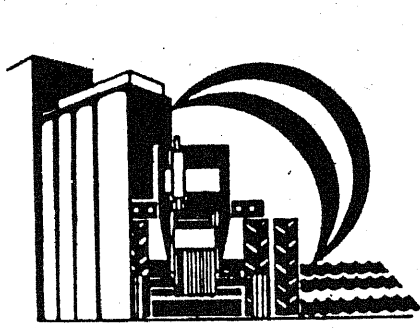


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PLUS, Caseville  
High's 1989-90  
Winter  
SPORTS BOOK

# 1989 THE PAST YEAR IN REVIEW

**TOP THUMB AREA STORY OF 1989:** After three dismal crop years of floods, heat and drought, the local economy is jump-started by a "normal" excellent harvest year.

Crops yield well, with outstanding numbers reported for navy beans, sugar beets, corn, wheat and oats. One long-time observer said of 1989: "One more good year like this one and we'll be almost back to where we were prior to 1986."

## Recalling JANUARY, 1989

About 35 people met at the Village Hall in Elkton to discuss the possibility of establishing a youth center in Elkton. George Willoughby is chairman of the committee studying the proposal.

Pigeon Village Council approved a request from Leroy Wurst, DeVere Sturm, and Gary Bendry of Huron Casting, Inc., to establish an industrial development district on 33 acres of property south of the foundry site. The first customer to build on the land may be the new Axis Machining firm established last year by Huron Casting to provide finishing work on some of its foundry products.

Maribeth Ann Bushey, formerly of Caseville, was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan as an attorney.

Steve Kauffman, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Cal Kauffman, and Ron Beckett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beckett, were named to the 1989 Lions of Michigan All-State Band.

Mrs. Emma Wing of Pigeon celebrated her 102nd birthday on Jan. 22 at the home of Idella Jackel.

The Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service confirmed what was already feared, that 1988's drought brought crop yields to the lowest level in recent years. Corn production was off nearly 40 percent from 1987, with a total of 112 million bushels. Soybean production was off about 11 percent, at 33.9 million bushels. Sugarbeet tonnage decreased about 18 percent with average yields of 16.5 tons per acre, the lowest since 1969.

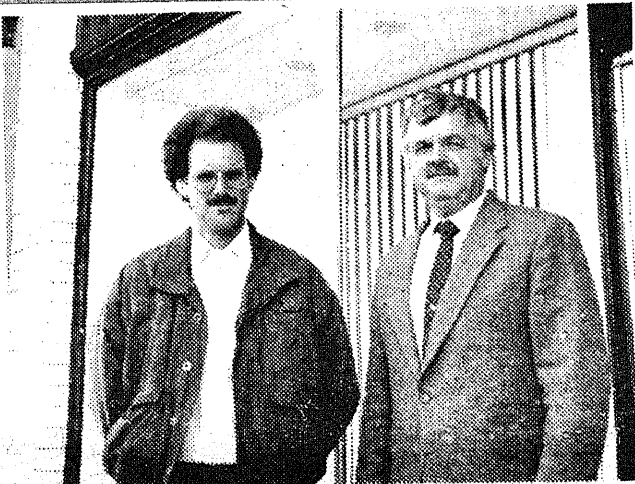
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Berne welcomed PASTOR JAMES GORSEGNOR and his family to the church and the Pigeon area. The Gorsegnors hail from Wisconsin.

NEAL EICHLER of Pigeon was elected President of the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce during the chamber's annual meeting.

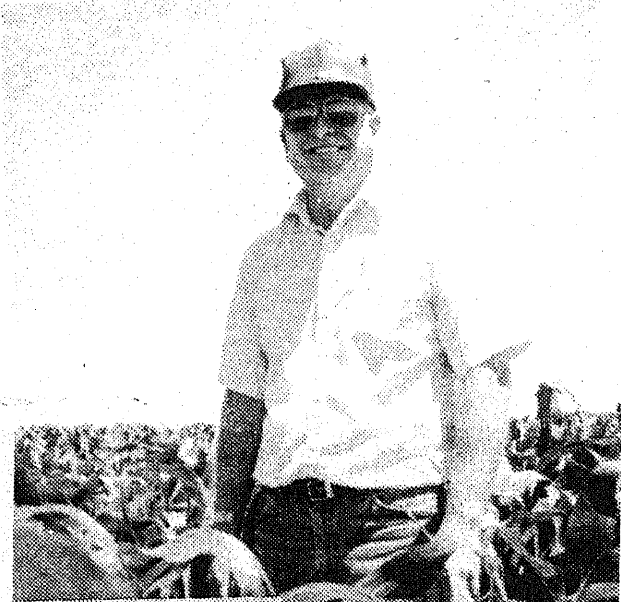
New chairman of the Michigan Dry Edible Bean Production Research Advisory Board is WES EDINGTON, vice-president of retail sales at Cooperative Elevator Company of Pigeon. The Board was created under the Michigan Bean Commission law and is funded by grower and shipper assessments.

TRACY STEINMAN spelled "forearm" and "zucchini" to become the new Laker Spelling Bee Champion. For her efforts, she was awarded a \$50 savings bond, a trophy, and a dictionary.

**JANUARY DEATHS:** Zella Scott, 69; Mary Bolger-Bohrer, 76; Muriel Morrison, 78; Sarane Douglas, 79; James Gellhart, 55; Eileen Peterson, 68; Thomas Wolschlagler; Alva Brown, 87; Andrew Baur, Sr.; John Parady, 85; Arthur Goff, 78; Ethel Trafelet, 83; Thomas Maurer; Marguerite McCrimmon, 85; Susan Young, 93; Clair Hernden, 69; Emma Kraatz, 99; Dale Davies, 74.



1989 IN DINING: A year for new restaurants in Pigeon. ABOVE, Main Street Cafe and Bakery owners Neal and Ed Eichler. Below, Greenfields owners Rob Steele, Paul Clabuesch, Mike LePage and Jay Dubey.



IN AGRICULTURE, 1989's favorable weather offered "knee-high" corn BEFORE the Fourth of July, as Co-op Elevator agronomist Wes Edington proves.



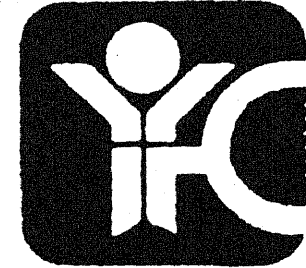
A YEAR FOR ROYALTY: A statewide Bean Queen plus town winners in Pigeon, Elkton, Caseville and Bay Port...

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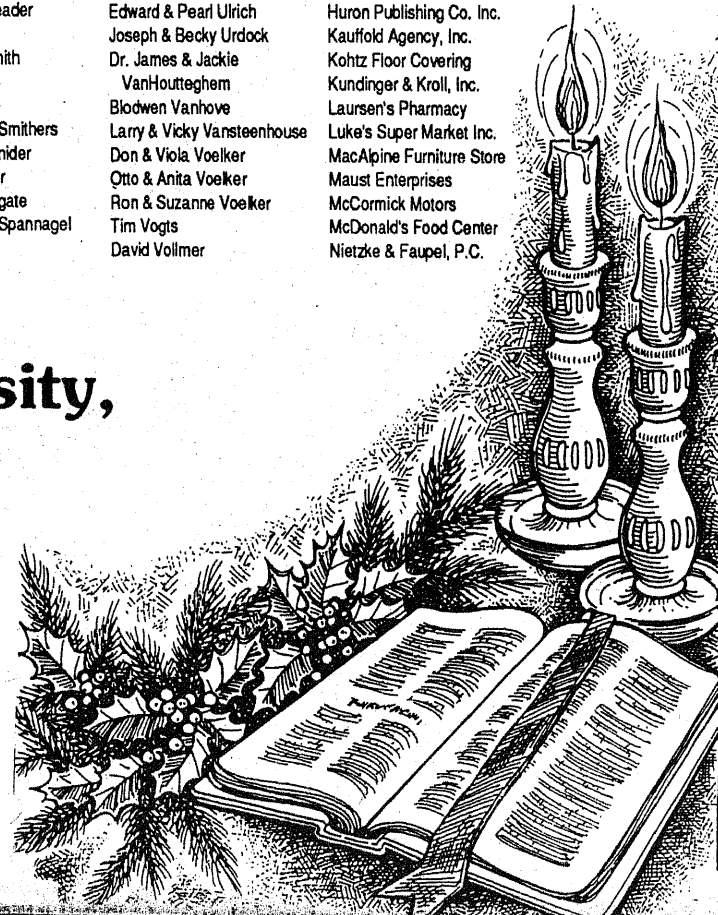
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Executive Director - Bluewater Youth For Christ



# Lorraine Beadle wins it all -- \$5000 worth!

ALL HAPPY: husband Bert and winner Lorraine Beadle smile with the folks who made it all possible -- by picking the ticket qualifying Lorraine to win -- Mrs. Claus and Santa.



More than 1 million tickets were entered in the drawing, each representing at least \$1 in local purchases, Chamber of Commerce President Neal Eichler said.

Hundreds of local folks waited and hoped to be the fifth and final person picked for a chance at the \$5000 shopping spree offered this holiday season by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce -- in 3-degree weather Friday night. But after David Kraft's name was picked, he and the previous four finalists -- Judy Niebel, Lorraine Beadle, Jenny Bruce and Beth Schnitker -- vied for the top honor as losers on shivered.

Caseville's Lorraine Beadle had the lucky key which opened the correct lock, and so the second weekly winner won the \$5000 shopping prize as family members and friends cheered. She said several small purchases -- plus plenty of gifts -- would probably be on her "shopping list."

David Kraft was chosen after his ticket from Pigeon IGA was one of 10 weekly semi-finalists drawn. Others were Vicki Swartzendruber (Kent McKenzie Jewelers), Rose Eisillon (Elftman Hardware), both of Bay Port; Mary Pinkbener (Pigeon IGA), Mike Gogola (McCormick Motors), Mary Arnold (Don Erla Foods) and Laverie Killinger (Orr's Drug Store), all of Pigeon; Janice Dubs (Pigeon Lumber) and Michele Komonowski (Pigeon Lumber), both of Owendale and Eric Miller (McCormick Motors) of Bad Axe.

Michele Komonowski chose "the big box" as her semi-finalist prize, after Kraft decided to try the \$5000 prize. In it was a \$300-plus value VCR machine, purchased at Elftman Hardware. "Big box" weekly gifts were purchased by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce at the following locations: Polewach Store & Nancy's gift certificates; John Deere snowblower from Gettel's Implement; cross-country skis from Bay House Sports; quarter-beef from Don Erla Foods and the VCR from Elftman Hardware.

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OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU! Hope they're enjoyable for you. And remember, deadline for next week's Progress-Advance is 9 a.m. this Friday, Dec. 29 for next Wednesday's paper. Early deadlines allow our staff to enjoy a "normal" holiday, too -- so thanks for helping make that happen!

DESK-CLEARING: Has this been the coldest winter we've remembered for a long time? Sure seems to. I've never been as many people complain about dry, chapped hands. We all know a new decade starts at Midnight Sunday, right, when Jan. 1, 1990 begins? Wrong. The new decade officially begins Jan. 1, 1991. The same is true for the new century, which -- although it would seem to begin Jan. 1, 2000 -- really starts one year later, Jan. 1, 2001. But we're betting the bigger parties are celebrated at the 2000 new year...

Nearly everybody makes at least one resolution each new year. By Jan. 20th, we've usually broken them -- and by Feb. 20th we don't even remember them!

One of the big words for 1990 and beyond will be recycling. We'll be forced to do it, as landfill costs explode... Another big '90 word will be olestra and Simplese. These are two "no-fat fats," which promise to revolutionize our eating. These products, from Procter & Gamble and NutraSweet, respectively, are fat substitutes, and will lead to better-tasting low-cal potato chips, french fries, ice cream and cakes.

Any food products containing fat or oil -- from bread to cake mix to cheesecake -- has the potential to use fat substitutes. They'll ich taste and cooking properties of full-caloried fats and edible oils... without adding calories or cholesterol. Amazing, to say the least...

1989's top entertainer? Bill Cosby -- who's TV's biggest star of the 1980s, actually. That's what TV Guide says. Other top TV personalities are Larry Hagman (J.R. of "Dallas") and talk-show hostess Oprah Winfrey...

If your kids got a Nintendo or other TV game for Christmas, beware of them getting "Nintendo neck." That's what the Michigan Chiropractic Society says, calling it an ailment suffered mostly by children who spend hours hunched over their new video game...

You'll be able to buy the new Jaguar XJ220 for a mere \$586,000, but not here in the U.S. The ultra-performance sports car won't be sold here because government restrictions would seriously compromise the car, Jag folks say. Only 220 will be built in 1992, and it will go from zero to 100 mph in less than eight seconds...

Annual Pigeon Chamber of Commerce dinner is set for Thursday, Jan. 11 at Greenfields Restaurant. The town is on the move, and President Neal Eichler says details will be forthcoming soon...

WISH I'D SAID THAT -- "May some of you get what you wish for, this holiday season, and some of you get what you deserve!" (Karl Hertz)

# Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

**ENVIRONMENT & AG CLASH**  
Differences between the needs of agriculture and the environment will cause problems for Michigan farmers in the 1990s, says state Ag Department Director Robert Mitchell. "The main problem won't be what agriculture is doing, but what others outside of agriculture are doing to us," he told almost 700 local farmers during Thumb Ag Day last week at the Colony House, Cass City. "We've got to be aggressive and prepare ourselves so we don't get run over by the steamroller headed for us." Mitchell says controls on the use of pesticides and other chemicals will cause grief for farmers, but noted the U.S. food supply and quality are large and tops in the world.

**\$5.7 MM TUSCOLA BUDGET**  
Tuscola County Board members expect the county's 1990 general fund budget to total \$5.7 million, up \$400,000 from the current budget. The spending plan provides for increased budgets for nearly all departments. Included is a contingency amount of \$80,819 overall.

**LITTLE MX MISSILE DANGER**  
A site 50 miles from the Thumb has been picked as one of seven military bases nationwide to house the Rail Garrison MX Missile program. Wurtsmith Air Force Base, across Saginaw Bay, will be the only Midwest location where the rail-based missile system will be in place, as a defensive security deterrent for the land-based missile with 10 nuclear warheads with 5000-mile ranges.

In times of national crisis, the Air-Force will send the trains bearing the MX missiles along train tracks, to make detection more difficult by enemy forces. The Air Force says lines between Mackinaw City and Bay City would likely be used in an emergency. Four trains, each carrying two MX missiles, would be deployed from Wurtsmith, near Oscoda. In all, about \$100 million will be spent on the MX missile system by 1992, creating 400 construction jobs at Wurtsmith, officials say.

**PORT AUSTIN SANDWICH WINNER!**  
Karl Donovan of Port Austin has earned a U.S. Savings Bond for being named runner-up in the fifth-grade category in the Ziploc National Sandwich Day Contest. Her Tuna and Pickle Sandwich was selected from nearly 3000 entries nationwide, as youngsters were encouraged to create "America's Favorite Sandwich." Entries were based on creativity, nutritional content and good taste, as the Dow Chemical Company-sponsored event attempts to teach children about nutrition and good eating habits.

**5% PAY HIKE AT O-G**  
School cooks, custodians, aides, secretaries and bus drivers in the Owendale - Gagetown School District have been given a 5% wage increase by the Owendale School Board. The pay hike covers about 18 workers, and is retroactive to July and September, when former contracts expired. Owendale teachers have also asked the School Board to reopen the salary portion of their existing three-year contract, which expires at the end of this school year. The district ended the 1988-89 year with a \$550,000-plus surplus.

**A-F CONTRACT TALKS CONTINUE**  
Negotiations are continuing between the 28 teachers and the Akron - Fairgrove School District, after the former contract expired Aug. 31. Supt. Donald Lillrose said neither the district nor the teachers' union offered position changes at last week's first mediation session.

**COURT PROCEEDINGS**  
In 73rd District Court (Huron County), Judge Karl Kraus recently heard the pleas of or passed judgment on:  
Karen A. Baker, 26 of Elkton, pled guilty to impaired driving; ordered to pay \$470 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 90 days;  
James D. Kosinski, 25 of Elkton, pled guilty to drunken driving; \$650 fines and costs and loses driver's license for one year;  
Arick L. Schweitzer, 21 of Sebawing, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$470 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 90 days;  
Leonard W. Young, 33 of Pigeon, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$470 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 90 days;  
Michael L. Henne, 18 of Pigeon, pled guilty to driving while license suspended; ordered to serve five days in Huron County Jail and pay \$60 fines and costs;  
Rodney K. McLean, 24 of Caseville, pled guilty to drunken driving; ordered to serve 20 days in jail (work release recommended); pay \$670 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 18 months, and  
Ricky E. Durant, 28 of Warren, pled guilty to impaired driving, following a recent incident on Oak Beach Road, Lake Township; \$470 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 90 days.



# Village nominees set for area towns

Nominating petitions for the Upper Thumb elections were filed at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Primaries are scheduled for Feb. 19 and the general election date is March 12.

**PIGEON:** Only incumbents filed in Pigeon: David Geiger, President; Janet Heckman, clerk; Frances Armbruster, treasurer; Roy Lawrence, assessor; Kenneth Licht, Bill Putman and Martin Blondell were the only candidates to file. Stirett recently was appointed to the post.

**SEBAWING:** Republican Sharron Edler and incumbent Robin Martens are competing for the job of village treasurer, while President Lloyd Adam and Clerk Maxine Kauffold are unopposed.

Incumbents Don Beers and Robert Finkbeiner seek one of the three trustee spots up for grabs, along with Dale Sonntag, Robert Boettcher, James Spriggs and Edwin Skirlo.



As we see it

Try these '10-year Resolutions'

Starting this new 1990s decade is a marvelous time to make "10-Year Resolutions." These carry more meaning than the typical resolutions we all make (and break almost simultaneously.) "10-Year Resolutions" also offer excellent directions in living happier and more contented lives.

They also make you feel good inside. Here are five excellent ways to start 1990 out right - or to start ANY decade, year, month, day or hour properly. All are guaranteed to make you feel good inside, too!

**FIRST - Read one Bible chapter per day.** You've probably heard this before, but by starting at the beginning of Genesis on Jan. 1, you'll finish the entire Good Book when the year ends in December. It makes fascinating reading, plus is a nice way to spend a few minutes each afternoon or night.

**SECOND - Write or call one special person in your life each week.** A brief, chatty letter is preferred, but a phone call to a person who has helped or inspired you in the past or whom you're thinking of now will brighten his or her day greatly. It sounds so easy to do, right? If you CAN accomplish this resolution, though, you'll make 52 folks happy by the end of the year! How about a former teacher, fellow worker, faraway relative or ex-neighbor? There's no limit like right now!

**THIRD - Put \$1 away a day.** Try this little method of savings, or use a Christmas Club or other savings plan at your financial institution. Or, make that \$2, \$5, \$10 a week or your choice of amounts. Maybe you can save for a special purchase you've always wanted, or for a gift for

someone else. Don't touch the special bank account for several years and - with interest - you'll have enough for a trip or just to enjoy in your own way. You've earned it.

**FOURTH - Spend two hours a week on yourself.** Maybe this should be each Saturday afternoon or every Wednesday night. Why not take two hours as your "special time" to use as you wish? Maybe you want to take a long bath, go for a walk or drive, read a good book or just sleep. Tell your family of your plan, and then do it. It's pampering, but it means more when you do it without fail!

**FIFTH - Smile more.** Remember, it takes fewer muscles to smile than frown! (Besides, people will wonder what you're up to!)

Imagine how much your life can be changed by following these five resolutions. Think how happy others will be, too. Good luck. Happy New Year, and Happy New Decade, too!

(THIS EDITORIAL, PUBLISHED DEC. 27, 1979 -- 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK -- IS STILL USEABLE TODAY...)

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Thank you for community support

**DEAR EDITOR:** This is an open letter to the community.

No words can express how vital you, your company or department were to this community and Cooperative Elevator Company as you responded to our need on Monday, Dec. 11, 1989.

No truer statement could we have chosen this year as we committed our company to the slogan, "THE POWER OF PULLING TOGETHER." The reality of such a statement was expressed to us on

Monday morning when our call for assistance went out to this community.

Your valiant effort... your professionalism... your personal support at our Elkton facility goes beyond words and is totally appreciated by the Board of Directors, Management and Employees of Cooperative Elevator Company, and those people we serve.

**RESPECTFULLY,**  
**JOHN P. KOHR,**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Cooperative Elevator Co.



FROM UNDER THE WILLOW

BY WANDA EICHLER

The Gift of Hope

Hoping beyond hope is what one Biblical text writes about. Some contemporary philosophers call it optimism or positive thinking or affirmation of life.

Whatever and however hope is characterized, it is one of the most powerful emotions that human beings experience. Those who have no hope live in a deep pit. They look up and see only the bottom of life.

Or having no hope is like being caught in a rut, a deep one that will not allow life to jump the rut and run elsewhere. Hope is fragile. The poet Emily Dickinson called hope, "the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all." Concentration camp survivor and author Elie Wiesel says of hope: "Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings."

Like other years, 1989 has been a year when there has been despair enough to go around. Some have lost dear ones — a wife, a husband, a grandparent, a child, a friend. Others have struggled with businesses and farms gone awry. Others experience strained relationships and hurt feelings. All have felt the onslaught of changing times and ways.

But this has also been a year when the world has walked with hope. Tears and shouts of freedom graced the Eastern European countries. Babies have been born. Crops have been harvested. Families fed and clothed and educated. Children have grown. Gardens have been tended. Attitudes have matured.

All of it has been done with hope, that marvelous indwelling ounce that urges humankind on when all sinew and fiber and logic say "stop."

As a new year begins, we all need the gift of hope given to us. It comes from the Creator, but it comes to us in the form of others who hope for us, who hope with us, and who hope in spite of us.

Happy New Year from Under the Willow... with hope for each day and each way in 1990.

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RECOLLECTIONS  
Of By-Gone Days  
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

Christmas is again here, and by the time you read this -- If everything goes well -- I'll have been to Hesston, Kan., for Christmas at my son Howard's place and back again.

I was out there last Christmas, but as long as I can travel and am in good health, I'd better go!

Out of 10 children in my father's family, I'm the only one who can still get around without a cane or walker. I've been to the Netherlands several times for Christmas, and I always like to visit my children either for Easter or Christmas.

Once when I was over there, on the way back our host came through the plane and said, "We are now over Greenland, and it is 55° below zero, and we are 36,000 feet up. Does anybody want off?"

Of course we all felt good where we were! We had a seat by the window, and had a good view, but all we could see was fog and hills.

There were a man and a woman standing in the aisle. They were speaking German together.

He said, "I wish I could look out of the window and see Greenland, and take a picture."

The woman replied, "Ask that man if you can look through his window."

"Well, he can't understand me," the man answered.

I looked around and told him -- in German -- to come and look out my window.

At first he looked at me kind of funny, but he came and looked out of the window and took several pictures.

Then went back and patted me on the back and said, "You sure are a good fellow," and his wife also

wished me every good thing.

This cold weather sure isn't very pleasant, but I have a warm house and lots of warm clothes, and a big fur robe to lay on top of my bed, and I sure don't like to get out of bed.

On one Christmas, about 1970, our daughter lived in Washington, D.C., and we had the pleasure to see the big Christmas tree in the big park. There were a lot of choirs and quartets there from all over the U.S., and they were singing all over the park, and you could listen to any one you wanted to.

I feel for the Rummel family. My mother passed away between Christmas and New Years in '55, and although it was a sad time, she had been bedfast for a while, and she went right to heaven, and that's a lot better than any Christmas on earth I know...

It is very cold. My folks never had a thermostat, so it was just cold. When I was night-watch at the Co-op Elevator in the 60's, it was 16° below zero for three weeks, and they quit picking beans because the beans split.

Well, we used to get a lot colder winters than we have had for the past few years, and not many people can remember having snow at the foot of their beds in the morning.

In Proverbs 26:1, it says "as snow in summer and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool."

Well, I don't remember seeing snow in harvest this year, but we had a beautiful fall and no rain to speak of, so let us sit back and take this cold weather and like it.

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News And Notes

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Stories by Eric Carles will be read during the Tuesday, Jan. 2 Preschool Story Hour,

1989 THE PAST YEAR IN REVIEW

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Recalling FEBRUARY, 1989

F. JAMES McBRIDE of Pigeon, superintendent of the Huron Intermediate School District, has accepted a position as superintendent of the 15,000 student Eaton Intermediate School District near Grand Rapids. He begins his new job July 1.

JIM STEINMAN and RENEE SIMPSON, Caseville High students, were crowned Coming Home Prince and Princess. Celebrating her 100th birthday with members of her family was MRS. ELIZABETH LUEDTKE.

Elkton Village Council gave its unanimous approval to a drug task force in Huron County, following a presentation by Sheriff Mike Gage and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John Ferris.

Caseville students, Christopher Stahl and Robert Ruiz de Castilla, were local winners in the 20th annual "America and Me" Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

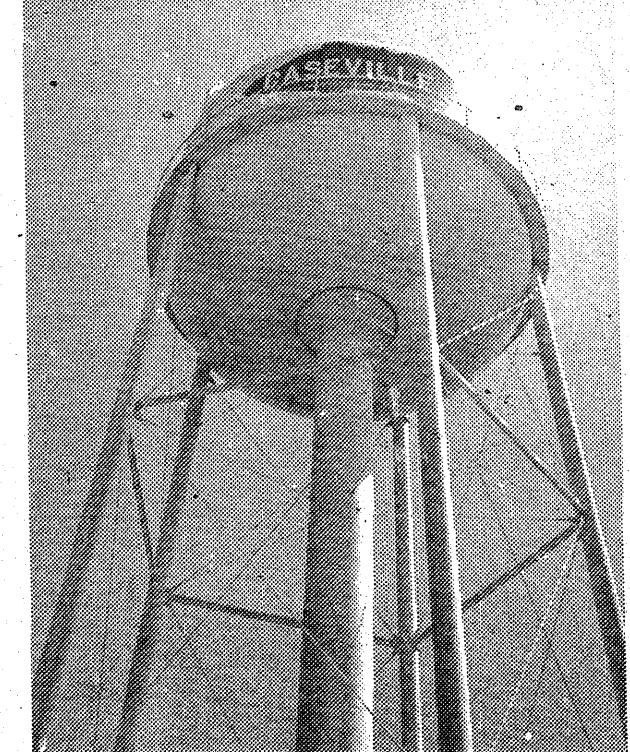
Nine Laker agriculture students were chosen to receive the state's highest award in the Future Farmers of America program—the State Farmer Degree. They were: RICK CLARK, MARK KRETZSCHMER, RICHARD KROHN II, STEVE KROHN, SHEILA LUTZ, TODD ROESTEL, DARRIN SCHUETTE, KEVIN WOLFRAM, AND TOM ZIEL.

About 11 percent of Caseville's 500-plus voters easily approved the village's Home Rule Charter proposal in a special election, 47-11. The question allows the charter update to go into effect March 1, according to Village Controller Jan Prill.

The Laker FFA scored big at leadership contests, bringing home seven gold medals out of eight competitions. Both the Laker Volleyball team and the Varsity Basketball team were named Thumb B Champions. The basketball team took their first league title since the '85-86 season with a 12-2 season record. The volleyball team wound up the season with a 36-12 record overall, and 7-0 in the league.

Pigeon native DAVID STURM, a junior at Saginaw Valley State University and a 1985 graduate of Laker High, recently set a school and conference record in the pole vault at a meet at Grand Valley State College. Sturm's vault of 15 ft. 8 in. set a new record for his school and the Great Laker Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

**FEBRUARY DEATHS:** Josephine Kelly, 63; John Flint, 71; Mable Boughner, 83; Marion Drabek, 74; Elsie Bolzman, 91; Walter Kleinfeld, 81; Pauline Moncus, 77; Ernie Dills, 87; Edith Kochler, 37; Louis Henson, 67; Percy Rader, 73; John Chesney, 74.



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including "The Mixed Up Chameleon," "Roster's of the World" and "Have You Seen My Cat?"

Exercises, fingerplays, games and a flannelgraph will be part of the activities the children will participate. The special highlight will be "Show and Tell," with children are invited to bring in only one item to share.

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.

PRESCHOOL YULE PROGRAM

A special "thanks" to Santa Claus for making Story Hour an enjoyable event. Also, thanks to the mothers who

brought in two dozen cookies each for the party and Mrs. Faye Errer for providing Christmas music. A total of 75 children attended, along with 35 parents. The library extends warm holiday wishes to its library family.

CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Pigeon District Library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 1990 due to the New Year's holiday. Regular library hours will resume on the following day on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1990.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IN HISTORY

People in almost every country of the world cele-

brate the first day of the New Year. Colonists in early America held New Year's Open House, a chance for family and friends to get together and reflect on the beginning of yet another year. Today, Americans still do the same.

BIRTHDAY OF BETSY ROSS

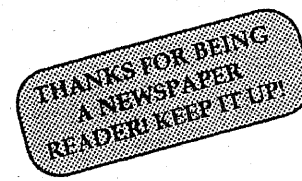
Legend tells us that it was Betsy Ross (1752-1856) who fashioned the first U.S. flag. After the death of her husband, Betsy Ross took over his upholstery business and became known as an excellent seamstress.

While there is no proof of the story, it is said that Washington asked Mrs. Ross to make the national flag, which was then adopted by

the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Whether this legend is true or not, it is known that flags hold great significance for countries, clubs and organizations.

DROP BOX REMINDER...

Library patrons: be sure to push books clearly inside the drop box, when you deposit them in the box outside of the library. Many of our books have gotten damaged and wet in this winter weather. Thank you!



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## Recalling MARCH, 1989

JIM and GLORIA LEWIS presented the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce with a 5' x 12' American flag, which they had purchased at the 1988 Bluewater Youth for Christ auction. Both the Laker Varsity Basketball team and the Girl's Varsity Volleyball team won District titles. Both teams fell, however, in the first round of regional play. A tough Burton-Bently stopped the volleyball team's winning drive, and a scrappy Flint Hamady burned the basketball team with a barrage of three-pointers. Scheurer Hospital instituted a new non-smoking policy for administration, staff, patients, and visitors.

Elkton mail carrier SID HURLBURT was honored by the Postal Service for over 30 years of safe driving.

Longtime Elkton Village Councilman ALFREDO SANTOS, SR., lost in his re-election bid. He was defeated by G.O.P. newcomer GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, who was top vote-getter with 84 votes, to 57 for Santos. Incumbents DICK KOEHLER and JIM WILSON won the other two seats.

JULEE LEIPPRANDT and DARRIN JANTZI were named Valedictorian and Salutatorian at Laker High. Leipprandt has compiled a 4.12 grade average, and Jantzi had a 3.90 grade average during his years at Laker High. Other top Laker students included KEVIN WOLFRAM, PHILIP SCHEMBER, MARK CAISTER, TRICIA GEIGER, SCOTT RICHMOND, MICHELLE GAYARI, ALAN MCBRIDE, CHRISTINE DAMM, and MARK KRETZSCHMER.

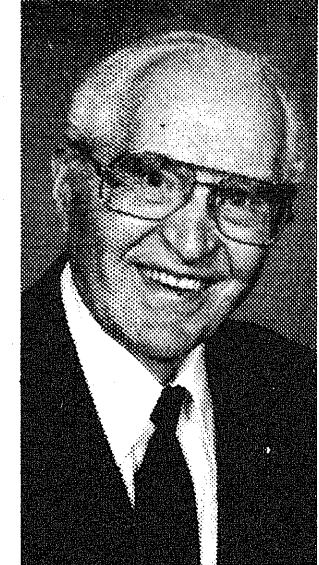
The Laker Mock Trial Team captured a second place in a state Mock Trial Tournament. The team is coached by secondary school assistant principal Lisa DiCamillo. Laker school board trustees J. SIDNEY SMITH and PAUL CLABUESCH announced they would not run for re-election in the June school election.

HEITH FORSTER of Kilmanagh came home with top honors from the State 4-H Rabbit Show when his senior Californian doe won Best in Show. Forster's rabbit topped 1,900 entries to take the honor.

**MARCH DEATHS:** Margaret Fritz, 86; Alice Yackie, 76; Eva Tall, 81; William Padoll, 62; Kenneth Richmond, 80; Katherine Schnell, 73; Otto Baur, 87; Joseph Gwinn, 84; Mary Swartzendruber, 93; William Proffitt, 92; Conrad Niester, 83; Ashley Maxwell, infant; Rose Whitten, 74; Elta Swartzendruber, 75; Les Alexander, 81.

## Shetler turns 90

The daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren of John Shetler invite friends



JOHN SHETLER

and relatives to an Open House on Monday, Jan. 1, 1990 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library, in honor of his 90th birthday.

Mr. Shetler was born in Kalona, Iowa, the third child of 10 children of Joseph and Anna Shetler.

Since 1921, Mr. Shetler has lived on S. Main Street in Pigeon. He worked at Peoples Oil and Gas from 1921 to 1934 and the Pigeon Cooperative Elevator Co. from 1934 to 1967. He is an active member of the Michigan Avenue Mennoite Church and Gideon International.

Mr. Shetler has one daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Dolores) Caradonna of Detroit, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## A 20th Century Christmas miracle . . .

A yellowed clipping from an unknown source brings the following tale:

"One of the most senseless wars in all human history was World War I.

Begun as a fluke, carried forward without reason, it well illustrates human stubbornness, pride and sin. For months, men of both sides endured cold and mud in the trenches and foxholes along the western front. Yet, in the midst of misery, a remarkable event occurred on Christmas Eve in 1914.

Astounded British sentries peering through binoculars saw small lights on poles and bayonets raised above the German trenches. Although the dim light clearly illustrated the German troops, the British held fire. Then the startled Britishers observed rows of Christmas trees being raised over the Germans' heads, each filled with lighted candles. This was Christmas Eve, and these were Christmas greetings.

Then occurred one of the most bizarre incidents in military history. One by one,

soldiers from both sides laid down their weapons and ventured into no-man's-land between trenches, too many for the officers to stop. As enemies met, they exchanged greetings, chocolates were traded, a flare-lit spontaneous soccer match erupted, an Englishman brought out an accordion and a German a violin, as hundreds of soldiers sang everything from "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" to "Stille Nacht."

As John McAtcheon has written, "The frozen fields

of France were warmed as songs of peace were sung." That night, the war came to a halt and the sounds of fury were silenced by the Prince of Peace. The war did not resume until the next day."



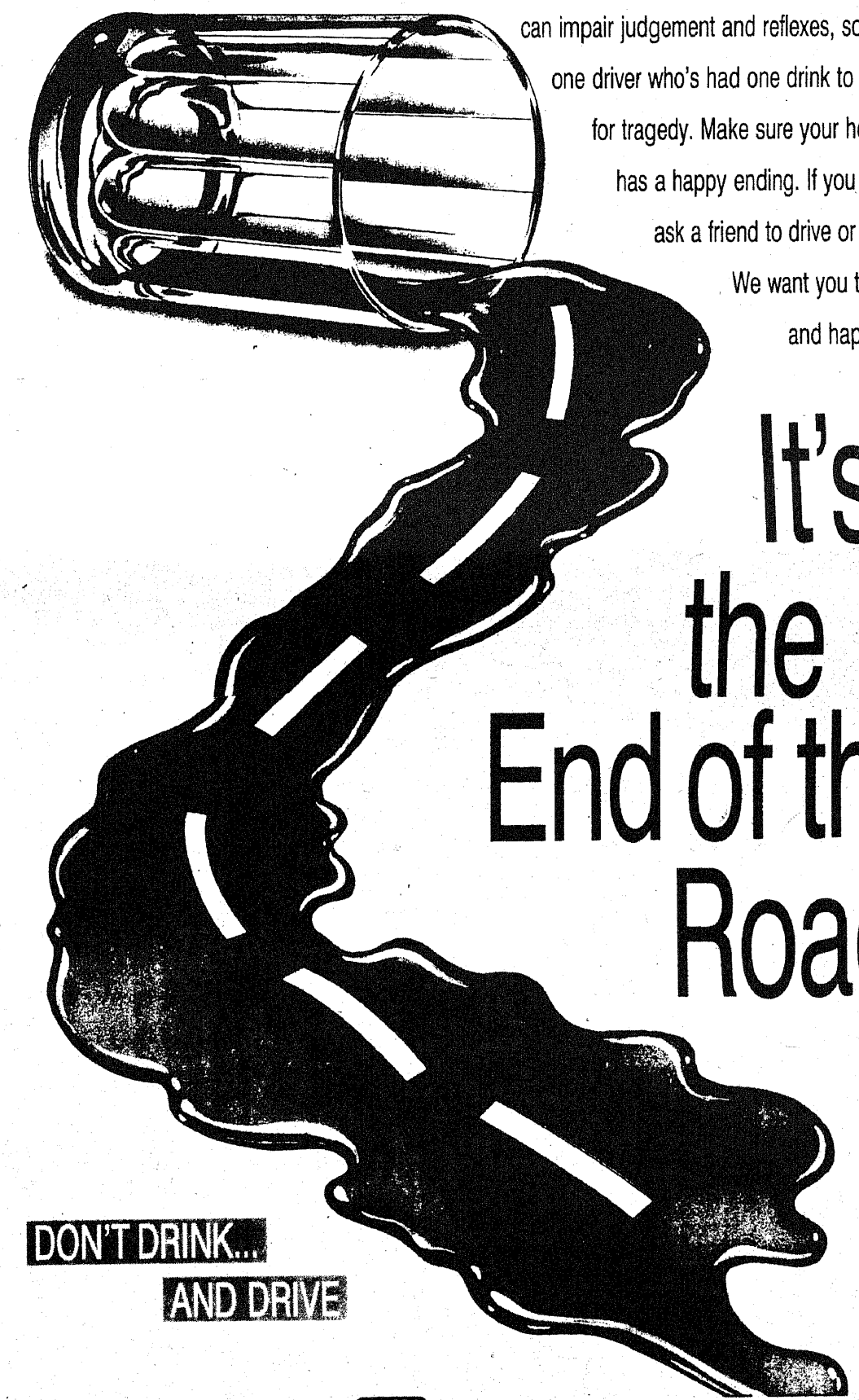
No matter where you're headed, when you drink and drive any road could lead to a dead end. Statistics show that even one drink

can impair judgement and reflexes, so all it takes is one driver who's had one drink to set the scene

for tragedy. Make sure your holiday season has a happy ending. If you plan to drink,

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# The Past In Print

From the archives of  
The Pigeon Progress and The Elkton Advance

### 90 YEARS AGO JAN. 12, 1900

Skating on the Pigeon River is reported to be excellent and the boys are taking advantage of it.

An oyster supper followed the close of the F & AM meeting, and with the assistance of the ladies, a royal good time was had.

Seventeen care of hay were shipped from Pigeon to easter markets the past week. How many other towns in this part of the state can boast of having a farming community that will keep a grist mill and two elevators going year 'round? Not any, except Pigeon.

### 80 YEARS AGO JAN 13, 1910

A sleighload of young folks drove to Leslie's near the Quarry. The return trip had to be given up on account of the storm and the school ma'am and her bunch remained overnight.

Lawrence Nottor had a sand bee and a lost of sand was hauled for a new house. The Warner Cheese Co. put up an icehouse at Pigeon this week.

J.A. McLean has purchased the property occupied by Ankiam's barbershop of J.B. Steward sold his farm in McKinley Township to Henry Schafer.

Drs. Frenzel, Morrison and Yale of Pigeon attended a meeting of the Huron County Medical Association Monday night. William C. Soldan and Miss Lydia Muentener will be married Jan. 19 at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Muentener.

### 70 YEARS AGO JAN 2, 1920

Pigeon High School Alumni annual banquet was well attended with 72 plates served. New officers are Ralph Heasty, Luella Wagster and Roland Staubus. Speakers included Prof. Hamill, Nick Rhode, Otto Baur and Norman Maier. Mrs. Edward Johnson, 88 of Caseville, died Tuesday. She leaves three sons and two daughters.

Miss Leah Guetlech, daughter of Peter Guetlech of McKinley and William F. Trost, son of William Trost of Pigeon, were married New Year's Day at Berne Lutheran Church. Eighteen young friends gave Miss Orphia Schubach a surprise party at her home on Saturday evening.

### 60 YEARS AGO JAN. 10, 1930

New officers of Pigeon Worth While Club are Mrs. Edward Woodward, Mrs. Walter McLean, Mrs. Edgar

Edighoffer, Mrs. E.F. Hess and Mrs. John Doepker. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kretzschmer and son Harvey of McKinley were in Saginaw where Harvey remained to attend Bliss-Alger College.

Officers elected at annual business meeting of Berne Lutheran Church are Adolph Nieschulz, Henry Strieter, John Weiss, Charles Heck, H.W. Nieschulz and L. Ludtke. It was decided to discontinue the evening services in English and have them follow immediately after the German service on the first Sunday in the month.

A debate, "Resolved that a married woman is justified in assuming the duties of a wage earner," will be given at the Pigeon PTA meeting. Affirmative debaters are Dr. Belding, M. Braun and Miss Alice Clark and negative supporters are Miss Sherbourne, Mrs. McAulay and Miss May Clark.

### 50 YEARS AGO JAN. 12, 1940

Fifteen hundred visitors were shown through the handsome new Gulf service station and general office of Pigeon Cooperative Elevator and Milling Association with over 500 sales, according to manager Alfred Roberts. Six handsome water glasses were given each purchaser

and candy and windshield wipers were given to callers. Henry W. Hedley, 82, died at his home in Pigeon. He leaves his wife and two sons. Elmer Eisinger, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eisinger, died of injuries he received in an auto accident that killed Charles Siegwart of Sebewing. Mr. Eisinger is survived by his wife, parents, five sisters and six brothers.

Officers elected at the annual meeting of Cross Lutheran Church are William Licht, Godfrey Diener, August Rathke, Chris Trost, Fred Licht, Herman Rathke.

### 40 YEARS AGO JAN. 13, 1950

Mrs. J.W. Roth, 77, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Eichler, Elkton. She is survived by two sons and four daughters. Carl Rathke, Winsor Township farmer, died Jan. 6. He leaves four daughters and two sons.

Paul H. Fibranz, 53, died at his home near Kilmanagh. He leaves his wife, one daughter and his mother. Francis Miller, 45, died at his home in Bay Port. Besides his widow, three sons, and one daughter survive him.

Winners in the second bean show at Elkton, boys class, include Milton Young, Jack Andrus, Elkton; Hilbert Schulze, Vernon Kretzschmer, Ted Leipprandt, Herb Gettel, Pigeon.

John L. Hoffman, Elkton, former Huron County sheriff, passed away. Surviving are his wife, brother and four sisters. James Swallow, 56, died Dec. 31. He leaves his wife, one daughter and one son.

### 30 YEARS AGO JAN. 14, 1960

Pigeon Panthers basketball team extended their streak of league win to 55 when they scalped the Sebewing Indians. Pigeon scorers included Gene Henderson, Dick Fogle, Tom Emerson Kleinschmidt.

Elkton Elks defeated Uby Bearcats 56-36. Elkton scorers included Jerry Bittner and Roger Deering.

Mrs. Sam Wurtz, 84, formerly of Pigeon, died Jan. 11. She leaves five children. Herb W. Haist, 68, Pigeon former auctioneer, died Jan. 11. He leaves one daughter. Earl Graves, 62, of Bay Port died Jan. 5. He is survived by his widow, one daughter and one son.

### 20 YEARS AGO JAN. 8, 1970

Archie J. Harder, 74, former pastor of Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, died at his home in Bay Port. He leaves his wife, two daughters and two sons.

J. P. Burroughs & Son, Inc., Saginaw, announced an agreement to purchase Bad Axe Grain Co. which operates a number of country elevators in the Thumb.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ginter, 99, of Elkton died Jan. 5. She leaves one daughter. Earl M. Brown, 69, of the Pigeon area, died Jan. 2. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons.

Frederick Loeffler, 88, retired Pigeon farmer, died Dec. 30. He leaves his wife, one daughter and one son.

John L. Hoffman, Elkton, former Huron County sheriff, passed away. Surviving are his wife, brother and four sisters. James Swallow, 56, died Dec. 31. He leaves his wife, one daughter and one son.

### 10 YEARS AGO JAN. 3, 1980

Christine Gretch, 10, of Owendale, is the fourth and final children's bicycle winner awarded this past holiday season by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce.

Chris, a student at Pigeon Elementary School, is the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gretch.

Mrs. Agnes DiVincenis, campaign chairman for the Caseville Community Chest, was honored recently for "dedicated volunteer service" at the 1979 United Way of Michigan Campaign Achievement Celebration at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

Kenneth E. Ginter, 69, former owner of Ginter Electric, Elkton, passed away Dec. 26. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

Eldon Sting, 58, Pigeon, retired foreman at Michigan Bell Telephone Co., passed away Dec. 30. He leaves his wife, one daughter and two sons.

### FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES 54 YEARS AGO DEC. 19, 1935

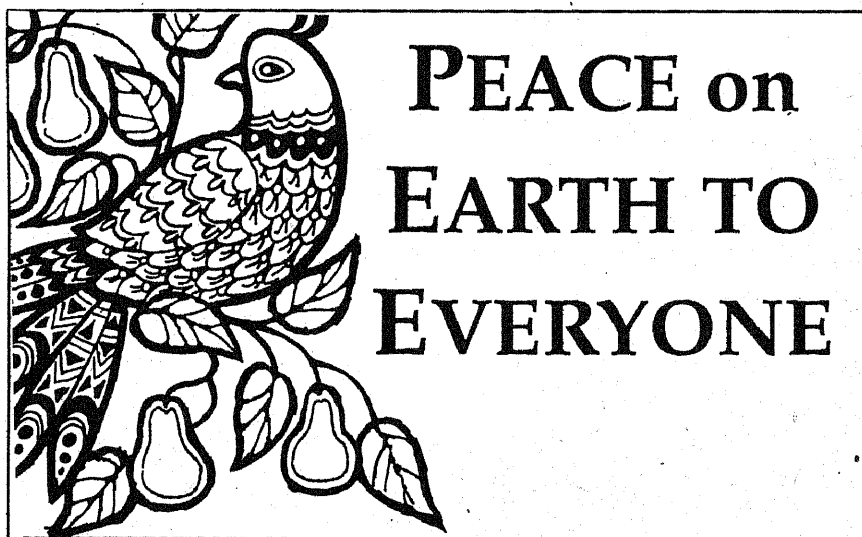
Members of the Elkton High School Journalism class, accompanied by Homer Motz, motored to Port Huron Thursday to investigate the functioning of the city newspaper. They observed all operations of the Port Huron Times Herald, ate pot-luck lunch in the editorial room and then visited Port Huron High School.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas. Art & Duff, Fast Motor Freight. — ADV.

About six dollars was made by the Premo Sunday School class social at Rescue last Friday evening.

At the Gem Theatre, Pigeon, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 25-26, the Marx Brothers in "A Night at the Opera" with news and musical. Seats 10c and 25c. — ADV.

Elkton vs. Gagetown in basket ball Dec. 20. First, second and girls, pep band. Cheer leaders and thrills.



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# Lakers lose in non-league contest



Santa didn't bring the Lakers any Christmas presents this year, instead filling their stockings with an 85-49 loss to Saginaw Valley Lutheran in a non-league contest.

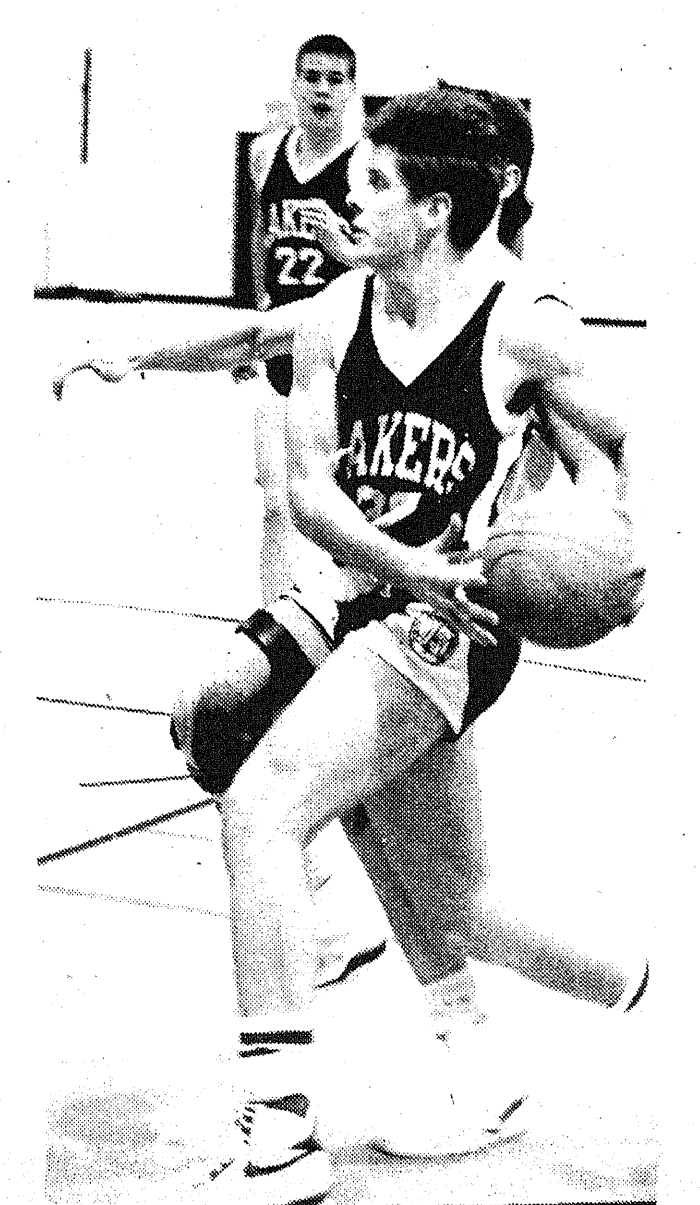
The loss, on SVL's rather unusual carpeted gym, drops the Lakers to 2-3 for the season. The Lakers were outscored in all four quarters, trailing at the half 44-23, and never seemed to get a momentum going. Bill McLellan and Rick Dufty both scored 14 points for the Green and White, and Jeremy Esch had 11 points.

Arik Smith was the scoring leader for the Chargers with 20 points.

**THIS WEEK:** Coach Bill McLellan's basketball squad has practiced and relaxed during the rare 10-day holiday break, between the Dec. 19 Valley Lutheran game and this Friday night's non-league contest hosting Western Thumb arch-rival, Unionville-Sebewing's Patriots.

Then, Thumb B Conference action resumes next Friday, Jan. 5 as the Lakers travel to Cass City, followed by another non-league tilt Jan. 9, as EPBP hosts the Uby Bearcats.

**VOLLEYBALL** action begins tonight (Wednesday), as the Lakers travel to Carrollton. Next comes the Jan. 6 away matches with Mitten Bay.



KEEP-AWAY: Laker forward Mike Keefer (32) attempts to keep a Charger player away from the action, as Laker Rick Dufty (22) observes. AMY HEIDEN PHOTOS

## Ski at Port Crescent!

"WE HAVE SNOW! Our trails are open." That's the word from Port Crescent State Park Manager Roy Elie, who says the park is once again planning candlelight cross-country ski runs.

A one-mile trail through the woods will be lighted by candles for a two-hour run beginning at dark on Saturday, Jan. 13; Sunday, Feb. 18, and Saturday, March 3.

The trail is located across the iron bridge at the west end of Port Crescent Road, five miles southwest of Port Austin on M-25. A bonfire will be part of each evening's activity and warm refreshments will be available, Elie says.

This year other trails are also available in the Day Use area for cross-country skiing, he adds.

Also, park officials remind snowmobilers it is illegal to snowmobile within 100 feet of a ski area.

A State Park Motor Vehicle Permit will be required for vehicle entry into all areas of the park.

**TRAFFIC JAM:** ABOVE, Bill McLellan (20) and Rick Dufty (22) of the Lakers battle with a SVL Charger player for control of the ball.

# BOWLING

### ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT

P&L Party Store	.... 33 1/2
Ty's Bowling Lounge	.. 30
Bumhoffer Surge Sales	29
Pratt's Appli. Repair	26 1/2
Bay Port State Bank	.. 24
Thumb Hardware	.... 23
Ron's Party Store	.... 22
Knechtel's Market	.... 20

High team series and game: P&L Party Store 1695 L(591).

Miller Lite	..... 14
Farmers Petroleum	.... 14
Seley Fire Protection	.. 13

High team series and game: Elkton Co-op 1905 (652).

High individual scores: **LADIES** — G. Finkbeiner 468, B. Krohn 178; **MEM** — D. Young 542 (200), J. Harford 508 (202), J. Jaworski 506 (203), T. Willis 501.

Splits converted: 2-7-10 J. Deman; 6-7-10 L. Kelly; 4-7-10 P. Gayari; 5-10 G. Finkbeiner.

### MONDAY LADIES LEAGUE

Town & Country Beauty	30
Pigeon Lanes	.... 29 1/2
Sun Bonnet Bakery	.... 29
Grigg Greenhouse	.... 28
Pigeon IGA	.... 26 1/2
Debbie's Catering	.... 24
Diener's Home of FF	.. 23
Thumbodles	.... 21
Osentoski Equipment	31
Farm Crest Foods	.... 27

High team series and game: Steinman Agency 2648 (890-884-866), J. Den's 2576 (863-850), Ralph's Tavern 2403, Dutch Kettle 871.

High individual scores: M. Gehrs 582 (229), R. Elbing 577 (213), M. Weiderhold 531, J. Reed 210, M. Albrecht 209, L. Steinman 206.

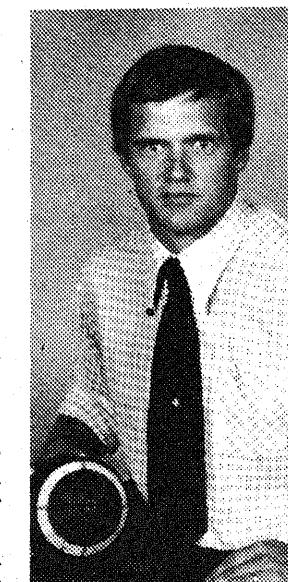
### MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

Bay Shore Collision	.... 39
Pigeon Lanes	.... 35
Greenfields	.... 32
Village Gwilt Stop	.... 31
J.O. Wurst Tilling	.... 30
Damm's, Inc.	.... 30
Pigeon Motor Sales	.... 29
J&B Plg	.... 28

High team series and game: Grigg Greenhouse 1902, Pigeon Lanes 684.

High individual scores: E. Bennett 502 (178-175), D. Deming 476 (200), J. Deering 498 (184-177), R. Voss 497 (172), E. Howard 493 (194), S. Meyerslock 490 (180), V. Pipe 478, G. Gunden 475 (173), E. Guster 191, B. Ankiam 176, D. Fuerst 174, E. Baus 171.

Splits converted: 3-10, 4-5 B. Ankiam; 3-10 (2), 5-7 G. Carpenter; 2-7 V. Pipe, J. Christner; 4-5, 9-10, 6-7 R. Voss; 5-7 D. Deming; 4-5 A. LaFave; 5-7 V. Hodge; 3-10 S. Meyerslock.



# Rathje named Coach of the Year

**By AMY HEIDEN**  
Jim Rathje, son of Marlin and Marian Rathje of Pigeon, is a product of the winning Laker sports tradition.

And after a slow start for his Yale High School Bulldog football team, they are finally on the winning track.

Rathje's Bulldogs, once the laughing stock of the Southern Thumb Association, put together a 7-2 season this year to share the STA title, the first in the school's history.

And to top it off, Rathje has been named the Port Huron Times Herald's Blue Water Area Coach of the Year, edging out Imlay City's Jim Watkins and Harbor Beach's Jack Dillon for the honor.

Rathje has coached and

taught at Yale for 10 years, and has been head coach of the Bulldogs for the past four years. His first three years as coach saw the Bulldogs manage just six wins, but this year, his team jelled into a winner.

Yale athletic director Mike Falter was quoted as saying, "I thought Jim did an excellent job with those kids. He's not a super intense coach, but knows how to get kids fired up and has a very good working relationship with the players."

"He never lost confidence in the players after a loss."

Rathje played fullback for the Lakers before graduating in 1970, then played four years of football at Northern Michigan University. After

graduating from NMU, he did his student teaching at Port Huron High and was a varsity assistant for four years.

When a millage defeat caused sports to be dropped in Port Huron, he accepted a position at Yale High.

### Pigeon news

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Parker of Sterling Heights surprised their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Eidt of Sand Point with a visit on Saturday.

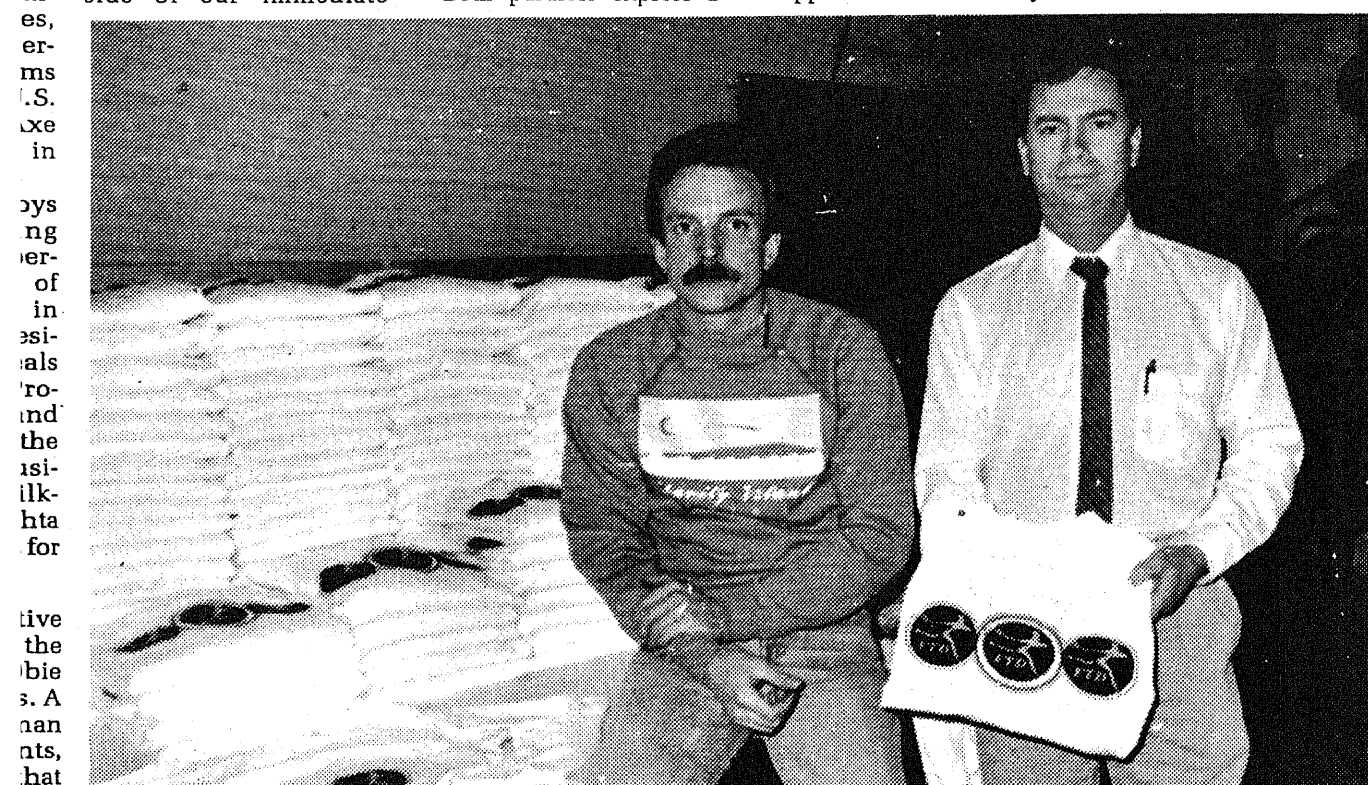
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The Progress-Advance



to Tuesday, January 2, 1990

# Graphics' sweatshirts 'on parade' at the Rose Bowl!

OBIE GRAPHICS main method of sales. "We have to look outside of our immediate Thumb area for growth," adds Cleaver. Both partners express a positive view of the business climate in Caseville and are appreciative of the many steps that have brought them where they are.



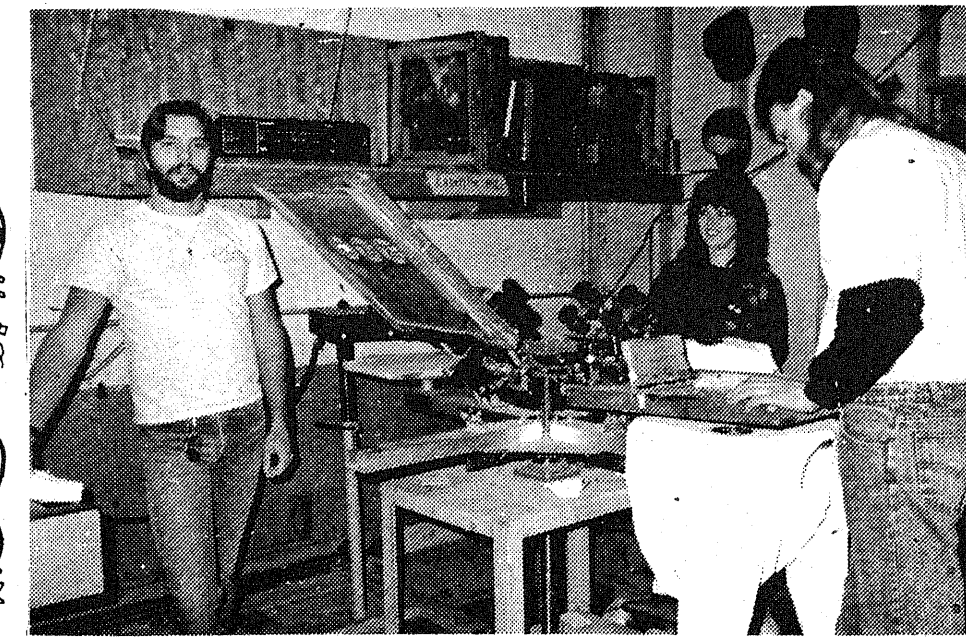
OBIE GRAPHICS Partners Bill Oberman, left and Don Cleaver, right, share the work that is bringing them success in the textile silk-screening field.

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The Caseville firm employs five, including Bruce Begg, at left, who is putting sweatshirts on the dryer, Cathy Pirochta, who works as a secretary and Mike Snider, who is printing the FTD logo on the 150 shirts that were shipped Wednesday.

**LET'S SALE** Everything In Stock **50% OFF**

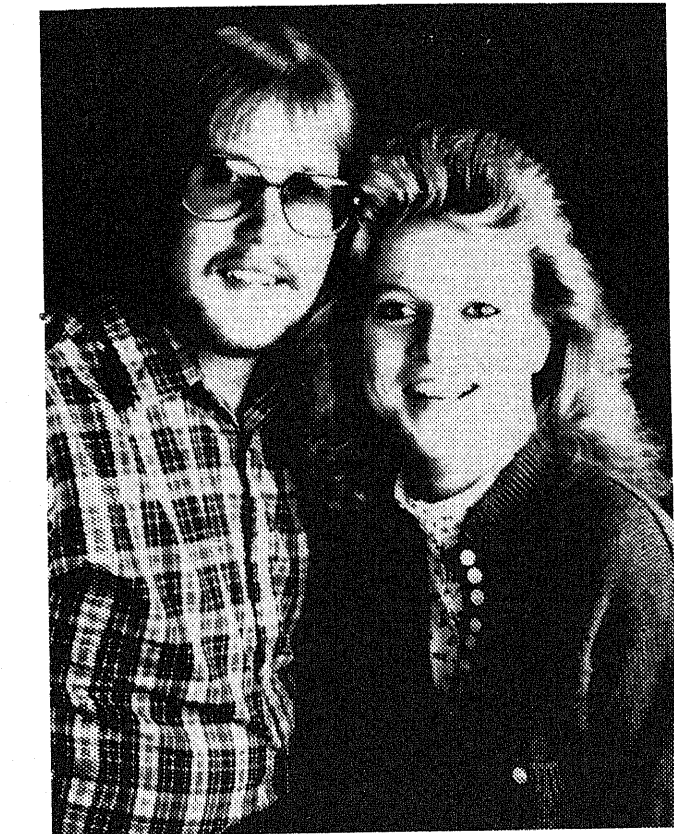
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# Engaged

BABISZEWSKI-WALLACE



Lyle and Fanny Nieschulz of Pigeon announce the engagement of their daughter, Ramona Alice Babiszewski of Davison to Douglas Allan Wallace. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Mike Babiszewski. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Davis and Joyce Wallace of Davison. The bride-elect, a graduate of Baker College, is employed at Clarks Store Fixtures in Flint. Her fiancé is employed by Bornman and Peterson in Flint. An April 7, 1990 wedding is planned.

**Thanks to you...**

This newspaper presents outdoor news and views for all kinds of readers, through your support in advertising and subscriptions.

**Holiday Spirits**

Good cheer to all at this time of year!  
We wish you every joy! May 1990 bring you happiness and success.

**Layher** JEWELERS, INC.  
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# 1989 THE PAST YEAR IN REVIEW

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**Recalling APRIL, 1989**

Due to a clerical error by the Laker district's law firm, no millage election is needed seeking renewal of the 3.5-mill request originally planned for the June 12 school election. Active Industries, Inc., Elkton, was awarded Chrysler Corp.'s "Quality Excellence" Award for work during the 1988 model year.

The Elkton Village Council approved \$17,000 in funds to be used to renovate the building at 17 N. Main for use as a possible Youth Center.

Laker Band students HOLLY SWARTZENDRUBER and STEVE KAUFFMAN both won First Division Ratings in the State Solo and Ensemble competition at the University of Michigan-Flint.

The Village of Caseville established a Downtown Development Authority, naming twelve Caseville residents to the

board. The DDA was established to improve the downtown area, and establishing the DDA gives the village a chance at grants from the state Department of Commerce and other sources.

Caseville's 17th Annual Perch Festival kicked off with a huge parade through the downtown area. TERI CASSADA was named Miss Caseville during the Queen's dinner at the Bella Vista Inn.

Greenfields Restaurant officially opened its doors to the public in April after months of construction. Owners are PAUL CLABUESCH, JAY DUBÉY, ROB STEELE and MIKE LePAGE.

**APRIL DEATHS:** Sidonia Retzler, 85; Melvin Kelly, 72; Bob Campbell, 66; William Lister, 68; Daniel Dietzel, 84; Ida Mae Heck, 69; Pearl Albrecht, 86; Lavern Britt, 65; Raymond Swartzendruber, 67; Blanche Hoffman, 102; Mary McCarty, 77; Lee Austin Wichert, infant.

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## Should you buy or rent?

The Michigan Consumers Council has published the second edition of its popular "Rent-to-Own Facts" brochure.

The brochure discusses the financial and other differences between buying a product outright, purchasing an item on credit using a bank card or retail charge card, and using rent-to-own.

Rent-to-own can be a viable option for some consumers; especially those who move long distances frequently, such as college students and sales representatives. Instead of taking large appliances and furniture with them when they move, rent-to-own allows these consumers the freedom to return the rented goods to the store.

Conversely, rent-to-own may have serious drawbacks for some consumers who may think that rent-to-own is a bargain way to purchase household items. Under Michigan law, rent-to-own stores may charge up to 2.2 times the actual retail value of the item in order for a consumer to purchase the product.

The brochure also outlines consumers' rights and the legal requirements for all rent-to-own contracts. Among the information which every rent-to-own contract must have are disclosure if the merchandise is new or used, the frequency and amount of regular pay-

ments, and a statement of how the final price of the item is determined.

Free copies of "Rent-to-Own Facts" are available from the Michigan Consumers Council, 414 Hollister Building, 106 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933; telephone (517) 373-0947 or (517) 373-0701 (TDD for the hearing impaired ONLY).

In its question-and-answer format, the booklet provides basic information about service contracts as well as questions to ask the salesperson so you can learn the specifics.

Get your free copy by sending your name and address to the Consumer Information Center, department 590V, Pueblo, CO 81009.

## What consumers need to know...

No one looks forward to the breakdown or maintenance of appliances. Service contracts, however, can make repairs and routine maintenance more convenient. If you're thinking about buying a service contract, though, remember that you're going to pay for it and should shop for it as carefully as you did for the product itself.

**It's That Time Of The Year...**

*Happy New Year!*

Is Our Wish To You!

We hope that 1990 proves to be a year filled with fun, good health and prosperity for you and your family. We appreciate your patronage this past year, and hope to continue to serve you...

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# Church Page

Visit The Church Of Your Choice  
This Week And Every Week

Every man regards his own life as the New Year's Eve of time.  
— Jean Paul Richter

"Let us go on unto perfection ... and faith toward God."  
— Hebrews 6:1

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD — BAD AXE —**  
Rev. Daniel Meddaugh  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
7989 Unionville Road  
Sebewaing - 883-3854  
Pastor Phillip Meher  
**A FRIENDLY CHURCH**  
SUNDAY:  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6 pm Sunday Night Worship  
WEDNESDAY  
7:00 pm Bible Study

**BAD AXE 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAD AXE**  
Pastor David Dively  
Service 10:00 am  
Nursery Provided  
Sunday School 11:00 am

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

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CASEVILLE**  
Pastor James Duprey  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6 pm

**CASEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. John N. Hamilton  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
Nursery 10:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:15 am  
Bible Study 6:00 pm

**CHANDLER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ELKTON**  
Filion Rd. - Rev. Matthew Ameson  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday School 11:00 am

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453-3111

**COMMUNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH - YORK ST. ELKTON**  
Pastor DeWeard Smith  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

**COLLING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Colling Road & Dickerson  
Unionville - Rev. William Burdine  
SUNDAY  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
7:00 pm Evangelistic Service  
WEDNESDAY  
7:30 pm Mid-Week Prayer/Praise  
1st WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH  
7:30 pm N.F.M.S.

**CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, PIGEON ELCA**  
Raymond E. Orth, Pastor  
Sunday Worship  
8:30 am and 10:45 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am

**ELKTON MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Rev. Larry Salsbury  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship Hour 11:00 am  
Adult Bible Study  
Wednesday 7:30 pm  
Sunday Evening Service 7 pm

**ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Jim James  
Morning Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:45 am  
Jr. High & Sr. High Youth 6 pm  
Sunday Evening 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 pm

**FAITH BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Lynn A. Randall  
Corner M-25 and Haist Road  
Sunday School 10 am  
Morning Preaching 11 am  
Sunday Evening 6 pm  
Wednesday Mid-week 7 pm

**FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH**  
Rev. Wayne J. Keim  
Sunday School 10:30 am

**FAIR HAVEN MENNONITE, CONT.**  
Morning Worship 9:30 am

**FAITH & LOVE TABERNACLE**  
Family Church  
325 N. Center, Sebewaing  
SUNDAY  
10:00 am Morning Worship

**FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH OF BAD AXE**  
Pastor Howard Turnbull  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Sun. Evening Worship 7:30 pm  
Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study 7:30 pm

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON**  
Rev. James P. Schwandt  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 am

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Caseville - Missouri Synod  
856-4850  
M-25 & Crescent Beach Rd.  
Pastor John F. Mueller  
Sun. Worship 8 am & 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:15 am

**GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Pt. Austin Middle School Gym  
Pastor George Bade  
Sunday Services 10:00 am  
856-3991

**HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
3409 Akron Road, Akron  
Rev. Don Miller 674-2785  
SUNDAY  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
7:00 pm Evening Service  
WEDNESDAY  
7:30 pm Service

**HAYES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Alger T. Lewis  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
Rev. Fr. Stanley Surman

**HOLY FAMILY, CONT.**  
8370 Unionville Rd., Sebewaing  
MASSES: 7:00 pm Saturday  
8:00 am & 10:00 am Sun.

**HORSESHOE ACRES CALVARY CHURCH, BAD AXE**  
Rev. Stewart L. Justin  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
Sunday School 11:00 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wed. Night Bible Study 7:30 pm

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBEWAING** - Missouri Synod  
Rev. Martin Hagenow  
Vicar Merle Mahniken  
Sunday School 9:15 am  
Sun. Worship 8 am & 10:30 am  
Radio Broadcasting 10:30 a.m.  
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**KILMANAGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Jeffrey R. Maxwell  
SUNDAY  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship Service

**KINDGOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
1276 Pigeon Road Bad Axe  
SUNDAY  
10:00 am Bible Lecture  
11:00 am Discussion of "The Watchtower"

**MICHIGAN AVE. MENNONITE CHURCH, PIGEON**  
Herbert Troyer, Pastor  
Morning Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
Evening Service 7:00 pm

**MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
2711 Cass, Unionville  
Rev. Olaf Andersen  
9:15 am Divine Worship  
10:30 am Sunday School  
6:30 pm Youth Fellowship

**NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH WELS, Sebewaing**  
Corner of Grove & 5th Sts.  
Rev. Jonathan D. Stern  
SUNDAY  
9:00 am Divine Worship Service  
10:15 am Sunday School  
THURSDAY  
7:00 pm Worship Service

**PIGEON RIVER MENNONITE CHURCH - Luke Yoder, Pastor**  
Kenneth Dietzel, Assc. Pastor  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening 7:00 pm  
Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, BAY PORT**  
Elder Terry Brown  
Ervin Haley, Associate  
10:00 am. Church School  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
Child Emphasis Day,  
(3rd Sunday Each Month)  
10:00 am Crafts  
11:00 am and Junior Church

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, CASEVILLE**  
Elder Dennis Abbe  
Morning Worship 10:00 am  
Preaching Service 11 am, 453-2284

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, OWENDALE**  
(5 Miles South of Elkton)  
Delores Gardner, Pastor  
Early Morning Worship 10 am  
Church School 10 am  
Preaching Service 11 am

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON**  
Rev. Timothy Hastings  
Church School 9:30 am  
Morning Service 10:30 am

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST, Unionville - 3302 Bay St.**  
Pastor Hans Killius  
SATURDAY  
9:15 am Worship Service  
11 am Bible Study for All Ages

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA CATHOLIC CHURCH - PIGEON**  
Fr. Bernard Skornia  
Saturday Evening Mass 6 pm  
Sunday Masses 8 & 10 am  
Weekdays Mass 8:15 am  
Confessions Sat. 5-5:30 pm

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, KILMANAGH**  
Missouri Synod  
Rev. Jeffrey B. Walsh  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday Every Month

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
8271 Crescent Beach Rd., Sand Point Fr. Mark Jenkins  
Priest in Charge  
SUNDAY  
9:00 am Worship  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
7:30 pm Service

**ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, BERNE**  
Wisconsin Synod  
Pastor James Goresegner  
Worship Services  
8:30 and 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:30 am

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

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, UNIONVILLE**  
Rev. Paul Stohmann  
SUNDAY  
8:00 am Divine Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
& Bible Classes

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH UNIONVILLE - CONT.**  
10:30 am Divine Worship

**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH, Columbia Corners**  
Rev. Gary R. Groth 674-2922  
SUNDAY  
9:30 am Worship - Communion  
1st Sunday of the Month  
10:30 am Sunday School  
Every Age Welcome!

**THURSDAY**  
7:00 pm ALC Women's Bible Society 2nd Thursday of Month

**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bach**  
SUNDAY  
9:00 am Sunday School  
And Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service  
1st & 3rd Sun. Holy Communion

**ST. ROCH CATHOLIC CHURCH, Caseville**  
Saturday Mass 6:00 pm  
Sunday Mass 9:00 am

**TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, Elkton**  
Wisconsin Synod  
Rev. Paul Schleis  
Sunday School 8:45 am  
Church Service 10:00 am  
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEBEWAING**  
Rev. Lawrence C. Brooks  
SUNDAY  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AKRON - 691-5134**  
Rev. Michael Ingersoll  
SUNDAY  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Unionville**  
Rev. Mary F. Neil  
Owendale - Sunday  
10:00 am Church School  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
Gagetown - Sunday  
9:30 am Morning Worship  
10:30 am Church School

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Wisner**  
Rev. Mark Karis  
SUNDAY  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Sunday School

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Wisner**  
Rev. Mark Karis  
SUNDAY  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Morning Worship  
Study & Growth Groups Tues.  
Evenings at Homes, Thursday  
Evenings at Church

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**AUGUST DEATHS:** Arthur Sticken, 65; Doris Schell, 70; Elmer Farver, 71; Leta Osborne, 85; Viola Hopkins, 64; Sherrie Sivavajhapolong; Blanche Anderson, 84; Roy Davis, 78; Roy Frank, 60; Chalmer Miller, 88; Sherry Reist, 19; Merle Foster, 68; Isla Sowden, 75; Viola Smith, 59; Loren Stecker, 29.

**Recalling September, 1989**  
The weather cooperated perfectly to bring Elkton its best Autumnfest ever. Over 2,500 people toured the Active Industries, Inc. plant, in their first-ever Open House. Huron County Bean Queen ANGIE SCHUETTE was named Michigan Bean Queen, the second year in a row that a Huron County girl was named to the honor.

Two exchange students started their year of studies at Laker High School. VILLE ANTOLA, a Finnish student sponsored by the Pigeon Rotary Club; and CHUNG PING LEE, are the students.

Pigeon and Bay Port elementary schools principal FRED JOLLES recently accepted a position as superintendent of the Forest Area Schools near Traverse City. In addition to his duties as principal, Joles also served as transportation director and grant writer for the Laker district. Over 300 Scheurer Hospital supporters enjoyed a Benefit Brunch in the hospital dining room. Profits from the brunch were given to the Hospital Auxiliary Fund for designated projects. Laker school board member VIRGINIA LEIPPRANDT was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Huron County Probate Judge DAVID CLABUESCH was named to the Saginaw Valley State University's Board of Fellows, an advisory group of community leaders that assists the president and administration in various ways, including long-range planning, recommendations on the development of university programs, and assistance with legislative and community relations.

DON SCHAFFER of Elkton was recently honored with a 35-year service plaque from Active Industries, Inc. Scheurer Hospital put its new ambulance into service this month. The new International diesel ambulance chassis was purchased locally from Osentoski Equipments, Inc. of Pigeon, and equipped with an ambulance body built by Cayel-Craft, Inc. of Rick Rapids, Iowa. Cost of the ambulance is about \$75,000, financed by Winsor, McKinley, Fair Haven, Caseville, and Chandler Townships.

There will be no Homecoming for Caseville High School, as the football team's schedule has been canceled for the rest of the season due to injuries. The team could only field 11 players, enough to play a game, but no enough to provide substitutes. Plans are being made to have some sort of homecoming celebration later this fall, according to Principal GEORGE BEDNOREK.

**SEPTEMBER DEATHS:** Rev. Byron Chapman, 77; John Terrill, 84; Edith Howard, 88; James Brown, 32; Clara Stalter, 70; Mildred Webb, 83; Verna Thede, 59; John Curran, 75; Merrill Ross, 56; Robert Chisholm, 69; Katy Bableracki, 74.

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TV-5 camera crews were on hand in Caseville to picture the winners of the TV-5 Caseville Chamber of Commerce Walleye Tournament winners.



DREAMS DID COME TRUE for these float-builders during the 1989 Farmers' Festival Grand Parade.

**Greetings of the Season**

Dishing up good wishes to our wonderful friends and patrons, from the staff at **THE DUTCH KETTLE**

Enjoy our delicious Fish Fry Every Friday Night.

So that our employees can enjoy the holiday, we will be closing at 2:00 p.m. on New Years Eve Day, also New Years Day.

**The Dutch Kettle**  
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# WOODS and WATERS

By Duane Guenther

## The Christmas gift

Brian drove the shovel at the snowbank with renewed fury. The thin, aluminum edge of the grain scoop bit deeply into the frozen snow and when he lifted it a gigantic white block broke free. He smiled as he tossed it to one side.

He had been at the driveway ever since school was out and it looked as though he wouldn't get it finished before his Dad got home from work. But when he saw the results of his last shovel he knew that with a little effort he would have the job done in no time.

It wasn't that Brian disliked work.

Shoveling the driveway had been his job for the past 3 years. But with Christmas so close the little boy in him yearned for the praise and admiration of his parents. For with such a fine son they certainly would see fit to buy him a Christmas present worthy of the countless chores he had accomplished during the past month.

He did not reason that his present would come from his

parents' love, and he had even missed the Sunday school lesson last week, which had taught, "not by good works, lest any man boast". Brian just surmised that if he did his chores, picked up his clothes, went to bed without asking, and ate everything on his plate the shotgun he dreamed about would be under the tree Christmas morning.

Brian's dad was an outdoorsman, and for as long as Brian could remember, he had wanted to go hunting with his dad. From an early age, Brian had been allowed to tramp in his father's footsteps on many of his outings to field and stream, but Brian wanted to hunt with his dad as an equal, and he especially wanted to carry his own gun.

His dad had been meticulous in preparing him to become a hunter. Sometimes, when they chased grouse in the woodlot behind the house, Brian carried his B-B gun. On such occasions his dad would quiz him as to the proper proce-

dures in handling the gun safely. Whether they were crossing a fence, loading gear into the car, or just stopping for a rest along the edge of the woods, Brian was prompted to treat his gun as if it were a loaded shotgun.

Brian followed his father's instruction to the letter, and as a reward, on his 12th birthday, his dad enrolled him in a hunter's safety course at the local gun club. He was so proud of the certificate awarded at the conclusion of the course he ran all the way home and demanded that his father take him hunting immediately.

"Not so fast," dad said. "You're going to need a license before you can hunt, and I suppose you'll be needing a gun also?"

Brian couldn't believe his ears, but his dad had said it. He was going to get a new gun. Up to this point, whenever they practiced at the trap range, he shot his dad's old 20-gauge single shot and just assumed he would get the old gun when he became of age. But now, now, dad had said he was going to get a new gun, and what better time to get it then for Christmas.

The driveway was clean when Brian's father pulled in from work that evening, and Brian's mother had noticed how well he had been eating lately, and even picking up his clothes. Both she and her husband laughed after Brian had gone to bed.

"I didn't think kids acted like that when they were in Junior High!" she asked her husband.

"They'll do anything around Christmas time," he said, and they both laughed again.

Brian thought that Christmas would never come, but

some how the faithful day arrived and with it a glittering tree and loads of presents beneath.

He rose early, had breakfast with his Mom and Dad and then they were off to church.

Present opening in his family came after church. Later that morning, amid a pile of unwrapped presents, Brian sat dejected. He had plenty reasons to be happy, and 2 of them were right beside him, a new hunting coat and a brand new Britany Spaniel pup, but no shotgun.

Brian's dad sat down next to him and sliding a loving arm around the drooping shoulder asked, "Let's change clothes and give that new dog of yours a run out back?"

Brian nodded and headed upstairs to change into his jeans. When he came down the stairs his father was standing there with a leather case in his hand.

"As long as we're going to be in the woods, I thought we could try to shake out a grouse or 2 before dinner," he said, handling the long, leather case to Brian.

Brian unzipped the case and slid out his father's 20-gauge double barrel. It was really his grandfather's gun, but his dad had used it since grandpa had died a couple of years ago.

"But, but," Brian stammered. "No buts about it," his dad replied, "been saving that gun until you got old enough to use it, and I guess the time has come."

"Whoopsee!" Brian yelled, "Whoopseeeeeeee!!!!!!!"

THANKS FOR BEING A NEWSPAPER READER! KEEP IT UP!



### This Week's Progress-Advance ...

## OUTDOOR REPORT

The tremendous cold snap that has visited our state for the last several weeks has outdoor lovers in a quandary. Many feel hunting, fishing and traveling are out of the question, but by following a few simple rules, these activities can be enjoyed to the fullest.

First, never underestimate the power of the cold, and never overestimate your ability to handle it. Dress in layers and put on plenty of clothes. Boots, hats and gloves are most essential because the feet, head and hands lose heat more rapidly than other parts of the body. Move slowly and don't push yourself. Sweating can cause discomfort and be downright dangerous in the temperatures we have been subjected to during the past several days.

Stay away from booze. Alcohol dilates the blood vessels in your skin and dissipates heat much more rapidly. You may feel a little warmer when you take that "nip", but it is very misleading.

Michigan cross-country skiers will be able to ski free on more than 35 ski facilities on January 6, 1990, according to the Michigan Travel Bureau. The Bureau is sponsoring a program to provide free trail passes and free clinics to anyone who registers for the event in advance. A brochure describing the program is available from the Michigan Travel Bureau.

Local ice fishing has gotten off to an early start, thanks to the cold snap that gripped Saginaw Bay in one of the quickest freezes on record. Ice conditions are perfect for most types of travel and so far, the fish have been fairly cooperative. Parch fishing was reported fair to good at Quanicasse, Sebawaing and Bay Port, and good to excellent around Caseville. Early anglers are having the most success with Russian hooks and minnows.

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# OBITUARIES

## FRANK GRASSEL 1918 - 1989

Frank Grassel, age 71, of Owendale, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 19 at St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw. He was born Aug. 18, 1918 in Winsor Township, son of the late John and Anna (Boesch) Grassel. He married Violet E. (Rogers) Kuhl on June 10, 1967 in Wayne.

Mr. Grassel attended the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene and was employed at Active Industries, Elkton, as a metal finisher for 24 years. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Violet, Owendale; three daughters, Genna Grassel, at home, Pamela Grassel, Allma and Ms. Penny Loew, Westland; two sons, Michael Grassel, St. Louis and James Grassel, Gaylord; 18 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Donna Wright, Caro; three stepsons, Brian Rogers, Gagetown, Dwayne Rogers, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. and Darryl Rogers, Cave City, Ark.; four sisters, Mrs. Theresa Ballow, Westland, Mrs. Katherine McCragh, Romulus, Mrs. Burke (Ella) Kenyon, Presque Isle and Mrs. LeMan (Loretta) Smith, Garden City; five brothers, Pater Grassel, Westland, Earl Grassel, Zion, Ill., William Grassel, Flat Rock, Arthur Grassel, Alabama and Melvin Grassel, Vermilion, Ohio and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Gabany.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 22 at the Shtetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. The Rev. Thomas A. Humphreys, pastor of Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, officiated, with burial in Grant Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given in his memory to the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene.

## OTHER THUMB AREA DEATHS

Frank Baranski, 82, Dwight Township, passed away Dec. 19.

Elmer Krueger, 72, Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 19.

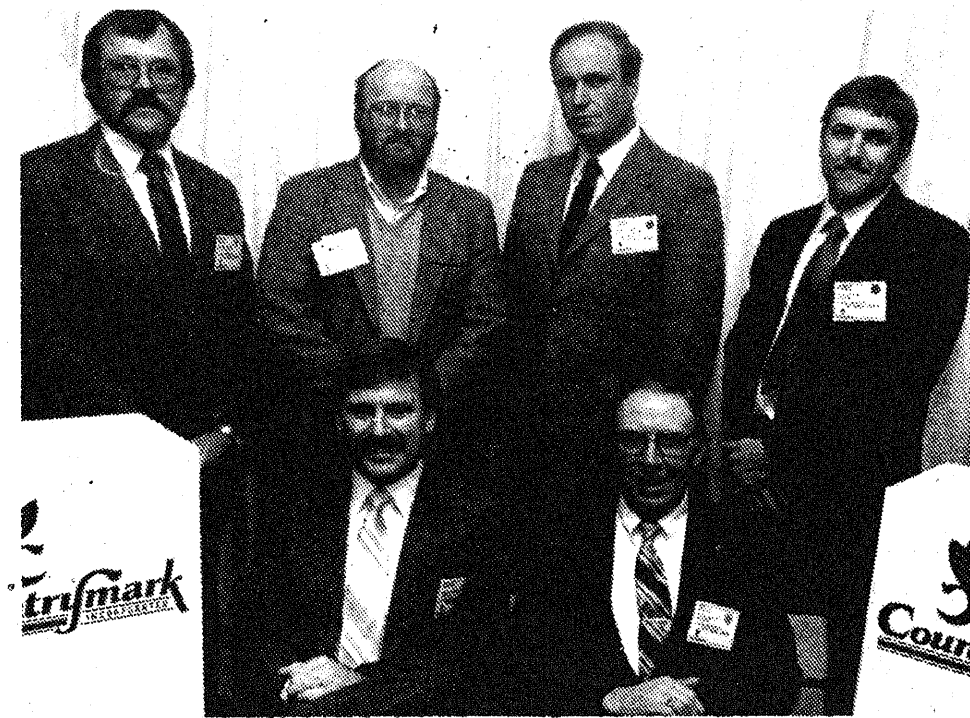
Frank Grassel, 71, Owendale, passed away Dec. 19.

Gerald Bouchard, 60, Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 20.

Walter Hoffman, 70, Cass City, passed away Dec. 20.

John Stroud, 33, High Ridge, Mo., formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 21.

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ELKTON CO-OP ATTENDS: Farmers representing Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Company were among 700 who attended part of the annual stockholders' meetings of Countrymark, Inc., at East Lansing, on Dec. 4. Meeting theme was "Harnessing the Dream."

SHOWN HERE, front row from left, are David McClain and William Gotts. Back row, William Herford, William McPhee, Lawrence Krohn and Fred Gottschalk. Countrymark Chairman Dan Bendschneider and others notes the group's fiscal year sales totaled more than \$960 million, with earnings of \$1.9 million, for the company's fourth consecutive year of profitable operations. Plus, long-term debt to equity ratios continue to improve.

The numbers compare with 1988 sales volume of \$803 million and earnings of \$4.2 million, officials say. The Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Co. is a member cooperative of Countrymark, Inc. PHOTO FURNISHED

## Achievements

James R. Weir, M.D., recently became a Diplomat of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

A native of Saginaw, Dr. Weir is a graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Alma College and the Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit. Dr. Weir has been practicing in the Saginaw for two years following the completion of his residency at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.



Dr. Weir is married to the former Susan Wichert, daughter of Gilbert and Naomi Wichert of Pigeon.

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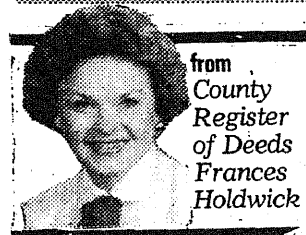
## Ring in the New

As the new year begins, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish our many good friends every happiness!!

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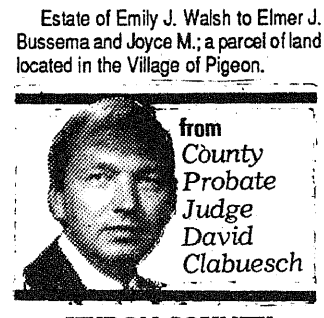
# NEWS THAT COUNTS FROM THE COUNTY



**HURON COUNTY WARRANTY DEEDS**  
December 13 - 19

Barbara Ann Rowe to Roy Beard and Cheryl L.; a parcel of land located in Section 17 of McKinley Twp.  
North Shore Developers, Inc. to Timothy P. Higgins, Larry Curtis and Sharon M.; a parcel of land located in Caseville Twp.  
Estate of Margaret H. Kretschmer to Dale A. Woodke and Pamela A.; a parcel of land located in Bloomfield Twp.  
George A. Nyquist and Virginia J. to Louis M. Bloniani and Christine M.; a parcel of land located in Sand Beach Twp.  
Carl Sagerman and Ida to Paul J. Ruttko and Janice L.; a parcel of land located in Section 3 of Bingham Twp.  
Beverly J. Bachler to Thomas P. Dembeck Jr. and Virginia M.; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.  
George D. Beadle and Jeanette E. to Stanley M. Bozek and Patricia A.; a

parcel of land located in Caseville Twp.  
Harold A. Wade to Paul C. Ginther and Jeanette A.; a parcel of land located in Section 11 of Sand Beach.  
Stanley J. Lersach and Dorothy B. to Paul E. Taylor and Kathy M.; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Hume Twp.  
Michael F. Feury and Genevieve to Raymond Bujel and Ronald Bujel; a parcel of land located in Section 32 of Sigel Twp.  
Charles F. Hartwick and Kathleen M. to Robert L. McLachlan and Edna; a parcel of land located in Section 36 of Grant Twp.  
Scott C. Frost and Mary I. to John A. Potere and Katherine N.; a parcel of land located in Section 7 of Sebawaing Twp.  
Robert Bowers and Anne Marie to Raymond A. Pettit; a parcel of land located in Section 36 of Hume Twp.  
Earl C. Zeese and Shirley L. to L. Jack Rochefort and Jean; a parcel of land located in Hume Twp.  
Douglas M. Braun and Sharon S. to Renee M. Carson; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
John T. Blackstock and Gayle A.; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Lincoln Twp.  
David S. Helewski and Jean M. to Donald Dennis Booms; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Bingham Twp.



**HURON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
December 14 - 20

Estate of Emily J. Walsh to Elmer J. Bussema and Joyce M.; a parcel of land located in the Village of Pigeon.  
Estate of Marion Louise Lee, Deceased, of Elkton. File 29,601. Supervised Probate Order Determining Heirs filed.  
Estate of Alexander H. Pleinness, Deceased, of Port Hope. File 29,646. Will filed.  
Estate of Helen Kijas, Deceased, of Caseville. File 29,645. Will filed.  
Estate of Ronald E. Osentoski, Deceased, of Bad Axe. File 29,616. Independent Probate Order Determining Heirs filed.

## 1989 THE PAST YEAR IN REVIEW

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### Recalling OCTOBER, 1989

Pigeon's first historical marker was dedicated Oct. 8 by members of the Pigeon Historical Society and the Pigeon Village Council. The historical designation took members of the Society over two years to receive, according to society president Al Robinson.  
Caseville resident KARL KRAUS was appointed by Gov. James Blanchard to be 73rd District Judge, to fill the term of recently retired Judge John Schubel. The appointment will last until the November 1990 General Election.  
The Pigeon District Library, in cooperation with Huron's Efforts for Literacy Progress (H.E.L.P.) was awarded a Title VI Library Services and Construction Act grant for the 1989-90 year. The grant totaled \$25,000, and will be used to extend support services to Huron County adult illiterates, develop connections between Huron County libraries and

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**NEW LAKER BOARD MEMBERS** Burt Keefer and Jane Christner are sworn into their new offices following their successful election bids this year.

### Scheurer still seeks EMT trainees

Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, will offer tuition assistance to persons interested in taking an Emergency Medical Technician Course being offered beginning Jan. 8, 1990.

Classes will run from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Huron Memorial Hospital North Conference Room.

Scheurer Hospital will reimburse the total cost of the course to any student who satisfactorily completes the EMT course, obtains the proper state licensure and commits to running with the Scheurer Hospital Ambulance Service.

Details may be obtained by calling the Scheurer Hospital Personnel Department at 453-3223, ext. 302.

### Childbirth classes set Jan. 3-Feb. 7

Huron Memorial Hospital will be offering a six week class in Childbirth Education starting Jan. 3 through Feb. 7. The series will be held at the hospital from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. There is a charge for the program and is open to all pregnant women due before the end of April.

Classes will be based on the Lamaze method of breathing and relaxation techniques. The last trimester of pregnancy, nutrition, fetal development, the normal course of labor as well as variations, postpartum and newborn care, and infant CPR will be covered.

Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. For more information call Ann Booms at 269-9360.

**NOTICE ELKTON RESIDENTS**  
Election inspectors needed. Applications available at the Clerk's office during business hours, 375-2270.  
JANET SANTOS Clerk

**PUBLIC BID**  
The Village of Elkton is accepting bids for Village Insurance. Specifications sheet available at clerk's office during regular business hours. Return sealed bid by January 31, 1990 4:00 p.m.  
JANET SANTOS Clerk

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### Thanks a Million By Percy Ross

You may write to Percy Ross in care of The Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 35000 Minneapolis, MN 55432. Please include your telephone number with your letter.

## Christmas hope over practicality

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
*I'm not sure how much you need to know about a person's situation to grant help. I've never written you. I have four children, ages seven, six, four and three. Their father abandoned us two years ago and has never sent a penny for support.*

*When my two youngest can go to school, maybe I can learn a skill myself to get a good job. But for now I must live on Aid to Families with Dependent Children — it's the only way I can support all of us.*

*This year has been hard, even harder than last year, when I was tempted to write you for help. The kids grew out of their clothes so quickly. Rather than pay my utilities, I took that money and shopped at thrift stores for clothes. I fear after the first of the year, my electricity and phone will be shut off — but that's not why I'm writing.*

*All I want is to see my kids' faces light up on Christmas morning when they see that Santa has remembered them. I need money to get a tree and naturally to buy each of my kids a couple of presents. It might be asking a lot, but could you also include a little extra for food? I'd love to make us all a big Christmas dinner of turkey with all the trimmings — something we didn't have at Thanksgiving.*

*I hope you think I'm not greedy in asking for so much — it's just that giving my kids a decent Christmas this year might give us hope that life will get better. At least for one day, I can look at four glowing, happy faces filled with contentment. From the bottom of this mother's aching heart — please help me, Mr. Ross, in making this Christmas special for my kids — they're all I have in this cold world. — Mrs. C.B., Anywhere, U.S.A.*

**DEAR READERS:**

I've received hundreds of letters this year similar to the one from Mrs. "B." which explains why I list her from "Anywhere, U.S.A." It's been this way each Christmas since I started this column nearly seven years ago.

Approaching these requests with a sense of practicality, I

began sending many family modest checks for the holiday, accompanied with my advice on how to spend the money. It did not include buying a Christmas tree and brightly colored wrapped packages to put beneath it. Instead, I suggested they pay past due utility bills and stock their cupboards with canned goods.

Rather than spend one day — Christmas Day — looking at ornamental symbolism to supposedly capture the spirit of this holiday, I figured, why not gain peace of mind knowing the utilities were paid and the security of having a cupboard full of food to last the next month?

So, after dispensing checks with this advice for the better part of a month, I counted myself among those doing their part to fulfill "goodwill toward men." That was up until a couple of weeks ago, when I had a change of heart. Seems I had lost sight of what the holiday season is all about.

Christmas parallels the word "hope." Hope that a better tomorrow exists for us and our children; hope that disease, poverty and war will subside; hope that our lives beyond this world will be, indeed, eternal bliss.

This hope is needed by all and even more so by those who feel their last shred of hope has slipped through the cracks of their drafty, poorly insulated homes, unable to afford their heating bills.

So what advice do I send with my holiday checks now? Buy that Christmas tree and a set of lights and garland and ornaments and whatever else to trim it. And yes, buy the kids those gifts and wrap them in brightly colored packages with big bows. And, skip the canned goods — buy that turkey with all the trimmings and have a holiday feast fit for a king.

That's how my message to Mrs. "B." reads, as does every other check I have sent within the last couple of weeks, because it dawned

on me that having one day filled with the "holiday spirit" is worth more than a year's paid utility bills.

Let all of us demand that this spirit of hope and forgiveness in our hearts stays alive throughout the year. Christmas is more than just one day, it's an attitude that should prevail every day of

the year. Be it Dec. 25 or June 25, if we live each day as though it were Christmas Day, won't this be a better world for all?

Ho!Ho!Ho! from this Jewish Santa who just might buy himself a holiday tree for the first time this year. Merry Christmas to all and to all, a Happy New Year!  
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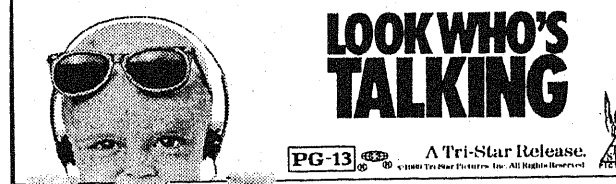
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### Thumb club news

#### ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Thirty-four members of the Elkton Senior Citizens responded to roll call when they met at the Civic Center on Dec. 12.

Table grace was offered by Kay Walker before the noon meal.

Following lunch, "America" was sung and the Pledge to the Flag given. With the Gemmels in charge of music, "The Birthday Song" was sung for Clayton Gemme and Vera Sherwood. Greetings and congratulations were extended to Willard and Ruth Ulrich who were in Michigan to see their first great-grandchild.

Mel Baerwolf and Ray Schweitzer entertained with music on the fiddle, guitar and banjo.

The last meeting of the year was conducted Dec. 19 as an open meeting.

Thirty-five members and guests signed in for the Dec. 19 meeting of Elkton Senior Citizens. A special guest was Mary Lou Elenbaum.

Ray English led as the Lord's

Prayer was repeated before the special Christmas meal. Mildred Renn was thanked for baking the ham.

Christmas music was led by Ardis and Clayton Gemme, Hazel Beach and Elizabeth Schelke. After opening the meeting with the singing of "America" and the Pledge to the Flag, several carols were sung.

The birthdays of Alice Bowles, Sherman Day, Christine Conkey, Mildred Renn, Hazel Beach, Ray English and Secord McMullen were saluted with "The Birthday Song."

"Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was sung to honor the 55th wedding anniversary of the Gemmels. They were thanked for the ice cream they furnished for dessert.

"The Anniversary Song" was sung for Frank and Lydia Ross.

Christmas greetings were received from Catherine Protzman, Mildred Dietzel, Esther Hodapp and Ina and Secord McMullen. Christmas cards were signed and sent to several shut-ins.

The next meeting is set for Jan. 9 with Sherman Day to chair the program.

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