1986 was a year of records for the Cooperative Elevator Corporation. The Co-op’s 1986 "Pulling Together" theme means farmers had to pull together to succeed at the annual meeting held Wednesday night at the Colony House near Casa City.

$61.5 MILLION VOLUME: 1986-87 sales were up 45% over 1985-86, according to the annual report, a record amount. Sales for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1986 showed $454.82 million in commodity sales (up from $278.8 million in 1986), and supply sales of $17.3 million, another record, (vs. $14.2 million), for total sales of $613.5 million (vs. $424.1 million).

On the expense side, cost of goods sold rose, too, to $546.4 million versus $334.3 million in 1985-86, netting a gross margin of 7.2 million — down slightly from 1985’s 7.7 million.

Operating and administrative costs rose, too, for the year, to $68.6 million from $60.1 million. Final net margin for the 1986 year is $547,361, down from $2.04 million in 1985 — a decline of 80.0%.

ELECTIONS: Shareholders voted 505-70 to approve new bylaws allowing patronage refunds to Co-op members, with non-members’ funds returned to the company.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Keynote speaker Ronald Stobbins, former CEO and President of B&W Cooperative of Breckenridge, said his company has competed with Cooperative Elevator for the distinction of "largest cooperative in the Midwest" for many years.

"You are the brightest light in the cooperative system," Stobbins said. "For 20 years I’ve looked up to this cooperative. Every step we took, you took, too."

He challenged members to work together in making contributions to help Cooperative Elevator continue to succeed, noting the founders in 1915 pooled their assets on faith. "As you work to build the Co-op, you are building stronger and better co-operatives for the future," Stobbins said.

CO-OP ELEVATOR CEO JOHN KOHR

ELKTON KINDERGARTEN TEACHER Mrs. Trudi Lang opened the door for five year old Matthew Santos, who started his first day of school on Tuesday at Elkton Elementary School. The son of Fred and Lori Santos of Elkton, Matthew says he’s looking very forward to school, having two older brothers who are also at school all day.

Pigeon, Elkton, Caseville, Bay Port and Owendale, Michigan,
By AMY HEIDEN

She grows her own 'Statick Symbols'!

Bay Port local news

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hack, of Three Flowers, and friends, attended the Bay Port High School Lancer football game in Green Bay last Saturday night.

Lepidoptera (pronounced lep-i-dawp-tree-ruh) is the scientific name for butterflies and moths—small, often brightly colored insects whose larvae are caterpillars. The word is derived from Greek, meaning “scale wing,” because of the thin, delicate nature of the wings. Butterflies and moths are decomposers, feeding off dead matter and playing a crucial role in breaking down organic material. They are also a food source for many birds, small mammals, and insects. Butterflies and moths are divided into two main groups: butterflies and moths. Butterflies are known for their colorful wings and graceful flight, while moths are often seen at night and are generally less colorful. Both play an important role in the ecosystem, pollinating flowers and aiding in the dispersal of seeds.

The long list of butterflies and moths that he identifies in the article highlights the diversity of this group. However, it is important to note that the number of species is constantly changing as new ones are discovered and others are reclassified. The article also mentions the challenge of identifying some butterflies and moths, which can be confusing due to their similar appearance. Although Oregon Stain is a popular stain in the industry, the article does not provide specific information on its use or effectiveness.

The article ends with the statement: “She grows her own ‘Statick Symbols’. This phrase adds a touch of whimsy and personalization to the article, suggesting that the author has a unique and creative approach to observing nature. Overall, the article provides a glimpse into the world of butterflies and moths, highlighting their beauty, importance, and the challenge of identifying them.
Couple celebrates 40 married years
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schulz

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By DOROTHY DIENER

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Family reunion

Pigeon District LIBRARY CORNER

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By AMY HEDEN
Summer vacation is time for young families to catch their breath, then get ready for back to school. Parents and children are working on improving their swimming skills. So what is the number one cause of death in the VFC's pool due to lack of swimming skills?

KEEP PERSPECTIVE: In the past ten years, the records show that the number of drownings decreased. The parents say they see their kids catching up to the competition in the pool in a progressive manner.

The main goal of the competition is to swim across the pool as fast as possible.

END URGENCY: It’s hard work training for a triathlon, but it is fun! It’s a great way to keep in shape and enjoy the outdoors. And it could be another great way for Jill to stay focused on her own goals.

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President Mike Ross was present to welcome 18 members to the meeting on Feb. 6. Elected officers were installed by Commissioner Rockie and the new officers are:

President: Mike Ross
Vice President: Carol Mosher
Secretary: Robert Gandy
Treasurer: Jim Rice

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

HURON COUNTY

MARSH

Many programs were presented at the recent meeting of the Huron County Marsh, with the program on Feb. 18 being presented by our own T. L. Tate, who discussed the operation of the Marsh. The program was well received and many questions were asked. The next meeting will be held on March 18, with programs to be announced.

THUMB AREA CLUB NEWS NOTES

SHERRY LYNN REIST

1969 - 1969

Sherri Lynne Reist, age 18, of Page 1, Devils Lake, ND, daughter of Richard and Carol Reist, was killed in an automobile accident on April 25, 1969. She was born on March 24, 1951, in Devils Lake, ND, and was a senior at Page High School.

Memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Page on April 27, 1969, at 11 a.m. Flower arrangements are being made by the family.

MEL FOSTER

1961 - 1969

Mel Foster, age 35, of Battle Creek, MI, died on April 17, 1969, in a hospital in Battle Creek. He was born on June 18, 1933, in Battle Creek, and was a member of the Michigan State Police. He was survived by his wife, Dorothy, and two children, Mary and David.

Memorial service will be held at the Congregational Church in Battle Creek on April 20, 1969, at 11 a.m. Flower arrangements are being made by the family.

ISLA S. SOWDEN

1934 - 1969

Isla S. Sowden, age 85, of Park Rapids, MN, died on April 18, 1969, in a hospital in Park Rapids. She was born on June 24, 1884, in Park Rapids, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was survived by her husband, John, and two children, Jack and Mary.

Memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Park Rapids on April 21, 1969, at 11 a.m. Flower arrangements are being made by the family.

VIOLA LORRAINE (FAVER) SMITH

1920 - 1969

Viola Lorraine (Faver) Smith, age 49, of Marine City, MI, died on April 19, 1969, in a hospital in Marine City. She was born on September 1, 1920, in Marine City, and was a member of the First Methodist Church. She was survived by her husband, John, and two children, Mary and Jim.

Memorial service will be held at the First Methodist Church in Marine City on April 22, 1969, at 11 a.m. Flower arrangements are being made by the family.

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Lots of winners at the fair!

Awards in many classes were made at the 4-H State livestock and poultry contest, held at the fair. Many prizes were given to both 4-H and FFA members for their efforts. A total of 1,968 entries were shown in the contest, which was held in the beautiful new show hall at the fair. The awards were given to the highest-scoring entries in the various classes.

The Grand Champion Market steers were shown by four different individuals: Heather Bevill of Easton, Christopher Clark of Elyria, and the Reserve Champion Market steers were won by Matthew Slocum of Mansfield and Brian Smith of Medina. In the Reserve Champion Market steers, a total of 1,968 entries were shown, and the Reserve Champion Market steers were shown by four different individuals: MaryKate Johnson of Columbus, Jennifer Taylor of Canton, and Brian Smith of Medina. In the Reserve Champion Market steers, a total of 1,968 entries were shown, and the Reserve Champion Market steers were shown by four different individuals: MaryKate Johnson of Columbus, Jennifer Taylor of Canton, and Brian Smith of Medina.

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By AMY HEIDEN

Ok, you young hot rod fans out there, here’s your chance to see who’s got the fastest lawn tractor in the area!

Lawnmower races will be a feature of the Elkon AutumnFest, held this weekend in downtown Elkon. The event is sponsored by the Elkon Lions Club in coordination with the Elkon Chamber of Commerce.

Race organizer Elmer Rupp says there will be three classes for the lawnmower racers. A 4-wheeler tractor class with 15-19 hp engines. Class B consists of 8-12 hp tractors and Class C consists of 8 hp and under tractors.

Four tractors will race in each race, and the winner will be determined by the fastest time. There will be three classes for this event: Class A has 15-19 hp engines, Class B consists of 8-12 hp tractors and Class C consists of 8 hp and under tractors.

The lawnmower races will be held at the Elkon Community Park on Saturday, September 3rd, at 2 p.m. Admission is free, and there will be refreshments available.

Who has got the FASTEST lawnmower in the WESTERN Thumb?

Find out Friday night at Ackerman Park!

Available at the Village Pub and at Thumb Hardware, Rupp says, and parents must sign a release form before the youngsters will be allowed to race.

All tractors must be registered, and the winner will receive a prize.

Get ready for the lawnmower races at the AutumnFest!

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Like to win this shed from Elkon Lions?

See You At Elkon’s Autumnfest
Have A Safe Weekend

ELKTON LIONS’ Waldron Knechtel, President Jim Rich and project chairman Dr. Richard Lockard show off the 10 x 12 ft. utility shed the Lions will raffle off during the AutumnFest celebration. The raffle is planned Monday, Sept. 5, at the Robert Dwyer Golf Tournament at Hurricane Oaks Golf Course. Tickets are still available from any Lions member, club President Rich says.

ON THE COVER...

Furnished on the front cover of the 2016 Elkon AutumnFest Edition are highlights of the 2016 Elkon AutumnFest activities. Shown with the 1966 Oldsmobile Cutlass are Tinyman Stacey Kramer, her son, with Rosa Kramer, her stepson, and Krista Guzman, her stepdaughter.

Here we go again!
What’s your favorite TASTE?

Many folk enter our first contest... now YOU can be part of this one! Just tell us what your favorite TASTE is... and we’ll share some of the more interesting ones with our readers. Maybe it’s good cold water, or fine wine or a dose of cod liver oil. Just tell us! Give us your thoughts by Thursday, Aug. 31. We’ll publish some of the more interesting ones after that date!

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She is chairman of the 'board'

By ANY HUBER

Netherlands, nor snow, nor blinding sun, or any other kind of weather keeps “chairman of the board” Phyllis Forster from her appointed duties as secretary of Elton’s community bulletin board. And with good reason. Village residents, anniversaries, Club 300 drawing winners and other village messages are displayed on the board weekly. Sometimes these messages change two or three times a week, especially during the holidays, Forster says.

She took over the volunteer job over 10 years ago from her husband Gerald.

COMMUNITY BOOSTER PHYLIS FORSTER urges this problem for her job as community communication through Elkon’s Community Board. The community board contains news of local interest, the birthdays, anniversaries and other things that are important to the community.

When he was called back to work after suffering a broken leg, although several other people have helped with the bulletin board, she’s been the one to sink or swim the longest. A lot of people who have been doing just that have realized there are others.

The job doesn’t take much more than an hour a week, but it’s a lot of work for the time it’s done. Sometimes she puts in a little extra time, especially during the holidays.

But the messages that go on the board in any kind of weather, every week, and for her dedication, the Elkon Lions Club recently awarded Forster a plaque for her volunteering.

Here is the type of volunteer whose work often goes unnoticed or unappreciated, but Forster takes a great deal of pride in her work. “People come from all over to see it (the bulletin board). This board has got more than a lot of other boards in other villages,” Forster says.

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that doesn’t have quality first doesn’t stay in business long. It’s common knowledge that if you want to work for the Big Three, your quality has got to be A+.”

GETTING CREDIT: short, she says.

Continued in next issue. We have a lot of interest with every individual. Everybody has heard of everybody.

Stern likes to use the phrase “team member” to describing Active’s aim.

ROLE CHANGES: In the past several years, American car manufacturers had to become more aware of the quality of their automobiles because of competition from the Japanese car makers and their perceived superior quality.

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