

# Annual Township meetings

## BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP

Eight Brookfield Township residents attended the annual meeting, according to Clerk Ed Good, Jr. The preliminary budget for the 1989-90 will be \$101,253, down from \$127,958 last year.

The township expects to spend over \$53,000 for roads this year, much less than the nearly \$70,000 spent last year.

Township officials' salaries will remain the same, with Supervisor-Assessor Walton Brown receiving \$6,000, Clerk Ed Good receiving \$3,500, Treasurer Robert McPhail earning \$3,500, and trustees Lloyd Kretschmer and Victor Wissner will each receive \$35 per meeting.

## CASEVILLE TOWNSHIP

Some Caseville Township officials will be receiving raises, while others will remain the same as last year. Supervisor Joseph Cilc will earn \$5,500, up from \$4,400;

clerk Rose Marie Spies will get \$11,000, up from \$9,000; the assessor will receive \$10,000, up from \$9,200; treasurer Margaret Barton will earn \$8,470, and trustees Gale Schwalm and Jerry Cilc will each earn \$40 per meeting.

The Oak Lake subdivision resurfacing project has been finished, Spies said, and the township expects to spend about \$32,000 for road projects this year.

Fire protection services will cost the township \$36,350, and cemetery operations will cost \$15,725.

The board presented a preliminary budget of just over \$197,000 for the 1989 fiscal year, up from last year's budget figure of \$166,295.

## LAKE TOWNSHIP

Lake Township officials will receive the same salaries they did last year, according to clerk Ed Koneczny.

Supervisor-Assessor Joe Feger will receive \$10,400, Clerk Koneczny will earn

\$5,500, treasurer Dorothy Fischer will receive \$5,200, and trustees Walter Michon and Robert Hyzer will each receive \$40 per meeting. Officials presented a budget totalling \$166,775 for 1989-90, up from \$156,000 last year. Included in the budget is \$13,000 for police protection, \$2,000 for computer equipment and \$8,000 for trash compactor leasing and removal by Gateway Sanitation.

Griggs Road will be brined to help with dust control, Kozecny said, and if the experiment is successful, other roads in the township will be treated also.

## CHANDLER TOWNSHIP

Chandler Township's 1989-90 budget is \$3,000 less than last year's, according to township officials. This year's budget will be \$126,000, while the budget for 1988-89 was \$129,000.

Officials expect to spend about \$75,000 on road projects this year. There were no salary

changes, and Supervisor William Duffy will receive \$7,000, clerk Glen Iddings will earn \$2,800, treasurer Connie Herford will earn \$2,800, and trustees Fred Renn and David Tait will each receive \$40 per meeting.

**WINSOR TOWNSHIP**  
Winsor Township officials will be receiving an increase in their salaries, according to clerk Dianne Kohr.

Supervisor-Appraiser Level II Bob Armbruster will earn \$9,500, up from \$8,600; clerk Kohr will receive \$6,300, up from \$5,800; treasurer Clare Dast will earn \$6,300, up from \$5,800, and trustees Marlin Rathje and Jack Sturm will receive \$50 per meeting.

Kohr said just over 94 percent of the township's taxes have been collected for 1988.

The budget for 1989-90 is expected to be \$239,000, with over \$76,000 budgeted for roads. Over \$38,000 will be spent for road repairs and construction, according to Kohr. The contingency fund and the firefighting fund will total \$125,000.

**FAIR HAVEN**  
A new Fair Haven Township facility was discussed last Saturday, when township residents gathered for their annual meeting.

Voters authorized purchase of property from the Bay Port campus of Laker School District, for construction of a new fire station.

A new township building, to the east of present property, was discussed. Also talks about was road maintenance, but Township Clerk William Forge said no big projects are anticipated this year.

The 1989-90 budget will be much the same as in the year just passed, with slight increases in fire and police departments. Fire department members will be equipped with new fire-fighting garments and purchase of a new police car is anticipated this year.

# Achievements

Caseville insurance representative Michael A. Thomas, representing the Franklin Life Insurance Company of Springfield, Ill., has been named to membership in the 1989 Franklin Million Dollar Conference, the company's elite organization of national sales and sales management leaders.



MICHAEL THOMAS

To qualify for the honor, Thomas has been recognized as one of the company's most successful agency associates. His accomplishments will be recognized at the company's 1989 Franklin Million Dollar Conference, set for July at the Buena Vista Palace in Orlando, Fla.

Thomas has been in the insurance business for 16 years, specializing in retirement programs, IRAs, pension and group health plans. He also represents the Harris Hampshire Agency, specializing in fire, auto, homeowners and commercial liability

insurance. Their offices are located in Cass City and Caseville. He resides in Caseville with his wife, Kitty and two children.

# Club news

## CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

A total of 111 members of the Caseville Retirement Club were present for the potluck meeting on March 28 at the American Legion Hall. Two new members, Michael Slavin and Betty Reilich were welcomed.

Vice President Beulah Adams presided in the absence of President Margaret Wilhelm. Adams thanked Peg Hill, Cassie Kopek, Rose Koenig and Helena Burns for cooking the turkeys.

Thanks was extended to Dorothy Kavalor, Stella Budrick, Martha Weremiuk and Edna Schulz for the "earlybird" goodies.

Ray Gerrard reminded members to begin signing up for the Chesaning trip, which is open to only 50. He also mentioned that travel brochures are available to members who are interested.

Peg and Hank Hill delivered 17 baskets to needy seniors from the club. Celebrating birthdays were Geri Dominiak, Jennie

## Leipprandt to conduct hoop camp

Joel Leipprandt, former basketball coach at Laker High School, now coaching at Ionia, will conduct a Basketball Camp for youngsters age 10 to 15, during the week of June 19-23.

The daily camp will cost the same as it did last year, according to Leipprandt, and he invites interested persons to call him at (616)527-4795 or write him at 1003 W. Main, Ionia, MI 48846.

**SPECIAL PARTY!** Pigeon Rotary Exchange student Anja Twistel had more than a birthday to celebrate last week - her 16-year-old sister Ilka came to visit her from New York City, where she's been spending four weeks as an Exchange student from West Germany.

Anja and Ilka, who are staying at the Doug and Rhonda Buehler home in Pigeon, were guests of honor Saturday night at a surprise birthday and welcome party at Greenfields Restaurant, hosted by the Buehlers and Pigeon Rotary Club. About 50 friends gathered to celebrate Anja's 18th birthday, which is on April 16.



# APRIL: It's time for taxes, towns, safety, secretaries & more!

By AMY HEIDEN  
Now that we have an extra hour of daylight, there should be no excuse for not spending a little time thinking about all the special occasions happening in April.

One that you may not find in any listing (but one that I like to celebrate) is National Spring Fever Month.

(Actually, I made it up. That's why you won't find it in any listing.)

Spring fever means that paint and hardware stores are kept busy mixing gallons of paint for spring fever sufferers, and orders are going out to seed companies in preparation for the coming garden season. Closets are being turned inside out, and winter clothes are being put away.

**TAX TIME:** But on the dark side of spring fever, there is Tax Day - April 17 this year, since the 15th falls on a Saturday, officially a "non-day." It's been said that the only things certain in this life are death and taxes, but at least death only comes once.

Taxes come every single year, without fail. (Almost takes the joy out of the season, doesn't it?)

**HONOR YOUR TOWN:** For all us "importers," there's National Boost Your Home Town Month.

So let's see, do I boost my home town Big Stone Gap, Va., deep in the Appalachian Mountains on the Trail of the Lonesome Pine... or do I boost Elkton, my "adopted" hometown, where I now make my home and hearth?

**STUDY UP!** Here's one to go along with Tax Day - Mathematics Education Month! We'll sure need that to figure out the maze of tax figures by April 17th...

All you Yanks will probably be out celebrating the Civil War Ending Anniversary on April 15.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS  
**WE PRINT!**  
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**OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!**

**TWO KID NOTES:** Move over apple pie, home-baked bread or the smell of warm, clean sheets. Given their choice of which one thing they could smell for the rest of their lives, a survey group of school children chose pizza.

The power of pizza is almost limitless, survey director Beth Dauley of Rochester, N.Y. says. "It seems that the way to a youngster's heart is the nearest pizzeria."

More parents are returning to church, trying to find ways to instill religious values in their children, says the editor of Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches. There's a big drop-off in attendance as people leave high school, and into their early 20s. But attendance figures rise as they enter their parenting 30s, 40s and beyond.

**FORGOTTEN AGAIN** - Quick, name seven local towns which the Huron County Road Commission doesn't know exist: Pigeon, Elkton, Bay Port, Owendale, Kinde, Uby and Filion.

None are on the front cover of the new 1989 road map recently distributed by the Road Commission. It happened because the road guys reprinted the map designed two or so years ago by the Huron County EDC which ALSO excluded those towns.

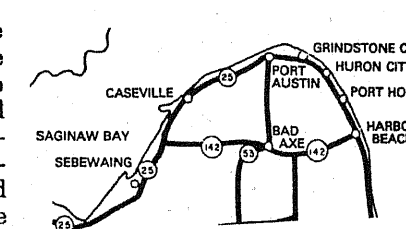
The map should have been corrected, but apparently nobody looked at it closely - or at all. Bet they don't forget those seven towns when tax collections come...

**COMMUNICATION COMMENTS:** A recent Consumer Reports magazine story tells you not to hold your breath waiting for "the next generation" of television, HDTV (high definition television.) Maybe you've heard about HDTV, which features a big screen, movie-clear picture, CD-like sound.

It SHOULD be wonderful, when it comes, but Consumer Reports says it's quite a ways off. At least 20 different manufacturers are pushing their own (non-compatible) formats. Until one wins out, none will...

Can you believe the incredibly rapid growth of compact disk (CD) players? I don't have one, but lots and lots of folks do. And I DO love the clear sound of CDs, but can you believe they've already outselling "old fashioned" records nearly 3-to-1? And, can you believe records account for just 10% of all music sold these days? Amazing...

**WISH I'D SAID THAT** - "In order to maintain a well-balanced perspective, the person who has a dog to worship him should also have a cat to ignore him!" (Karl Hertz)



HERE'S THE MAP, MINUS THE TOWNS!

# Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

## PARKS GET COUNTY FUNDS

Sebewaing's new Huron County Park got a big boost recently, when Huron Board of Commissioners approved grant funding amounting to about \$175,000 to be spread over three projects.

The Sebewaing park's share will be for \$106,300, from the Michigan Land Trust Fund Development Grant, which will be in addition to a State of Michigan grant of \$318,900 to fund Phase I, which totals \$425,200. The funding includes engineering, construction, water and sewer service, road development, 58 campsites, electric service, trails, bridges and fishing decks. Construction won't begin until early 1990, at the earliest, officials say.

Two other projects were approved by the Board of Commissioners for Bird Creek Park at Port Austin and Stafford Park at Port Hope. The Bird Creek project calls for a 30x35 service building, costing \$84,260, with the county share calling for 30% and the state grant making up the balance.

The Stafford Park renovation calls for a 30x60 pavilion with restroom, signage, storage building, park manager's residence and sewer and water upgrading. Total cost will be \$133,687, with the county share also calling for 30% and the state grant making up the balance.

## CARO COLLEGE EXPANSION

An explosion in enrollment is causing Great Lakes Junior College at Caro to launch a \$750,000 expansion project, officials say. The project would nearly double the size of the 12,000-sq.-ft. branch opened in Caro 18 months ago, says Campus Development Vice President James Lewis.

Construction would begin this summer or early next year, he says. More than 400 students have enrolled at the Caro branch of the Saginaw-based college.

## BIGGEST FINE EVER

General Motors' Central Foundry Division has agreed to pay a \$238,000 fine to the state, as part of a consent agreement for violating air pollution laws at GM's Saginaw Grey Iron Plant.

The agreement requires that GM install pollution control equipment for the Grey Iron Plant, plus keep nearby roads clear of dust and debris. This is the largest pollution fine agreement signed in the Saginaw Valley, observers say.

## NEW PAPER STARTS

The first independent publication started in the Thumb Area in 10 years has begun circulating every Monday. The Thumb ADvantage, a weekly shopping guide begun by the Tuscola County Advertiser in Caro, will be distributed to 22,000 homes in Caro, Cass City, Sebewaing, Unionville, Akron, Fairgrove, Gagetown and six other towns. All deliveries will be made by U.S. Mail, the owners have announced.

## HURON JOINS DRUG GROUP

Huron County Commissioner Martha Thuemmel (R-Port Austin) has been named to serve on the Board of Directors of the new TANG (Thumb Area Narcotics Group), joining Huron County Sheriff Michael Gage and Uby Police Chief Gene Bucholtz as the county's representatives.

When it begins operating this summer, TANG will fight illegal drug abuse and drug sales in Huron, Tuscola, Lapeer and Sanilac Counties, under coordination of Michigan State Police.

## M-25 SIGNS BEING UPGRADED

No, you're not seeing double, as you drive along M-25 on the 57 miles between Bay City and Port Austin. The Michigan Department of Transportation is in the middle of a sign upgrade and replacement program, which should be complete within the next two months.

New sign posts were placed at all traffic control sign sites last fall, and the new signs will be larger and more reflective than the existing ones, MDOT says. The \$162,000 project includes moving the signs further from the roadway, for greater safety and longer sign life.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS

In 73rd District Court, First Division (Huron County), Judge John Schubel last week heard the pleas of or passed judgment on:

Michael D. Mouton, 29 of Kinde, pled guilty to driving with license revoked, following a recent incident; ordered to serve 60 days in Huron County Jail and pay costs of \$100;

Larry J. Janik, 21 of Bad Axe, pled guilty to larceny, less than \$100, following a Nov. 18 incident involving sheeting building material on Beacon Cove, Port Austin Township, investigated by Michigan State Police; ordered to serve 30 days, pay \$200 in costs and make restitution of \$184;

Tina L. Schave, 18 of Elkton, pled guilty to larceny, less than \$100, following a March 19 incident investigated by Huron County Sheriff's Deputies involving road signs at Redman and Schave Roads, on a Huron County Road Commission complaint; \$75 fines and costs;

David W. Fahl, 27 of Auburn Hills, pled guilty to assault and battery, following a March 10 incident involving a female on E. Main Street, Sebewaing, investigated by Sebewaing Police; ordered to serve 60 days, and

Anthony Garza, 20 of Pigeon, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$450 fines and costs and loss of driver's license for 90 days.



THREE CONTESTANTS from the Knights of Columbus Council #4042 of Caseville-Pigeon have placed second in the State Finals Free Throw Contest held at Carrollton on March 15.

Pictured here are Matt Pauly of Pigeon, second place in the 11 year old boys division; Zac King of Pigeon, runner-up in the 10 year old boys division and Patti Horetski of Port Austin, second place in the 13 year old girls division. Each of these contestants had won the council, district and regional contests before reaching the state finals, according to coordinator Bernie King.

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**As we see it editorially**

# Beware the unwanted phone pitch...

We've said it before, and we'll probably have to say it again. But buying anything over the phone, sight unseen, can be very risky.

The Federal Trade Commission has again outlined some of the things we all should watch for. That "special deal" some unknown person tells you about may not be special at all. Or, in the case of buying magazines, you may be purchasing things you didn't know about!

While many phone sales programs ARE legitimate, many AREN'T. And, the FTC reminds, thousands of people are duped by unscrupulous sales people annually.


You might receive a post card asking you to call a number about a contest or prize. Soon, the discussion turns to magazine subscriptions, even though the sales person might say they represent a credit card company or a publisher. Often, they won't give you the whole cost — saying magazines are only "\$1 a week." But, they add up to big amounts!

Protect yourself, the FTC advises. Get the caller's name, company name, phone number — and address. If they're unwilling to give it, hang up.

Find out the total yearly cost of the magazines. Do you REALLY want to spend that much?

Ask for a written copy of the sales agreement, before you agree to buy anything. And, DON'T give your credit card number over the phone... unless you're familiar with the company. Also, DON'T give your bank account number — a fraudulent seller may say it's needed to send you a gift.

Buy locally, WHAT you want, WHEN you want



**FROM UNDER THE WILLOW**  
BY WANDA EICHLER

**"The Last Farmer" — Just a book?**

Will there ever be a last farmer? That's a provocative question in this time of industrialized farming, increased emphasis on agri-business and the recent national FFA decision to drop "farmer" from its name.

Howard Kohn, a writer and former senior editor of "Rolling Stone" magazine, grew up on a farm near Bay City. Kohn recently wrote a book, "The Last Farmer: An American Memoir."

The last farmer whom Kohn writes about is his father and the book's story is about the passing of the Kohn farm in the Saginaw River valley from three generations of family ownership to non-family ownership. The story is the story that could happen in literally thousands of rural areas in the next 10 years.

U.S. Census statistics for 1980 tallied the number of farms in the U.S. at 2,433,000. 1987 figures put that number at 2,173,000, a loss of more than a quarter of a million farms in just seven years. Some experts predict that by the turn of the century, a time that is just 11 years away, only 50,000 farms will be left in the United States.

Here in the Thumb we've watched farms get bigger as smaller landowners find they just cannot make a go of it and sell out, usually to a neighboring farmer who is willing to cope with a larger operation. There are a lot of stories that never get told as people make the decision to leave the land.

During a visit to central Ohio last summer, I visited with a couple in their late 30s who were living on and operating a farm for a German investor. They are people who have started over. They have each been through divorce and loss.

The husband had lost his farm and his marriage. The wife had experienced the death of a young child during her first marriage. At the same time, the farm she and her first husband had was going downhill. They lost the farm and went through a divorce.

Through a bowling league, the man and woman, both scarred from personal and economic tragedy, found each other and married. They are now farm operators for a German family who come to spend their summer vacation on an Ohio dairy farm. Their story has some different twists but is part of the litany of stories in rural America about farm families and the travesty of troubles they are facing.

The young couple in Ohio might easily qualify as last farmers, as does Howard Kohn's father. Perhaps that will be

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and WHERE you want. That's always been the best advice, and it's still good...

## Income taxes are lotteries, too!

Our federal income tax rates may be lower, but they're not simpler, as Money magazine recently found out.

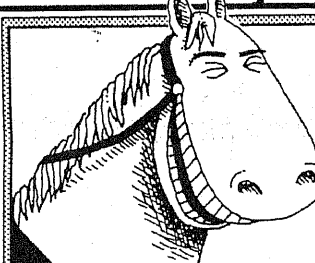
The publication asked 50 professional tax preparers to fill out the forms for an imaginary family — and got 50 different answers! Some were just pennies apart, while others had amazingly different results.

The accountant who dreamed up the test thought the "family" would owe \$24,000, but the range of estimates from the 50 preparers went from \$12,000 to \$36,000. And, the various tax preparers charged between \$325 and \$2,500 for their services, to further complicate matters!

The magazine even called the infamous IRS hotline to seek answers on parts of that sample return. Surprise — more than 40% of the IRS agents gave the wrong answers, too. That's not surprising, since a different test showed about 40% of IRS answers were wrong according to a federal report.

So, what are you and I to do? If WE give the wrong answers, we have to pay a fine — or don't get as big a refund as we should. How can you get proper help?

Well, it WON'T come from the IRS itself. They tell people they will not guarantee their phone answers, and they won't reply in writing to your telephoned questions. We just can't win...



**Horsin' Around**  
By Kate Pickering

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

When families sponsor foreign exchange students, it's a wonderful opportunity for all of us to "shop in a great flea market of knowledge." Sort of a unique culture swap. American kids travel to far away lands to live and study, sometimes in places where many of us wouldn't survive a 2 week vacation let alone a year of separation from home and family; and then we have the bright, brave, eager, always interesting kids who visit the U.S. from other countries. Teens who share their languages, recipes and their entire cultures with us, teaching us about everyday life in their province, county or republic. But the most eye-opening is what they teach us about ourselves! Yes — their amazement at our customs gives us pause to reflect on the unique circumstances of our own lives which we take so entirely for granted!

Out at the "O.K. Corral Dude Ranch" we have had the honour and privilege of guest riders from all over Michigan, the U.S., England, Finland and Japan, the most recent being the Japanese fellow referred to as "Noche."

As it happens, an area family had a daughter who spent a year in Japan, and last summer one of her Japanese friends, "Noche," flew to the U.S. to visit her and her family here. Among many other things, Noche had expressed a desire to simply SEE some horses, explaining they are such a rare and expensive commodity in his homeland that a few snapshots to show his friends would make him somewhat of a celebrity.

Well, when approached about taking Noche out, just to see our horses, I eagerly agreed, secretly harboring a different idea, and a date and time were set.

Noche and his hosts arrived on the most beautiful summer evening of the year, and to everyone's surprise, I had all four of the Motley Crew saddled up, tethered, and waiting patiently to be ridden.


Now, Noche communicated mostly through Robin, his friend, who — during her year in Japan — had become fluent enough in the language to translate for us. He did try to speak mostly English, but even his English had to be repeated by Robin for our uncultured mid-western ears!

His initial interest was with the old, rambling, run-down farm house which occupies an area of the acreage our horses are boarded on.

"Who rvs here?" he questioned.  
"No one," we replied, "that house is too old and decrepit to live in. We just use it for storage."

His mouth dropped in amazement. Apparently, this was sacrilege! In his country, land and housing is so precious

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**RECOLLECTIONS Of By-Gone Days**  
BY GEORGE KEIM

**DEAR EDITOR:**

I used to think if a person was retired and didn't have anything to do, he was pretty well off. Well, it just isn't so because lots of times a person doesn't feel very well or hasn't enough property or income to live very well — with everything going up in price.

When your friends are all gone, a person sometimes feels all left alone. I have a lot of good friends and if I know everybody by name who calls me by name, I'd know a lot of people.

Last week I was walking in town and I heard somebody calling me. I went back and looked and here was my old friend Rollie Smith and Fred Chisholm, sitting in Rollie Smith's shop.

So I sat down, too and we had a real nice visit. We talked about old times and we remembered there once was a colored man named Henry Smith who lived in Pigeon. He was as black as he could be and about six feet tall and was as friendly as he could be.

He played in the town band when the ladies in town gave a dinner, they got him to dress in a white coat to be their butler.

We also talked about our first teacher we had in school. Every time she opened the top drawer in her desk we could see a piece of red rubber hose and she often got it out and used it. I know it stung because we used it on me a few times.

Then Floyd Collison came in and we talked some more

SINCERELY YOURS,  
GEORGE KEIM

and rare, that to leave a house empty could mean only one thing — incredible wealth and affluence for those who owned it. My sister and I looked at each other.

"Hmmm, we sort of consider it an eyesore!" We turned our attention then to the fidgeting horses, and suggested a few quick lessons in the fenced in arena before heading out in the open. Noche's next cultural blow came when, while mounting up, he asked to whom the horses belonged. Robin explained, pointing to my sister and I. When it finally hit him that we owned them — two young, single WOMEN — actually owned these animals, he looked us up and down carefully. Obviously we didn't look or act as phenomenally wealthy as we were. Imagine, us "working girls" and our flea bitten nags, TYCOONS by Japanese standards! Soon my horses were looking better to me — shinier, fatter, sassier!

We put Noche on "Charlie," the same old, dependable retired gelding with whom we entrusted the lives of our past foreign guests, but it seemed he'd been retired too long, for as we rode through the wooded trails, Robin, Mary, and I

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## Last chance for Amish trip!

Reserve now for a trip to the "Heart of Indiana Amish Country — Shipshewana" on May 9 and 10.

This will be the last chance to sign up for the tour, which is being arranged by Parrott's tours.

The round-trip motor coach transportation trip will

**Record CROP year includes Pigeon donations**  
Michigan Church World Service/CROP had its most successful fund-raising year, with a total income of \$1,508,066 for 1988.

Included in that total is the \$4,180 which was collected in the traditional CROP Drive conducted by the Laker Future Farmers of America in October, 1988. The amount of \$1,045, or 25% of the total collected, stays in the local area to benefit the Meals-on-Wheels program, officials say.

With the help of the Pigeon funds plus other monies raised throughout the state Church World Service shipped \$875,466 of emergency supplies to the earthquake victims in Armenia between Dec. 16 and Jan. 16.

Pigeon has the distinction of having the longest running running CROP program in the state of Michigan.

## BOWLING REPORT

**ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE**  
Auto Color Professi...56  
Jim's Garage .....53  
Don's Barber Shop...50  
Ron's Party Store...44  
Finkbeiner's Farm Eq43  
Wesleyan Church ....36  
Hazard's Hotsy .....31  
Moon Beams .....23  
High team series and game: Jim's Garage 2658 (962), Don's Barber Shop 2560 (933), Auto Color Professionals 2459 (870).

High individual scores: D. McAlpine 672 (254-229), Kinsay Hazard 567, J. Jaworski 542 (203), M. Krueger 536 (215), D. Schultz 521, F. LaPage 519, Ken Hazard 517, D. Smith 510, D. Deming 509, D. Young 507.  
Splits converted: 3-9-10 L. Smith; 3-10 W. Schember, D. Cunningham; 6-7 S. Hurlbut.

**PIGEON TUESDAY LADIES LEAGUE Roll-Off Results**  
Pigeon Lanes .....1688  
Griggs Greenhouse 1660  
High individual scores: B. Ankiam 506 (181-178), H. Collins 450 (167), A. Gornowicz 159, R. Voss 155, E. Bauss 150.  
Splits converted: 2-7 B. Ankiam.

**TY'S THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES**  
P & L Party Store .....41  
Video Spotlight .....37  
Bumhoffer Surge .....30  
Knechtel's Market ...29 1/2  
Ty's Bowling Lounge ...27  
Elkton Food Center 22 1/2  
Pratt's Appl. Repairs ....21  
Ron's Party Store .....16  
High team series and game: Video Spotlight 1788, P & L Party Store 614.

High individual scores: J. Rosenthal 518 (192-175), J. Garrick 477, D. Seley 466 (171), L. Jaworski 453, S. Hyzer 442 (170), M. Erer 439, P. Schultz 176.  
Splits converted: 3-10 E. Heck, J. Rokicki; 2-7 C. Kubacki; 6. Willoughby; 5-6 M. Pratt; 4-5 S.

Hyzer; 2-7, 6-8-10 J. Garrick; 3-5-7, 8 D. Weiss.

**TY'S SUNDAY NIGHT ROLLERS**  
Elkton Co-op .....18  
G.W. Engine Repair 17 1/2  
Miller Lite .....16  
Ty's Lounge .....14 1/2  
Video Spotlight .....13  
Finkbeiner's Farm ....13  
Souletown Farms ....11  
H & R Block .....9  
High team series and game: Miller Lite 2068, Elkton Co-op 776.

High individual scores: LADIES — K. Herford 517 (218), B. Willis 489 (179-170), J. Deman 498 (182), L. Jaworski 483 (181), D. Schafer 481 (180), P. Prystup 177. Five consec. strikes: K. Herford; MENS — T. Wicher 572 (203-193-176), D. Young 557 (172-215-170), R. Diebel 545 (219), T. Willis 532 (192-175), D. Polega 523 (195-180), C. Finkbeiner 484 (170), C. Prystup 483 (186), D. Schuette 184, M. Hyzer 172, J. Jaworski 171-173.  
Splits converted: 3-5-10 D. Krohn; 4-5 B. Krohn; 9-10 D. Deman; 2-7 S. Hyzer, B. Krohn.

**Top keglar of the week**  
The Thumb Area Women's Bowling Association "Bowler of the Week" for March 12-18 is Lisa Erla, with a 588 actual series.  
Erla bowls for the Cleanup Crew team on the Thursday Night Merchanette League at Charmont Lanes, Cass City.  
Other 550 and higher series rolled were: Dora Merriam 583, Minden City Recreation; Carol Majeski 567, Almac, Bad Axe; Elaine Kranz 561, Blue Water Lanes, Harbor Beach, Virginia Maurer 554 and Judy Shemka 551, Bad Axe Lanes.

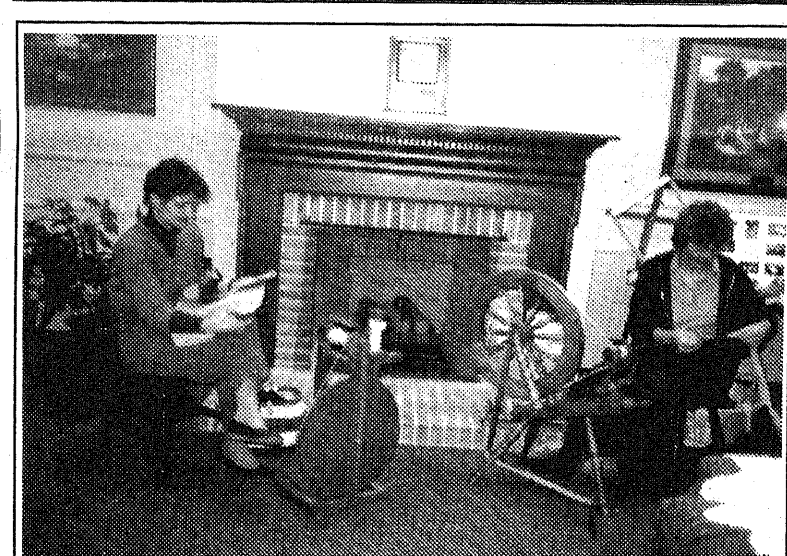
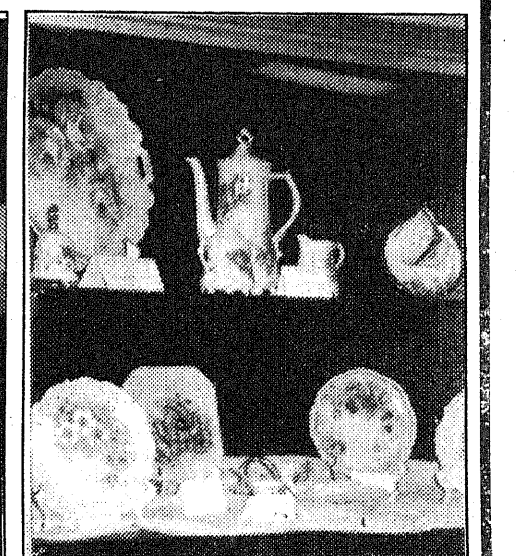
## No-smoking policy in effect

A no-smoking policy is now in effect at Scheurer Hospital, for visitors, patients and staff, following a new law that severely restricts smoking in health facilities, according to Administrator George Desmarais.  
People who are visiting friends or loved ones are reminded that smoking is now prohibited in the lobby, cafeteria and throughout the hospital, and that no-smoking signs are posted.

"We want to be a leader in preventive medicine and wellness," adds Desmarais, "and the new law restricting smoking helped us to take a positive stand for all who are associated with Scheurer Hospital."  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stevenson and Zella Sabin of Hale were Friday and Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stevenson and family.

## Pigeon visiting

During NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK we are presenting a **Hobby & Craft Show**



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## Lake-Chandler folks visit as spring blooms By MILDRED BALLAGH

Mrs. Diane Krabbe of Munger spent a day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gross. Easter guests were Ron Gross and friend of White Hall, Alan and Sharon Gross and children Sara and Adam, Willie and Cathy Gross and family Scott, Erica and David of Caseville, Walter and Sheryl Gross, Tara, Troy and Trevor of Essexville.

Dennis, Carol, Gretchen and Garrett McBride entertained for Easter dinner, Mrs. Helen Weber of Pontiac, Gretchen Schrader and son Alan of Union Lake and Fred and Mona McBride.

Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Richmond were Opal Dufty, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dufty and family, Kim, Rick and Tami of Caseville, Shirley Buschlen of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle and son Shane of Pigeon, Andrea Richmond of Alma and Amanda Richmond of Caseville.

Jim Grannel and Nancy Hurdell went to Oklahoma to help move their father, Elwood Grannel, back to Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Brown and children Cullin and Larkin and Pam McIlbargie

of Ann Arbor were Easter weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo McIlbargie. They son Cyril called from Chicago and Sheila from Petosky all called to extend Easter greetings.

Doris Meyer, Caseville and her sister Freida Osterout of Haskins, Ohio were Sunday callers of Opal Dufty.

Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Hodapp of Ohio visited Tuesday with Esther Hodapp.

Mr. and Mrs. William McBride spent the weekend in Saginaw with Mr. and Mrs. Don Ahearn. Other Easter

guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Malinowski, Brian McBride and friend of Lake Orion.

Andrea Richmond returned to Alma College after spending Easter weekend with her parents, Kurt and Gail Richmond.

Easter weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gillespie of Three Rivers and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Horton of Esty. The Ross's and their guests spent Easter with Leroy and Cathy Eimers of Unionville. Other

guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Saylor, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Saylor and children Dan and Laura of Grand Blanc, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Saylor, Jr. and family Ian, Sara, Kate, Christen and Emily of Goodrich and Willeta Brown of Caseville.

Richard and Jeanine Ehrlich entertained relatives on Sunday in honor of their daughter, Lindsay Caye's, baptism at Chandler Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. William Balogh visited their sister, Marguerite Thompson in Marlette on Wednesday.

April 12 — Worthy Study Club meets with Mona McBride.

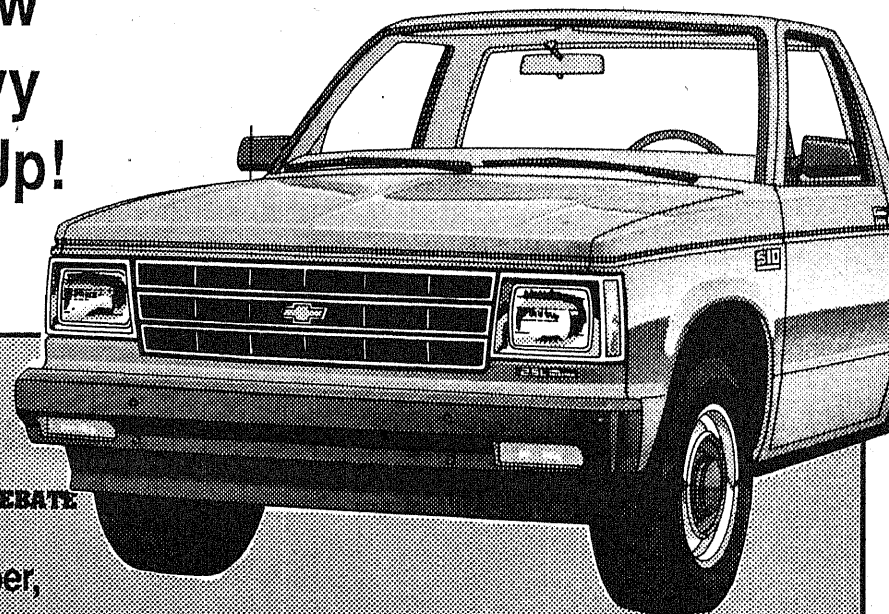
## Pigeon

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Casey and family of Cass City were Easter guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelmer Wright returned home Monday after spending the winter in Florida.

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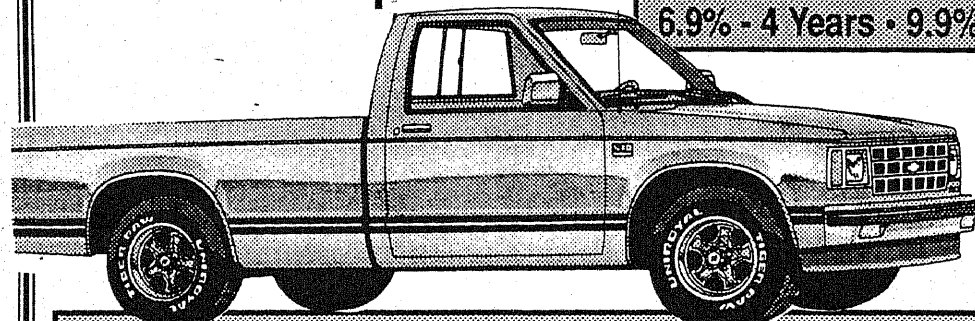
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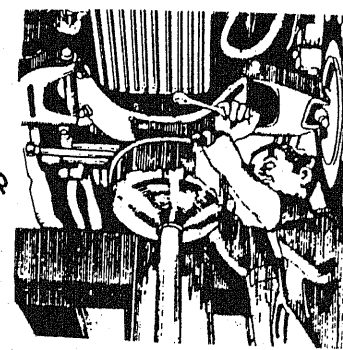
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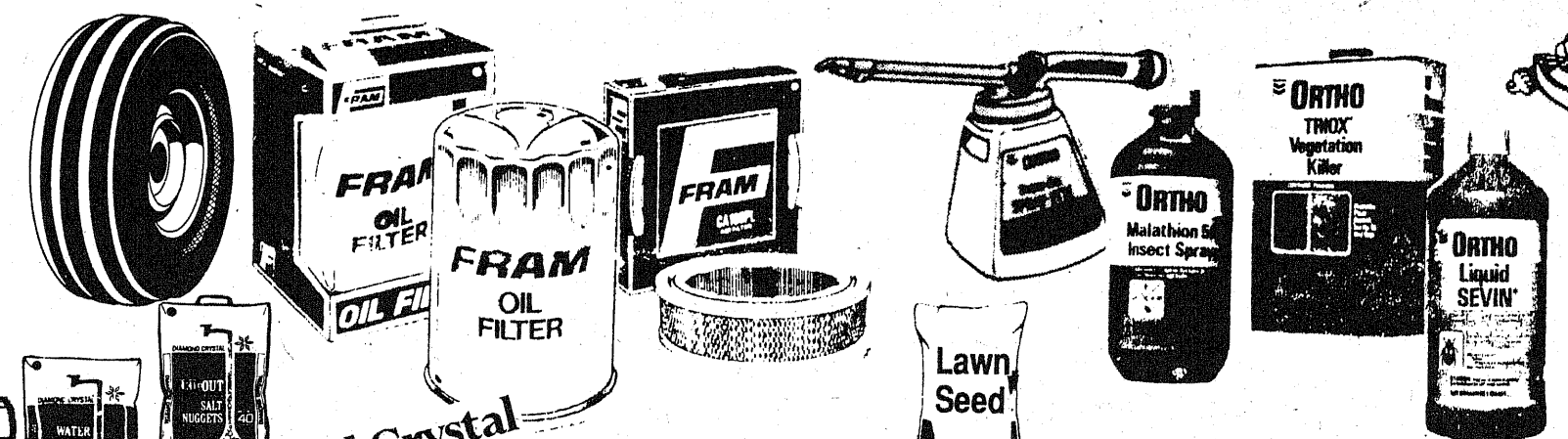
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# The Past In Print

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**90 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 21, 1899**  
Pigeon Flax Mills closed down last evening for the season. Manager Paul states that last year's crop was the best they have ever had.

Gillingham farm of 280 acres. Consideration \$10,000.  
Caroline, five year old daughter of Fred Elbing of Berne, died after an illness of pneumonia.

**70 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 18, 1919**  
Farmers in this vicinity have organized a company to ship and handle their own livestock. Officers are Martin Sturm, Herman Buchholz, William Steigman, William Stein and Herman Kretzschmer. There are now 46 members.

A "Victory Homecoming" meeting will be held at the Cleaver Building in Pigeon April 25 with W.A. Schriber as chairman. A dancing party was held at the home of Mrs. August Eisinger in honor of her birthday.

**80 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 16, 1909**  
State Treasurer Albert E. Sleeper was a Pigeon visitor on Tuesday.

Simon Hirschberg, 28, died after a long illness. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hirschberg and six brothers.

**60 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 19, 1929**  
Neidich and Jones have received the local agency for

the Hudson and Essex cars. Automotive Sales and Service announce a special spring showing of the new Oakland All-American Six and new Pontiac Big Six. Sturm Motor Sales announce their spring showing of the new Chevrolet Six.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagster returned home after spending the winter in Florida. Friendship class of the Evangelical Sunday School will entertain the Comrades Class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck.

Tourist Club met with Mrs. Frederick Brueck. New officers are Mrs. E.F. Hess, Mrs. E.L. Woodward, Mrs. Theo Leipprandt, Mrs. R.H. Leslie and Mrs. Noah Geiger.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 21, 1939**  
Pigeon village purchased a lot to the south of the P.L. Fritz home and will put down a well to increase the water supply to the village.

At the stockholders' meeting of People's Oil and Gas Co., George Dunn was re-elected director. Other officers are Robert Gillingham, Jr., Dr. J.E. Wurm, Dr.D.J. Monroe of Elkton and H.A. Scott, Owendale.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 22, 1949**  
Officers of the newly-organized Bay Port Chamber of Commerce are Sanford Brown, Les Pogle, Robert Wooley and Edward Jerome. Other board members are Roland Henne, Arthur Goff, Frank J. Eisengruber, Otto

Schmidt and Paul Danesberger.  
Donelda Licht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Licht, a member of the graduating class of Pigeon High School, has never missed a day of school or been tardy in 12 years.

Jack Wilfong pitched a no-hitter for Pigeon High when he shut out Elkton High, 1-0. Scoring the lone run was Les Langley for Pigeon. Pigeon catcher was Eldon Beachy.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 16, 1959**  
Brothers and sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schuette surprised them in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary. Mr. Schuette, 89, is the only living charter member of Cross Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Schuette is 91. They had two children, a son, Henry, who died in 1927 and Marie, who is at home.

Mrs. Barbara Bauer, 79, died at her home in Chandler Township. She leaves her husband, four daughters and five sons.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 17, 1969**  
Mrs. George Southworth, Elkton was among 15 Merit Mothers of Michigan honored in the state contest for Mother of the Year. The Southworths have two sons and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses S. Roberts, Elkton, observed their 50th wedding anniversary April 10. They have a son, William and a daughter, Mrs. Orville Yackle, Pigeon.

New officers of Pigeon PTA are Mrs. Harold Schulz, Mrs. Sheril Schaaf, Mrs. Clark Faist, Mrs. Robert Dast, Mrs. Ervin Trost and Mrs. Ralph Klein.

Honor students at Ferris State College include Barbara Patterson of Bay Port, Robert Cleaver of Caseville and Curtis Roth of Elkton.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 12, 1979**  
John "Pinky" and Elna Mae Oesch have sold Oesch's Shoe Store in Pigeon to Sue and Dave Geiger. The Oeschs had owned the store since 1961.

Dr. Sushil Chandra began a general family practice in Pigeon.

Nearly 300 persons signed the guest register at the Pigeon District Library's Arts and Crafts Show.

Wesley Dast and James Wurst have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Land Improvement Contractors of America, representing Kraft, Inc. and J.O. Wurst Company, respectively.

Violent spring wind storms battered the Thumb, damaging property and felling trees.

Mrs. Theresa Roberts, age 62, Elkton, passed away in Goshen General Hospital,

Goshen, Ind. on March 6. She leaves her husband Clifford and two daughters.

**54 YEARS AGO**  
**APRIL 4, 1935**  
The County Rural School Field Day will be conducted at Elkton Saturday, May 4. Also, the School Baseball Tournament will be at the Elkton Ball Park the same day.

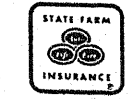
Michigan Sugar Company met recently with growers in the Caro, Saginaw, Alma, Lansing and Owosso factory districts, and after a careful study, agrees to pit beets at plants in Alma, Caro and Lansing.

Mike and Rex Libkuman took over the Home Market here in Elkton, formerly operated by Elmer Schlabach. The store has been rearranged and a fine assortment of meats, groceries, vegetables and fresh fruits.

John Slack, veteran mail carrier on rural route 3, Bad Axe, retired on a pension Monday, after 30 years of service. The route he served was consolidated with routes 1 and 2.

**NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS**  
The village of Pigeon will be flushing hydrants on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th beginning At 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and from 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. Thursday, April 13th.  
**JANET HECKMAN, Clerk**

**NOTICE TO VILLAGE OF PIGEON RESIDENTS**  
DPW employees will not be picking up leaves at this time. Please bag leaves and place with trash for pick-up.  
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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.

### How would you spend your money?

**DEAR READERS:**  
When I invited you to write and tell me: "If you were a millionaire, how would you spend your money?"—the response was overwhelming!

Most of those who wrote were concerned not only for themselves, but also for others—the homeless, the poor, the elderly.

A waitress from Tucson summed it up for many. She wrote: "... but hey, Mr. Ross, I don't have to wait until I'm rich to share what I have. I can start right now—be it a smile or a helping hand or a kind word. We can all be millionaires in spirit."

Most of the letters came from adults... but surprisingly a great many came from youngsters. I chose to print a few of their letters because they were to the point, nakedly honest and refreshingly innocent.

Their letters reflect what they've learned from their parents, their teachers, their newspapers and yes, even from "some" TV. But more importantly, I thought we could all gain something from reading how our leaders of tomorrow view our world of today.

A check for \$100 is being mailed to each of the following. "If I were a millionaire..." respondents:

"I would charter an old cargo plane and fly to Africa to pick up all the starving people, about 200 at a time. I'd take them to greener pastures where food grows instead of in the desert where it doesn't. Then we wouldn't have to ship so much food that doesn't seem to do any good." — P.B., Indianapolis, Ind.

"I would first give my grandma and grandpa and

my other grandmother some money. After that I'd buy me and my family a new house cause I love them very much. Then money in the bank and put some money in an old bum's hat.

Then I'd give 10% to the church because God is one of my top priorities. Then I'd put some money into my career. Then I would have great stuff to eat for a giant party." — D.E., Hopewell Junction, N.Y.

"I would feed old people who eat from garbage cans and eat cat food. I'd like to grow up like you so I could buy the old people some clothes. I would find these people in the stor in the pet food aisle. If I even had \$100, I'd help mom pay for a car so we wouldn't have to walk when my dad is working at Las Vegas." — E.H., Beaver, Utah.

"I like what you are doing. If I were rich and you were poor, I would give you money. I am eight years old." — M.M., Santa Rosa, Calif.

"I would get Mom and Daddy and house and a heater to be warm and pay the bills so Daddy won't yell any more. He worries cause he don't have money. Then I'd get Mommy a car so she can go to school. I think after that I'd feed all the hungry people in the world." — Love, E.K., Canyon, Minn.

"I would spend it very slightly and the first thing I would do is give \$50,000 to charity. Then I would give my mom and dad \$100,000 each. Then I would buy me a trip to see you. I really want to see your big house. Then I would send \$100,000 to Mr. Bush against drugs.

I will give homes to the homeless and food. I would help babies that have AIDS when they are born. Then I would put the rest in my

savings for college after I pass high school." — K.B., Jacksonville, Fla.

"I would donate money to diabetes and poor people, people in Africa and other charities. If I win \$100 I will go up to McDonald's and put \$20 or \$30 in that can for

people with disease." — J.L., Erie, Pa.

"I would buy shiny new bicycles and toys for all the poor kids in the world. I would help feed the hungry people. My mom could quit her job and stay home with me and my brother. My dad could have some free time to teach me to golf. I would put some money away in the bank. I would pay someone to do my homework." — W.F., Rialto, Calif.

"I would buy all the drugs in the world and throw them in the garbage so there will be no more bad people." — K.C., Flushing, N.Y.

"I would buy a small house and buy a dog house for my dog and give some to the poor and buy some land and get some furniture and get a phone and buy some videos.

I would own a ski resort and have a wife and a dictionary and give to the people in Ethiopia and donate some to the schools and give some to my sister and my mom and to my dad and grandfather and grandmother because I love them and I love the world." — F.G., Sacramento, Calif.

**DEAR READERS:** To all of you who wrote but whose letters weren't printed here, please accept my warmest thank you. Your letters were great! — \$\$\$\$\$\$



**HE'S AN IGA WINNER:** Guyneth "Butch" Conners was the surprised and happy winner of \$1,000 in the Fame and Fortune bingo promotional game at the Caseville IGA. The game, which required players to match numbers on their playing cards up, down, or diagonally, has been running since January in the state's IGA grocery stores. The game offered three ways to win prizes—bingo, instant prizes, and the final drawing for the color television. That drawing will take place Friday, April 7 at the store. HERE, co-owners Terry Hogan and Gus Heineman present a check to a happy Conners. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

**It's a boy!**  
John and Lori Smith of Pigeon are thrilled to announce the arrival of their son, Benjamin Lee, who was born March 8, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.  
His big brother, Jimmy, was very excited to welcome him home.  
Maternal grandparents are Harvey and Donna Weiss of Pigeon and paternal grandparents are John and Mary Smith of Milford.  
Kevin Maust, all of Harrisburg, Va.  
They also visited the Nelson Eberly family and the Frank Dutcher family of Hartville, Ohio.

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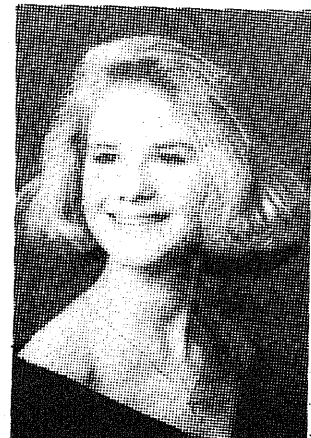
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## She's Miss Iosco County!

Tricia Walters, an 18-year old senior at Tawas Area High School, and granddaughter of Pigeon residents Dr. and Mrs. Robert Spence of Pigeon, won the title of Miss Iosco County at the 17th Annual Scholarship Pageant in Oscoda on March 17.

The pageant was sponsored by the Lions Club of Oscoda, and she is the daughter of Duane and Deann Walters of Tawas City.

Miss Walters earned the right to represent Iosco County in the 1990 Miss



TRICIA WALTERS

Michigan Pageant, and received a \$1,000 scholarship and wardrobe allowance.

She has been a member of the Tawas basketball and track teams, and is an award-winning piano student. She plans to attend Central Michigan University working toward a degree in the medical field.

In the talent portion of the show, Miss Walters presented a piano-synthesizer combination with a Gershwin tune and one of her own compositions.

## Mary Ropp feted on 80th year Engaged

Damrow - Jimkoski

In honor of the 80th birthday anniversary of Mary Ropp, her friends, relatives and neighbors are invited to attend an Open House on Sunday, April 9 at the Pigeon District Library from 2 to 4 p.m.



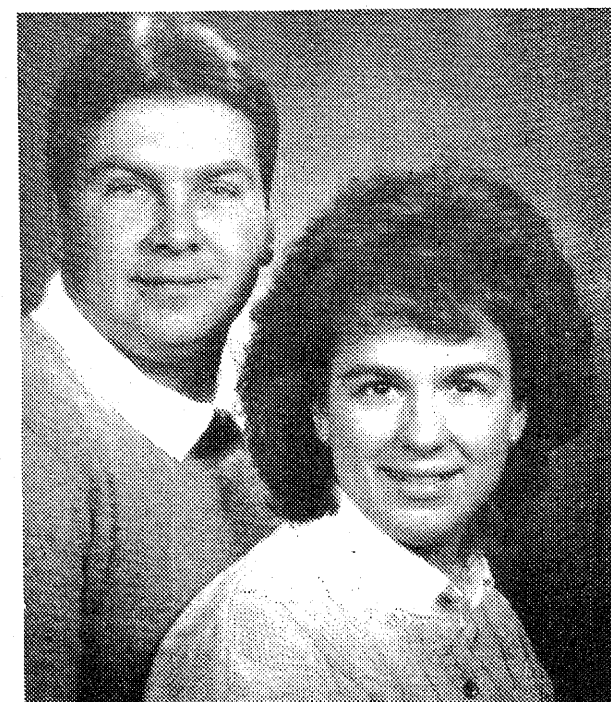
MARY ROPP

The Open House will be hosted by her children and their families: Mrs. Lotis (Catherine) Miller, Fairview; Elmer Ropp, Elkton; Duane Ropp, Pigeon; Harold Ropp, Pigeon; Mrs. Charles (Carolyn) Moyer, Perkaspie, Pa.; Mrs. John (Grace) Blair, Bad Axe and Leon Ropp, Bradenton, Fla.

The family requests no gifts.

### Pigeon news

Arriving on Thursday to spend 10 days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Guster in Caseville are Andrea and Anthony Hamilton of Rockford.



Teri Damrow and David Jimkoski, Kinde, are pleased to invite the public to the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Caseville School gym. Included will be pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk and juice, and all profits go to support programs for children. The public is welcome to attend.

Her fiancé is the son of Alger and Pat Jimkoski, Port Austin. A graduate of Port Austin High School, he works as a heavy equipment operator at Charlie's Excavating. The couple will be married Saturday, May 6 at the First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe.

Register now until April 10 for the Pigeon District Library's annual Hobby and Craft Show during National Library Week, April 10-15. Items may be sold, and demonstrations are needed. So please call 453-2341 for details.

### Williams - Bechler

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence N. Williams of Phoenix, Ariz. wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Leigh, to Phillip Jon Bechler of Phoenix. Phillip is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland W. Bechler, Bad Axe, formerly of Pigeon.

The couple will be married May 19 at Maryvale Baptist Church in Phoenix.

When you don't know who else to ask... Anytime, 24 hours a day, just dial 453-2323 to contact...

# LISTENING EAR

LISTENING EAR is an information and entertainment service of The Progress-Advance. If you have comments, compliments, questions or statements about topics of general interest, call or write us. Deadline: 8 p.m. Sunday, 453-2323

A big thank you to all the members of the churches in our community who gave so generously to the Food Pantry for the Easter boxes.

The Class of 1959 of Elkton High School is planning its 30th Reunion for July 15, 1989. We need the addresses of four classmates, Jim Knechtel, Jim Bohl, Gene King and Jerry Petty. If you know where they are, please call Diana at 375-4295 or Ervin at 678-4291.

Is there any gasoline station in Pigeon that has full-service? I'm tired of driving to Elkton or Bay Port for gasoline. I'm 80 years old and can't handle pumps. (Yes, Co-op Elevator's station offers full-service. Mondays through Saturdays. Others do, too - and any messages here will be passed on in future weeks.)

Caseville Kiwanis Club invites the public to the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Caseville School gym. Included will be pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk and juice, and all profits go to support programs for children. The public is welcome to attend.

I think Bill Frieder has a Pigeon locals

lot of nerve, claiming everything that has happened to the Wolverines is because he set it up, in the first place. That's what he said on the radio today. Well, he might have put the team together, but he couldn't make them win this much! Go Michigan!

If anyone in this area has a heat pump system for heating and air conditioning, we would like to know if it's worthwhile to install one. Or, is this area too cold for efficient operation of a heat pump, with backup heat of a hot air natural gas furnace? Please call LISTENING EAR so we will know.

(Detroit Edison has a special Heat Pump Information Center, with details, at 1-800-833-2786. Also, we know Shelter Plumbing & Heating has been installing heat pumps successfully here for about 10 years, and others do, too. Check with your local company, or watch for any other replies right here.)

Register now until April 10 for the Pigeon District Library's annual Hobby and Craft Show during National Library Week, April 10-15. Items may be sold, and demonstrations are needed. So please call 453-2341 for details.

Yes, Johnny Paycheck sang "Take this job and

shove it," in answering the question last week.

Wanted for the showcase display at the Pigeon District Library: your collection or assortment of items for display. Please call the Library at 453-2341. We need a few good suggestions. Thank you.

Why does our local paper, The Progress-Advance, talk about shopping elsewhere so often? Don't our local merchants deserve first recognition?

"All the News that Fits" stated recently about shopping at the Hampton Mall, and how nice it will be for Thumb Area people to shop at the Penney store there now. This week, "From Under the Willow" talks about making a trip through Bay City for blue jeans.

Wouldn't it be nice if all merchants would shop in town first, when other merchants patronize their business? Can't they return the favor? How about our local people trying their home-

town first for items they need? We understand it's nice to get away to the city once in a great while, but remember, too. After all, we employ YOU locally. We really do have good selection and good prices.

Hi Dan, Dutch and Shelly. Nice to see you're home, Dan.

Thinking about local people who are on TV, who is the best-known "native son" or "native daughter" from our area? Let's have some nominations?

Yes, I have several steel pennies, from 1943. You just don't see them anymore. What are they worth? Please reply in LISTENING EAR.

I would like to report the first fly of spring, on Thursday, March 30 about 3 in the afternoon.

The Sanilac County judge doesn't want our trash. So, we shouldn't give them our

corn or let them use our beaches. Then, the neighbors at the landfill there don't want to make it any bigger. Where is trash supposed to be thrown away? And all the time, we pay more.

Seeing the names like "County of Huron" and "City of Bad Axe" on the Huron and Eastern Railroad engines is a very nice idea. I would like to see something like "Elkton's Pride" or "Town of Elkton" on the next one.

Just recently we had an assembly on Common Ground at Laker High School on the subject of alcohol abuse. I think that educators put a bad influence on kids by visiting bars in their hometown. They should go out of town.

Responding to recent comments in Listening Ear: Incorrect accusations were made about using Caseville tax dollars to send council members to each and

every seminar they can go to. #1 Rarely, if ever, are council members sent to seminars and only would be sent to better educate themselves to serve the village.

#2 Council has approved seminars that will educate employees to become better informed in job efficiency. #3 Saying "No," after it has been recommended they attend, is not in the village's best interest and could cost the taxpayers more in the end.

People, wake up! You have six capable and dedicated council members who's prime interest is a progressive Caseville. Why don't we village residents help them accomplish this instead of criticizing?

This "Our Town" crap saluting towns is just a gimmick for Channel 5 to sell ads. If they really cared about these towns, they'd come for free, instead of making people buy ads.

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By DOROTHY DIENER  
The Lydia Circle of Cross Lutheran Church met Monday, April 3 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Rathke. The topic was presented by Mrs. Eleanor Tate.

The Esther Circle of Cross Lutheran Church will meet Thursday, April 6 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann. The topic will be presented by Pastor Henkelmann.

The Sarah Circle of Cross Lutheran Church will meet Thursday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. June Sturm. The topic was presented by Mrs. Adolph Schuette.

A Father/Son Banquet will be held Sunday, April 9 at Cross Lutheran School.

Mrs. Lois Wolschlagger of Gageton enjoyed spending the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Avis Cregeur. She returned home with Mrs. Tom Reehl, Kendra Reehl, Mt. Pleasant and Scott Schmeader.

Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Diener were her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schnitker of Genoa, Ohio.

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What's the use of worrying?  
It never was worthwhile.  
So, pack up your troubles  
in your old kit-bag,  
And smile, smile, smile.  
— George H. Powell

"Be of good cheer:  
for I believe God,  
that it shall be even  
as it was told me."  
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Worship Service 10:45 am

**OWENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Mary F. Neil  
Sunday School 10 am  
Sunday Worship 11 am

**CASEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. John N. Hamilton  
Sunday School 9 am  
Nursery 10:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:15 am  
Bible Study 6 pm

**GAGETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Mary F. Neil  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Lawrence Broom  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Services: 10:45 am

**ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. James Kummer  
Morning Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:45 am  
Jr. High & Sr. High Youth 6 pm  
Evening Service 7 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 pm

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON**  
Rev. Timothy Hastings  
Church School 9:30 am  
Morning Service 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 7 pm  
Wednesday Mid-Week Service 7 pm

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Evening Service 7 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 pm

**BAY PORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Alger T. Lewis  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Church School 10:30 am

**HORSESHOE ACRES CALVARY CHURCH, BAD AXE**  
Rev. Stewart L. Justin  
Sunday School 10 am  
Sunday School 11 am  
Evening Service 6 pm  
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 pm

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, CASEVILLE**  
Elder Dennis Abbe  
Morning Worship 10 am  
Evening Service 7 pm

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD BAD AXE**  
Rev. Daniel McEldough  
Sunday School 10 am  
Morning Worship 11 am  
Sunday Worship 7 pm

**FAITH BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Lynn A. Randall  
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Sunday School 10 am  
Morning Preaching 11 am  
Sunday Evening 6 pm  
Wednesday Mid-week 7 pm

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CASEVILLE**  
Pastor James Duprey  
Sunday School 10 am  
Worship Service 11 am  
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**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, BAY PORT**  
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Ervin Haley, Associate  
10 am Church School  
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Worship Service 10 am  
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Sunday School 11 am

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Wednesday 7:30 pm  
Sunday Evening Service 7 pm

**FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY Mennonite Church**  
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Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday 7:30 pm

**MICHIGAN AVE. Mennonite Church, PIGEON**  
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Sunday School 10:30 am  
Evening Service 7 pm

**PIGEON RIVER Mennonite Church**  
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Kenneth Dietzel, Assc. Pastor  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
Evening Bible Study 7 pm

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, KILMANAGH**  
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Communion 2nd and 4th  
Sundays of the Month

**TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELKTON**  
Wisconsin Synod  
Rev. Paul Schiele  
Sunday School 8:45 a.m.  
Church Service 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd  
Sundays of the Month

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, CASEVILLE**  
Missouri Synod  
M-25 & Crescent Beach Rd.  
Pastor John F. Mueller  
Sunday Worship 8 am & 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:15 am

**ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, BERNE**  
Wisconsin Synod  
Pastor James Gorgener  
Worship Services  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion on the 1st  
Sunday of the Month

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINKVILLE**  
Missouri Synod  
Rev. Ray R. Oldendorf  
Morning Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am

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**NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBEWAING**  
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Sunday of the Month  
Sunday School 9 am  
Sunday Service 10 am

**ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, BERNE**  
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
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Wednesday Evening Adult  
Bible Study 7:30 pm

## Thumb Area OBITUARIES

### ELTA SWARTZENDRUBER 1913 - 1989

Elta Swartzendruber, age 75 of Elkton, passed away Wednesday, March 29 at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

She was born July 27, 1913 in Springs, Pa., daughter of the late Norman and Mayme (Kimmel) Maust.

She married Allen A. Swartzendruber on Oct. 7, 1933 in Almont. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1982.

Mrs. Swartzendruber was a nurse's aide at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, 25 years before retiring several years ago. She was an active member of the Pigeon River Mennonite Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Connie) Wathen, Rocky Ford, Colo. and Mrs. George (Ruby) Ludwig, Upland, Calif.; one son, Clare Swartzendruber, Bay Port; three grandchildren; a sister, Frieda Maust, Springs, Pa. and four brothers, Paul Maust, Indiana and Herbert Maust, John Maust and Claude Maust, all of Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Alma Maust. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 1 at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. The Rev. Luke Yoder, pastor, officiated with burial in the church cemetery. Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Scheurer Hospital or Pigeon River Mennonite Church.

### LEE ALEXANDER 1907 - 1989

Lee Harvey Alexander, age 81 of Bad Axe, passed away Wednesday, March 29 at Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

He was born Dec. 13, 1907 in Chandler Township, son of the late George and Emma (Bouck) Alexander.

Mr. Alexander was retired from General Motors Buick division, Flint in 1972 after 40 years of employment. He moved to Bad Axe in 1984 and was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the European Theater.

Mr. Alexander is survived by two brothers, Harold (Barney) Alexander, Bad Axe and Lester Alexander, Elkton and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 1 at the Elkton chapel of Champagne Funeral Chapels. Dr. Francis Wilson, D.D., retired, officiated with burial in the Chandler Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

## Pigeon OTHER THUMB AREA DEATHS

Thomas O'Shea, 90, Ruth, passed away March 23.

Laura Brown, 85, Harbor Beach, passed away March 24.

Dorothy Messing, 75, Bad Axe, passed away March 26.

Lee Alexander, 81, Bad Axe, passed away March 29.

Arlene Jackson, 64, Bad Axe, passed away March 30.

Beatrice Capling, 61, Bad Axe, passed away March 30.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Pigeon is accepting sealed bids on a 10 ft. truck box. Specifications maybe picked up at clerk's office. Bids must be returned to clerk's office by 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, 1989 to be opened at the regular council meeting. Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

JANET HECKMAN, Clerk

## New sounds for old organ . . .

The organ at Pigeon's First United Methodist Church will be sounding better than ever, thanks to restoration work being performed by John Steele and Ron Earl of Pontiac, shown here with new pipes for the organ.



JOHN STEELE AND RON EARL WORK HARD TO ADD NEW LIFE TO THE ORIGINAL ORGAN AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PIGEON.

The organ was built by Kilgen Organ Company of St. Louis, Missouri, and was installed in the church in the fall of 1947.

Steele worked with the original builder of the organ, Alfred Kilgen, and has quite a reputation as a master re-builder, according to Al "Butch" Robinson, coordinator of the rebuilding project. Steele and Earl added three new ranks of pipes to extend the range of the organ, and increase its volume and tone. The rebuilding effort has continued over the winter, Robinson says, and when finished, the organ will be "just like new."

A concert for members of the church is being planned for the near future, and at that concert, the music committee will formally present the organ to the congregation. A formal rededication ceremony is planned this fall.

Swartzendruber, PORT AUSTIN - Evelyn Weiss.

## LWML plan Spring Rally

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Thumb Zone will convene for their Spring Rally at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 11, at Peace Lutheran Church, Sandusky.

Speaker will be Mrs. Wilma Heins, wife of the Michigan District President. Her topic will be entitled "The Son Shines Through You," and she will present slides of her recent trip to Nigeria.

"Climb Every Mountain" will be the theme of the Zone Annual Spring Retreat, scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, April 26 and 27, at Lake Huron Methodist Camp in Jeddco. Retreat speaker and Bible study leader will be Rev. Scott Johnson of Grace Lutheran Church, Fairgrove.

## Scheurer Care List

Listed as patients in Scheurer Hospital on Monday, April 3 are:

PIGEON - Jane Clabuesch; CASEVILLE - Patricia Kolter, John Osborne, Joseph Pelant; BAY PORT - Jewell

Swartzendruber, PORT AUSTIN - Evelyn Weiss.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Deborah) McCrimmon of Caseville, a son, Matthew J. McCrimmon on Sunday, April 2, 1989.

Cost is \$25 for 2 days or \$15 for one day, meals included. Checks should be sent to Mrs. Betty Steeb, 2388 South Ridge Road, Applegate, MI 48401. Registration deadline is April 11.

Bruce Leipprandt

## 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

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## WILLOW

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their story yet as economic realities wind down toward the year 2000.

It is a wrenching thing, this selling of land and buildings that are home and livelihood. Some come through it and find peace.

After a recent church workshop I conducted on rural women and their concerns, a woman from southern Michigan came up to talk. "I sold the farm. I wanted to tell you about it," she said. She proceeded to tell me about losing her husband and managing a farm with one of her sons. An older son was doing okay with the land he was farming, but she could see things were not working out for the son who was with her on the land.

"It was a hard decision. I prayed about it," she told me. "A figure appeared in the room I was in. I found some peace. I could make a decision. I decided to sell the farm." She acknowledged how fortunate she was to be able to parcel the land and make several sales. She said her son who had been farming with her is making a good transition to other work. She is living in an apartment and expressed satisfaction with her life. I listened as she told her story, for it is a story that is often told with pain and not with the hope that she showed.

The last farmer. Sometimes I don't even want to think about it. Kohn's book made me begin dealing with what-ifs. What if family farms do really become a thing of the past? What if we have to help hundreds of people settle off farms here in Michigan in the next 10 years? What if we get callous and don't care about this massive transition that could change our lifestyles quickly?

"The Last Farmer." The end of family farms. It's a tough book. Read it carefully and if you must talk to someone about it, do it. Get to a friend, your spouse, your pastor, a neighbor. Someone who will listen and talk with you about what it's like to leave the land.

I didn't do that when I read Kohn's book and sometimes I could only read 10 pages at a time. I kept seeing my grandfathers, Bill Luedtke on Sunnyside Stock Farm and Carl Hayes on Valley Drive Farm in Fond du Lac County, Wis. I saw my dad, the preacher-farmer and my cousins, inheritors of the dreams and the realities of family farming.

"The Last Farmer" could be about a lot of people I know and that's troubling.

## Horsin' Around

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chatting noisily and clipping right along, every now and again we would hear an exasperated Japanese voice behind us crying.

"Charwey, go! Charwey, please go!" and we'd turn around to see "Charwey" with his head down, munching busily on the summer's finest green fare, completely ignoring the failings of his timid, feather-lite rider. Back we'd circle and I'd snatch up Charlie's reins and drag him along.

As we exited the woods and headed for home down the gravel road, a band of boys on dirt bikes could be seen on the horizon, heading our way. Now I know the little rascals like to rev up and throw gravel as they pass the horses just to get a reaction, and for myself I was not worried - I am used to it - but how could I let them know we had novices with us who weren't as adroit at handling a spooked horse? I turned to Robin.

"Does Noch know what 'asses' are?" I inquired. "Yes," she laughed, "why?" "Because there's a bunch of them coming at us on motorbikes, and we should get off the road 'till they pass." To my amazement, Robin turned to Noche and said,

"Stung hung wah chaw so la foi 'ASSES' kee lo to dow wok chee!"

and she pointed to the approaching boys. He nodded wordlessly and guided Charlie into the ditch behind us. Ahhhhhh... international incident avoided!

And so, all things considered, a good time was had by all. After visiting the local drive-in for coney dogs and root beer, Noche and his host family thanked us most graciously, and that was that. He flew back to Japan with his coveted snapshots, Robin went back to college, and our horses went back to their "pre-celebrity flea bitten nag" status.

It wasn't until quite recently Robin confided in me that in one of Noche's latest letters he confessed that during his ride he had imagined himself a cowboy from the "olde west", embarking on a cross-country adventure. We both had a good laugh, and I confessed to her myself...

I do that very same thing all the time!!

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With sincerest gratitude, we would like to express our appreciation for the many cards and other remembrances for our fiftieth wedding anniversary. We were indeed overwhelmed by the greetings and well wishes of the entire community. A special thank you to our church family and the United Methodist Women for their thoughtfulness. Also, our own family and relatives are due a very special gesture of appreciation in making our day so memorable. Indeed, it has been a good life in the small town of Pigeon.  
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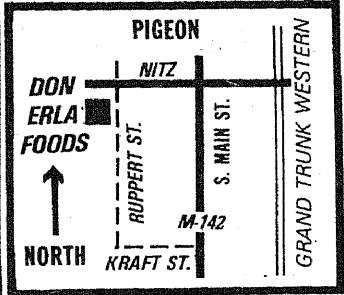
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