

Tittabawassee Corps returns for second Festival

The Tittabawassee Valley Fife & Drum Corps is returning for a second Farmers' Festival engagement, and hopes this year their music won't be cut short by rain — as it was in 1988.

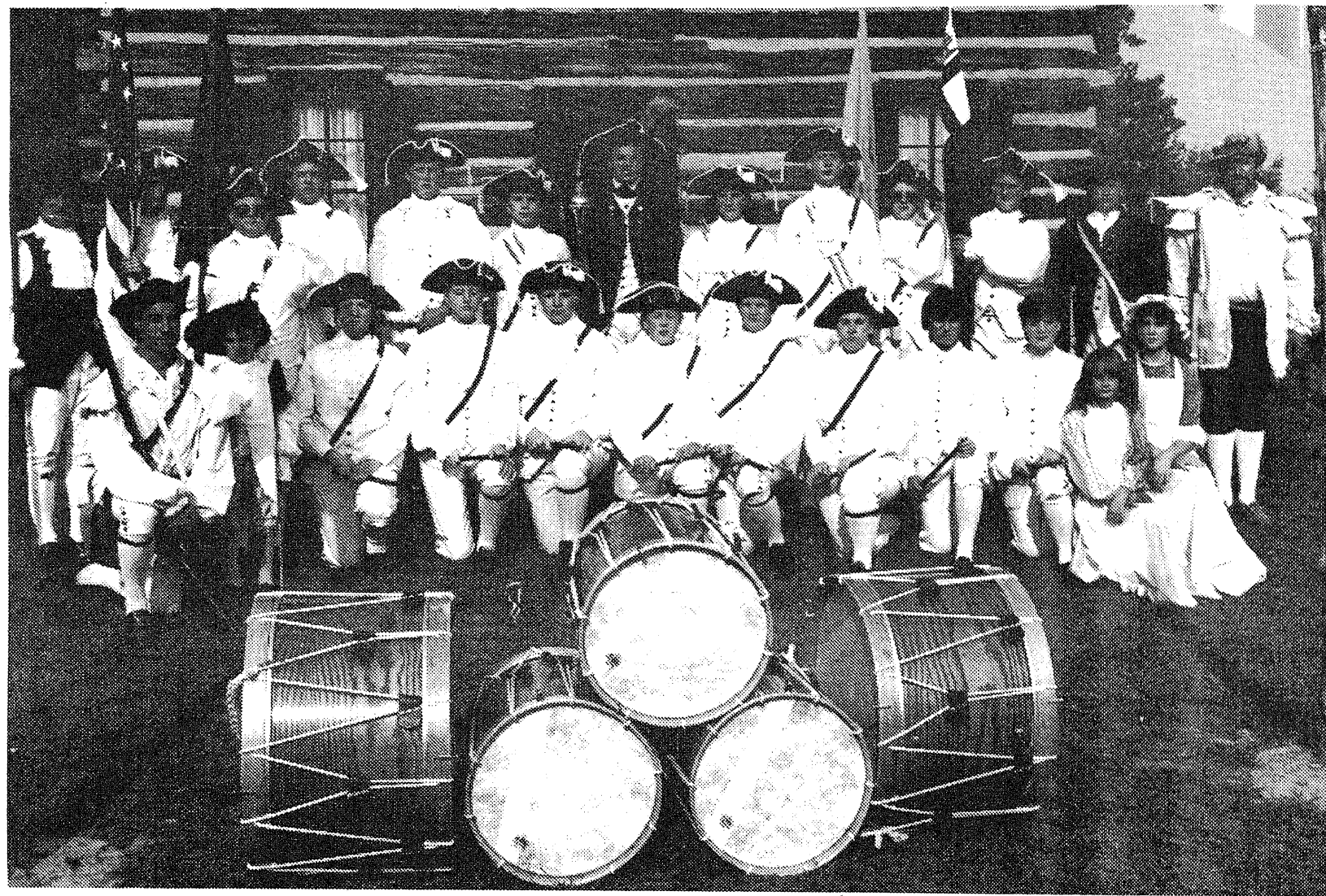
Campaign Strategist Bob Cole says that they are one of only three such groups in Michigan and that they pattern themselves after the 1776 American Revolutionary Army, wearing authentic garb and carrying authentic weapons.

About 20 members of the group will be marching at Saturday's Grand Parade, which steps off in downtown Pigeon at 1:30 p.m.

A Deckerville native himself, now residing in Sanford, Cole says the group got started two years ago when Midland had its annual festival and he himself was looking for a family activity to enjoy with his wife, teenage daughter and seven year old son.

AND INDEED IT IS a family affair, as his young son marches with him, his daughter marches in the band and his wife follows the group in a car.

Group members range in age from 10 to 70.
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THE TITTABAWASSEE VALLEY FIFE & DRUM CORPS strike a formal pose, in preparation for this weekend's visit to the Pigeon Farmers' Festival.

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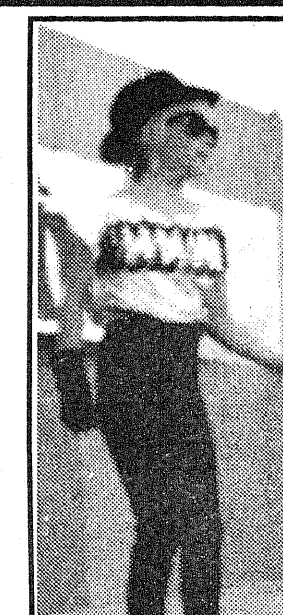
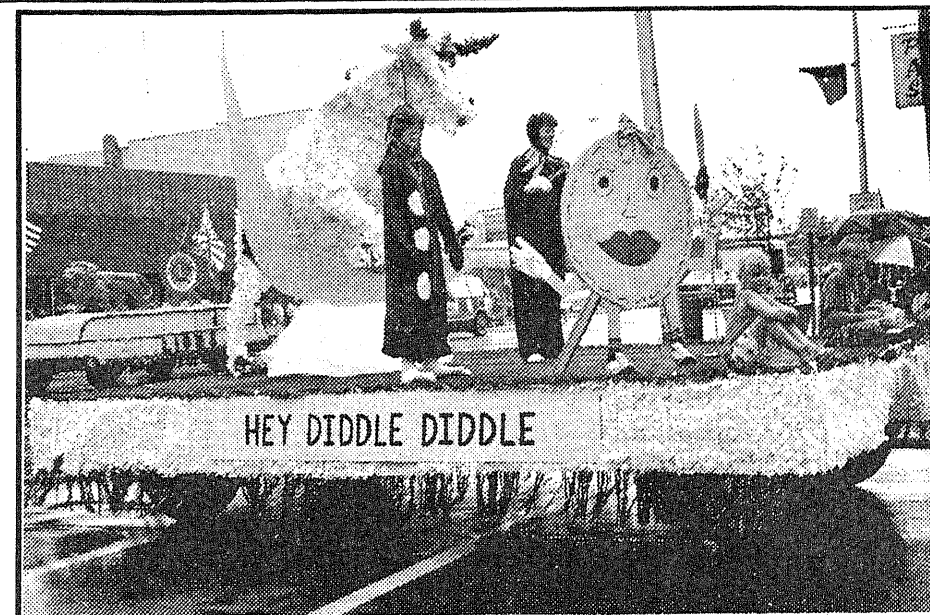
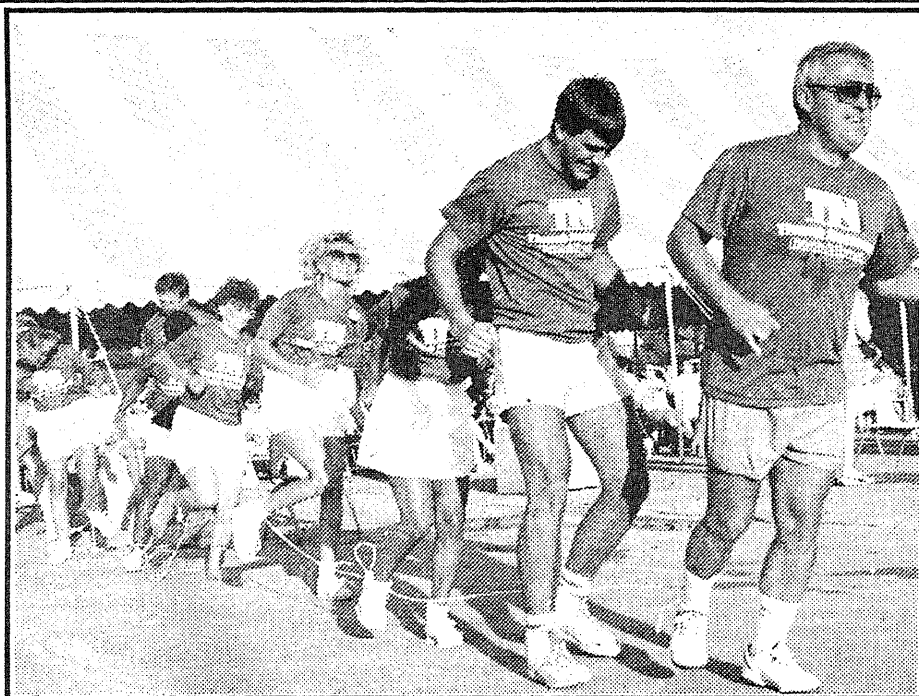
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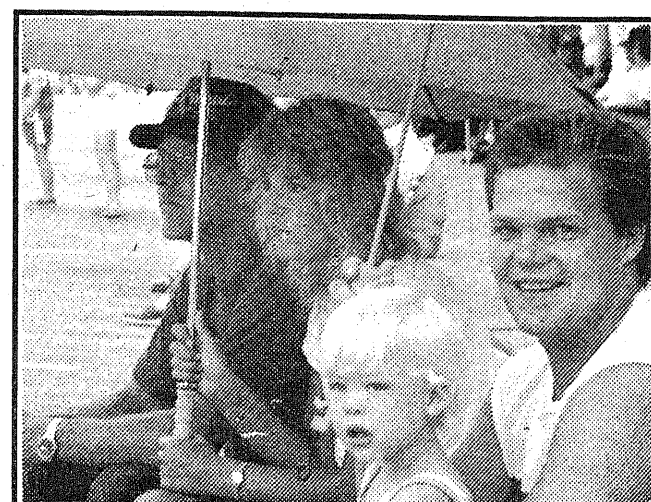
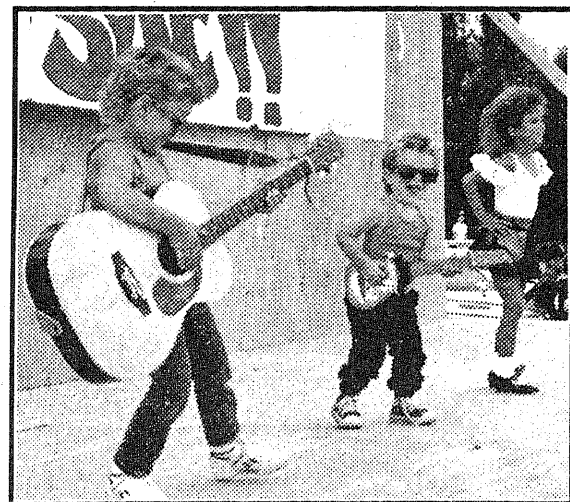
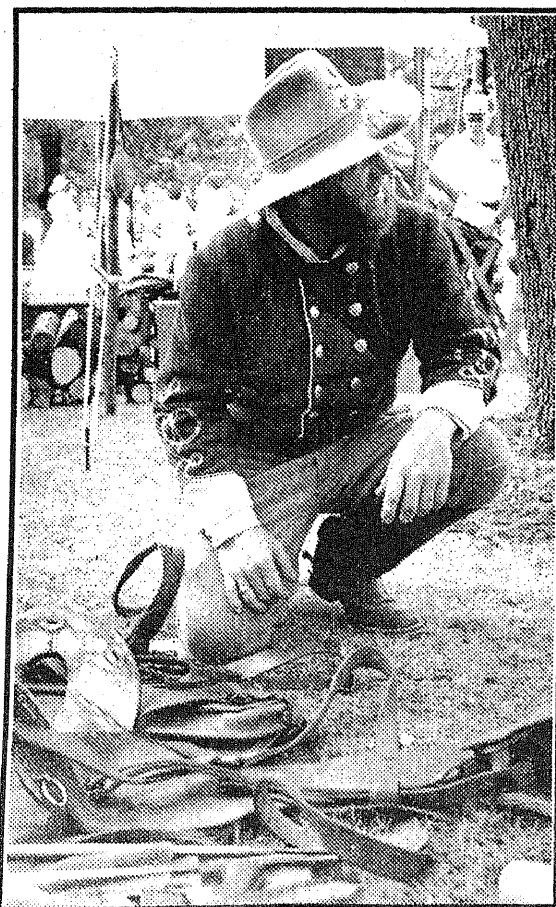
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FARMERS' FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday • Thursday
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and Sunday

JULY 26-30



WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

- ★ 10 a.m. Redford's Slam Jam Basketball Tournament, 5' 2" & under height class, at the parking lot north of tennis courts at Recreation Park.
- 1 p.m. Seventh Annual Farmers' Festival Golf Tournament and Dinner at Scenic Golf and Country Club. \$35 per person, 18 holes, includes steak dinner.
- 4 to 6 p.m. Sheriff & Posse at Golf Tournament.
- 7 p.m. Soccer Tournament at Pigeon Recreation Park.
- ★ 6:45 p.m.-p.m. Dance show by the students from Sherry's Dance Studio at Recreation Park Stage.
- 7:30 p.m. Interfaith Softball Tournament continues at Pigeon Recreation Park.
- ★ 7:30 p.m. Pigeon's Very Own Lip-Sync Contest at Recreation Park Stage.
- ★ 8 p.m. Top of the Thumb Leisure Ministries hosts the Wisner Puppeteers at the Caseville United Methodist Church.
- 9 to 12 Younger Teen Dance at Recreation Park.

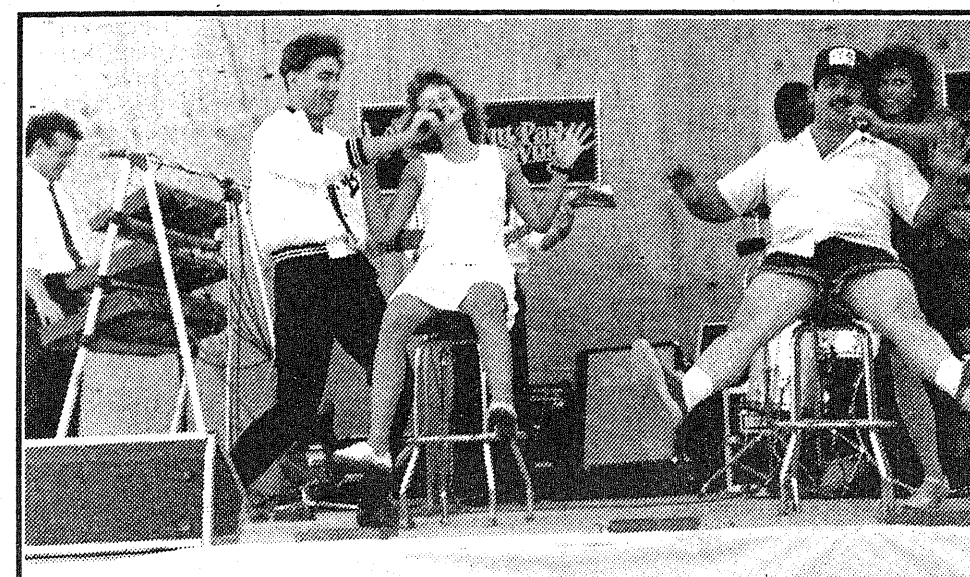
THURSDAY, JULY 27

- ★ All Day Horse and Buggy Rides around town.
- 9 to 5 Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sales begin; plenty of bargains all around Pigeon!
- ★ 9 to 3 Kiddy Arcade-fun for the kid's, all day long featuring Duck Pond, Bean Bag Toss and other games. Everyone wins! Tickets 10/\$1.00.
- 9 to 5 Hobby & Craft Fair, sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce.
- 9 to 5 Annual Quilt Show at the Pigeon District Library.
- 9 to 5 Used Book Sale at the Pigeon District Library.
- 10 to 5 Lemonade Sales served by the Pigeon Historical Society.
- 10 to 5 Pigeon Historical Society Depot Museum open with Pigeon Memorabilia display.
- 10 a.m. Redford's Slam Jam Basketball Tournament, continues with the 8th grade and under class (taller than 52").
- ★ 10 a.m. Free Active Feed Egg Plant Tour (Bus from Municipal Building).
- 10:30 to 5 Pizza Stand sponsored by the Cross Luther League.
- 10:30 to 12 Sheriff & Posse around downtown. Persons without Farmers' Festival Buttons will be arrested and jailed!
- 11 to 3 Luncheon Specials at the Pigeon VFW Hall by the VFW Auxiliary.
- ★ 1 p.m. Children's Films: "Race for your Life, Charlie Brown" at the Pigeon District Library.
- ★ 2 p.m. Free Farm Tours of the Protzman Dairy Farm. Bus from Municipal Building.
- ★ 2 to 3 Registration: Pedal Tractor Pull at Recreation Park Tennis Courts. (Sorry, NO LATE REGISTRATIONS!!)
- 3:30 to 9 Bratwurst, hot dogs, fish and French fries at VFW Hall.
- ★ 3:30 to 7 Pedal Tractor pull at the Recreation Park Tennis Courts.
- 4:30 to 6 Sheriff & Posse on patrol at VFW Hall. Persons without Farmers' Festival Buttons will be arrested!
- 4:30 to 7:30 Happy Hour at VFW Hall, sponsored by the Pigeon Conservation Club.
- ★ 6 p.m. Anything Goes Games at Recreation Park Tennis Courts.
- 7 p.m. Soccer Tournament at Recreation Park.
- 7 p.m. Huron County Chapter of Sweet Adelines program at the Recreation Park Stage.

- 7:30 Interfaith Softball Tournament at Recreation Park.
- 7:30 p.m. Annual Farmers' Festival Gospel Concert at the Recreation Park Stage featuring "Keynote Quartet" from Flint.
- 9 to 12:30 Older Teen (16-20) Dance at VFW Hall. Music by Celebration Sounds. Cost is \$5.00 and includes 1 pop and popcorn!

FRIDAY, JULY 28

- ★ All Day Horse and Buggy Rides around town.
- † All Day Huron & Eastern Railway Exhibit, near the Pigeon Historical Depot Museum.
- 9 to 5 Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sales continue; plenty of bargains all around Pigeon!
- 9 to 5 Hobby & Craft Fair, sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce.
- 9 to 5 Annual Quilt Show at the Pigeon District Library.
- 9 to 5 Used Book Sale at the Pigeon District Library.
- 9:15 a.m. Line up for Kid's Parade on Nitz Street near the District Library.
- 10 a.m. Redford's Slam Jam Basketball Tournament, continues with the 9th & 10th grades and under class.
- 10 to 5 Lemonade sales served by the Pigeon Historical Society.
- 10:30 to 5 Pizza Stand sponsored by the Cross Luther League.
- 10 to 5 Pigeon Historical Depot Museum visiting hours.
- ★ 10 a.m. Active Feed Egg Plant Tour (Bus from Municipal Building).
- ★ 10 a.m. Kid's Parade on Main Street through downtown Pigeon.
- 10:30 to 12 Sheriff & Posse around downtown. Persons without Farmers' Festival Buttons will be arrested and jailed!
- 11 to 3 Luncheon Specials at the Pigeon VFW Hall prepared by the VFW Auxiliary.
- ★ 12 to 4 Petting Zoo at the Farmers' Market under the care of Erma Maust.
- 1 to 4 Craft demonstrations at the Farmers' Market.
- ★ 1 p.m. Treasurer Hunt at Municipal parking lot.
- 1 to 4 Steam Thrasher Demonstration at Municipal parking lot.
- 1 p.m. Pigeon Chamber Summer Raffle Drawing at Municipal Building.
- ★ 2 p.m. Frog Jumping Contest at Municipal parking lot.
- ★ 2 p.m. Local Farm Tour of the Protzman Dairy Farm. (Bus from Municipal Building.)
- 3 to 9 Bratwurst, hot dogs, fish and French fries at the VFW Hall sponsored by the VFW.
- ★ 3 p.m. Watermelon eating contest at Municipal parking lot sponsored by the Pigeon Lions.
- ★ 3:30 p.m. Balloon Toss at Municipal parking lot.
- 4:30 to 6:30 Sheriff & Posse on patrol at VFW Hall.
- 4:30 to 6:30 Happy Hour at the VFW Hall sponsored by the Conservation Club.
- ★ 5:30 to 6:30 Greased Pig contest (age 6-11) at Porky's Dairy Barn.
- 7:30 Free Family Stage Show featuring Ventriloquist-Comedian Jim Teter and the Noffs County Music Band as well as the crowning of the 1989 Farmers' Festival Queen by the 1988 Queen, Carleen Kauffman all at the Recreation Park stage.
- 9 to 1 Adult dance at the Pigeon VFW Hall. Music by the Noffs County Music Band.



SATURDAY, JULY 29

- † All Day 16th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Inc. Encampment at South Village Park (near VFW Hall).
- 9 to 4 Annual Quilt Show at the Pigeon District Library.
- 9 to 5 Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sales begin; still plenty of bargains all around Pigeon!
- 10 a.m. Redford's Slam Jam Basketball Tournament, Open Class-Any Age.
- 10:30 to 4 Pizza Stand located downtown sponsored by the Cross Luther League.
- 9 to 11:30 Used Book "Sack Sale" at the Pigeon District Library.
- 10 a.m. Lemonade sales served by the Pigeon Historical Society.
- 10 to 1 Pigeon Historical Depot Museum visiting hours.
- ★ 9 a.m. Registration for Remote Control Vehicle Races at South Village Park (near VFW Hall).
- M-46 Horseshoe tournament at Recreation Park Horseshoe pits.
- 9:30 to 12 Interfaith Softball Tournament at Recreation Park.
- ★ 10 a.m. Remote Control Vehicle Races at South Village Park (near VFW Hall).
- 11 to 3 Luncheon Special at the Pigeon VFW Hall sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary.
- 12 noon Happy Hour at VFW Hall sponsored by the Lions Club.
- 1 to 5 M-46 Horseshoe Tournament at Recreation Park Horseshoe pits.
- 1 p.m. Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Summer Raffle final drawings. \$100 & \$500 CASH prizes at Municipal Building.
- ★ 1:30 to 3 Sixteenth Annual Farmers' Festival GRAND PARADE with a Cartoon Theme. Line up on Hartley Street. Parade route: North on Main Street, then West on Michigan Avenue to Catholic Church.
- 2 to 6 Pigeon Rotary Club's Annual Chicken Barbecue at the Recreation Park Tent.
- 3 to 5 Pigeon Historical Depot Museum visiting hours.
- 3 to 9 Bratwurst, hot dogs, fish and French fries at the VFW Hall.
- 3 Pony Pull at the Recreation Park.
- ★ 3:30 Thumb 2 Cylinder Club Demonstration, Gettel Implement Lot.
- 3:30 Soccer Tournament at Recreation Park.
- 3:30 Mud Volleyball tournament, grades 9 to 12, at the Recreation Park.
- 4 to 6:30 Interfaith Softball Tournament continues at Recreation Park.
- 8:30 to 12:30 Teen Dance at the Recreation Park Tent featuring D.J. Greg Ricardi.
- 9 to 1 Adult Dance at the VFW Hall.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

- † All Day 16th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Inc. Encampment at South Village Park (near VFW Hall).
- 9:30 to 11 M-46 Horseshoe Tournament at the Recreation Park Horseshoe pits.
- 11 a.m. Community Worship Service at the Recreation Park Tent.
- 12 to 5 M-46 Horseshoe Tournament at the Recreation Park horseshoe pits.
- ★ 2 to 3 Greased Pig Contest (ages 7-11) at Porky's Dairy Barn.



Huron and Eastern Railroad are special Festival guests

By **AMY HEIDEN**
 Nearly everyone is fascinated by trains. Maybe it's their size or their power that causes that fascination. For most senior citizens, it may be memories of the era when passenger trains were the best or only means of transportation between cities. Whatever the reason,

Americans of all ages love trains. **NOW, TRAIN LOVERS** will have the chance to tour a working locomotive and caboose during Farmers' Festival when the Huron and Eastern Railway of Bad Axe displays one of its engines in Pigeon. The locomotive and caboose will be in town Thursday through Sunday, July 28, 29 and 30, and a

representative of the Blue-water Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will be on hand to guide visitors through the locomotive on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, a Huron and Eastern employe will conduct the tours. **"WE'RE A** non-scheduled railway, which means we go when and where we're needed," says

Bev Gahagan, administrative assistant for the railway. "We promised we'd be there, and we will be there." **HURON AND EASTERN** was founded in 1986, and is a shortline railroad operating 141 miles in Michigan's Thumb over

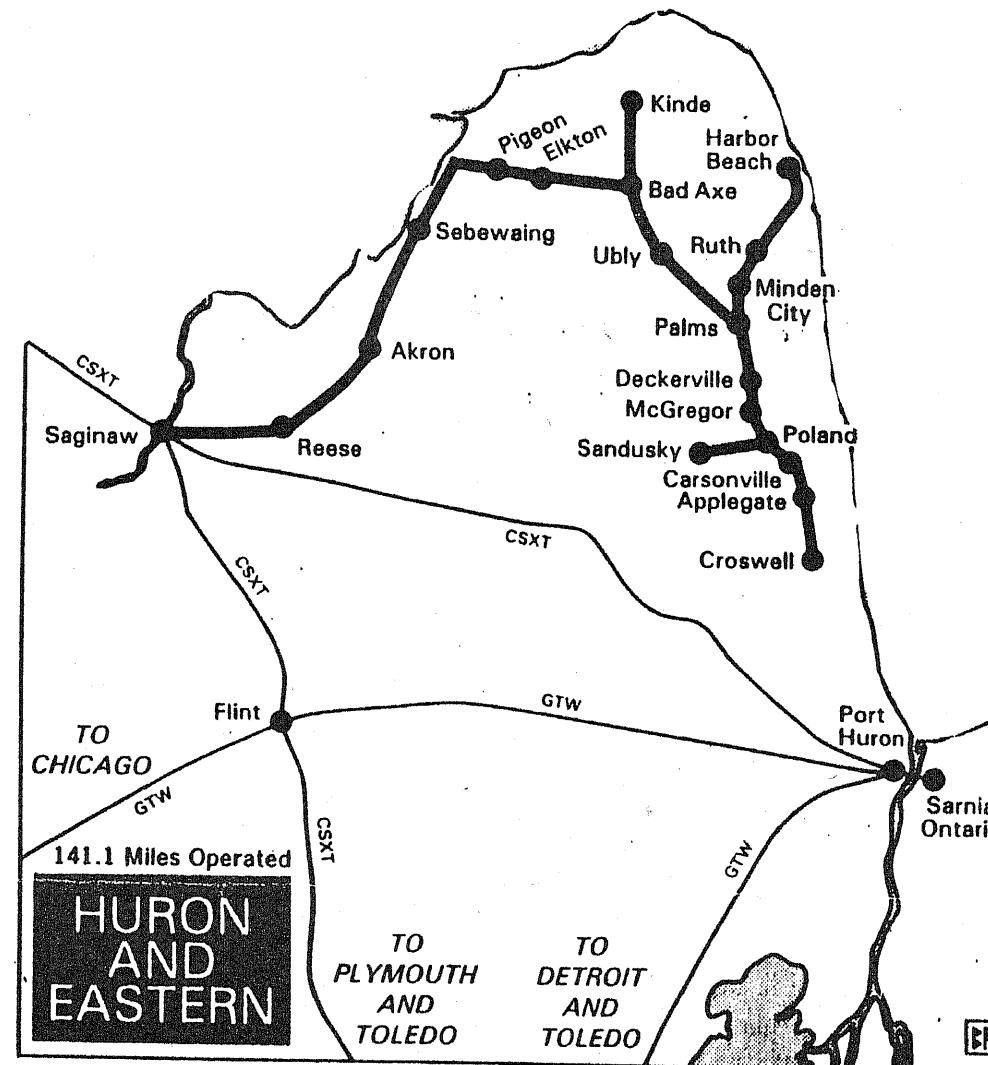
former Chessie System trackage. The railway has two sub-groups: the Huron Division, covering Crosswell to Bad Axe with branches to Sandusky, Harbor Beach, and Kinde; and the

Saginaw Division, serving western Huron County, and parts of Tuscola County through Arthur and Stephen in Saginaw County. Please turn to Page 23



The locomotive and Caboose of the Huron and Eastern Railroad will be open in Pigeon for Festival tours!

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CARLEEN KAUFFMAN was 1988 Farmers' Festival Queen. A 1988 Laker graduate, she will be a sophomore this year at Grand Valley State University, majoring in music education. This summer, she's working at Scenic Golf and Country Club as a waitress, and will be out in the fields hoeing sugar beets, too.

Kauffman says that being named Farmers' Festival Queen was a "great thrill. I was very honored and proud to be a part of the area." "I really love the atmosphere of Pigeon and the communities and I'm fortunate to have many friends in the area." Winning the contest gave her a lot of confidence, she

says, and it's something she'll never forget.

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