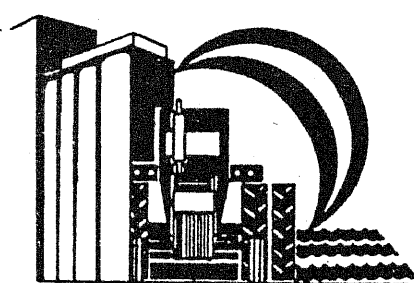


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Who will reign as Laker Royalty?



HERE'S LAKER'S Homecoming Candidates for 1989. The 1989 Homecoming King will be crowned at a pep assembly Friday afternoon, and the 1989 Queen will be crowned at halftime ceremonies by last year's Queen, Traci Beer. Mark Kretzschmer, 1988 Homecoming King, will also be on hand to during the halftime ceremonies.

In the front row are Kathy Bollenbacher, Heather Clark, Brenda Schulze, and Malissa LaBelle.

In the rear is Aron Jahr, Bill McLellan, Jr., Brian Bushey and Tim Voss.

Pigeon stores 'rise early' for shoppers Thursday!

By AMY HEIDEN

On fall mornings at six a.m., Pigeon's streets are usually pretty quiet and dark. Some homes throughout the town have lights shining in kitchen windows as the day's first cup of coffee is savored, and a moment of quiet is enjoyed before it's time to get the kids up and ready for school.

Things will be a little different this Thursday morning, though, when most village merchants open at 6 a.m. for their Earlybird sales.

Then Pigeon's streets will be teeming with shoppers eager to get bargains on items ranging from clothes to shoes to paint to jewelry to groceries.

BUT WHO GETS UP that early just to go shopping? And why? To find out, we asked some Pigeon merchants to find out.

At Kretzschmer Home Center, June and Vern Kretzschmer will be opening up the doors at 6 a.m., and as in past years, expect plenty of shoppers.

"People shop for the things they can get bargains on," says June Kretzschmer. "People who work don't mind getting up and saving money."

"And if you going to buy for fall or for Christmas, it's nice to get it now and get the 20 percent off."

IF PAST EXPERIENCE is any indication, Dave and Joyce Jarvis can expect to stay busy for the three hours that Polewach's will be running their Earlybird sale.

"It gets pretty crowded," Joyce Jarvis says. "Every year it gets better and better." Since the weather is turning colder now that fall is here and winter is coming, shoppers are stocking up on winter clothing, work shoes, coveralls, and gloves, Jarvis says.

AT PIGEON MOTORS, customers aren't as quick to buy a new car or truck as quickly as they are a new

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Kraus named District Judge

Huron County Prosecuting Attorney Karl Kraus of Caseville Monday was named 73rd District Judge, to fill the term of recently-retired Judge John Schubel.

The 43-year-old Kraus said he was contacted by Gov. James Blanchard's office about 3:30 Monday afternoon, and was offered the interim appointment, to last until the November 1990 General Election. The term runs to Jan. 1, 1991.

"I'm kind of up in the air right now," Kraus said Monday afternoon. "I'm very pleased. I want to get started as soon as possible."

Kraus expects to take office within several days, and swearing-in ceremonies will be announced as soon as they can be finalized. No immediate office changes are planned.

Pigeon's first historical marker dedicated Sunday

By AMY HEIDEN

The very first historical marker in Pigeon will be dedicated Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. by members of the Pigeon Village Council and the Pigeon Historical Society.

Program chairman Marie Kantarian says the society has been working over two years to get the Depot museum recognized as a historical site.

"**IT TOOK OVER** two years to get the museum in shape and get the designation. The Michigan Historical Commission doesn't hand these things out lightly. There's been a lot of research and correspondence between the Commission and past president Marie Leipprandt and current president Al Robinson," Kantarian said.

A plaque is already mounted on the exterior of the former junction railway depot.

It commemorates the establishment of the north-south Pontiac, Oxford & Northern Railway in "Berne Junction" in 1883, and the subsequent establishment of the east-west Saginaw, Tuscola & Huron railway in 1886. Records show the depot was built in 1908.

THE RAILROADS LATER became the Grand Trunk and Chesapeake & Ohio, respectively. Today, the Huron and Eastern Railway operates the trackage in Pigeon, on the former C & O line.

Installation of State Historical Plaque #1439 was made possible in part from the Village of Pigeon's annual \$1,000 donated to the Historical Society and Museum.

The museum is a joint venture of the Pigeon Village Council, which owns the building, and the society which operates the museum.

KANTARIAN SAYS the society is dedicated to the preservation of local history, and the depot museum is a valuable part of that effort.

"It's a great education tool, too. We've had several student groups tour the museum." This past summer, over 2,000 visitors went through the building, most of them during the Farmers' Festival.

"We get quite a few casual visitors, too, people who may not live around here, but who have roots here," Kantarian said.

THE PUBLIC IS invited to attend the dedication in front of the museum, she added.



PROGRAM CHAIRMAN Marie Kantarian smiles as her efforts on behalf of the Depot Museum pay off with an historical designation this Sunday.

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Page Section Inside!

'Military brat' seeks overseas classmates

By AMY HEIDEN
Did you attend an overseas school anytime between 1947 and the present? If so, then someone is looking for you.

Overseas Brats, an organization of military "brats" — children who attended international and Department of Defense Dependents Schools in places many students in America can't even find on a map — is trying to locate those former students. Linda Shevchenko Fritz of Owendale is one such brat.

WHILE HER FATHER was stationed in Germany while serving in the Army, she attended kindergarten through the second grade at Straubing, Germany, and later, on a second tour of service, attended a school at Baumholder.

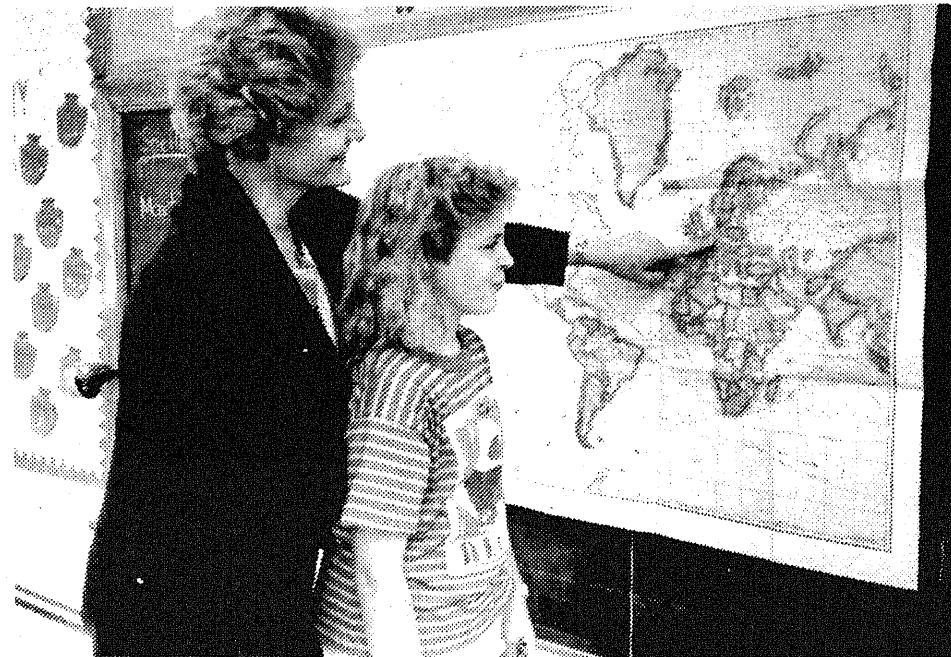
Her family returned to the

states in 1962, and she later graduated from Laker High in 1966.

"I was lucky enough to graduate from Lakers so I have a hometown reunion to go to," Fritz says. "My older sister, Evette Curtis of Bad Axe, graduated in 1964 when we lived in Ft. Benning, Ga. My younger brother David and sister Kathy Miller of Vassar both graduated from Lakers.

"For all the times we moved, and the nine schools I attended, I loved the life of a military brat."

FRITZ LEARNED of Overseas Brats when she read an article in a metro daily newspaper about the organization. She called one of the Michigan women mentioned in the article, and became excited about the possibility of meeting former classmates



Former military "brat" daughter Tiffany the area of tending a Department of Defense Dependent School.

of the overseas schools she had attended.

She now receives the newsletter for Overseas Brats, founded by Joe Codrill of San Antonio, Texas. Codrill founded the organization in 1986, and serves as a clearinghouse for military brats' reunions. He graduated from Tehran American High School in 1973.

CODRILL SAYS he founded Overseas Brats to "give us the opportunity to do something to preserve, share, and promote our heritage, our 'roots,' regardless of when and where we lived or attended school overseas."

Currently, there are 170 overseas alumni groups representing 117 high schools in 45 countries where U.S. military personnel were stationed, Fritz says.

She's planning to attend a gathering of alumni in Denver later this month and hopes to see some of her former classmates there.

"A reunion for Michigan brats is in the making," she says. "There are 625 brats registered with the Overseas Schools Combined Alumni Registry (OSCAR) as living in Michigan."

OSCAR provides the link between the reunion committees searching for former alumni and individuals searching for classmates, and has a list of 149 schools with over 27,000 students and teachers from 1947 through 1986.

ANY MILITARY BRATS or anyone else who knows a person who may have attended schools overseas are urged to contact Fritz at 2946 S. Casewille Road, Owendale, Mich. 48754, or call her at 678-4457 between 6 and 9:30 p.m.

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Here, Fred Renn and Henry Roestel, Chandler and McKinley Township trustees, respectively, stand next to the new ambulance their townships helped fund.

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OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!

DESK CLEANING: We recently commented here about long traffic jams on I-75 south of Birch Run. Well, State Transportation Department officials say the repaving job on both north- and south-bound lanes should be done late this week...

Fascinating story in Thursday's Detroit News, about Bloomfield Hills elementary schools. They're promoting "invented spelling," which means students are allowed to express themselves in creative writing with no regard to spelling correctness.

The theory is that youngsters compose more freely — and enjoy writing — when they don't have to worry about spelling. Fascinating concept, since first or second graders often are stumped because their spelling hasn't caught up with their creativity.

The News' headline: "Spelling rite is know big deal." A sobering thought: At least 14 youngsters from Caseville or Laker High Schools have been caught with beer in their cars in recent weeks. We know that's true because we check the records at District Court weekly.

It's scary, because some of these young drinking drivers could have terrible accidents... or worse. Some local young people have even been seen getting their second — or third — tickets recently. THAT'S a major problem...

Jack Nicholson is no dummy. The actor's contract for the hit movie "Batman" gave him a percentage of the gross, instead of a salary (that alone was to be \$3 million at first). So, thanks to Batman hats, T-shirts and other merchandise tie-ins, Nicholson will likely make \$60 million from the movie...

Two Port Huron women have started the Blue Water Pet Patrol, a pet-sitting service. Norma Pool and Jeanette Cowley charge about \$6 per "house call," and take care of Fido or Fifi while their owners are out of town. They're members of (honest) the National Association of Pet Sitters...

SHUT DOWN: Orchard Hills Hospital in Belding will close on Oct. 13, after the 75-year-old hospital has fallen victim to a disturbing national trend: patients (and physicians) prefer larger, urban hospitals with more advanced technology and specialists. The rural hospital northeast of Grand Rapids has been trying to stay afloat in its rural area for several years, but that small town has lost an irreplaceable part...

SHUT OUT: For the first time in 11 years, your locally-owned newspaper has not won any awards in the annual Michigan Press Association excellence contests. It's not that we didn't try, either.

There are 240 weekly newspapers in Michigan. A total of 130 of them are in the "under 5000-circulation" category with us. So, if only HALF the eligible papers compete for the small number of awards, we're still compared against 65 other papers, many of them group-owned.

Compare that with the "small daily" newspaper category. There are 20 papers statewide in the "under 10,000-circulation" category. So, if half of them compete for awards, your chances are one in 10 of winning something.

Even so, we're extremely proud of the 31 excellence awards we've earned since 1979, more than any other Huron County paper. And, we think many of our recent issues have been among some of our best ever, too. Oh well, maybe next year...

WISH I'D SAID THAT: "Time is a versatile thing. It flies, marches on, heals all wounds, will tell, waits for no man, is of the essence and is money. But, like money, it eventually runs out!" (Bob Myers)

New ambulance at work!

By AMY HEIDEN

Thursday, Sept. 28, was the first day of service for Scheurer Hospital's new ambulance.

The new International diesel ambulance chassis was purchased locally from Osentoski Equipment, Inc., of Pigeon, and equipped with an ambulance body built by Cayel-Craft, Inc., or Rick Rapids, Iowa.

According to Hospital Administrator George Desmarais, the ambulance was purchased for about \$75,000, financed by Winsor, McKinley, Fair Haven, Caseville, and Chandler Townships.

Funds for the ambulance are allocated at a rate of \$2 per township resident per year based on the most recent government census. The ambulance also serves the villages of Owendale, Pigeon, Caseville and Bay Port.

KAREN ANKLAM, Scheurer's ambulance coordinator, said the new vehicle should have a longer life span than previous ambulances because of the special chassis and the diesel engine.

"It has more storage, it's more durable, and it's more comfortable for the patient because of the air bags in the rear," Anklam said.

The air bags enable the Emergency Medical Technician to lower the back of the ambulance up to seven inches to promote an easier, more level patient transfer into the ambulance and provides an smoother ride.

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The holiday promotion, which will kick-off with Open House Weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-26, will include a Grand Prize of \$5,000 for a lucky Pigeon shopper, as well as hundreds of smaller prizes given to adults, teens and children throughout the Yule season.

THE SATURDAY adult drawings will follow a format similar to last year's, according to Chamber President Neal Eichler, who heard the recommendations of the Christmas planning committee at Friday's regular Chamber Board meeting.

Shoppers will receive double tickets for each purchase made at participating Chamber merchants during Open House Weekend and the first drawing will be Sunday, Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. (adults only).

Double tickets will also be given out on Dec. 18, the first

Caseville football program canceled

There will be no homecoming for Caseville High School this year, according to the Principal George Bednerek, as the football team's schedule has been cancelled for the remainder of the NCDL "D" League season.

"Our numbers are such that we feel we can't play without the risk of more injuries," Bednerek said.

Because of a number of injuries to football players, the school would only be able to field 11 players.

"That's enough to field a team, but we'd have no substitutes. We want to prevent any additional injuries. When you play without reserves, someone is going to get tired, and when they get tired, they're going to get hurt," Bednerek said.

THE SCHOOL MAY yet have some sort of homecoming, though.

Plans are being made to have a celebration of sorts during December at one of the boys' basketball game.

A dance and crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen will be part of the schedule, Bednerek noted.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

COCAINE CHARGE FOR LOCALS
Two local men face felony charges of delivery or manufacture of cocaine. Larry Rayl, 29 of Sebawaing, and Ramon Sanchez, 34 of Bay Port, were arraigned in Huron County District Court last week on the charges, and are being held in the county jail on \$100,000 bonds. Preliminary exams are set for Oct. 10.

Rayl and Sanchez were arrested in Sebawaing last Wednesday night, after undercover officers allegedly purchased \$10,000 in cocaine, just more than 50 grams, Sheriff Michael Gage told reporters. This was the first drug arrests made by the new four-county Thumb Narcotics Unit since it began operating in May.

Sheriff Gage said his department is "pleased to be taking on an aggressive role" with the Thumb Narcotics Unit. The arrests cap a three-month combined investigation by Sebawaing Police, sheriff's department and TNU undercover officers.

HARVEST '89 LOOKING GOOD
The 1989 harvest appears to be a bountiful one for Thumb Area bean, sugar beet and corn farmers. Plus, soybeans look good, following four years of drought or floods in the past half-decade.

Corn yields should be in the 110-bushel range per acre, up from about 80-85 bushels in 1988.

In 1988, state dry bean production dropped 57% to 2.2 million hundredweight bags, the smallest output in more than 80 years. Dry bean production should be above average this year, experts say.

Sugar beet numbers should be excellent, with sugar content 2.5% above last year. More than 17,226 acres are expected to be harvested for the Sebawaing Plant of Michigan Sugar Company.

Other crops with expected excellent local yields include oats, soybeans, hay and pickles. grown as cucumbers on more than 6000 acres in the Saginaw Valley.

Statewide, 1989 estimated crop production, in millions of bushels (1988 figures in parentheses):

	1989 (est.)	1988
Wheat	35	26
Oats	21	6
Corn	205	112
Soybeans	37	34
Dry beans	396	222
Sugar beets	3.1	2.4

HISTORIANS TO MEET
The fourth quarterly meeting of the Huron County Historical Society will meet Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the White Rock School Museum. Business meeting agenda includes election and installation of officers for 1990.

Following the business session, a slide presentation will be shown. All chapter members and guests are welcome, according to Joan Quirk, secretary.

COURT PROCEEDINGS
In Huron County District Court, Brian K. Mihacski, 25 of Gagetown, pled guilty to assault and battery, following an April 30 incident on Bach Road, Sebawaing, involving two other persons, as investigated by Huron County Sheriff's Deputies; \$150 fines and costs.

GUILTY PLEA IN DEATH
James A. Wilhelm of Bad Axe pled guilty to a charge of attempted manslaughter, in the Aug. 23 death of Shawn Hudson, 17 of Bad Axe. The charge carries a maximum five-year prison term.

Both Hudson and Wilhelm were visiting the apartment of two young women when the shooting occurred on Willis Street in Bad Axe. City police said Hudson was killed by a single shot from a .22-cal. handgun, but no argument was heard prior to the shooting. Sentencing is set for Oct. 16.

Another viewpoint

Big difference between beer/wine and illegal drugs

By Michael Lashbrook,
President
Michigan Beer & Wine
Wholesalers Association

Repeatedly, media headlines and commentaries have been "linking" legal alcohol products with illegal drugs. Individuals and groups who wish to rid our society of "demon rum" and return to the days of prohibition couldn't be more pleased. They would love nothing more than to have our citizenry believing that the husband and wife who enjoy a glass of beer or wine with dinner are as dastardly as the crack addict who robs a home to pay for his next fix.

Perpetuating such an erroneous myth does a great disservice to tens of millions of responsible adults and in

fact diverts attention from true solutions to the substance abuse problems this nation faces.

FIRST, a distinction must be drawn between illegal drug use and responsible use of legal products such as beer and wine. There is a BIG difference.

For starters, beer and wine are legal products and were made so via an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Beer and wine are consumed by nearly 100 million adults in a safe and responsible manner. Beer and wine have food value and are the beverage of choice by many as a refreshment or as an accompaniment to meals. The overwhelming majority of people, some 90%, can use alcohol responsibly and are not prone to misuse or excess. Consumption or use of beer and wine is not a problem. Misuse of these products can be a problem, but the solutions here are quite different from the solutions needed to combat illegal drug use.

Further, the beer and wine industries in this country are responsible corporate citizens operating in a highly regulated environment. In terms of direct economic impact, these industries contribute tens of billions of dollars in state and federal taxes, employ hundreds of thousands of Americans in breweries, wineries, wholesalerships and retail stores throughout this country. In addition, hundreds of millions more dollars are contributed annually by the various tiers of the industry in support of community volunteer efforts and substance abuse programs.

Lastly, an increasing number of scientific studies on alcohol use show health benefits to moderate consumers, including lower incidence of heart attacks.

LET'S LOOK at the flip side of this linkage issue — illegal drugs. Crack, cocaine, heroin, LSD, marijuana, PCP, etc., are all considered controlled substances by the Drug Enforcement Administration; and with good reason, are illegal. These mind-altering, highly-addictive substances are destructive and serve no socially-redeeming purpose whatsoever. Wherein 90% of the adult population can consume moderate amounts of alcohol without fear of excess or addiction, drug experts report that one "hit" of crack is all it takes to hook even the strongest of wills into an addictive nightmare.

Crack, cocaine, heroin and other controlled, illegal substances are manufactured and sold by interests that pay no taxes, promote addiction and trafficking among our nation's youth and declare "war" on legitimate governments in the Western Hemisphere. Permanent damage to the mind and body can result from even the first use of many of these illegal substances.

The erroneous linkage that has taken place not only does a disservice to a responsible industry and millions of responsible consumers, but it actually detracts from efforts to make a dent in illegal drug trafficking and demand. It also detracts from legitimate and properly targeted programs that treat the minority of abusers of alcohol products.

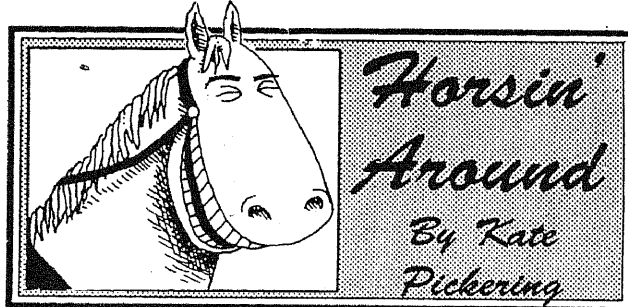
Our nation's effort to curb the drug epidemic cannot afford a lack of credibility in the message we deliver to convince people it's wrong to use crack, cocaine, heroin and the lot. These substances ARE illegal. They WILL ruin lives. They ARE destructive to mind and body, regardless of how often they are used. Therefore, the message of abstinence to all people is critical. Just say NO.

Our message regarding alcohol-related problems must be different (yes, we all admit problems exist.) We must target the minority of people whose science and medicine has established are prone to misuse with the message of abstinence and adequately fund the support treatment programs that can help with audience.

To the rest of the population, the message must be one of moderation and responsible use.

A leading expert has said: "What it all boils down to is one simple fact: combined warnings about the legal product alcohol and illegal drugs may sound innocuous enough, but in reality they are misleading and dangerous. The joint message obscures the critical distinction: between preventing MISUSE of a legal product — alcohol — and preventing USE of illegal drugs. Because they ignore this all-important distinction, these combined warnings are almost guaranteed to backfire."

Let's put an end to this misleading and dangerous linkage. Our need to win the war on illegal drugs is too important.



A HORSE 'n BUGGY

Wasn't this - September 30 and October 1 - a beautiful weekend? Beautiful is too weak a word! I endure 10 months of the year just to soak up the incredible beauty of September and October. This season is ideal for trail riding or all manner of horse activity, which is what I was thinking Sunday afternoon when I brought grandma out to the farm. The sun was glowing high in the sky, and a heaven-sent zephyr whirled through the woods and over the pasture.

"Hmmm... what a beautiful day for a cart ride," I thought to myself as I filled water buckets and scooped grain.

"Do I dare? Do I DARE take grandma for a spin in my two-wheeled cart?" I glanced at her in the yard, sitting in the shade on our wooden park bench, playing with the cats. She didn't seem to be taking any notice of what I was doing, so I snuck my old Charlie into the tack room, crossed him and threw his harness on. Now this whole cart and harness business is relatively new to "Chuck" and I, so it takes me a while to get hitched. I peeked out to see if grandma had become bored or restless, but she was half-dozing under the maples with "Pam" the cat purring loudly on her lap.

When I emerged with Charlie fully harnessed and hitched, Grandma gave a big laugh and clapped her hands.

[I had an ulterior motive you see - grandma had witnessed a rather "unsuccessful" training session I'd had with Charlie early this spring, and she had mocked me openly - noting my inability to control the horse as well as my failure to invoke any respect from him. She even lauded Charlie for his staunch stubborn streak, siding with him, and being so bold as to interpret his lack of cooperation as a message that he did not wish to have his formal retirement disturbed. I was determined from that day on to break him to drive and one day take her for a victory ride.]

She was surprised to say the least when I extended my hand to help her into the cart. She balked at first, saying, "Oh, you go, I'll just watch!" But with a little gentle insistence, I persuaded her. Down the dusty dirt road we trotted, and Grandma laughed so hard I thought she'd fall out! My rickety little cart bounced down the road as I let Charlie move right on out.

"You need new shocks," she giggled. We took only a short ride, soaking up the sun and the scenery, and as we headed for home I commanded Charlie to "whoa," and he gently brought the pace down. When I requested a "wide turn" into the driveway so as not to topple us into the ditch, he willingly complied and swung around wide. He stood like a statue as I helped grandma out, and he waited patiently as I unharnessed him, carefully keeping a watchful eye on me, awaiting his next instruction. With great pride I concluded he was the model of obedience, an impeccably trained horse. I was waiting for Grandma to notice that as well, so finally I questioned,

"Do you remember this spring when Charlie wouldn't mind me - how he wouldn't stand still to be harnessed, how he refused to back up to the cart - and once past all that - he refused to pull the cart even one step no matter what I tried? Remember how he stood there like a mule with his ears pinned back and his teeth bared, and how you laughed at me? I was so worn out, and my was face so red from struggling with him! Do you remember?"

After a long silence, Grandma thoughtfully replied, "mmmm, no... can't say as I do... well - oh yes, yes I think so. When was it?"

Well - little matter now whether she recalls it or not, her "encouragement" at the time inspired me (or rather dared me) to continue Charlie's training, and the result was our lovely autumn afternoon cart ride in the country.

Don't miss
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**RECOLLECTIONS
Of By-Gone Days**
BY GEORGE KEIM

In my last article I wrote about filling silo. Well, I helped a lot of different people do it because I was a hired man for a lot of people and drove a team of horses. I also helped load and pitch it on high wagons and low wagons and then I helped with the chopper wagons. I could write a book about it! One time I took the boss' team and went out in the field to haul in corn. There were five teams hauling up corn and we didn't have to work very hard to keep the filler going. We all had those low wagons that some people called Menmonite wagons.

The corn was all cut in nice bundles and it took just one row to make a nice load. We all had a good time, but one hold fellow, he had a nice wagon and a good team of horses, but he just couldn't load a nice load of corn. The corn bundles were sticking out all over and some slid off in the lane and of course, we other haulers had to pick them up. So I asked him why he couldn't load a good load and he said his wagon just wasn't any good and his team didn't go straight.

I met him coming out of the field and told him I'd trade teams and wagons with him. So he took my team and I took his out first and took his load to the filler. I had an awful time 'til I got his load off. Well, I met him coming out of the field and he had just as bad a load as he had with his

own wagon. I took his wagon and team and loaded a real nice load and his team walked nice and straight.

His wagon was almost nicer to load on than mine was and for half a day, we used each other's teams. I didn't have a bit of trouble, and when we traded back, he said, "I guess it wasn't my wagon or team, it was me."

We helped at a lot of different places and the poor fellow just couldn't load a good load or corn.

In the fall when we were thrashing beans, the man had his beans hauled in the barn but the thrasher looked at his barn and barn grade and said, "I'll not put my beans up in that barn because that barn floor just isn't strong enough."

So they knocked out some boards from the barn and put six men up there and we threw the beans out of the hole. It was about the cleanest place I ever helped thrash beans.

When I remember how we used to thrash beans and fill silo we did it in the best way we had, so when these young people laugh at us, we just them we wer born 50 years too soon.

In my last article the Bible reference incorrectly mentioned Revelations and it should have been Proverbs, but I talked to some good church members and they said it was all the same to them. They didn't know the difference so I don't have to feel bad.

FORE!
Fun in the fall
By MAVIS PECHETTE

When summer ended, it really ended, didn't it? The calculated date and time arrived and so did the cold, cold wind. Wonder what happened to fall? Seems like winter came right after summer. Maybe, by the time you are reading this, the cold wind will be gone and the sunshine will bring us some warmer temperatures — hope-a-hope-a-hope! Someone asked me when I am leaving for Florida and I replied, "Should've gone yesterday!" But it is fall. Footballs are flying and beet trucks are rolling. Watch out for beets which might roll off the truck ahead of you on the highway.

LAST MONTH I WAS TRAVELING a highway to the Northland. My mother intimated that my car didn't know how to

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'89 Fall SPORTS REPORT UPDATE for the Western Thumb

Thumb Area SPORTS OF THE WEEK

Lady Lakers just keep on winning!

By AMY HEIDEN

Juggernaut may be the wrong word to apply to a girls' basketball team, since the word implies unstoppable strength.

Then again, that may just be the right word since the Lakers were unstoppable in both their games last week. Stop up one Laker player and there's one ready and willing to take her place.

USA TOPPED: For the second time this season, the Lakers have upended the Unionville-Sebewaing team. Last Tuesday, they crushed the Patriots 69-32.

The Patriots tried to keep the game interesting by denying the ball to the Lakers' top scorer, Tracie Henne, but their play failed as Hollie Born, Jodi Wisenbaugh, and Tammy Smith all stepped in to score in the double figures. Henne was still the

high scoring Laker with 13 points, while Born had 12, and Wisenbaugh and Smith each had 10.

Passing was a big factor in the game, Coach Paul Beachy said. "We played together as a team, and when we do that, things work. Some of the girls that haven't been scoring were asked to score and they did. If they can do that when they need to, we'll be tough to beat," Beachy said.

MILLINGTON MAULED: This was another one of those games that is much closer than the final score would indicate, especially when the two teams were separated by only four points during the fourth quarter. But the Lakers finally prevailed, 57-36.

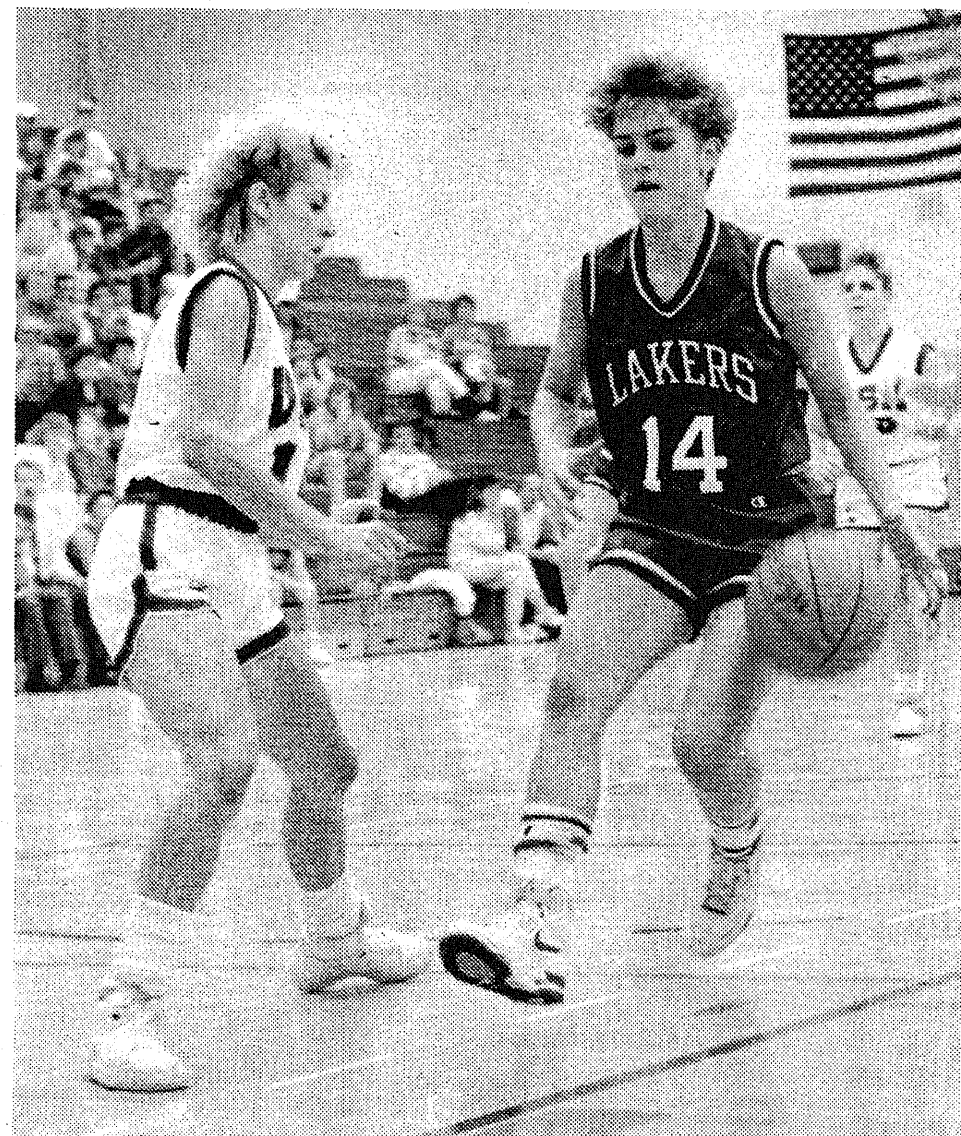
The Lakers had a little more trouble from the tall Millington team, calling for the Green to make steals to get the ball to the net.

"If we couldn't steal off the press, they'd take the ball down and play volleyball with us," Beachy said. But once again, Tracie Henne played an outstanding defensive game, one her coach says was her best performance this season.

"Even though she was held to 12 points in the game, Tracie dominated the game defensively. She got in the way of their defense and made big passes when we needed them," Beachy said.

Brenda Buschlen for the Lakers with 24 points.

The Green and White will meet Ubyly for the second time this season in a non-conference game Tuesday night, and will play Marlette Thursday. The Lakers are currently No. 1 in the conference with a 4-0 record, and stand 7-2 overall.

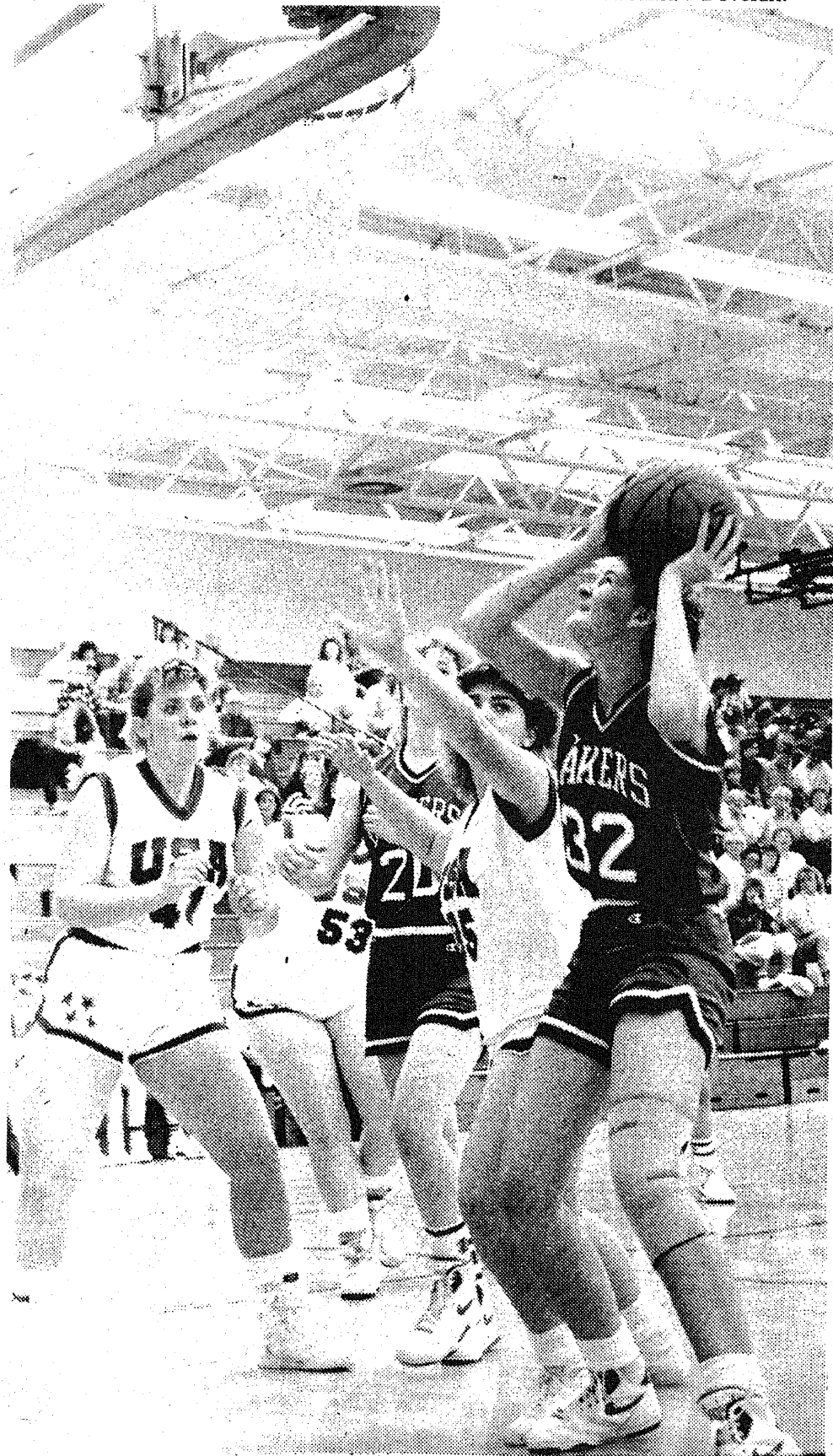


LAKER GUARD Brenda Buschlen (14) drives past USA's Kristy Adam, on her way to the hoop, in last week's contest with the Patriots.

JUNIOR VARSITY: The JV team notched two more wins last week as they defeated USA 36-24, and downed Millington 44-32. Sherry Stauffer and Tracie

Filion each had eight points in the game against USA. In the Millington game, Sarah Bush scored 13 points, Stauffer had 12, and Amanda Barry had 10 points. Bush

also had 18 rebounds, and the team was 10 of 14 from the free throw line. Their record now stand at 6-3 overall and 3-1 in the league.



BETH ROESTEL looks for an opening for a shot, over a Patriot defender. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS

Cardinals drop Lakers in see-saw battle

By AMY HEIDEN

You'd think the newcomers in the league would have a bit more respect for the old-timers.

But apparently the Millington Cardinals, playing for the first time as a member of the Thumb B Association against the Lakers, don't think that way, handing the Green and White a 28-20 loss.

MILLINGTON SET the tone of the game on the very first play, a 65-yard touchdown pass and a two-point conversion before a minute had even passed on the scoreboard. Lakers' Reggie Ignash put this team on the scoreboard with a 4-yd. TD run later in the first quarter, and again in the third quarter to put the Lakers up 14-8.

Millington then answered with a touchdown of their own, making the score 15-14. Ignash's third TD, from a two-yard run, put the Lakers up by five in the third quarter, but the Cardinals came back with two more TD's in the fourth quarter to seal the Lakers' doom.

MILLINGTON'S WIN knocked the Lakers out of

first place in the TBA, down to a second-place tie with Cass City. The undefeated Cardinals, now 4-0, have sole possession of first place.

Ignash was the offensive leader for the Lakers with 123 yards in 17 carries. Eric Wissner had 72 yards in 12 carries, and Scott Fisher, moving up from the junior varsity team to replace the injured Dutch Seley, made his debut with 65 yards in five carries. Mike Keefer led the defense with 16 tackles.

This week, the Laker team will host the Marlette Red Raiders in the annual Homecoming Celebration. The game starts at 7:30 p.m., and the Homecoming Queen will be crowned during halftime ceremonies.

JV ACTION: The Laker JV team remained undefeated with a win over Millington 26-16. This was a battle of

the undefeated as each team sported a spotless record going into the game.

John Klosowski and Jeremy Esch each had two touchdowns, and Hilton Yopp the two-point conversion.

Esch was six for 14 for 107 yards in passing. Klosowski had five receptions for 104 yards, while Kendall Truemmer had 74 yards in 14 carries.

JUNIOR HIGH: The brand-new eighth-grade team played their first game last Wednesday at Cass City and defeated the young Red Hawks 8-0. Eric Maust scored the Lakers' lone touchdown and also had the two-point conversion.

The team will play USA in their only home game Saturday at 1 p.m. at Laker Field.



REACH OUT & TOUCH: Laker Reggie Ignash reaches for a pass, after getting a step ahead of Millington defender John Nitz. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS

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Lady Eagles lose two

By KATHY MEYER

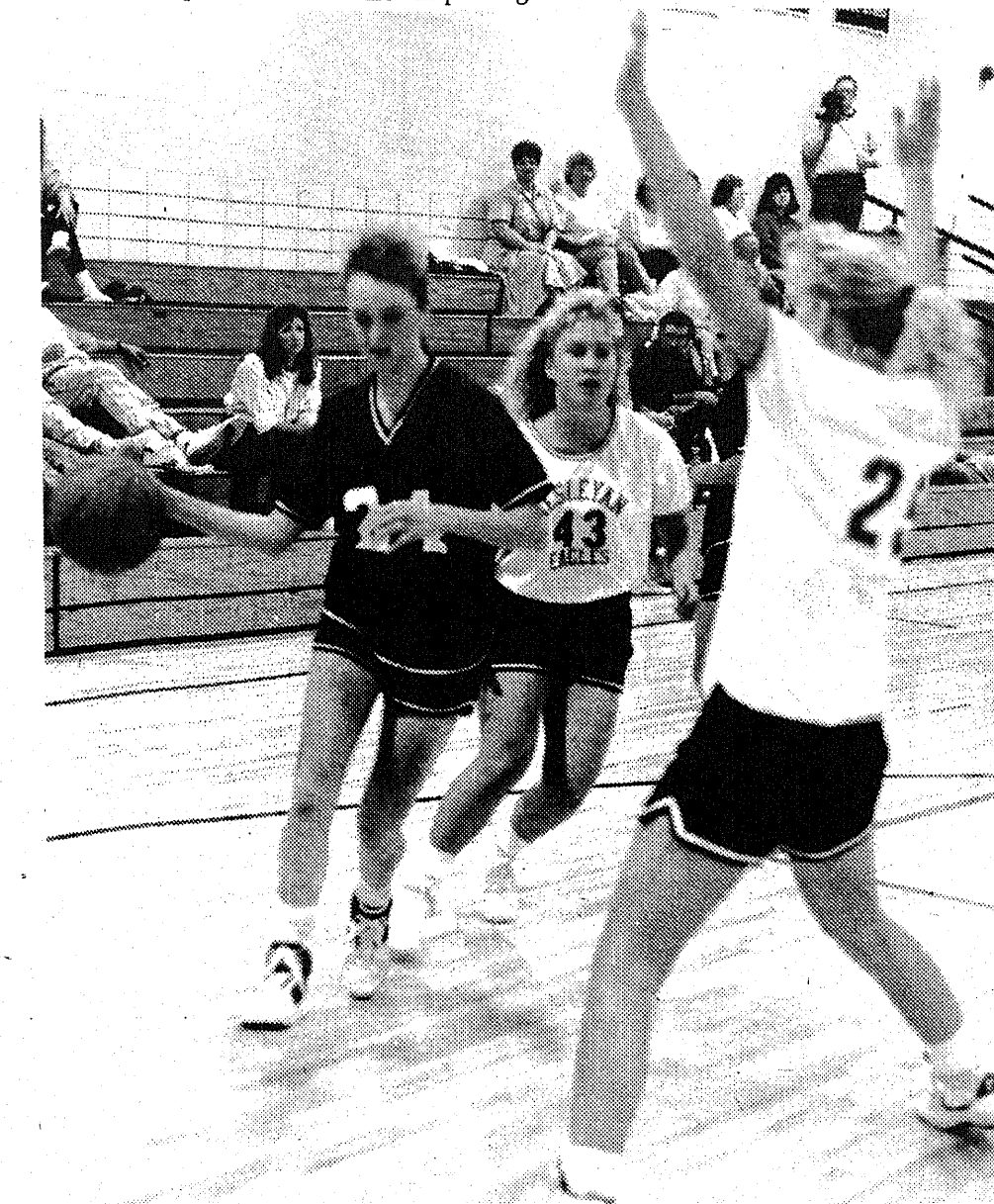
The Caseville Girls' Basketball Team fell to North Branch Wesleyan on Tuesday night in a close game 47-42.

Kirsten Hermanson led the team with 15 points, while

Penny Murdoch had a season-high of 11 points, in addition to 26 rebounds.

The Eagles lost another close one on Thursday to Owen-Cage, 42-34. Coach Rich Moffitt says the girls are improving with each

game. Kirsten Hermanson led the Eagles with 11 points. Penny Murdoch had 16 rebounds and she and Charlotte Bieri each scored eight points. Marla Goslin scored 13 points for Owen-Cage.



TOWARD THE BASKET: Caseville's Kim Bailey dribbles past Wesleyan defenders Cathy Letourneau (25) and Jamie Stroope (43) in last week's game. KATHY MEYER PHOTO



LAKER RUNNING BACK Eric Wissner attempts to turn the corner against a pair of Millington defenders, in Friday night's game. CHS golfers beat NH

Eagles host golfers

The Caseville Eagles held their first annual Golf Scramble at the Caseville Golf Course Saturday, Sept. 23.

Twelve four-somes participated and there was a tie for first place by five foursomes with a gross score of 37.

- STANDINGS:**
- John Goddard 37
 - Jack McGill 37
 - Harry Watson 37
 - Frankie Kimble 37
 - Bill Willson 37
 - Al Kipfer 38
 - Fred Warren 38
 - Clarence Hoffman 39
 - Arnie Palmateer 39
 - Fred Withey 39
 - Carl Fry 41
 - Jerry Hawk 43

The longest drive on the first fairway was won by Arnie Palmateer. No one was able to hit the green on the sixth hole, so that prize was

CHS golfers beat NH

The Caseville Golf Team beat North Huron on Wednesday with a score of 205-228.

Dale Delmotte led the team with a 47. Peter Ruiz de Castilla had 48 and Shaun Dunn shot a 51. The top scorer for North Huron was Todd Rice with 51.

Organizing chairmen were Len Hellman and Ed Gilbert.

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PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

"Fire Prevention" will be the theme for the Tuesday, Oct. 10 Preschool Story Hour session with the stories, "Safety First-Fire" and "Matches, Lighters and Firecrackers Are Not Toys."

Exercises, fingerplays, a song and game will be part of the activities planned for the children.

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. sessions. A registration fee is required per family, per year.

BETA TAPE RESALE

"Going, going, gone" are the Beta videotapes still left in the library's Beta collection. Approximately 170 tapes are

still in stock, sold "as is." A tape list is available for interested patrons.

SHOWCASE DISPLAY

An "Oriental" collection owned by Carol Stahl of Bay Port, is now shown in the Community Room showcases. Included in her five-year collection are: a Korean Barbie, three paper fans, two lace embroidered fans from Japan, two vases, a plate, cup, picture and several figurines.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week, slated for Oct. 8-14, will be observed at the Pigeon District Library.

Here are some tips for young

- children and their families: TIPS:
- 1) Never play with matches or a lighter.
 - 2) Learn how to STOP, DROP and ROLL if your clothes catch fire.
 - 3) Know two different ways

- 4) to get out of your room or house in case of fire.
- 4) With your family, make an escape plan to get out of your house.
- 5) Sleep with your bedroom door closed. If you hear a smoke detector alarm, feel

- 6) the door to see if it's hot. If it is not, leave your room. NEVER HIDE!
- 6) Always listen to instructions from the fireman.
- 7) Use smoke detectors at home and check batteries often.

- 8) If there is smoke in a room, crawl under it.
- 9) Tell an adult if you see or smell smoke.
- 10) List the Fire Department phone number near your phone.

Pigeon District Library receives H.E.L.P. grant

The Pigeon District Library, in cooperation with Huron's Efforts for Literacy Progress "H.E.L.P.," has been awarded a Title VI Library Services and Construction Act grant for the 1989-90 year.

Federal monies amounting to \$25,000.00 will fund 100% of the project, titled "H.E.L.P., the Library and the Adult Illiterate." Pigeon District Librarian Naomi Jantzi will work with Karen

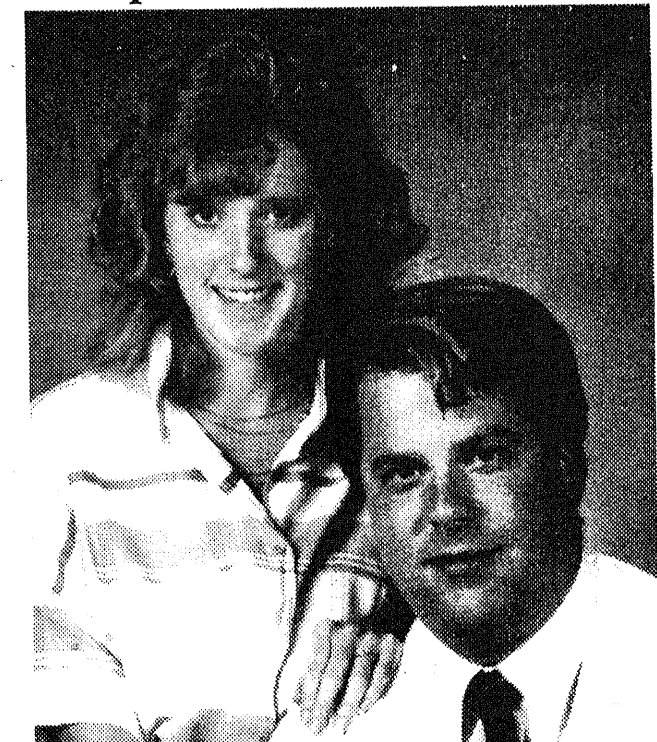
Riegler and Donna Moody of H.E.L.P. to administer the grant. Objectives of the project are to extend support services to Huron County adult illiterates, develop connections between Huron County libraries and H.E.L.P. and provide materials, training and support services to volunteer literacy tutors.

The Pigeon District Library will acquire two collections of materials for adult new readers and their tutors. One collection will become a permanent part of the library while the other will be available to any county library on a temporary loan basis.

H.E.L.P.'s portion of the grant will go toward tutor training and student recruitment, developing connections with local business, industry, service and educational communities, and implementing short and long-range planning activities.

Engaged

Sharp - Booth



Mr. and Mrs. Devere Sharp of Cadillac and Mr. and Mrs. H. Paul Booth of Pigeon are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Barb Renee and Paul Alan, both of Cadillac. The prospective bride and groom are both employed at Cadillac Mercy Hospital. They are planning to be married Oct. 21 at Cherry Grove Nazarene Church, Cadillac.



Thanks a Million By Percy Ross

DEAR MR. ROSS: My husband served in the Navy during World War II and the U.S. flag means a lot to our family. This latest business of burning the flag really upsets him. He has a birthday coming up and I'd like to get him a nice new flag. Would you spring for the cost? I'm sure he'll have it flying high from our porch every day to show those flag burners a thing or two. — Mrs. A.W., Erie, Pa.

DEAR MRS. W.: Simply because it's my constitutional right to burn the U.S. flag is not cause enough for me to exercise that right. It's also my constitutional right to burn my underwear, but does that mean I have to do it? Tell your husband to fly "Old Glory" with pride; my check is in the mail. — \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ —

DEAR MR. ROSS: This letter is written with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that you will help me. I was homeless for awhile, until I found a nice apartment for me and my son. He is emotionally disturbed. I have a job, but all I come home with is \$120 a week. My son and I are very grateful to have this apartment, but we have no furniture. All we own is one chair and we take turns sitting on it. We have no beds — we sleep on the floor.

If you could only help us with two beds, I'll gladly take it. If you have any doubt about the way we live, come down and look for yourself. However, I will understand if you don't send anything, because I know you get more requests than you can

handle. We just thank God for the roof over our heads. — Mrs. D.H., Jacksonville, Fla.

DEAR MS. H.: Your faith in the Lord is quite strong if your situation is truly as you have written it. You've made it through some rough times, but as long as you believe in a better tomorrow, it will be there for you. As for today, I'm sending a check to buy some furniture.

I'm sure you'll agree it would make good sense to buy as many pieces of used furniture as possible, rather than just two new beds. That choice, however, is yours. Just remember, the better tomorrow I mentioned is based on the good choices you make today. Good luck to you and your son. — \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ —

DEAR MR. ROSS: For a period of a year, a woman put Salt Peter Spanish Fly in my food and in my bath water. It altered my whole chemistry. It made certain parts of my body small, like a child. I don't know if I can have sex with a woman again. I can't smell anything. I can't cry. I know this sounds farfetched, but it's true. No one will believe me, maybe you will. — Mr. C.G., Los Angeles, Calif.

DEAR MR. G.: I definitely would have thought your letter was a joke if it weren't for the sentence, "I can't smell anything." Loss of smell and the inability to taste are sometimes symptoms of mental illness. Therefore, I urge you to seek medical attention. If this isn't

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financially possible, we can work something out. But if you are just pulling my leg, your sense of humor is warped. — \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ —

DEAR MR. ROSS: I am a single mother of three children. I work to support us, but there is never any money for extras. My son Ricky is 10 years old. He is dyslexic and it has been a constant struggle for him to learn to read.

But struggle he has and on his last report card, he got all As and Bs. I would like to

reward him with a bicycle, but it takes all I make just to feed and house my children. I'm afraid I don't reward him somehow, he will lose the incentive to overcome this handicap. Could you help me with this? — Ms. D.S., Bend, Ore.

DEAR MS. S.: Your letter made me nostalgic for the Christmas party I gave 12 years ago at which 1,050 deserving children each received a new bicycle. I remember the look on the children's faces. Those wide

eyes and ear to ear smiles will always stay with me. That's how I picture Ricky's face at the moment you present him with a new bike, and my check is on the way to make it happen. Tell him Percy Ross thinks he's a good boy and to keep trying hard in school. Better yet, let him read it in print! — \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ —

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PIGEON NEWS

By DOROTHY DIENER The Sarah Circle of the Women of Cross Lutheran Church met Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Lydia Milton.

The Lydia Circle of Women of Cross Lutheran Church will meet Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Hilda Trost. The topic will be presented by Mrs. Delores Elfman.

The Cross Luther League on Sunday, Oct. 8 will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. Video topic will be "Teen Survival" and "Our World: The Big Picture."

Tuesday guests of Mrs. Avis Cregeur were a cousin, Hilbert Armstrong and a friend from St. Clair.

John Trowbridge of Warren spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Elsie Trowbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Diener were Saturday dinner guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis and Jodi in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sattler

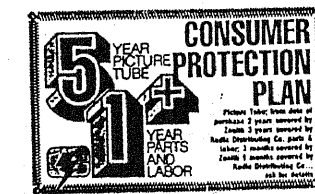
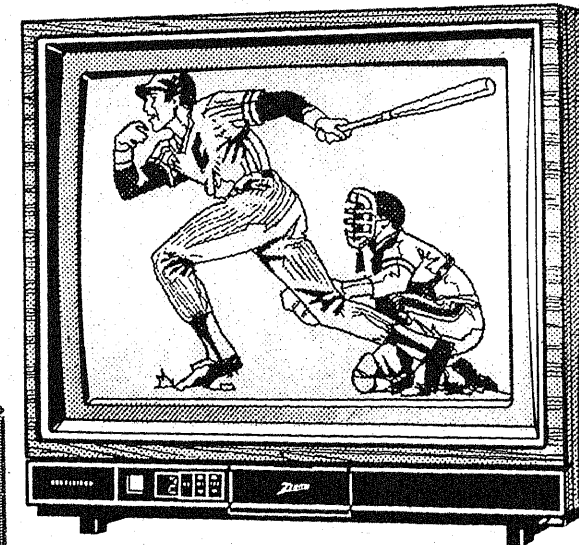
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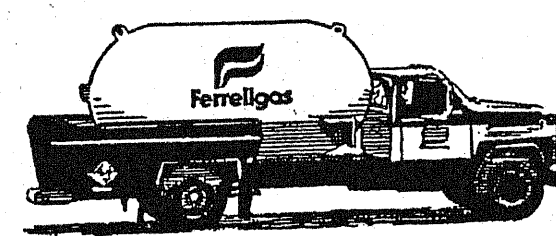
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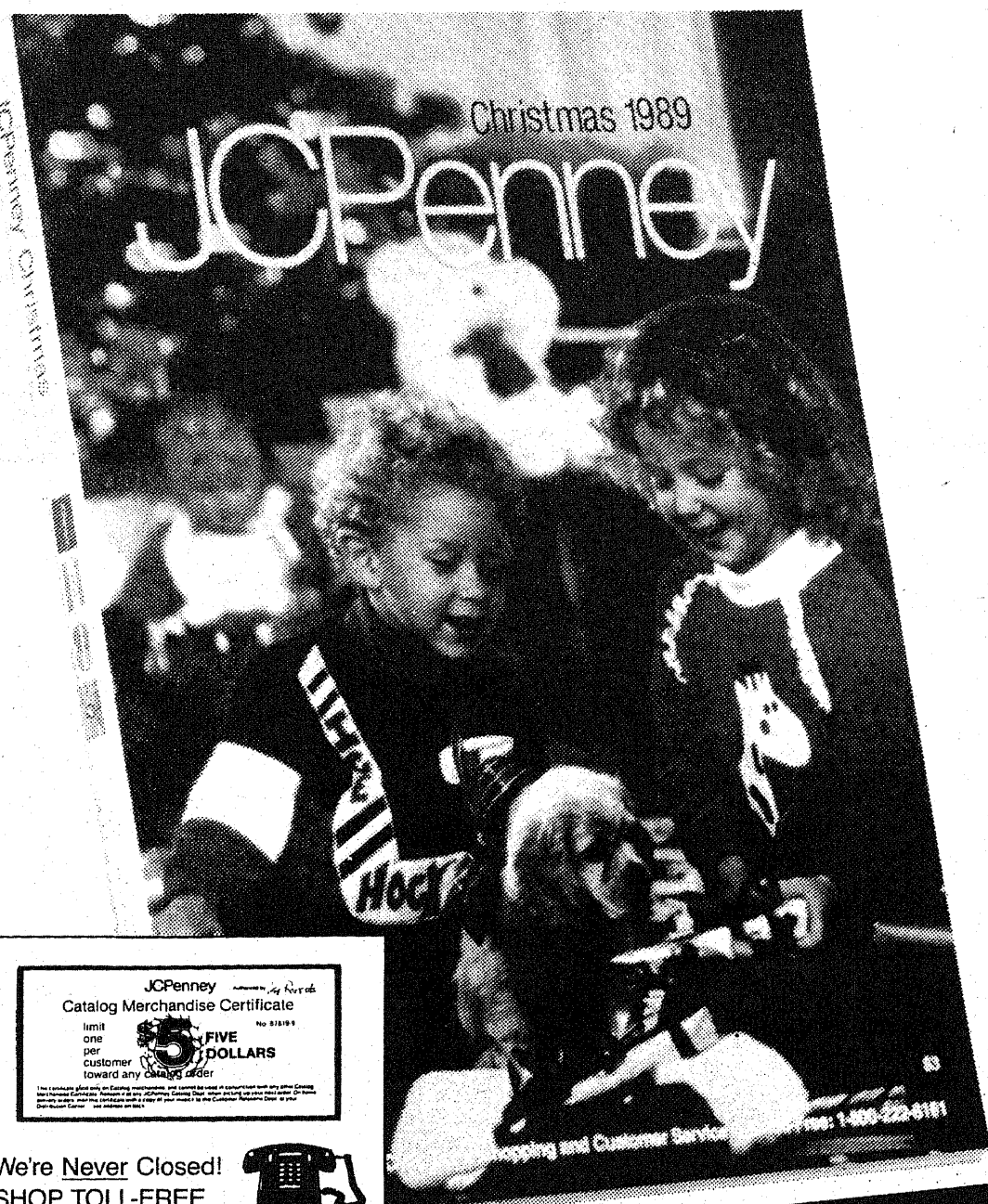


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head that direction this summer. I really do know the way to her house but hadn't been there in ages. As I was cruising along to rectify that and enjoying the scenery, it dawned on me that it was time for leaves to be changing colors. The first spot of orange appeared in the woods near the St. Helen exit on I-75. That seemed to be the starting line and from there on, the splashes of color increased. I'm sure by now the forests are aflame with their fiery, fall foliage.

The visit with Mom included a drive to Elk Lake to see some long-time friends. How long-time are they? We've known them since I started going to summer camp, which was during World War II. One couple had just celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary and their neighbors are working on 58 years together. And all four of them are still actively involved in church work, giving Christian testimony in their daily lives.

This North Country jaunt included the weekend of the Michigan finals of the American Cancer Society Golf Championship. As I made my way to Harbor Springs, I continued to be impressed with Michigan scenery. Up and down hills, around curves and along magnificent lakes — there's the Creator's handiwork for all to see and enjoy. These are breathtaking vistas. In another month I'll be headed in the other direction, but the hills and mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee don't have a thing on our state.

THE TOURNAMENT WEEKEND brought with it a lot of concerns, complaints, comic scenes and eventually, congratulations.

One of the first concerns occurred at the registration table where I was working. A team of women appeared and I didn't have a packet for them. The ACS staff person had to handle that. We were amazed and appalled that an eligible team had shown up. The local chairman apparently failed to follow directions. The staff rep and tournament chairman worked out a solution that placated the women, but it was a tense time for a few moments.

Saturday morning began with a light drizzle. We had 250 golfers eagle to get at those courses. With fingers crossed, we sent them to their assigned tees. The drizzle became a downpour which just didn't quit. At 11 a.m., play was suspended. Then we had 250 wet golfers and 250 more who were supposed to tee-off at 1 p.m. And all 500 of them wanted to know what the committee was going to do. What we wanted to do was hide from all of them. We had a meeting (isn't that what all committees do?) and covered all contingencies. One member gave us courage and urged us all to have faith that Sunday would dawn bright and clear. And praise God, it did!

Along with the golf tournament a raffle is held on the weekend. We had 4,000 tickets and sold every one of them. Incentives are there for buying multiple tickets and as sellers, we urged teams to pool their money to get more tickets. That was fine but some teams of women provided humorous moments for us. It's amazing the various ways they would try to divide 30 tickets among four of them. I thought some would try to give back two tickets so it would come out even for them. Some shared with scorers, some gave their "banker" or driver the extras and some just put their team name on them.

NOW BEFORE YOU MALES LAUGH yourselves silly over the foibles of the females, let me tell you about the antics of a mens' team. This event is a scramble so all four players teed off. They had a good drive which put them right in front of a pond. This pond is about the size of the one on #17 hole at Scenic but here the green is right across the pond. There is room to go around but usually there is no trouble carrying the water from their spot.

All four proceeded to put balls in the water, so they had to take a penalty. Again, all four plopped their shots in the drink. That made eight tries without success. Number nine and number 10 attempts also ended up wet. Number 11 carried the water, hit the hill at the back of the green and bounded into the parking lot, out of bounds. Finally, the anchor man of the team hit his third shot to go around the water. He pulled it and landed on the next tee. At least it was dry. They scored eight on that par-4 hole which wasn't a very good start for their tournament. I'm sure they got better after that.

Our Huron County teams didn't win, but they are to be congratulated for their fine showing. They represented us very well. And they stayed dry as they were scheduled for afternoon play on that wet Saturday. The winning teams had so much fun they didn't want to quit. Three divisions had play-offs with two of the three being decided by chip-offs in the dark.

The winners are headed for Florida, where they will have more fun in the fall. Fore!

Pigeon folks visit

The Albert Schuette family gathered at Coral Gables Restaurant in Bad Axe for a Silver Anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schuette. Guests were their children Randy Swanson of Ubyly, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schuette, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Schuette and sons of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crump of Hemlock, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richmond of Bay Po rt and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Marsh of Utica.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke were Saturday guests of their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke, Mark, Pamela and Kristine in Sterling Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman and their families were guests attending the Rounds reunion at the Elkton Civic Center.

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For those people looking for a place to leave their old newspapers, a van is located at the end of Legion Drive off Caseville Road near Farver Transport. A sign on the van states that it is a drop-off point for the Girl Scouts paper drive.

Is there information as to whether Laker Schools are open to walkers this year? Especially for those of us who prefer the early morning. The last few days of inclement weather have reminded us winter is on its way. We'd like to continue walking! Please make this know if open and the hours.

Parents of Laker Junior High School students: please call 453-3131 to help march student cars for the Friday, Oct. 13 Walk-a-thon, and also to sign up for our first Fun Night that evening. The Walk-a-thon is during the day and Fun Night is 6:30 to 10 p.m. It's a busy day and we need all the help we can get. Thanks again for your support.

Laker Band Boosters Club will be selling buttons at the girls' home games Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and at the Homecoming parade and Homecoming football game Friday night. We'll appreciate your contributions.

I would like to pay a compliment. I think our farmers should be commended for putting out the muddy road signs when they're in the middle of harvest. It is appreciated.

I would like to know someone who does tree grafting, and what time of year do you do it? Please call LISTENING EAR.

The Mackinac Bridge accident was terrible, yes. But about 20 people are killed every week in the state in regular accidents. There are more roads that need fixing than some minor repair on the Mackinac Bridge.

I like your new picture.

They said the Lottery was going to stop the daily numbers games, run by crime bosses, especially in the cities. But did it really? (That's a good question. Information we've seen says numbers games still thrive in the big cities, mostly because the winnings there are tax-free.)

I read that 1.2 million families farm in our nation today. In 15 years, that will be down to 900,000. Imagine the power we could have if we'd unionize.

Saginaw and Flint have Can-America games with sister cities in Ontario. How about selecting a small Canadian town and doing those games here?

Non-profit groups wishing to reserve space for the Community Christmas Bazaar at Laker High School on Saturday, Dec. 2, may do so by calling 453-2763 or 453-2064.

I sure am proud when I see the "Q-1" flag flying.

It is wonderful to see all the beets harvested and the big trucks driving, but the truth is, without huge subsidies, you couldn't even buy the seed. Call it what you want, these payouts are welfare.

We've got a big problem at Caseville High. The high school students used to be able to leave campus at lunch and walk uptown. But because of a few thoughtless and selfish people smoking marijuana, the campus has been changed

to closed. I don't think it's fair to punish the whole high school just because of a few junkies that can't control their habit.

The Lottery was supposed to take care of our school budgets. Why do we still need millage renewals and millage increases? If the Lottery money would go to schools, we wouldn't need this, or raising the sales tax by up to two cents. People always get the run-around. (Excess funds raised by the Lottery go to the state educational system, but it's too small an amount to matter. That funding always has been intended only to replace funds the state raised through taxes. Both the sales tax proposals would either replace local millage money or would provide extra funds for schools. Watch for more information in coming weeks.)

This week's Thumb Area Farm News

One month ago, on August 31, stocks of dry beans held in commercial elevators of Michigan were at 350,000 hundredweights, equal to the record low carry-over of that same date in 1987.

That estimate was made by the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and USDA in Lansing.

The 350,000 bags on hand included 325,000 bags of Navies and 25,000 bags of all other classes.

One year ago, on August 31, 1988, there were 1,450,000 hundredweights in storage, which was composed of 1,375,000 bags of Navy Beans and 75,000 hundredweights of all other classes.

An estimate of the quantity of dry beans held on farms is not included in the report.

OTHER STOCKS DOWN, TOO

The low stocks of dry beans are in line with other commodities in Michigan that are well below last year's levels. According to MASS, corn stocks on September 1, 1989, were 43 million bushels, 59% lower than a year ago. It was estimated that 53% of total corn stocks were stored on farms.

Old crop soybeans stored in all positions totaled 1.7 million bushels, 44% below the 1988 levels. Of all soybean stocks, 58% were in commercial storage.

Wheat stocks totaled 26.5 million bushels, 29% above stocks at this time last year.

Commercial storages held 81% of the wheat.

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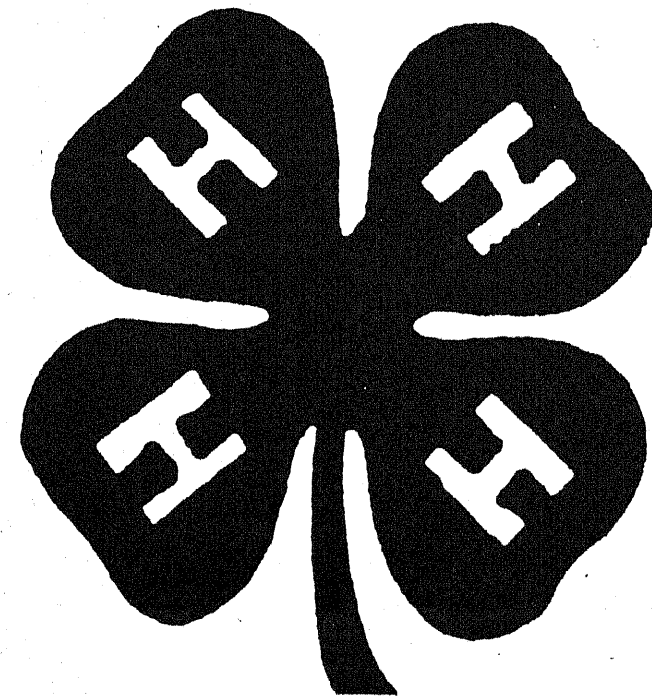
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Area CLUB NEWS

CASEVILLE LIBRARY CLUB

Members of the Caseville Library Club met for their first meeting of the 1989-90 club year on Sept. 12 at the Caseville Village-Township Hall.

Fran Carrier offered the Invocation. After lunch, President Phyllis Love led in the Pledge to the Flag, the Club Collect and presided at the business meeting. Hostesses were Mary Phillips, Jan Garety, Marilyn Hoffman and Shirley Hellman. Marlon Grunow gave a eulogy for deceased member Viola Hopkins.

Treasurer and secretary reports were given and correspondence was read by Elvie Battane. She was asked to respond to a request from the Downtown Development Authority of Caseville by inviting a DDA representative to speak at a future meeting.

Approval of the \$7,650 budget was made by Betty Pudney, seconded by Lucille Ward. A motion was also made that memorials may be offered for current members, spouses and former members only.

Two new members, Catherine Kleinheffer and Helen Foy were welcomed.

Holly Berry Fair plans for the November event were made: the fruit cake recipe has been improved by the company and is still for sale at the same price; Jetta Muhme reminded members to sell tickets for the quilt raffle; more food tickets will be needed, according to the Lunch Committee.

Fran Carrier, chairman of Christmas Cheer, asked members to help update the gift list.

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Thirty-eight members attended the Sept. 26 meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens. First Vice President Sherman Day extended a welcome to all.

Lake-Chandler news items

By MILDRED BALLAGH
Mr. and Mrs. William McBride spent several days with their son, Bob and Audrey McBride and Dale in Flint. On Thursday, Anna McBride's sister, Katy Babierack of Flint, joined them for dinner at Bob's.

Oct. 11 — Worthy Study Club meets with Ulla Snider. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riddle of Farmington spent a few days at their farm home. They entertained for dinner on Wednesday Hal and Christine Conkey.

Clayton Gemmill offered the table prayer before the potluck meal. With Ardis and Clayton Gemmill in charge, the group sang "America" and gave the Pledge to the Flag. The birthdays of Eva Blaylock and Harold Gregor were recognized with The Birthday Song.

The dates and places for Huron County Senior Flu Vaccine clinics were announced.

A thank-you letter from Bessie Overton was read. She hopes to be home in about three weeks. It was also noted that Minnie Williams' health is improving and that Margaret Gates is hospitalized.

Clean-up Committee for October will be Phil and Kay Walker, Willard and Ruth Ulrich, Edna Wakefield and Mary Day. Eva Day and Mildred Dietzel will serve on set-up.

Program chairman Marie Hoffman conducted an Open Meeting. Eva Day, Mildred Dietzel, Edna Wakefield, Della Trudgen, the Gemmells, Ina McMullen, Kay Walker and Robert Izzo participated. Emily Podlaskowski was to chair the Oct. 3 meeting.

CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

The Caseville Retirement Club met Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 12 noon with members greeting neighbors and reciting the Lord's Prayer. One new member, Stanette Malosky was welcomed.

Earlybird goodies were brought by Sue Reynolds, Onales Ewald, Helen Kolowich, Helen Stilwell and Marion Smith — were thanked by President Wilhelm, a were John and Dorothy Kavalor and Mrs. Doerfner for their donation of vegetables and Marge Heckman for her pairs.

Birthday greetings were extended to Esther Calabrese, Patricia Georges, Thera Bambah, Lonni Frank, Gertrude Beyer, Charlotte Holzwarth, James Denisuk, Harold Dunning and Frank Janes.

Cyril and Eleanora Carolla and Joseph and Loretta Komer celebrated anniversaries.

Hospitalized members are Marie Ellery and George Maharg. Home from the hospital are Hank Hill, Les Gardner and James Denisiak.

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WOODS & WATERS

BY: DUANE GUENTHER



The boat

It hung suspended from the rafters like a relic from another era, as though the room in which I stood was a museum and the boat displayed for all generations to see. However, I wasn't in a museum, but in the middle of a large storage shed used by the Village DPW, and the boat hanging above was not a relic, at least not in my eyes, but a very useable duck boat advertised for sale by one of the workers.

It looked lonesome and disheveled hanging from its lofty perch. The canvas covering had been ripped away exposing thin cedar planks in an almost embarrassing manner. The caulked cracks had dried out long ago and opened to allow glimpses of

exposed rib, and the transom was visibly weak and rotting. To the casual passerby it was a dead boat, ready for some bonfire, but to me it was a beautiful, old, Shell Lake punt boat, a classic Wisconsin duck boat and the longer I looked the more compelled I was to buy it and resurrect it for next year's hunting season.

The price was ridiculously low, not because the owner was stupid, he knew he possessed a grand boat, but rather because most modern day duck hunters were interested in aluminum or fiberglass and did not want to bother with the day-to-day maintenance a wood boat demanded. He gratefully accepted my small wad of

cash and patted the boat gently as I loaded it on the trailer.

"It will take good care of you," he spoke low, his words filled with emotion. "Just make sure you take good care of it."

I had no intentions of putting the boat back into its original shape, although the thought had crossed my mind several times. No, I would rather shore it up with some modern materials and make it into a dandy little marsh boat. Besides, as a young man, my hopes and dreams were often much larger than my dedication and wallet.

The first order of business was to establish a solid framework on which to build, that meant replacing both the keel and the transom. No small feat for a carpenter who only had two tools, a hammer and a thumb. With the help of a building contractor, who is also a dedicated duck hunter and boat builder, a book on boat building, and a helpful soul at the local lumberyard, who I pestered unmercifully, I managed to gather the proper tools, wood and fasteners to begin the job.

I began by wrapping the boat in rope to preserve its natural shape and then extracted the keel and replaced a sturdier one mad from white oak. So far, so good. Next, I cut off the transom

and fabricated a new one of marine plywood outlined and reinforced with some more white oak. This part got a little scary when the paper-thin cedar strips were unattached and free to move about at will. Brass nails joined the strips of cedar to the new transom and several steel angle braces were placed to give the stem some added strength.

The cockpit was reduced in size and the rear portion, just in front of the transom, was enclosed with more marine plywood to keep out any unwanted Saginaw Bay water. The entire boat was lightly sanded and the hull was covered with a resin and long rolls of fiberglass. The latter made the boat a tad heavy, but the durability and ease in covering the wood more than made up for the difference.

Completed, after three long, arduous months of part-time boat building, the new, improved version of the Wisconsin Shell Lake was a boat to behold. Only 12 feet in length, and with a beam of 48 inches the boat floated like a dream. Light touches with a punt pole would send it skimming across the shallow water and a small kicker would cause it to rear its bow and plow through light waves with a stability much greater than anticipated. It did have one slight quirk. Like a finicky horse, it did

not like anyone to stand on its right side, or its left for that matter.

The boat served me well for a dozen years. Nestled deep within the cattail marsh of Saginaw Bay, we would surprise unwary flocks of ducks on most every occasion. It transported me and from the islands with not so much as a single incident, and had I remembered the little quirk I'm sure it wouldn't have dumped my

brother and me in the icy water that October day.

The boat was passed on to another generation, not sold but given to a young hunter who had bigger eyes and dreams than resources. And with it went some solid advice.

"It will take care of you," I had said, "just make sure you take care of it!".....

Outdoor Report

— October 2, 1989 —

Anglers are reminded the daily limit for taking yellow perch from Lake Michigan has been raised from 50 to 100. This matches the 100-perch daily limit that has been in effect on Lake Huron. However, the daily perch limit still remains at 50 on any inland waters, statewide.

State park visitors will have to pay slightly higher fees to enjoy Michigan's outstanding natural resources next year. Recent action by the legislature raised the annual Motor Vehicle Permit from \$10 to \$15 and the daily fee will be \$3 instead of \$2. The cost of campsites will be increased as follows: \$5 per night at rustic campsites; \$7 per night at semi-modern campsites; \$9 per night at modern campsites; and \$10 per night at 14 of the most heavily used state parks.

Although deer season may seem a long way off, bow hunters got into the act last Sunday by beginning their 3-month long season on October 1. Goose hunters also got started last Saturday in the Fish Point State Game area.

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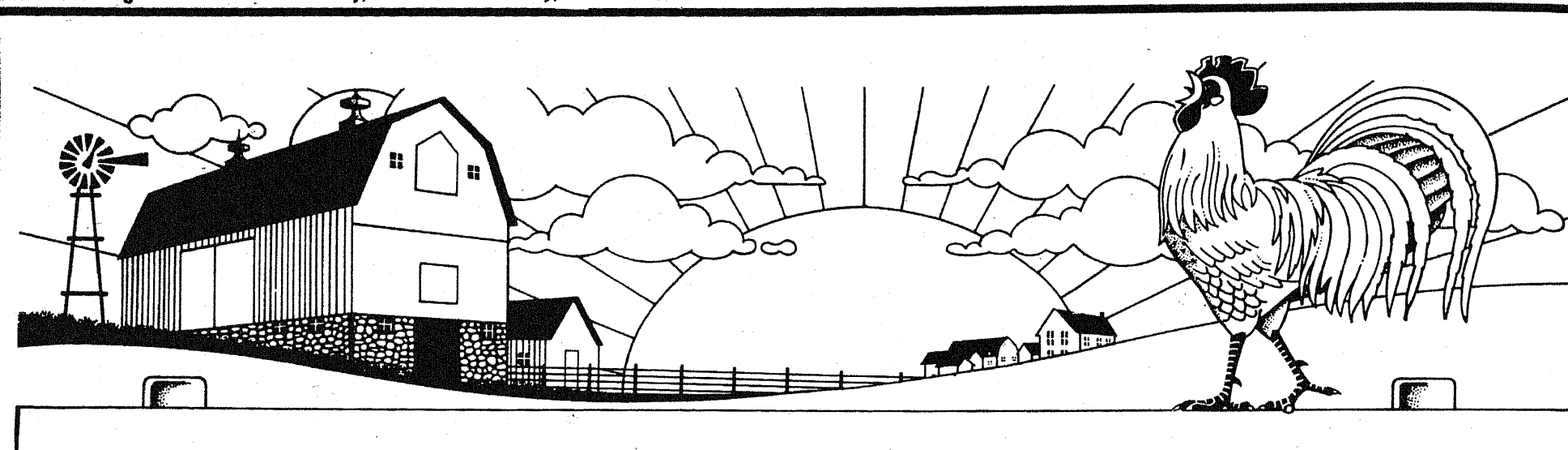
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 Call 883-3100 or 453-2331

AUTOMOTIVE

FOR SALE: 1984 Pontiac Fiero (2 door). Sale by sealed bids accepted until 10 a.m. October 12, 1989. Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Contact Dave at 674-8731. 24-25cn

1984 CHEVY CAVALIER Wagon : One owner, nice options, low mileage. Excellent condition. Call: 453-2768. 15-16cb

FOR SALE: Pick-Up cap for S-10 size truck box. Best offer. Duane Guenther, 883-2753 after 5 p.m. or 453-2348 days. 25-26p

FOR SALE: 1986 4 Door Mercury Marquis. Contact Merle Roller at 883-3348, Sebawaing. 25p

REMEMBER! Immanuel BAZAAR Sebawaing Saturday, October 14 Beginning at 10:30 am

NORTHERN STAR LODGE NO. 277 F & AM
 Regular Monday Oct. 9
 7:30 p.m. at SEBEWAING MASONIC TEMPLE 25cn

COMING EVENTS

HOMEMADE Noodles, crocheted afghans (all sizes), pillows. All at Moonlight Sale, Downtown Sebawaing. 6 - 9 p.m., Thursday, October 5. Katie Schafer, Old Heidelberg Inn, Blue Room. 883-2261. 25p

Wisner United Methodist HOMESPUN CRAFT BAZAAR Saturday, October 7
 10 am to 4 pm
 •Crafts •Homemade Donuts •Bake Sale
 •Soup/Salad Bar 11am - 2 pm 25p

FARM & GARDEN PRODUCE

FOR SALE APPLES: Old fashion Snows, Kings, Jonathan and Northern Spy. No chemical alar. Call: 453-2844. 15-16p

FOR SALE: Concord Grapes at 1078 Gremel Road, Sebawaing. 25cb

NOW TAKING orders for Grapes, McIntosh and Jonathan Apples. Call: 883-2064, Sebawaing. 25-26cb

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: Wednesday, October 4 thru October 7. Large Variety. 740 Tenth Street, Sebawaing. 25p

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Tomatoes White Sweet Onions Green Bell Peppers

Call 453-2744 To Place Your Order. We Are Located 1/2 Mile South Of Laker High School On Maxwell Road, First Farm On The East Side

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

PAINT and WALL PAPER SALE!! Only \$9.99 roll. Borders included. Bolzman ACE Hardware, Sebawaing. 24-25p

FOR SALE: Coffee Table, dark oak, slate top, good condition. Radio-Stereo, hexagon shape, slate top, dark oak, good condition. Call: 883-2271, Marie Lupp. 24-25p

FOR SALE: Airtight Wood Stove, excellent condition, \$200. Call: 883-3085. 25p

FOR SALE: Mattress and box springs for twin size bed. Call after 4 p.m. 883-9231. 25p

FOR SALE: Solid maple dinette, colonial style. 42-inch round table w/10-inch leaf, 4 chairs. Good condition, \$100. Phone: 674-2412, evenings. 25-26p

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATTERY SALE: Free delivery. Save time, save money. Call B&M, Battery, 428-4902 or 428-4583. Complete line of auto and commercial batteries. Will beat any retail prices. 32ftn-chg. 14-16p

FOR SALE: 28 ft. aluminum ladder, nearly new, 40 gal. gas water heater, gas space heater for garage or milk house. Call 856-2905. 14-16p

COPIER: Sharp 9300, Three years old, Sorter, auto. exposure, enlargement and reduction copy abilities. Make offer. Contact: Jerry at 883-2020. 25-26cn

FOR RENT: Large size leaf sweeper by hour or day. Voltz's Lawn Care - Call: 883-3897. 25-26p

NOTICES

DELICIOUS SEAFOOD BUFFET featured at Heck's Bar in Pinnebog, every Friday Night from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. 12ftncn

LAYHERS will be having a Remount Clinic on Thursday, October 12, From 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Layher Jewelers, Downtown Sebawaing. 24-26cn

NOW TAKING bids for 1989-1990 Winter Snow Plowing. Deadline for bids, Tuesday October 31, 1989. Contact Manager at the Village Mini Market, Unionville. Phone: 674-2121, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 24-25cn

SEARS CATALOG STORE, Sebawaing - 883-3220. Order from our Christmas Wish Book by October 21, 1989 and receive an early shoppers bonus. Merchandise totaling \$100.00 or more receive a \$10.00 Bonus Certificate; \$200.00 or more receive a \$20.00 Bonus Certificate to be used on your next purchase. Certificate good thru December 31, 1989. 25cn

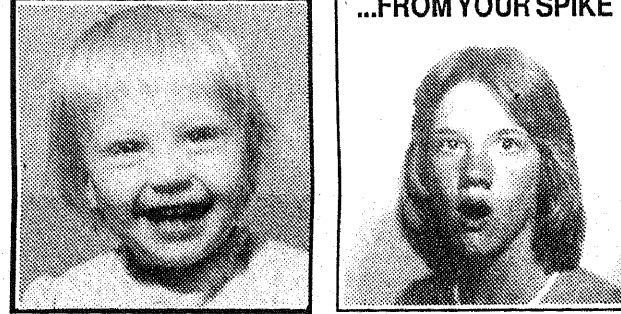
Happy Hour Mon. thru Wed. 3-6 p.m. ALSO EUCHRE NIGHT Starting Thurs., Oct. 5 7:30 p.m. BACH BAR & LOUNGE
 Bach, MI 883-9651 24-25cn

PERSONAL

Man in mid 30s looking for female companionship. Write P.O. Box 672, Sebawaing, MI 48759. 25-26p

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FREE GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPY, 10 weeks old. Sire & dam AKC registered Goldens. 453-2452 (after 8 p.m.) or 269-8364 (9 to 5). 14p

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: 10 acres plus buildings along the Sebawaing River. Make an offer for part or all. John Albrecht, 46 Anton St., Sebawaing, 883-2292. 24-25p