12 in Dearborn. Her project, on Entrepreneurship, earned her a trip representing Michigan DECA at the national competition in Orlando, Fla., April 25-30. **JOHN McCALLUM**, also of Laker High, won a fourth place in carpentry, and **JOHN ROCHELEAU** of Owen Gage High, won a fourth place in residential

plumbing in the Construction Trades competition, in regional Vocational Industrial Clubs of America on March 4 in Port Huron. Students representing eight regions competed.

McCallum and Rochelcau will now compete in the state VICA finals in Grand Rapids April 14-16.

**JUDY KROPP** of Pigeon, in the adult category, took an honorable mention among cosmetology students in the regional Vocational Industrial Clubs of America contests Feb. 20, at the Huron Area Skill Center.

She and four other students are now eligible for state competition in Grand Rapids April 14-16.

Laker Board nominations are sought

Nominating petitions for two four-year terms on the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School Board of Education are available now through 4 p.m. on Monday, April 10, according to Board Secretary James Clabuesch.

Terms of present board members Paul Clabuesch and J. Sidney Smith are expiring, and will be voted on at the June 12 annual school election. Neither have announced if they plan to seek re-election to the terms.

Petitions for candidates seeking the nominations may be picked up from the Board office at the Laker complex, 6136 Pigeon Road, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. All petitions must be filed at the office no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, April 10, James Clabuesch adds.

Caseville Queen to be named!

The "Miss Caseville" Queen's Dinner is coming Saturday, April 15 at the Sandpiper, where last year's Queen Becky Dubey will crown the new Perch Festival Queen for 1989.

The contestants, who are sponsored by local businesses and civic organizations, will dine on tomato juice, salad, prime rib, baked potatoes, California mixed vegetables, and chocolate mint ice cream.

The dinner dance will begin at 7 p.m., preceded by cocktails at 6:30.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

GARBAGE RATES DOUBLE?

Trash collection charges are still rising rapidly — and doubling in many cases — as local governments look for ways to dispose of garbage as licensed landfill space becomes scarce.

Some Tuscola County villages say they've been told collection charges will double, from about \$2.50 per household per month, to more than \$6, following a Sanilac judge's order closing the Tri-City Landfill near Sandusky to non-Sanilac trash. The site is the only licensed landfill in Sanilac, Tuscola and Huron Counties.

Tri-City Landfill owners are seeking to expand the facility east of Sandusky by 15 acres, but neighbors oppose the plan. The site is owned by a subsidiary of Waste Management Inc., of Oak Brook, Ill., the nation's largest waste disposal firm. The state Department of Natural Resources is considering the expansion plan, and must approve or deny the expansion permit by May 11.

No landfills are located in Tuscola County, and Huron County's only likely site must have a pollution control project completed before the Ubyly area location is allowed to re-open.

On March 1, fees at the Tri-City Landfill rose from \$3.50 to \$15 a cubic yard for general trash, and from \$10 to \$40 a cubic yard for demolition and building waste.

ENGLER COMING APRIL 7

State Sen. John M. Engler will be featured speaker at the Huron County Republican Party's kick-off dinner Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe. Sen. Engler is Senate Majority Leader and heads several committees and special projects. He is a Mt. Pleasant native, and is expected to seek the Republican nomination to the governor's position next year, observers say.



JOHN ENGLER

Tickets are available from Warren Krohn of Elkton, James Fuhrman of Port Hope or any County Commissioner, County Republicans say.

KUHL IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Huron County Commissioner Bruce Kuh, R-Dist. 1 of Sebawaing, remains in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, as he undergoes further testing.

No determination has been made concerning surgery for an aneurysm Kuhl suffered Sunday, March 19, during church services. At that time, he was flown by helicopter from Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, to St. Mary's, where he has been under treatment since.

HURON JAIL BOSS PLEADS GUILTY

Huron County Jail Administrator David Walsh pled guilty at his arraignment in Sanilac County District Court Monday, on a charge of taking a \$350 bribe to allow early release of a prisoner, following a December incident under the administration of former Sheriff Richard V. Stokan.

Walsh, 25 of Pigeon, was suspended with pay March 14 by Huron County Sheriff Michael Gage as the investigation into the situation continued, following a tip from an unnamed source. The misdemeanor charge could result in a \$500 fine and up to one year in jail. Sentencing will be set later.

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**Daylight savings time starts this Sunday!**  
Daylight Savings Time comes to us this year on Sunday, April 2 in the middle of the night, stealing an hour's sleep from us. There will be plenty of people late for church on Sunday because they forgot to set their clocks ahead an hour. BUT...  
We gain a whole hour of daylight in the evening, a whole hour for safer travel, to get out in the yard and clean up the debris left by winter. Spring started on March 20, but for many, it REALLY starts when DST kicks in.  
The weather finally starts to warm, some hardy (or foolhardy) little flowers start to poke their heads through the wet soil, and spirits start to rise. Children get to stay out to play a little longer, running off the kinks caused by a too-long winter.  
It's an extra hour of daylight for the birds to sing, "It's spring, it's spring, it's spring!"  
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**The Past In Print**  
From the archives of  
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**90 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 14, 1899**

The demand for houses in Pigeon is so great that it is almost impossible to rent a house.  
Leipprandt Bros. have received a carload of wire and nails. Better call and see them as prices are looking to an advance.

Our annual big supply of water made its appearance Monday morning and most of fall south Pigeon was under water so deep that boats were run up and down Main Street.

The P.O. & N. railroad bridge across the Pigeon River at Caseville was swept away by an ice jam and the Newman Bridge is in bad shape.

**80 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 9, 1909**

Nearly 7,000 voted in Huron County and the county stays "wet" since the local option lost by 432 votes. In Michigan, 19 of the 27 counties which voted went "dry."

The high school will give the play, "Little Buckshot" at Diebel's Hall. The cast includes Bert Hartley, Charles Kleinschmidt, Norman Walker, Oscar Thiel, Huron

Jersey, Bert Hamill, Roy Schluchter, Flora Richmond, Daisy Horlacher, Luella Paul and Pearl Sheppard.

The ice has disappeared at Bay Port and fishermen are now busy setting their nets. Henry Schulze and George Miller of McKinley Township purchased a fine Polled Durham bull from the herd of D.J. Sheller. Henry Sturm has also purchased one.

Confirmed at Berne Lutheran Church on Sunday were J. Steinbach, K. Fischer, W. Vandrey, H. Schultz, E. Strieter, E. Fluegge, K. Wachner and O. Passow.

**70 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 11, 1919**

The War Exhibit team of four cars, including a tank, anti-aircraft guns, grenades, mines, depth bombs, howitzers, artillery, etc. will be in Pigeon on April 17. The train is used to boost the Victory Liberty Loan drive.

Dew and Schlotzhauser purchased the old hotel site in Elkton and will erect a modern general store building.

Well, dear ladies, how do you like voting? Some ladies organizations in neighboring towns provided a rest room for the women and a place

where their babies could be taken care of while they were voting.

My shop will be open only Wednesday and Saturday nights — Mose Braun.

It took 26 large boxes to ship the Huron County war records to Washington.

The county Blacksmith Association has decided not to work Saturday afternoons from May to October.

**60 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 12, 1929**

Mrs. William A. Henne, 67, died at her home near Bay Port. She leaves her husband, one daughter and seven sons.

Hugh B. Harder has been named acting postmaster of Pigeon, to succeed the late Ernst Paul.

Donald Brown, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Bay Port, was drowned in an accident in Wild Fowl Bay while planting fish spawn for the Conservation Department.

Mr. and Mrs. James Foster moved to their farm near Elkton.

Henry McAulay has purchased the 120-acre farm from Calvin Anderson north of Pigeon on the county trunk line.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 14, 1939**

William H. McCarty, 80, well-known farmer and stock breeder of Colfax Township, died on the farm where he had lived 53 years.

Mrs. William J. Thompson, 74, died at the home of a sister, Mrs. J. Sawyer of Chandler Township. She leaves one son, two daughters, five brothers and three sisters.

Neighbors and friends helped Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murdoch of McKinley

Township celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Monday evening.

Chandler Presbyterian Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Bert Maxwell April 20.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 15, 1949**

Henry Deering has been named to take over management of Linkville Elevator Co. He replaces Herbert Schweitzer, who resigned because of illness.

Edwin R. Wichert, 72, passed away in Scheurer Hospital. He leaves his widow, three sons and two daughters.

Worked has started on the erection of a new theater in Caseville by Wallace Hart of Flint.

An Easter evening drama will be given at Pigeon Methodist Church. In the cast are Alan Sturm, Garth Gordon, Dale Sturm, Frederick and Jewel Clabuesch, Betty Elftman, Deanne Spence, Beverly Squires, Larry Werner, Nobel Frank and H. E. Duttweiler.

Dr. Sherl Belding, 56, former Pigeon veterinarian, died at Ford Hospital in Detroit. Surviving are his wife, two daughters, four brothers and two sisters.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 9, 1959**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kuch of Caseville Township observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary April 3. They have four children.

Pigeon Amateur Players are rehearsing for the hit play, "You Can't Take It With You." Cast members include Bertha McAulay, Gene Hunter, Delores Gotthardt, Bill Touchette, Dick Jarvis, Art Woeilke, Clark Elftman, Martin Thiel, Joan Hengy, Ken McAulay, Bill Hengy, Vern Kretzschmer, Dorothy Anklam, Dr. LaMere, Mabel Sturm, Mickie Diebel, Doug Gettel, Bruce Gordon and Alvin Erer. Dorothy Anklam is the director and the Worth

While Club is the sponsor.

Adrian Ebert of Pigeon won a first place award with his spectroscope at the first Huron-Tuscola Science Fair at Caro. Other local students in the Top 25 were Mary Santhony, Janet Hyzer, both of Elkton, Bob Haist, Tom Baur and Lois Henkelmann, Pigeon.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 10, 1969**

Donald Paul Rachteter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rachteter, Pigeon, was honored in the annual honors convocation at U of M for his high scholastic average.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Faist were surprised in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary by relatives and friends. They have three children.

Samuel H. Dietzel, 87, passed away at Scenic Convalescent Home. He is survived by his wife, six sons and two daughters.

Dr. Sherl Belding, 56, former Pigeon veterinarian, died at Ford Hospital in Detroit. Surviving are his wife, two daughters, four brothers and two sisters.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 5, 1979**

Leslie Shetler of Pigeon was named Vice President and Area Supervisor for Mutual Savings and Loan Association at the firm's annual meeting.

Scott L. Stevens of Bay Port graduated Magna Cum Laude from Saginaw Valley State College with an accounting degree. He is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Stevens.

"The Love Bug" and "Superman the Movie" were the featured films at Cass Theater and Bad Axe Theater, respectively.

Four members of the Laker FFA were recognized for their outstanding abilities in agriculture at the State FFA Convention. Winning state proficiency awards were Louis Pechete, Jim Richmond, Denny Smith and Rick Welchner.

**54 YEARS AGO**  
**MARCH 28, 1935**

NOTICE! Persons barking trees on streets in the Village of Elkton are hereby notified to stop the same. -- Enos Bennett, Village Marshall.

The Junior Class will present "Sonny Jane," 3-act comedy, with an intensely interesting plot, on Friday, April 5. Lloyd Hostetter is the leading male character, and Isabel Thompson plans Sonny Jane, the heroine.

About 35 members of the Owendale Evan church surprised Rev. and Mrs. O.N. Braun at their home.

Margaret Isabel Dutzel passed away at her home in Elkton Sunday morning, after an illness of 11 days. She was 21 years old, and the wife of Charles Dutzel. She also leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cavery of Saginaw.

The Soule 4-H Sewing Club met and the home of the Misses Frieda and Norma Snider Saturday afternoon.

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## Woods & Waters

By Duane Guenther

### "Heralds of spring"



The line appeared on the horizon. A long undulating line, moving slowly up and down like the graceful hands of a prima ballerina. It was pencil thin when my eye first caught it but it grew steadily in thickness as I watched from the front seat of my parked truck.

I have always had good eyesight, not up close, as my constant work-a-day-world companions are a pair of half-sized, gold frame reading glasses perched upon my bulbous nose. But in the woods, it is a different matter. I suppose it may be an awareness of unnatural

things rather than a case of keen eyesight that allows me to readily pick out movement.

My youngest son is jealous of this gift and confided last fall that he is in constant competition with me when we are afield. He does not know that I was young once also and felt the same competition with an older brother who always outspotted me. But last fall my son finally beat the old man and was first to spot the sneaking whitetail that ended up on his supper table this winter.

The line was much larger now, its form coming into sharper focus and individual bodies beginning to take shape. I, and any other outdoorsmen witnessing the scene, would know immediately the line was a skein of Canada geese. Hopefully, some migrators looking for open water, or an inviting cornfield, for the movement of so many waterfowl could only mean one thing - spring was not far behind.

Another glance in the northwestern sky cements my original deduction, for behind the first line is another, and another, and another, too many to be the local goose population. Apparently last night the large gray-black birds had slipped in from the south, found open water, and this morning, were ready to fuel up with corn for the thousand mile trip to the spring breeding ground still before them.

They were close now, large wings beating in rhythmic unison, carrying muscle packed bodies, and breasts of soft, sought after, goose down, their outstretched necks craning groundward for a glimpse of the golden treasure that lay hidden within the tattered stalks of an old cornfield. One would think with all the modern machinery and farmer ingenuity available in the 20th century most unplowed fields would be void of kernels, but the keen eyesight of the Canadas prove us wrong, and they take their place as

one of nature's most effective gleaners.

The large ones were almost over my truck when a couple began to slip sideways, first to the left, and then to the right, like maple leaves falling on an autumn day. They were losing altitude rapidly, others joined in, and in a moment the sky was full of birds with folded wings, all plummeting toward the brown earth.

Soon, the first caught the air with cupped wings and the rest followed, braking their fall and turning their unnatural-looking plunge into gracefully sweeping glides. They were close to the ground and large, webbed feet poked from beneath the bodies, outstretched, braced, looking every bit like the business end of a canoe paddle, but were really an effective landing gear.

The first 3 hit the ground in unison, bouncing along on short, running steps. Folding and then refolding their wings against tired bodies and immediately looking around for danger, and then turning attentions to the ground and the corn they had come so far to peck. For me, spring had officially arrived.

Years ago, one fall, I had watched a similar spectacle, only that time I was a wide-eyed, shivering young hunter huddled in a willow-lined blind off the marsh at Fish Point. Then, there was no sanctuary to attract the thousands of hunters that now come each hunting season, only marsh, and a few rows of cottages housing wise and grizzled duck hunters.

The birds had appeared as a pencil-thin line on that day, but it was my big brother who had first seen them. With a near perfect set of Hertor's balsa wood decoys, and the loving coos of a goose call, he had brought the large birds within shooting range, and then, in that magical - above all magical times for a hunter, he whispered, "Let's take 'em!"

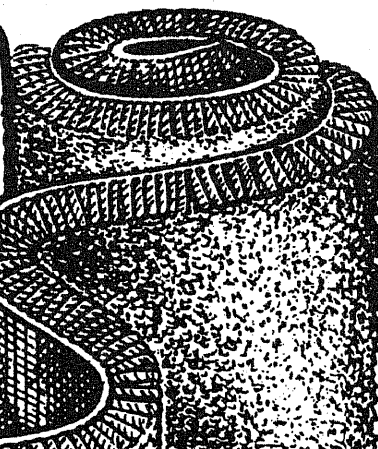
### Outdoors in the Thumb

Turkey permits for the 1989 spring season have been mailed and lucky hunters are making plans for the upcoming season. DNR officials have reported a record number of hopeful hunters applied for the necessary permit to hunt this wily game bird. Turkeys have flourished in Michigan lately, and with the mild winters of the past 2 years, this year should be a banner one.

Spring is officially here. Fields are full of Swans, lawns full of Robins, and the drudge cuts full of muddy water. The spring break-up is right on schedule and the rivers, streams and ditches should soon be full of Perch. Bay ice is very unsafe and open water is everywhere. Anglers should be patient for great fishing is just around the corner.

The DNR has recently indicated that there will be a cutback in lamprey control for the Great Lakes and such a move could reduce the sport fishery in both Lake Michigan and Lake Huron by more than 50%. Since lamprey control is funded by the Federal Government, DNR Director David Hales is requesting sportsman to write their Congressman as soon as possible.

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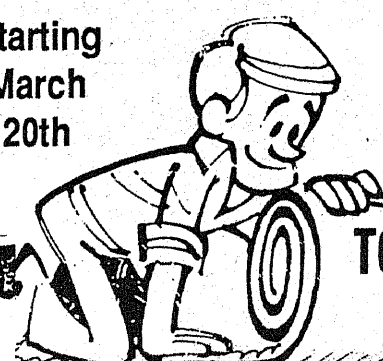
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## Owendale collects 24 blood units

### Engagement

Damm - Henry

Twenty-four pints of blood were collected last week when Owendale Women's Club sponsored the annual blood drive at Owendale School Cafeteria, in cooperation with the American Red Cross.

First attempters were Ernest Botke, and members of Owen-Gage Senior Class, Dennis Czap, Paul Damm, Dawn Dorsch, Dawn Holland, Andrea Mandich and Dale Tabar.

"Repeaters" who donated were Warren Beers, Arlene Enderle, Carol Ellicott, Kenneth Errer, Michael Mandich, Nicholas Pavlichek, Susan Salcido, Sandra Salcido, Eva Schember, Clarence Schember, Marie Susalla, Ellen Perdue, Charles Timmons, Margaret Timmons, Carol Thios, Nancy Whaley and Marc Reinhardt.

Owendale Women's Club expressed thanks to the many who donated blood and those who assisted in unloading and setting up equipment, helpers, loaders, cleanup crews and those merchants who donated the orange juice machine, orange juice and cookies.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Damm of Pigeon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Teri Lou, to Mark Cole Henry, son of Vivian Tessier of Howell.

Teri is a 1984 graduate of Laker High School. Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Waterford Township High School. Both are 1988 Michigan State University graduates.

The bride-elect is currently employed by PHH US Mortgage Corp. in Cherry Hill, N.J. and the groom-elect is employed by General Electric in Moorestown, N.J.

An Aug. 5 wedding is being planned.

### Buick trip winners named from dealerships

Residents all over the Thumb and Saginaw Valley were among winners of Las Vegas trips, sponsored by Better Value Buick Dealers of the area.

Each dealership gave away a Las Vegas trip for two, including air transportation and three nights of lodging. Dealerships and their winners include the following:

- \* McCormick Motors of Pigeon, won by Larry Moss
- \* Gettel Motors of Sebawaing, won by Ed Kemp of Sebawaing, and
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### Wildlife meeting on April 9

A "Gardening for Wildlife" workshop will be presented from 2-4 pm Sunday, April 9, by Huron Audubon Club at Port Crescent State Park headquarters.

"Learn the simple secrets of how to attract all sorts of wildlife to your backyard", invited HAC President Monica Essenmacher. "You can do it as simply or as elaborately as you want to get", she added.

Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Present Essenmacher pointed out.

### Camping meeting coming

Local girls in grades one through 12 who want to learn more about summer camping are invited to attend a slide presentation on Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library.

The program is being presented by Girl Scouts of America, but girls DO NOT have to be in Scouting to attend camp, according to local representatives Janice Foster and Donna Orr, who are presenting the program.

All local girls and their parents are invited to attend.

### Achievements



Airman Clint W. Cottick, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cottick of Pigeon, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits towards an associates degree through the community college of the Air Force.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cottick of Caseville.

He is a 1988 graduate of Caseville High School.

A 1987 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon, he joined the Marine Corps in June, 1987.

Christopher G. Wright, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Licht of Bad Axe, has been selected as a new

member of "Outstanding High School Students of America" because of outstanding merit and accomplishment as an American high school student.

He is a junior at Montrose High School.

### 105 retirees meet

**CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB**

The Caseville Retirement Club met March 21 for its weekly meeting at the American Legion Hall with 105 members present. Two new members, Mike and Rosaleen Scally, were welcomed.

We now have 313 registered members.

President Margaret Wilhelm asked all to stand and greet their neighbors, then led in the Lord's Prayer.

A total of 32 blood pressure readings were taken by Rose Koenig and Marion Parent with the assistance of Louise Gerrard.

Shirley Ritchie, Lu Barmann, Mary Rutkowski, Marge Heckman and Peg Hill were all thanked for the earlybird goodies. Billy Lakatos was thanked for the assembling of the jelly-bean cups that we all received.

Peg Hill reported Senior Power Day will be in Lan-

sing on Tuesday May 16. There is a sign-up sheet for those who would like to attend. Transportation will be by bus.

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Army Pvt. Kevin W. Wissner, son of Judy A. Wissner of Owendale, has arrived for duty at Fort Sill, Okla.

Wissner is a combat signaler with the 34th Field Artillery.

He is a 1988 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon.

Marine Lance Cpl. Gary N. Gonzales, son of Gilbert R. and Irene M. Gonzales, both of Pigeon, recently reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

## Financial Focus

Reported By PATRICK ESSIAN

### Japanese Brokers Find a Game of Golf a Real Investment



In recent years, Japan has become one of the world's largest and most respected financial markets. As this growth continues, our relations with Japan become more important.

Here's an insightful comparison of the U.S. and Japanese financial markets made with the help of two Japanese brokers, Keisuke Nishiuchi and Jiro Arimoto, who recently attended the International Business Institute of Southeast Missouri State University.

Nishiuchi, a graduate of Tokyo's Waseda University, is a broker from Yamaichi Securities Co. Ltd., one of Japan's top four securities firms. Arimoto is an institutional, international broker with Dai-ichi Securities Co. of Tokyo.

According to these two, there are many similarities between the U.S. and Japanese securities industries.

One is the size of the typical branch office. "In Japan, the typical brokerage office consists of six to 10 brokers, 10 female salespeople and 15 to 20 support personnel," Nishiuchi explained. While this does not compare to financial firms located in small communities, it does parallel New York Stock Exchange branch offices in major U.S. metropolitan areas.

A big difference between the two nations' securities markets is the business hours of their stock exchanges. While the New York Stock Exchange is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except on certain holidays, the Japanese market is open only four hours each day, from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Common stock is the easiest investment to sell in Japan, the men pointed out, because people understand common stocks and their risks. On the other hand, Japanese investors see bonds and mutual funds as more secure. For this reason, they resent losses and are less apt to invest in these products.

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## Keeping students right on track. . . academically, that is!

The Laker Secondary School was filled with hundreds of Junior High students on Tuesday, March 21, representing eight schools from Tuscola and Huron Counties. They were there to participate in an All-Star Academic Track Meet. The All-Stars were selected from each school based on placements in previous track meets.

Laker Junior High students finished second to Reese in a closely fought contest. The final tally separated first and second place by a mere one-half point. Other schools placing were: Cass City, third; Caro, fourth; Alkon-Fairgrove, fifth; USA, sixth; Millington, seventh and Kingston, eighth.

Individual winners for Laker Junior High were: ARITHMETIC, Bill Smith, second place; GEOGRAPHY, Sara White, third place; U.S. HISTORY, Kristin Southworth, fourth place; MUSIC, Amy Ackerman, fourth place; ART, Carol Hebert, fourth place; TRIVIA, Joel Toner, fourth place;

WORD-O-CLOCK, Ann Marie Carter, third place; MATH-STORY, Bill Smith, second place; PHYSICAL SCIENCE, Gideon Deming, second place; EARTH SCIENCE, Meagan Duever,

third place; ANCIENT HISTORY, Jennifer Maxwell, third place; SPEECH & THEATER, Zena Radomski, second place; SPELLING, Carol Hebert, first place;

COMMUNICATION ARTS, Ben Lang, first place; ART-DRAWING (gr-ch), Ben Krebs, first place; ART-DRAWING (dr-col), Greg Nimtz, first place; INTERPRETIVE READING, Keri Fisher, second place; VOCAL SOLO, Carol Hebert, first place; DRAMATIC READING, Paige Nelson, first place; INSTRUMENTAL SOLO, Paige Nelson, second place.

Lakers have been involved in Academic Track for two years, under the direction of Junior High Counselor Todd Bigger. Academic Track participants are tested in 16 different academic areas, as well as Art Drawing and Fine Arts. The meets usually last about four hours and students perform in front of impartial judges. Academic Track is open to any sixth, seventh or eighth grade student.

Next year's program is already seeking help for volunteer assistance. Parents and staff can call 453-3131 to become an Academic Track Volunteer.



## A message for parents

### To the Parents of Eighth Grade Students:

There will be an orientation meeting for parents of prospective ninth graders on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Any recommended changes on your son's/daughter's previous survey sheet will be made, course electives for ninth graders will be finalized, explanations and course descriptions will be given and all guests will have an opportunity to ask questions to high school personnel concerning the high school program and curriculum.

THANK YOU!  
Mr. Bigger

## Would you like to go 'back to school'?

Would you like to go "back to school"? Why not join us at the secondary complex on one of these dates: April 4, April 25, May 9.

Call either the Junior High or High School if you would like to attend.

## More FUN in LJH Phys. Ed.!



Physical Education classes at Laker Junior High are breaking up the mid-winter months with a variety of recreational activities. A tri-unit consisting of badminton, table tennis and square dance (alternate: cross country skiing, when weather permits) are being offered. Students rotate three days in each activity. Unfortunately there were only a few skiing days, and what snow fell came just before the vacation period. Hopefully next year the weather will be more cooperative.

## GOLD: Con't from Page 1

The Laker Forensic Team traveled to the Gaylord I.E. Tournament last month, coming away with a first place win in the tournament. Nineteen schools participated, many considerably larger than Lakers, but a strong team effort ensured the first-place win. The Laker team will host the district tournament on April 4.

Winners in the Gaylord Tournament included: Beckie Brooks, fourth in poetry; Chad Russell, fourth in prose; Ron Beckett, fifth in broadcast news; Madhavi Kamlapurker, first in sales; Tracie Anderson, third in sales; Jay Schwandt, first in oratory; Chad Daniels, third in impromptu; Jill Kasserman, second in story; Ginger Clabuesch, third in story; Jill Gardy, fourth in story; Casey Haley, first in info; Anasuya Kamlapurker, second in info; Jody Herford, third in info; Willie Eichler, third in extemp.; Dawn Swartzendruber, second in DI; Trina Christner, fourth in DI.

## Report to Parents: You can help in the War on Drugs

WHAT'S A PARENT TO DO? As national concerns mount about drug use among the young, parents may feel helpless when up against so many formidable forces: peer pressure, advertising, movies, TV shows and hit songs that glamorize drugs . . . the "escape" that drugs offer . . . the big bucks power of the drug-dealer that make a child's allowance seem paltry. But there's one power that can't be emphasized too much: YOUR POWER AS PARENTS. That's the most potent power available in helping children stay away from drugs.

FACE THE ISSUE. Our society is spending \$120 billion annually on illicit drugs — more than is spent on food, clothing and shelter! It's not uncommon for kids to take their first drink of alcohol and try smoking marijuana in the elementary grades.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK. Keep up with illegal drug trends. Learn the slang language (hash, crack, snow, speed, ludes) that your kids will already have heard. Know different kinds of drugs and how their effects can be spotted. You'll begin to feel you have a handle on the situation and your child is more likely to respect your views if you appear to know what you're talking about. Include EVERY drug — legal and illegal:

- Alcohol (beer, wine and coolers, liquor)
- Tobacco (cigarettes and smokeless chewing tobacco)
- Marijuana
- Cocaine and derivatives (crack, coke)
- Stimulants and depressants (diet pills, tranquilizers)
- Inhalents (aerosols, glue, nitrites)

TALK WITH YOUR CHILD. Keep a give-and-take dialogue going — not just about drugs, but about life, jobs, families, transitions, joys and problems in general. A 10-minute lecture once a year won't fit the bill. And, if your child does have problems with drugs, remember that's when he or she needs you the most. NEVER GIVE UP ON YOUR CHILD.

KNOW YOUR SCHOOL AND YOUR COMMUNITY. Become acquainted with other parents, your children's friends and your neighbors. Your child's school especially needs your help. Get to know the teachers and the principal, and attend PTA meetings. Find out what the school is saying and reinforce classroom drug education programs at home. By building a solid social network and a sense of community, you will contribute your child's stability.

SET STANDARDS AND STICK TO THEM. Provide a good role model for your child by not abusing drugs yourself. Be staunch with rules and limits as your child gets older. Children must understand that you expect to know where they are, with whom, and when you expect them to be home. Make sure you follow through.

TEACH DRUG-RESISTANCE SKILLS. Show your child how to make decisions, how to

deal with uncomfortable situations, how to keep your cool. Indecision, anxiety and stress are some of the factors that lead children to "escape" through drugs. Giving your child positive options may lessen the temptation of drugs.

Encourage kids to exercise and get interested in hobbies. Did you know that it is as important to learn how to relax as it is to learn how to work hard? Self-confident, well-occupied kids will choose rewarding alternatives instead of relaxing through "partying."

Spiritual, religious development can be a comforting, reassuring support for any child — and it's a source of more friends outside of school and the neighborhood.

Watch TV with your kids and help them recognize the distorted messages that programs and commercials send linking happiness and success to alcohol, tobacco and pills in general.

Perhaps most important, include plenty of "what if" role-playing sessions so your child can practice how to say "no" to drugs. Tell youngsters EXACTLY what to say when they're offered drugs: "No, thanks, I'm not interested," "Not for me," "My parents won't allow it."

KNOW WHEN TO TAKE ACTION. Recognize the signs of drug abuse: trouble at school or with the law, stealing, "borrowing" expensive possessions of friends, breaking family rules, secrecy, hidden drug paraphernalia, abrupt mood changes, excessive outbreaks of temper,

unsavory new friends, calls from friends you don't recognize. If you suspect your youngster is experimenting with alcohol or drugs, talk to your child's principal. Schools know how to get you in touch with substance abuse professionals. Even if the youngster won't cooperate, the family must work ceaselessly toward recovery immediately — and for as long as it takes to find a cure. The problem will not go away if you ignore it; things can only go from bad to worse. That is the insidious nature of alcohol and drug abuse.

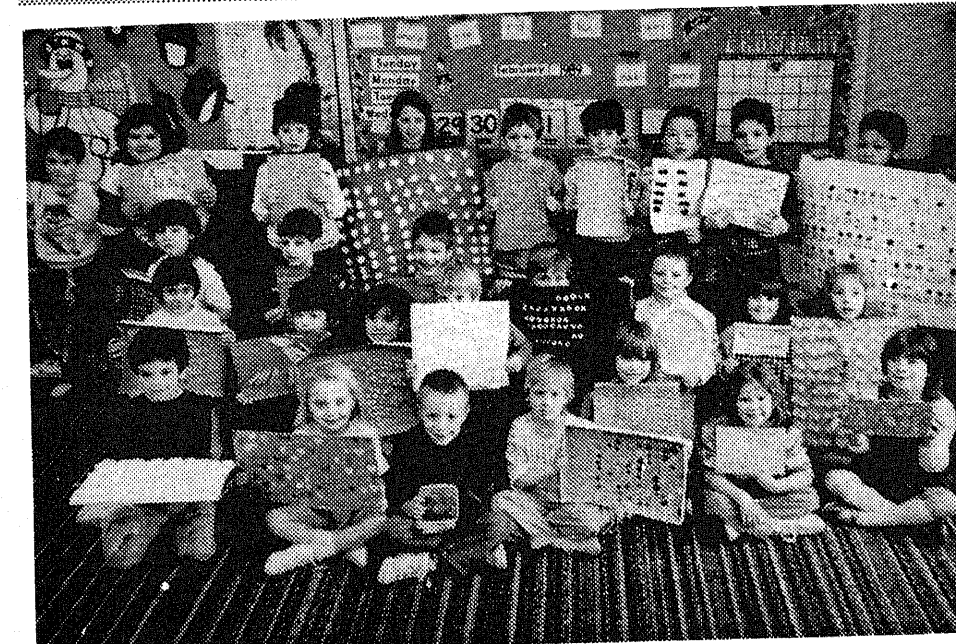
## Awards to be presented May 3

Laker High School and Junior High School awards will be presented May 3 in the auditorium. Awards will include perfect attendance, honor roll, high school department awards, scholarships and Top 10 seniors.

The school tried to schedule an evening with no other school-related conflicts, which is why a Wednesday was selected. Please make plans to attend.

# Around the Laker Schools

What's happening in Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port Buildings



Bay Port kids have LOTS of "100s," above. Below, a break in the action



## It's a BIRD...It's a PLANE... No, it's ZERO HERO!

The Bay Port Kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day in school with a visit by "Zero Hero" (alias Mr. Liston), who brought in a cake with 100 candles. Each student display his or her collection of 100 items. Other activities in the day included popping 100 balloons, ringing a bell 100 times, etc.

### Parent's Checklist

How many of these things do you do to encourage your children to listen, speak, write and read?

- 1) I take time to talk with my children every-day.
- 2) I take time to listen to my child and answer his or her countless questions.
- 3) I sing and recite nursery songs and rhymes to my child.
- 4) I read something (newspaper, magazine, book) every day, showing my child that reading is important.
- 5) My child and I have library cards (the best of all credit cards).
- 6) I take my child to the library regularly. We both select books to read by ourselves and aloud together at home.
- 7) Together we look at books and magazines, each of talking about what we see and read.
- 8) I ask my child to tell me a story or to describe something he or she has done or seen.
- 9) I often write down what my child tells me and read back the "story" exactly as it was dictated to me.
- 10) My child has his or her own bookshelf (or a box or drawer) to hold books.
- 11) I take time to read aloud to my child each day as often as my child will listen to me, or asks me to read to him or her, and I encourage all members of my family to do the same.
- 12) My child watches carefully selected television programs, and I limit TV viewing so that there is at least equal time for reading.
- 13) I praise my child's efforts and accomplishments so he or she will have self-confidence and zest for new learning experiences.



## Questions for the SUPERINTENDENT

By ROBERT DRURY, Laker Superintendent

Q. I have been hearing and reading much lately about school finance reform. The financial reform seems to be tied to "quality issues" in some legislators plans. What are these "quality issues"?

A. Approximately four months ago a task force was assembled to address the issue of quality standards in schools in our state. There are eight main areas that this task force identified as being instrumental to any quality package.

1) CORE CURRICULUM: The State Board of Education will adopt and disseminate essential goals and objectives for building a local curriculum. The content areas to be included in these goals and objectives would be Reading, Mathematics, Writing, Listening and Speaking, Science, Physical Education, Health, Fine and Performing Arts, Social Studies, Computer Education and Foreign Language.

2) SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT: The State Board of Education will identify a school improvement process by which local staff evaluate their school programs for weaknesses and use that information to make positive change toward improved student achievement. Areas of school improvement include: (1) Adopting a school improvement policy and a coordination plan for school improvement 2) Support through

grants and staff involvement, training in the school improvement process 3) Providing Department of Education staff support for the school improvement planning steps and accreditation process 4) Sponsoring regional conferences where local districts could share their school improvement program success 5) Appointing a state-wide school improvement council to address state-wide goals for school improvement and 6) Directing local school improvement staff to work with "students at risk."

3) PRESCHOOL EDUCATION: Because the State Board of Education recognizes the critical value of preschool education for four year olds, there would be additional dollars for funding the preschool developmental programs.

4) EMPLOYABILITY: An Employability Skills Task Force would be assembled to work with the business community, labor leaders and educators to determine jointly the skills and abilities needed for success in the modern work place. This task force would create a "Michigan Employability Profile." This profile would present the generic skills and behaviors employers believe are important and necessary for success in any job.

5) HEALTH EDUCATION: The State Board of Education has adopted a model communicable disease policy that includes information on AIDS. It would be the obligation of every school district within the state to provide a comprehensive health education curriculum that includes teaching of the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education. Each local school district would have a policy committee to overview and provide direction in the health education area.

6) TECHNOLOGY: There will be much pressure in the next few years for local school districts to make extensive use of technology for instruction, training, and management. This technology includes computer applications, instructional television and integrated voice data and facsimile networks. Using today's network is being created by building upon existing local and regional instructional television systems. Also, it is important to recognize that computer experiences must be an integral part of the K-12 educational program and that computer competence is a necessity for all students.

7) FAMILY OPTION SCHOOLS: This concept is that parents and students should have the opportunity to select the public school they believe will best serve their needs. The State Board of Education has adopted the position that school districts should permit parents to choose a school building within the

district to which they will send their children. A family options approach to school assignment would create competition among schools to attract students, and also stimulate increased levels of accountability on the part of the school officials.

8) ACCREDITATION: It is commonly felt that a state-wide set of standards for schools will encourage schools to raise their standards and assure parents that a quality and equitable education is being provided for all students. Accreditation standards will measure such areas as class size, school improvement plans, MEAP results, etc. Schools achieving accreditation status will be formally recognized by the State Board of Education.

IN SUMMARY: I feel that if our method of receiving money for education in our state is changed so that the funds are received directly from the state on a per-pupil basis, then there will be quality standards attached to that money. It is apparent that our governor wants assurances that school districts within our state are meeting certain standards in the quality and content areas of educational goals.

Our school district is aware of these quality issues, has a school improvement plan in place, and is striving to constantly improve the quality of education being received by the children within our district.





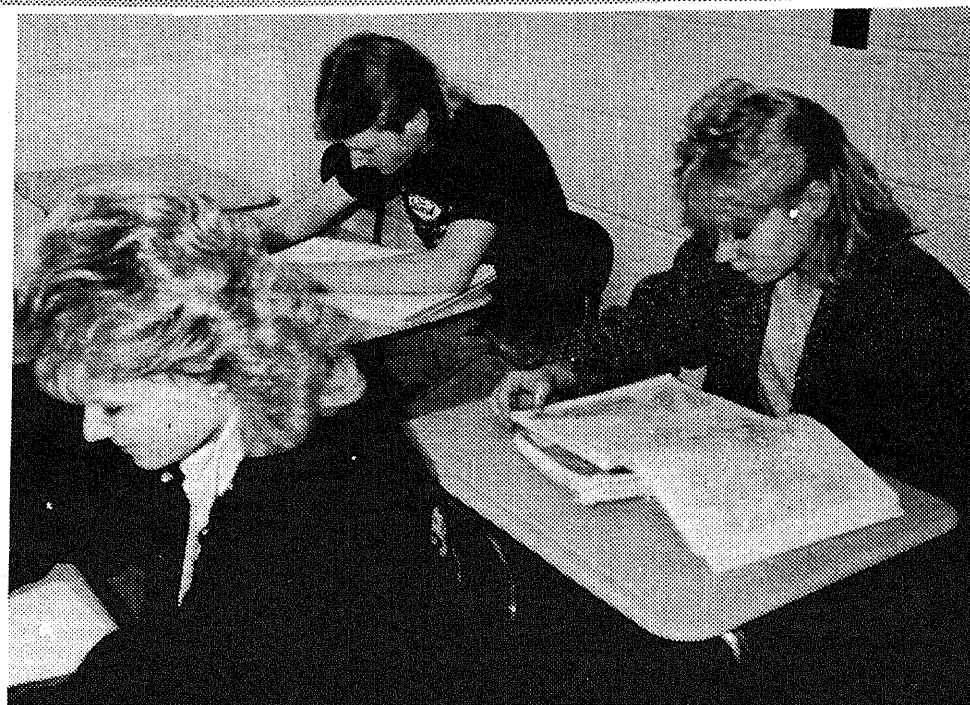
# Students learn at night classes

In an effort to better serve the students of our communities, Laker High Superintendent Robert Drury put his stamp of approval on night classes for Laker High students who need additional credit for graduation.

In the past, Laker students had to travel to Bad Axe, USA or Cass City in order to find such classes, and once enrolled, paid as high as \$90 for such a class.

Mr. Drury's plan allows for students to enroll in the local class and the cost is set at \$40 per class, regardless of the size. The school must charge for the classes as they are not a state-aid recipient, as with the other schools mentioned.

Students attending these classes meet on Monday and Thursday night for 2 1/2 hours for a total of eight weeks. One-half credit is granted to successful completers. During the past year, 31 students have taken advantage of this added opportunity.



# FFA celebrates 61st convention

Thirty-five members of the Laker FFA chapter were in East Lansing on March 21-23, as the Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America celebrated its 61st annual State Convention during Agriculture and Natural Resources Week at Michigan State University.

During the three-day convention, FFA members from across the state gathered to conduct business and to recognize fellow members for their outstanding achievements.

Several special activities were planned for this year's convention, as members celebrated the theme, "FFA—Michigan's Leading Edge." Featured speakers included Charley Willey and National FFA Central-Region Vice President Brad Chambliss.

According to State FFA Advisor Richard Karels, incentive awards were presented to more than 600 outstanding FFA members and chapters by the State FFA Association and the National FFA Foundation. State FFA degrees were presented to 163 FFA members who qualify for the degree on the basis of their occupational and leadership achievements.

Local FFA members Tom Ziel, Kevin Wolfgram, Rick Clark, Mark Kretzschmer, Darrin Schuette, Richard Krohn, Steve Krohn, Sheila Lutz and Todd Roestel were among this elite group.

Several adults were also cited for their service to FFA. State President Susann Malburg of Almont and other state officers presided over the convention sessions. Two official delegates from each of the 126 chapters in the state will represent the membership in voting on key issues of business. According to Malburg, Jeff Swartzendruber, Kelly Smithers and Brian Igmash represented the Laker FFA chapter.

Other highlights included the naming of the Star State Farmer and Star State Agribusinessman and the election of 1989-90 officers. Contestants who have previously won honors in local, district and regional competition will compete in the state finals of eight leadership contests. Awards will be presented for community development, Agricultural Proficiency, Outstanding Scholarship and chapter membership contests. Agricultural and career-oriented exhibits were also featured.

Educational Agriculture teacher Don Wheeler is the advisor of the local chapter. Officers include Tom Ziel, president; Steve Krohn, vice president; Kim Dubs, secretary; Kevin Wolfgram, treasurer; Tracy Roestel, reporter; Rick Clark, Sentinel and Mark Kretzschmer, Parliamentarian.

## Last day for seniors

The last day of school for Laker seniors will be May 19. This will give 12th grade students a week off prior to graduation on Sunday, May 28.

Some seniors will be exempt from final examinations. Final exams will be optional for seniors who earn a "B" (or higher) cumulative semester mark in a class. All final examinations and course work must be completed by seniors by May 19.



# Stealing without guilt

(The following is a reprint from Tommy Cameron, staff writer for the Jackson Citizen Patriot. Although it is not about our area, it certainly is about our school and our kids).

Friday night, I start ripping off parents from all over the area.

The high school football season gets underway tomorrow, a sure sign the fall prep sports season is in full swing. I'll be out there on the field, in the gyms and on the courts, stealing parents blind almost every day.

They'll let me do it. They'll never see it coming.

Every football game I go to, there are some 60 players out on the field. When you add the cheerleaders and band members, there are some 100 kids involved each night.

And there are at least that many kids who I'll see at weekly girls' basketball games, cross-country runs and on the golf course.

This season is going to be special to them; high school is a special time to every kid. It goes by so fast, and it goes by only once. A lot of kids never even get the chance to play on a varsity team. Some have to work. Some have to settle for just watching.

Playing high school varsity sports is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I get to see them grow from game to game, year to year.

With a few exceptions, however, I'll see only about 20% of their parents out at the games, sharing this precious time in the life of their kids.

Of course, the other 80% will have a reason not to be there. Maybe they have to work. Maybe they have other plans. Maybe they asked their kid if the kid cares if they come. The kid always says, "Nah, it's OK."

If you have to ask, don't bother going. The parents who aren't out there in the stands are the ones I steal from. While they're off playing bridge or going bowling, I'm out watching their kids grow up. I'm enjoying their special moments.

I get to talk to them after they score the winning touchdown. I'm in the gym watching them jump around after the winning basket. I'm watching as they push themselves past their limits and run all out to the finish line.

I'm also out there when they've been knocked down. I see the hurt in their eyes when the ball bounces the wrong way. I watch them walk off the field when they get beat.

That's when I wonder most if their parents are going to be there to give them some support, to let them know everything is going to be OK, to let them know this time will pass.

I've been doing this too long. I've asked myself all too many times at all too many games in all too many cities, "Where are the parents?" I see 20 kids on the field and I see six parents in the stands.

Where are the rest? Don't they know what they're missing?

It doesn't matter if the kid is a star, a starter or the last guy on the bench. They're all part of the team and this is one thing they can share with their parents.

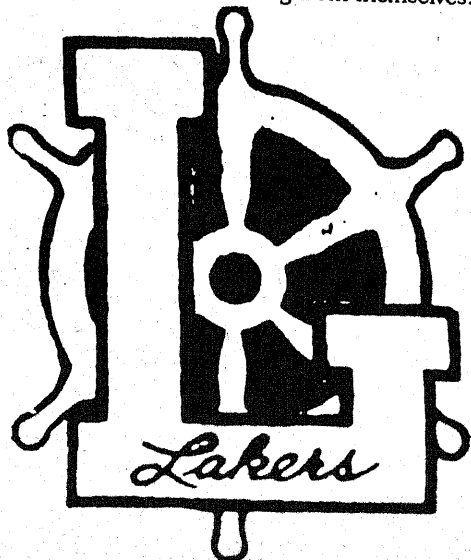
And all their parents have to do is be there. Be there.

If you're not, I will be. I'll get to watch your kid make that great tackle. I'll get to watch their first basket. I'll see how hard they work running up that last hill. I'll watch that punt sink from 20 feet out.

And the parents who aren't there? To heck with them. I'll take a moment like this any day. I do it almost every day on the job.

I don't feel guilty, but I feel sorry for the parents who aren't there.

They're the ones stealing from themselves.



# Elkton Co-op offers service on-the-farm

One of the newest services offered by the Elkton Co-op is on-the-farm tire service, plus the addition of a complete line of tractor tires. And handling the on-the-farm tire repair calls will be Don Mattice, well-known in the Thumb area for his expertise with all kinds of tires.

Mattice worked at a tire shop in Bad Axe for over 15 years, following in the footsteps of his father who worked there for 20 years. Most of the farmers in the area know him, Mattice says, so he won't see too many strange faces on his service calls. "We're not limited to the surrounding area. We have no boundaries. We'll go as far as we're needed," Mattice says.

The on-the-farm tire service is a new one for the Elkton Co-op. Tires have always been available at the Co-op, and farmers have been bringing tires to town for years to have them repaired. But now, Mattice will bring tire repair capabilities out to the field, with a completely equipped service truck.

Mattice has ordered a full line of Armstrong, Firestone, and Goodyear tractor tires, and will also be handling Dunlop truck tires and Goodyear passenger car tires. "We're offering competitive prices on service calls, plus competitive prices on tires," Mattice says.

Shown above with the trailer-mounted chloride tank is, left to right, Bruce Kingsbury, fuel truck driver, Tim Sieloff, mechanic, and Mattice.



## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CASEVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MARCH 20, 1989

Meeting called to order by President Malosky at 8:30 pm.  
Roll Call - Present: Bruce McCormick, Forrest Williams, Lee Merideth, Arliss Kraft, William Goslee, Frank Malosky  
Absent: Clare Heron  
Bob Terry from the Department of Commerce proposed that the Council establish a DDA resolution tonight with membership appointment to follow at the next regular meeting scheduled for April 10, 1989.  
Frank Malosky requested that the Council delete "with Council approval" from the proposed DDA Ordinance, Section 3, Paragraph 4, stating that vacancies on the board shall be filled by the president with Council approval.  
Frank Malosky later relinquished his request on Section 3, Paragraph 4, at this time, for sake of an argument.  
Resolution by Williams, supported by McCormick to adopt Ordinance #725 establishing a DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and designating the boundaries of the DDA as stated in the ordinance including two (2) blocks on the north side of Michigan Avenue East of Prospect, West of Clay which are zoned Commercial and which were notified of the Public Hearing but deleted from the legal description. Roll call vote: Ayes: McCormick, Williams, Merideth, Kraft, Goslee. Nays: None. Absent: Heron. Resolution carried.  
Bob Terry explained that if any properties have been left out, they may be added in at a later date, by Council approval and by holding another public hearing.  
Motion by McCormick, seconded by Merideth to adjourn at 8:50 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALICE HART  
Village Clerk

FRANK MALOSKY  
Village President

### ORDINANCE #725 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DESIGNATING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT WITHIN WHICH THE AUTHORITY SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWER

THE VILLAGE OF CASEVILLE ORDAINS:  
Section 1 Establishment of Downtown Development Authority  
Pursuant to Act No. 197 of Public Acts of 1975, as amended, the Village of Casewille does hereby establish a Downtown Development Authority which shall be established and regulated pursuant to said Act 197. The authority shall analyze the impact of economic changes and growth in the Downtown District and develop plans in coordination with the Village's Planning Commission to promote orderly economic growth in the Downtown Development District. With the advice and consent of the Village Council, the Authority shall implement a Development Plan in the Downtown District as necessary to achieve the purposes of the Downtown Development Act and in accordance with the powers granted by said Act.

Section 2 Boundaries of District  
The boundaries of the Downtown District within which the Downtown Development Authority shall exercise its powers shall be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of M-25 and the Section Line Road, thence Northeastly along M-25 to N. Casewille Rd., thence Southwestly along the North right of way line of M-25 632.76 feet; thence Northwestly 248.35 feet to the Southernly right of way line of Bluff Drive, thence Northwesterly along Bluff Drive to the Southernly boundary line of the Cass City Summer Club, thence Southwesterly to the center of N. Casewille Rd., thence North along the centerline of N. Casewille Rd. to the Northernly boundary line of Dutch CPA property, thence along the boundary lines of the Dutch CPA property to the Northeast corner of the Naffien property, thence South along the East line of the Naffien property, thence East to a point, which is directly South of the end of Bay Street, thence North to Bay Street, thence along the Southernly right of way line of Bay Street to the East right of way line of Huron Street, thence North along the East right of way line of Huron Street, thence North along East right of way line, (Casewille Lumber Property,) to its North line as shown on Huron County Tax Maps, thence East 165 feet, thence North 547 feet, more or less to the North line of Casewille Lumber Property running parallel with Michigan Street, thence along North line of said parcel 198 feet; thence East to the intersection of the Old Grain Elevator Property thence North along the Old Grain Elevator Property to centerline of Michigan Street, thence West along the centerline of Michigan Street to the intersection of Michigan Street and River Street, thence Northwesterly along the centerline of River Street to the intersection of First Street, thence West along the centerline of First Street to the shore of Saginaw Bay, thence along the shore line of Saginaw Bay, to the centerline of the Relief Channel, to the centerline of River Street, thence along the centerline of River Street to the intersection of the Sunset Isles Subdivision, thence along the Southernly boundary line of Sunset Isles Subdivision to the shore of Saginaw Bay, thence along the shoreline of Saginaw Bay to a point on the bank of the Pigeon River, which is directly South of the West line of the Wilthy Property, thence North across the Pigeon River, the point where the South line intersects the West line of the Wilthy Property, thence North along the West line to the centerline of Harbor Street, thence Northeastly along the centerline of Harbor Street to the intersection of Harbor Street and Duffy Street, thence Northeastly along the centerline of Duffy Street to the intersection of the Southernly line of the County Park Property and M-25, thence Northeastly along the centerline of M-25 to the intersection of the Southernly line of the County Park Property and M-25, thence Northeastly along the boundary lines of the Watson Property returning to the centerline of M-25, thence Northeastly along the centerline of M-25 to the intersection of the Northline of H&J Industries Property, thence along the boundary lines of H&J Industries Property, returning to the centerline of M-25, thence Southwesterly along the centerline of M-25 to the intersection of the North line of Casewille, thence South along the boundary lines of the Seagull Mall Property to its Southeast corner, thence Southwesterly crossing Division Street to the Southeast corner of Lot 14, David Mintine's Addition to the Village of Casewille, thence South along the Southernly Lot lines of Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23, thence South along the West line of Lot 3 to the intersection of State Street & West Street, thence Southwesterly along the centerline of West Street, to a point which would intersect the South line of McLean/Quinn Property if extended, thence Southwesterly along the South line of McLean/Quinn Property to the bank of the Pigeon River, thence South along the bank of the Pigeon River, to a point where the East line of the Kasper Property intersects the bank of the Pigeon River, thence South along the East line of the Kasper Property crossing Riverside Drive, thence continuing along the East line of the Gentle Property to a point where it intersects the bank of the Pigeon River, thence East along the bank of the Pigeon River to a point directly North of the centerline of Prospect Street, if extended across the Pigeon River, thence South along the centerline of Prospect Street to its intersection with Michigan Street, Southernly boundary line of Lot 9 Block 16, thence Easterly along South line of Lot 9, 11, 12, 13, 2 of Block 16, thence continuing across Vine Street to Southernly line of Lot 7 Block 15, thence continuing along Southernly line of Lot 7 and 2 Block 15, to the center of Clay Street, thence South on Clay to intersection of Michigan, thence West along the centerline of Michigan Street,

to its intersection with Main Street (M-25), thence Southernly along the easterly right of way of M-25 to the Easterly right of way of John Lynn Drive, thence along the boundaries of the Devroye Property to a point where their Southernly boundary intersects the Easterly right of way of John Lynn Drive, thence continuing Southwesterly parallel to M-25, approximately 300 feet South of the Southernly right of way of M-25 to a point of the Easterly line of the Eagles Club Property, thence Southernly and Westerly to the intersection of Grand and East Park Street, thence Southwesterly along the centerline of Grand Avenue, thence South along the centerline of West Park Street to its intersection of Section Line Road, thence West along the centerline of Section Line Road to its intersection with M-25 and the Point of Beginning. Being in and a part of the Village of Casewille, Huron County, Michigan, EXCEPTING THEREFROM ANY PART OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING IN THE BED OF LAKE HURON/PIGEON RIVER/SAGINAW BAY.

Section 3 Board Membership  
1) The affairs of the Downtown Development Authority shall be governed by a Board consisting of the President and twelve (12) additional members, all of which shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Village Council. The Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority shall be a voting member of said Board.  
2) At the first regular meeting of the Village Council after publication of this Ordinance, there shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Village Council, of the Village of Casewille twelve (12) members to serve as the Board of the Downtown Development Authority together with the President. Qualifications for membership on the Board shall be as set forth in the Downtown Development Act.  
3) The other members appointed as the Board of the Downtown Development Authority shall be appointed in accordance with the following schedule:  
Three members whose terms expire in one year  
Three members whose terms expire in two years  
Three members whose terms expire in three years  
Three members whose terms expire in four years  
4) Prior to the expiration date and each year thereafter, the President of the Village of Casewille with the approval of the Village Council, shall appoint members to the Board of the Downtown Development Authority for a term of four years each to fill the places of those whose terms have expired. Further, the President shall fill such vacancies as they exist on the Board from time to time, with the approval of the Village Council.  
5) A Board member shall take office by swearing and subscribing to the constitutional oath of office.

Section 4 Meetings  
1) Within thirty (30) days after the appointment of the Board of Downtown Development Authority, the Authority shall call a meeting. The meeting shall open with a call for an election of Board officers which shall consist of the following officers:  
Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
2) The Board shall prepare by-laws to govern the procedure of meetings and powers of its officers which shall be submitted to the Village Council for approval prior to their adoption by the Board.

Section 5 Sources of Revenue Permitted Expenditures  
The activities of the Authority shall be financed from one or more of the funding sources set out in Section II of Act 197 of Public Acts of 1975, as amended, and shall expend no monies without prior approval of Village Council of the Village of Casewille.

Section 6 Fiscal Year: Adoption of Budget Reports: Audit  
1) The fiscal year of the Authority shall begin on March 1st of each year and end on February 28th of the following year, or such other fiscal year as may hereafter be adopted by the Village.  
2) The Board shall annually prepare a budget and shall submit it to the Village Controller for submission to the Council by December. The Board shall not finally adopt a budget for any fiscal year until the budget has been approved by the Council. The Board may, however, temporarily adopt a budget in connection with the operation of any improvements which have been financed by revenue bonds where required to do so by the ordinance authorizing the revenue bonds.  
3) The Authority shall be audited annually by the same independent auditors auditing the Village and copies of the audit report shall be filed with the Council.

Section 7 Authority Subject to State Law  
The Downtown Development Authority is to be controlled and regulated strictly by the Downtown Development Authority Act, being Act 197 of Public Acts of 1975, as amended.

Section 8 Residential Property Excluded  
Any and all residential property within the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority shall be excluded from and not subject to this Ordinance.

Section 9 Publication Requirements  
Promptly after adoption of this Ordinance, and copy of same shall be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan and shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village.

Section 10 Conflicting Ordinances, Resolutions or Orders  
All ordinances, resolutions or orders or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

Section 11 Effect  
This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption and publication.  
The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a special meeting of the Council of the Village of Casewille held on March 20, 1989.

FRANK MALOSKY, President  
ALICE HART, Clerk  
Effective: April 7, 1989



# From The Ground Up

By Ed Hutchison

Spring fever has reached epidemic proportions among gardeners, thanks to longer, warmer days and early-bird crocus poking through crusty soil.

That seed racks are everywhere helps fuel the fever to dash outside and sow seeds of kale, parsnips and other hearty and hardy vegetables. It is a truly difficult time of year to be an anxious gardener.

Anxious aside, it is the wise and ultimately successful gardener who curbs the urge to plant seeds mere days after the snow has vanished. Here's why.

Seeds need a certain measure of soil warmth to sprout. Without it, they lie fallow and ultimately die. Lettuce and spinach will sprout in soil as chilly as 35 degrees. Most vegetables require soil temperatures 40 or more degrees.

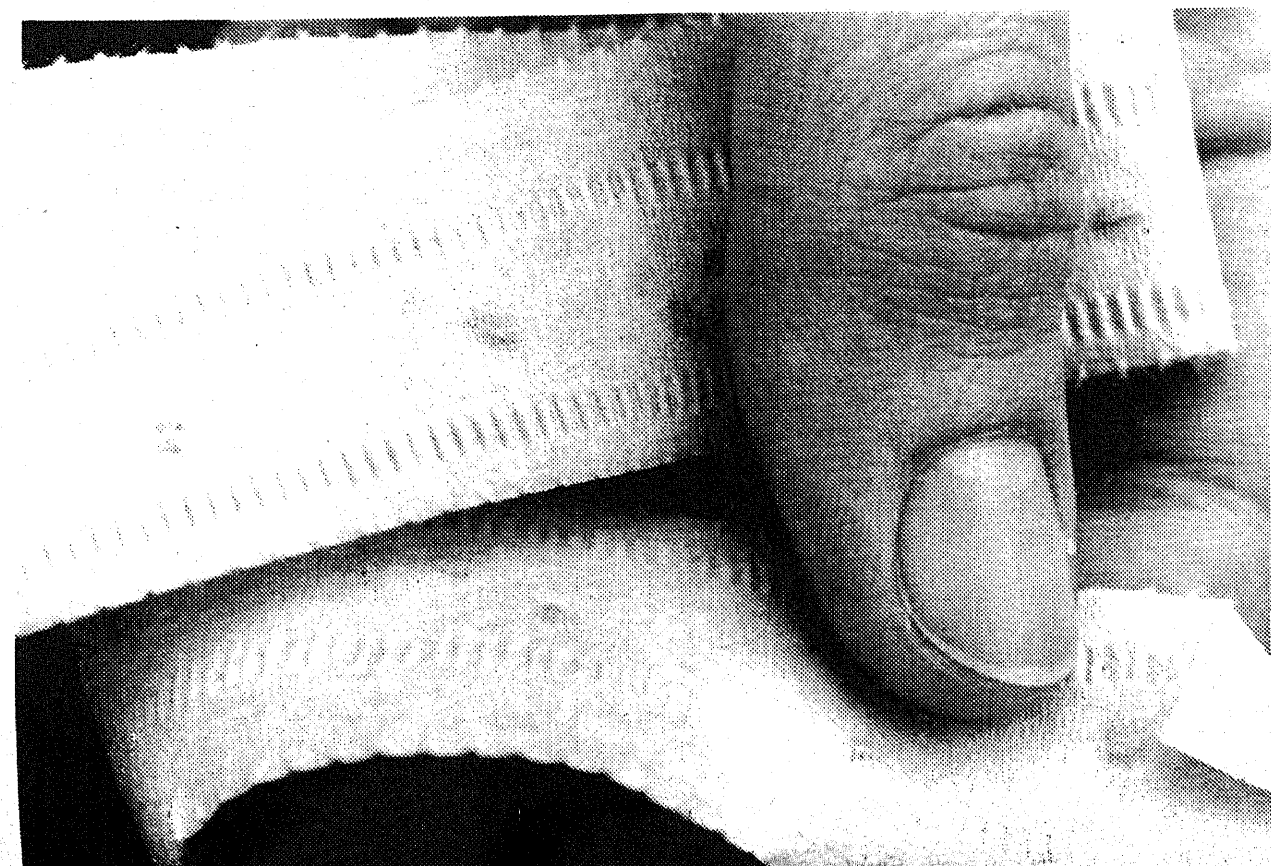
Few gardens in the Thumb can boast of soil temps that high right now. In most places, there is still frost in the top six inches of ground. Seeds planted in such soil are doomed.

What confuses many early-bird gardeners is the distinction between soil and air temperature. Day temperatures are well above freezing now and 50 and 60 degree days are at hand. Many vegetables would grow nicely in the day and can be protected from freezing at night but getting them to sprout is near-impossible now.

That's "near" impossible, not "impossible."

Let's assume the urge to plant now cannot be checked and something is going in the ground, chilly soil or not. How can the gardener and his seeds have at least a fighting chance?

One way is to pick a protected spot for an early crop. This suggests planting against



## How to give your garden an EARLY START

a building's south side to take advantage of the sun and the building's nighttime release of heat built-up during the day.

Warming the soil also helps. A layer of heavy, clear plastic stretched over the garden will trap and magnify the sun's rays and the captured heat will gradually warm the soil during the day. In the evening, a sheet

of black plastic or blanket of straw will help hold in warmth and keep the frost from penetrating. Once seeds have sprouted, different techniques are needed to protect tender seedlings.

Many gardeners have excellent luck in an early launch of the season by installing electric soil heating cables directly

under the seeded area. This may seem extreme, but it greatly increases the likelihood of getting seeds sprouted. Cables with and without thermostats are available. Park Seed Co. (Cokesbury Road, Greenwood, S.C. 29647-0001) offers thermostatically-controlled cables in lengths varying from 12 to 48 feet and

priced at about \$9 to \$14. A 36-foot cable (with 74-degree thermostat) heats a nine-square foot area and sells for \$12.

This cable would use about \$3.50 worth of electricity if left on 24 hours a day for 15 days — plenty of time to get most vegetables up. Nine square feet will grow a lot of radishes, lettuce and other early

**SEEDS ON PAPER TAPES are somewhat better able to survive chilly, damp spring soil than seed without some protection.**

season, quick-crops! Extreme? Maybe so, but \$3.50 in electricity and \$12 in a cable is a small price for a gardener to pay who is anxious to start the season.

Other ways of hurrying the season include using seed that has been "pelletized" with a hard coating that makes it a bit more adaptable to cold, wet soil. Seed tapes in which seed is "glued" to a paper-tape has the same advantage, plus is easier to space. Most mail-order seed companies sell seed treated this way.

There's always the approach of buying early transplants from the greenhouse and planting them in a sunny, warm, protected spot. These will require evening protection, just as will seedlings that have sprouted from seed sown directly in the garden.

Not all vegetables are sold as transplants, especially this early in the season. When shopping or planting, keep in mind the plant's relative hardiness. The following vegetables are ranked from the MOST hardy to LEAST hardy:

Kale, parsnips, spinach, leeks, Brussels sprouts, parsley, collards, endive, Swiss chard, radish, beets, turnips, mustard, cabbage, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, onions and cauliflower.

## Pigeon area folks visit at Easter time...

By DOROTHY DIENER

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Becker of Detroit spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rathje of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Clark of Lake Orion, Mr. and Mrs. John Rathje of Mt. Pleasant were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Rathje. Joining them for Easter dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Young and family of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaw and family of Bay Port.

**"Don't forget" the Annual Smorgasbord Dinner at Cross Lutheran School this**

**Friday, March 31, serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Proceeds will go towards school class trips taken by the children in May.**

The Cross Lutheran Luther League will meet in the Youth Room on April 2 at 7 p.m. Devotions will be given by Jill Gardy, topic by Melissa Haley, games by Jason Sturm and Brian Edler and snacks by the John Smiths.

The Father-Son Banquet is planned for Sunday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m. at Cross Lutheran School. April 2 is the deadline for reservations. Enjoying Easter with their children and grandchildren,

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton, Anthony and Andrea in Rockford. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Otto, Jeff and Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Auernhamer, Jason, Lisa and Renee of Frankenmuth and other relatives of Mrs. Robert Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trowbridge and family of Warren were Easter weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Elsie Trowbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Diener, Sr. entertained for Easter dinner, Dennis Diener Jr. of Southfield, Mr. and Mrs. John Rathje of Mt. Pleasant,

Mr. and Mrs. John Diener, Mrs. Cleo Cain, Mark and Michelle Mohr of Sand Point.

Rick Born, a student at Ferris State University, Big Rapids, spent Easter break with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Born and Hollie.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Elftman, Clark Elftman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Erer of Bad Axe were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis and boys in Weidman. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fritz in Owendale for Easter dinner were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Born, Hollie and Rick.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Swartzendruber with Mr.

and Mrs. Albert Eberly enjoyed the Passion Play at the Assembly of God Church in Midland on Saturday.

Visiting at the home of their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke, Pamela, Kristine and Mark in Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathje joined them for Easter Dinner, along with Debbie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reilly in Mt. Clemens. They also celebrated Kristine's third birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deming entertained for dinner their sons Edward and Luke of Bay Port, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Deming and sons Travis,

Christopher and Billy Jo of Bay Port, Tom and Franklin.

For Easter dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schuette and family entertained their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taschner of Sebawaing, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schuette and Randy Swanson of Uby.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bergman of Phoenix, Ariz. enjoyed visiting with relatives and friends locally over the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Lois Wolschlagher and her daughter, Mrs. Tom Reehl of Cagotown, visited Easter evening with their sister and aunt, Mrs. Avis Cregeur.

## We're Asking You . . . Thumb Area obituaries



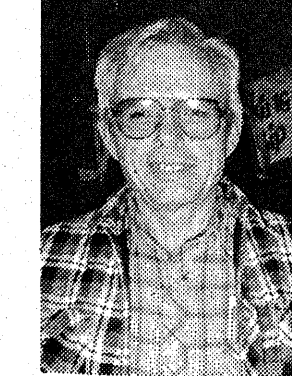
The weather will warm up, so then I can start farming again.

**Pat Gruehn OWENDALE**



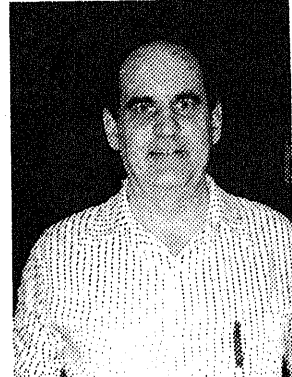
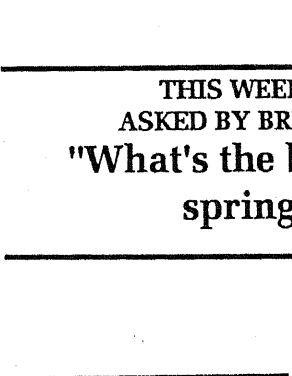
I get to go with my friends to places, and I get to paint with my Dad outside.

**Tom Stafford PIGEON**



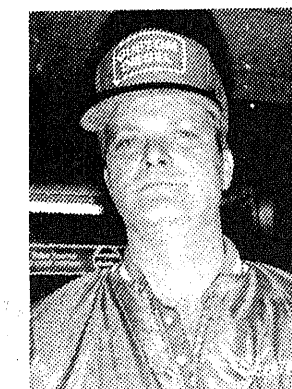
The best thing about spring is that summer is right around the corner, and the weather is much nicer.

**Elmer Ropp ELKTON**



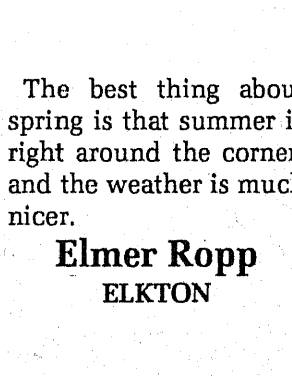
The warm weather, because it's the end of all the snow and slush!

**Don Weiss ELKTON**



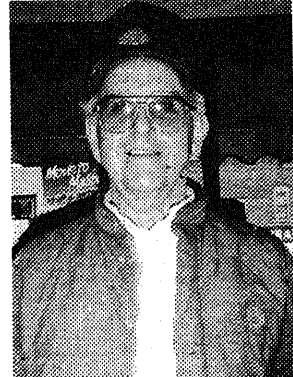
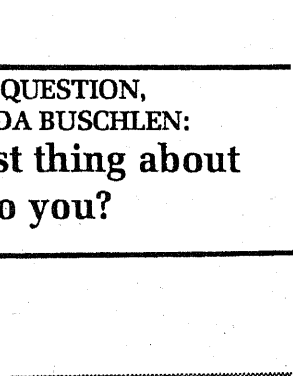
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**Dennis Young ELKTON**



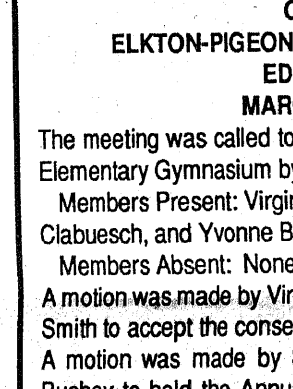
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**Elmer Ropp ELKTON**



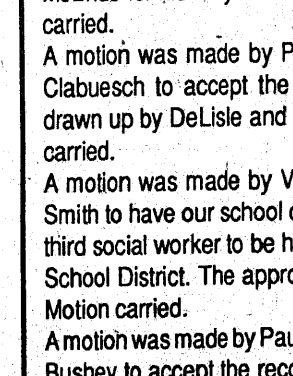
I can then get a lot of things done outside.

**Jim Dubey PIGEON**



The warm weather, because I can go fishing and do all the other spring activities.

**Dennis Young ELKTON**



The best thing about spring is that summer is right around the corner, and the weather is much nicer.

**Elmer Ropp ELKTON**

### OTHER THUMB AREA DEATHS

Clemens Kappen, 93, Cass City, passed away March 15. Jeannette Killgore, 92, Sebawaing, passed away March 15.

Genevieve Donnelly, 75, Cass City, passed away March 16.

Gilbert Albee, New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Cass City, passed away March 17. Verna Uhl, 83, Minden City, passed away March 19. Constance Bukowski, 85, Uby, passed away March 22.

**Thanks for reading The Progress-Advance. We truly appreciate it!**

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MARCH 13, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Pigeon Elementary Gymnasium by President Bruce Baur.

Members Present: Virginia Leipprandt, Bruce Baur, Jim Clabuesch, and Yvonne Bushey  
Members Absent: None

A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Sid Smith to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sid Smith, seconded by Yvonne Bushey to hold the Annual School Election on June 12th. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sid Smith, seconded by Paul Clabuesch to place on the June 12th Annual School Election ballots, the renewal of 3.5 mills for 4 years. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Yvonne Bushey to send a letter of appreciation to F. James McBride for his 22 years of service in Huron County. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Clabuesch, seconded by Jim Clabuesch to accept the asbestos management plan as drawn up by DeLisle and Associates of Kalamazoo. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, second by Sid Smith to have our school district participate in the hiring of a third social worker to be handled by the Huron Intermediate School District. The approximate cost per student is \$4.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Clabuesch, seconded by Yvonne Bushey to accept the recommendation for the traffic flow in front of the secondary complex as presented by Gordon Stirrett. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Clabuesch, seconded by Paul Clabuesch to nominate Fran LePage as the school district's representative for the 1989 Thumb Meet of Champions "Friends of Youth" award. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Yvonne Bushey to accept school bus bids from Paul's Equipment Company of \$3,682 for 78C, and \$3,188 for 77B, unless it's referred to the Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sid Smith, seconded by Paul Clabuesch to extend maternity leave to 6th grade teacher Jeannine Ehrlich through the end of this school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Clabuesch, seconded by Sid Smith to send letters of congratulations to the boy's basketball team, and the girl's volleyball team, for their fine season. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Yvonne Bushey, seconded by Richard Lockard to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried. Respectfully submitted, James H. Clabuesch, Secretary Board of Education

### ASHLEY KAY MAXWELL March 22, 1989

Ashley Kay Maxwell, daughter of Carl F. and Phyllis K. (Honaker) Maxwell of Pigeon was a still birth on March 22, 1989 at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her sister, Heather Diane; maternal grandparents, Douglas and Diane Honaker of Pigeon and paternal grandparents, Fred and Barbara Maxwell of Pigeon.

Funeral services were officiated by Rev. Wayne Keim, pastor of the Fair Haven Mennonite Church, Bay Port with burial in the Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon. Sheller-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, conducted the services.

### ROSE E. WHITTEN 1914 - 1989

Rose E. Whitten, age 74 of Caseville, passed away Sunday, March 26 at Huron Memorial Hospital, following a long illness.

She was born Nov. 11, 1914 in South Bend, Ind., daughter of the late Elton and Flossie (Bunker) Myers. She was united in marriage to Charles Whitten on Dec. 27, 1934. He preceded her in death on July 26, 1973.

Mrs. Whitten was a 1933 graduate of Bridgeman High School and lived in Bridgeman most of her life with her husband, who owned the Whitten Nursery there. She moved to Caseville in the fall of 1973. She was a member of the P.O.E. #3690 Ladies Auxiliary and attended the Caseville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Carl (Ruth) Steller, Caseville; one niece, Constance Maxwell, Calif.; one nephew, Hugh Steller, Grand Blanc.

A sister, Dorothy Barker and a brother, Hugh Myers, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 30 at 2 p.m. at the Caseville chapel of Champagne Funeral Chapels.

Rev. John Hamilton, pastor of the Caseville United Methodist Church, will officiate, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Bridgeman. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of service Thursday.

The family requests memorials be made to Caseville United Methodist Church.

The regular meeting of the Pigeon Village Council was held on Monday, March 21, 1989. President David Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Eichler, Fluegge, Gehrs, Smith, Pobanz and Licht. Also Present: Roger Ewald, Van Johnson and Janet Heckman.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 1989 meeting was made by Fluegge and supported by Pobanz. Carried.

General Election results were given by Heckman. Results as follows: 44 residents voting. Eichler - 35, Fluegge - 37, Pobanz - 38, Smith - 41. Motion by Licht to accept election results was supported by Gehrs. Carried.

A motion to approve the Accounts Payable for February was made by Eichler and supported by Smith. Carried.

A motion to accept the Financial Reports for the month of February was made by Gehrs and supported by Licht. Carried.

Committee Appointments for the 1989-90 Fiscal Year were made by President Geiger.

The Police Operations Report for February and the Annual Police Report were given by Chief Johnson. A motion to approve the above reports was made by Pobanz and supported by Smith. Carried.

Resolutions to close the highway for parades scheduled for this summer were presented by Johnson. Motion to accept resolutions made by Eichler, supported by Licht. Carried.

Bids were opened by Geiger for DPW Trucks. A motion by Eichler to accept the bid of McCormick Motors for a 1989 Single Axle Truck with trade of the 1979 truck and box in the amount of \$19,362.00 was supported by Licht. Carried.

A motion by Gehrs to accept the bid of Pigeon Motors Sales for a 1989 Pickup in the amount of \$11,685.00 was supported by Smith. Roll Call Vote as follows: Eichler-Yes, Gehrs-Yes, Smith-Yes, Pobanz-Yes, Licht-Yes, Fluegge-Abstain. Carried.

A motion to close the regular portion of meeting and go into Closed Session was made by Eichler and supported by Smith. Carried.

A motion to return to regular portion of meeting was made by Eichler and supported by Pobanz. Carried.

A motion by Fluegge, supported by Pobanz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Janet Heckman, Clerk



**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
Village of CASEVILLE  
Caseville, Michigan

**CASEVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING**  
MARCH 20, 1989

Public hearing of the Caseville Village Council for the establishment of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Roll Call: Present, Bruce McCormick, Forrest Williams, Lee Merideth, Arliss Kraft, William Goslee, Frank Malosky.

Absent: Clare Heron  
Also in Attendance: Bob Terry, Department of Commerce, Karl Osentoski, Huron County, EDC.

Public Attendance: 39  
Bob Terry from the Department of Commerce explained the advantages of forming a DDA, example project goals, types of financing available to the district and answered questions from the Council and Public.

James Stahl, Caseville Public School Superintendent, expressed concerns of the Caseville School Board in forming a DDA.  
Charlie Morden, Huron County Abstract Co., explained the proposed boundaries for the DDA. Several questions from the public were answered. Motion by Williams, seconded by McCormick to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion Carried.

A complete copy of the minutes from the Public Hearing are available upon request at the Village Controllers office, 6767 Main Street, Caseville, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Hart  
Village Clerk  
Frank Malosky  
Village President

**Penney store moves in Bad Axe**

The J.C. Penney Catalog Merchant Store in Bad Axe has found a new home.

They have moved this week to their new location at the corner of North Van Dyke and M-142 in the Century Plaza, across from the Quality Farm & Fleet Store.

"We had outgrown our store," said Manager Henry Sheldon. Their former address was 632 East Huron, Bad Axe.

**Bowling**

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**FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE**

- Pigeon Lanes ..... 33
- Albrecht Auction Ser 31 Active Feed ..... 26
- \*Co-op Elevator ..... 24
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- Caseville Fruit Mkt. .... 16

High team series and game: Albrecht Auction 2523 (89-207), Co-op Elevator 2489 (875-833), Active Feed 2457 (906-831), Pigeon Lanes 871, Berkley Ind. 857.

High individual scores: J.D. Gundon 609 (235-222), D. Daering 558 (201), O. Reed 545 (212), Basinger 534, R. Nowaczyk 530, M. Swartzendruber 517, H. Lange 518 (202), D. Dunn 515, D. McAlpine 509, J. Dubs 203.

Splits converted: 5-10 D. Dunn; 3-10, 9-10 G. Daering.

**Scheurer Hospital Care List**

- PIGEON: Anna Rathje.
- ELKTON: Marie Buchholz.
- CASEVILLE: Master Matthew Strozski, Fred Cleaver.
- FILION: Dorothy Hallam.
- SEBEWAING: C. Wade Bursick, Donna Kuhl.
- PORT AUSTIN: Evelyn Weiss.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert (Lori) Woodruff, Caro, a daughter, Nicole Lynn, on March 26.

**Cross holds K Round-up**

The annual Kindergarten Round-up for Cross Lutheran School is planned for Thursday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym.

The one-hour session will provide information about the kindergarten program. Children are invited to meet their teacher, and parents are reminded to bring their child's immunization record and birth certificate.

Children planning to enroll must be five by Dec. 1. The program is open to all members of the Cross congregation, as well as non-members. Parents who would like to learn more about Cross Lutheran School may come and get acquainted. During round-up time, parents may sign up their child for kindergarten testing which will take place April 13.

For more information, call 453-3331.

**OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Village of CASEVILLE Caseville, Michigan

**CASEVILLE AREA RESIDENTS - Public Notice -**

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has received a pre-application for financial assistance from the Village of Caseville. The specific elements of this proposed action are to build a waste water lagoon system in Caseville Michigan. The lagoon site is located All that part of the E 1/2 of the so. 1/4 of sec. 25 lying S of the Pigeon River and Nly 780 ft. of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of sec. 36 and Wly 33 ft. of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of sec. 36, Caseville Township, Huron County, Michigan, with the exception of certain easements grant.

FmHA has assessed the potential impacts of this proposed action, and determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, FmHA will not prepare an environmental impact statement for this proposed action.

Any written comments regarding this determination should be provided with fifteen (15) days of this publication to District Office, FmHA, 852 South Hooper Street, Caro, MI 48723.

FmHA will make no further decisions regarding this proposed action during this 15 day period. Requests to review the FmHA environmental assessment upon which this determination is based, or to receive a copy of it, should be directed to FmHA, 852 Hooper Street, Caro, MI, 48723.

JANICE PRILL  
Village Controller

**COUPON COOKBOOK CORNER**

Marion Joyce



Egg Nest Coffee Cake is a unique and delicious bread for the Easter holiday. The "nest" is a fragrant, spicy date-filled ring. Balls of dough are shaped as eggs and placed inside the ring. Once baked, the eggs and nest are decorated with colored frosting and tinted coconut. Bake with FLEISCHMANN'S® Active Dry or RapidRise™ Yeast.

**EGG NEST COFFEE CAKE**

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| 3 cups all-purpose flour                   | 1 egg, at room temperature      |
| 1/2 cup sugar                              | 3/4 tsp. ground cinnamon        |
| 3/4 teaspoon salt                          | 1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg          |
| 1 package FLEISCHMANN'S® Active Dry Yeast* | 1/2 cup chopped dates           |
| 1/2 cup milk                               | Lemon Frosting (recipe follows) |
| 1/4 cup water                              | Food Coloring                   |
| 1/4 cup plus 4 tsps. margarine             | 1/2 cup flaked coconut          |

In large bowl, combine 1 cup flour, 1/4 cup sugar, salt and undissolved yeast. Heat milk, water and 1/4 cup butter until very warm, 120° to 130°F; stir into dry ingredients. Mix in egg and enough additional flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour. Pinch off 5 pieces of dough the size of small eggs; shape into smooth egg shapes. Roll remaining dough to 18 x 7-inches. Melt remaining 4 teaspoons butter; brush on dough. Combine remaining 1/4 cup sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Sprinkle sugar mixture and dates over dough. Roll up from long edge as for jelly roll; seal seam. Arrange in circle, seam-side down on greased baking sheet; seal ends to join. Cut 1/2-inch deep slashes at 2-inch intervals on top of ring. Place dough eggs inside ring. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes or until done. Remove from sheet; cool on wire rack. Frost the ring with half the Lemon Frosting. Divide remaining frosting into 5 parts; tint each a different color using food coloring. Frost each egg a different color. Tint coconut with green food coloring; sprinkle in ring around egg cluster. Makes 1 coffee cake.

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**Thanks a Million** By Percy Ross

You may write to Percy Ross in care of The Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, MN 55435. Please include your telephone number with your letter.

**Mother's attitude is commendable**

**DEAR READERS:**  
Mr. Ross has left me in charge for this week's column, but he'll be back next week. Until then...

**DEAR MISS WEBBER:**  
Please understand that I'm not complaining, for I know that I'm blessed with much. I have a 16 year old daughter who is learning disabled. I also have a 30 year old retarded son with cerebral palsy and epilepsy. Four years ago my brother was arrested on drug and gambling charges. This is where the problem comes in: While waiting to go on trial, he tried to commit suicide. He was 100% without oxygen for a time, which left him with brain damage. Three months later the judge released him to my care. He is just like a baby - had to be taught how to feed himself and how to use the bathroom.

Right now, my son and brother sleep together on a pull-out couch. I'm in dire need of twin beds in order to care effectively for both of them.

If this letter seems disjointed, it's because I have so little contact with adults. My only outings are to bring my brother and son to clinic appointments. Can Mr. Ross help us? - Mrs. E.C., New Brunswick, N.J.

**DEAR MRS. C.:**  
Let me explain something about how Mr. Ross' mail is read. After the initial screening, many letters get passed on with a written comment by one of the reading staff. Your letter came back with a "Wow!" written on it.

Those are my sentiments exactly. But then I thought, it's not as much your ability to do the work load which I find so commendable, as it is your attitude toward it. So, even though Mr. Ross may be the last one to know about it, he's getting you a set of new twin beds. Our THANKS A MILLION check

is in the mail. I know one thing, Mrs. C., that Mr. Ross will be the first to say, "God bless you in your daily endeavors."

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**DEAR MISS WEBBER:**  
I'm a single parent working and raising two children, ages 17 and 12. My problem is I'm in desperate need of a dining room set with at least four chairs. At the time of this letter, we're sitting on the sofa eating our meal. It's kind of hard not to get spaghetti on your lap and sauce all down the front of your blouse.

It also presents a problem when one of the kids wants to have a friend over for dinner. So, if Mr. Ross could find it in his heart to help us with a dining room set, my family and I would be most grateful. - Ms. J.C., Middletown, N.Y.

**DEAR MRS. J.:**  
A dining room set? Whatever happened to a kitchen table and chairs? You see, Mr. Ross holds me accountable for whatever I give away when he's out of town. When he gets back, I want him to tell me I exercised good judgment in my choices. So the check I'm sending may not purchase the table

and chairs appropriate for a garden party... however, it will fill the bill for your kitchen needs. Bon appetit!

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**DEAR MISS WEBBER:**  
I'm writing Mr. Ross in behalf of a very gentle old horse. "Mr. C" was used for 10 years, along with 25 other horses, in a local riding program for handicapped children. He's the kind of horse that stood still while wheelchair-bound kids crawled up on him, no matter how long it took.

When the program was discontinued, most horses were placed at a riding stable. However, Mr. C was too old to go along. Rather than have him put to sleep, as he is in good health, I volunteered to care for him.

It's all I can do to feed my one horse, let alone pay for Mr. C's feed also. He's a grand old guy and has earned his retirement. Anything Mr. Ross could do would be appreciated. - Mrs. A.J., Port Charlotte, Fla.

**DEAR MRS. J.:**  
Mr. Ross' primary focus has always been directed toward helping people, as opposed to animals. So it

took a little finesse on my part, but I think we saved Mr. C from the glue factory.

Our THANKS A MILLION office staff "passed the hat" to buy horse feed. Then we challenged matching funds from Mr. Ross. Rather than be pestered for the next month, he conceded and pledged his support over the phone. This money, along with our acknowledgment to Mr. C and Mr. Ross, is on the way. After all, their level of tolerance has made life a little more pleasant for the rest of us.

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**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
About three years ago, when I needed a truss and couldn't afford it, I wrote you and you got me one. Thanks a million - it worked just fine. But now it's kind of worn out and I need a new one.

Can you help me again? Like before, I've taken the liberty of enclosing an order blank. I've circled the truss I would like, but any model would do just fine. - Mr. D.S., Passaic, N.J.

**DEAR MR. S.:**  
You mean the darn thing didn't come with a lifetime guarantee? As I recall, I made

the model selection last time. So this time, let's go with your selection and I trust you picked a winner. Arrangements have been made.

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**Something To Think About**  
JOHN A. CHAMPAGNE  
- DIRECTOR -  
**GOOD GRIEF?**

"Good grief." How often sible. Grief, whether our have you heard or used this own or that of someone in expression without consid- our social or business life, ering the meaning of the is an inconvenience, an words outside their use as interruption in our hectic an exclamation of surprise schedules. We harbor many or disgust? Grief, after all, is misconceptions about the that very difficult process grief process and scarcity of learning to adjust to the comprehend or appreciate loss of someone very im- its value and purpose.

portant. What could possibly be good about it? A little appreciated fact is that we can transform the experience of grieving into a positive one.

Americans tend to have a negative attitude about grieving, feeling that it is something we should get over with as soon as pos-

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**Lake-Chandler folks**

By MILDRED BALLAGH  
April 5 - Chandler Presbyterian Guild meets with Eleanor Wilson.

Spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh were Mary and Fred Grunert of Three Rivers. Other Easter guests were Bill and Jan Ballagh and son Andy of New Lothrop, Tony and Sally Lopez and children Sonya and Chrisof Holt and Bill Ballagh III of Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Bixler and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhl returned home after visiting relatives and friends in Florida.

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