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Pheasants Fly Free!

There were at least 400 "new" pheasants enjoying the Spring weather last week in the Western Thumb, and members of Pigeon Club cooperated with the Department of Natural Resources to release over 1,000 pheasants into areas that had been closed to hunting. The pheasants represented 80% of the 500 birds that were wintered over in the Club’s Pigeon Creek stockyard on Ceresco Road. Club members conducted the 1.4-foot pen last summer and provided feed, shelter and the best possible living conditions for the birds. The cost of the pens, including the feed, came to around $11,000.

Youth members of the DNR staff who helped release the pheasants said they were surprised at the number of birds released. "The success rate of releasing pheasants is extremely good," said John Reed. "About 65% of the birds released are found dead or missing through the winter. Pheasants in the project received from the Pigeon Club are considered to be the best of the best." Pigeon Club Director Carl Knieser said the Club was pleased with the cooperation and support from the DNR and other agencies involved in the project.

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USA FFA Wins Gold!

USA Future Farmers of America received a gold medal at the National FFA Convention in the 62nd annual State Convention this year. The FFA members were selected to represent the State of Michigan by winning a gold medal in the 62nd annual State Convention held at the University of Indiana in March 1990. Selections were made on the basis of the gold medal winners in the State FFA-FFA competition.

The students were selected to represent the State FFA-FFA competition and were Travis Snavely and Terry Staton. They were selected to represent Michigan at the National FFA Convention in the National Competition.

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Laker FFA Brings Home State Gold!

AG FORUM TEAM ARE RESERVE STATE CHAMPIONS: Pictured in front are, Ryan Stahl, Aaron Dula, Peter Shippe, Taylor Lee, Mike Richmond, Mike Kester, Eric Wiener, Monte Herford.

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JANE L. CHRISTNER, Secretary
CENSUS DAY APRIL 1, 1990

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What's Will The 1990 Census Tell Us?

• How the nation is changing
• The condition of housing
• Education, employment and income information about your area.
• The census takes the social and economic pulse of the nation.

If You're Not Counted

For a number of reasons, about 2.5 million people were not counted in the last census (about 1 percent). This is a called an undercount. Among minority populations the percentage was higher - about 6 percent.

Unfortunately, undercount can result in flawed decisions. Inaccurate counts can curtail projects and cause lower funding for community programs and services. Often, those who could benefit most are those who are shortchanged when there's an undercount.

Being missed in the census affects not only the people missed - everyone loses if everyone is not counted.

Questions?
Call The Saginaw Regional Census Office — 759-1810 —

The Census is confidential! So, why not stand up and be counted...

The data needs to be updated, and could affect the help we receive...

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Why A Census?

It's part of the U.S. Constitution — Article 1, Section 2 says...

“Representatives... shall be apportioned among the several States... according to their respective Numbers. The actual Enumeration shall be made within... three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every... subsequent Term of Ten years, in such manner as Congress shall by Law direct.”

What's The Use Of A Census?

The population count for your area is used to determine how many seats your state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. States use the number of seats in their legislatures.

Billions of dollars in federal funds are returned to states, local governments, American Indian reservations and Alaska Native villages. State funds are returned to cities and counties. Amounts are based on population or housing data. Because that, planners use census facts to determine where to locate such facilities as hospitals, schools, day care and senior citizen centers. Various social programs receive funds based on census information. Businesses use the data for decisions involving expansion and jobs.

How Important Are You?

Success of the census depends on you, on everyone.

In 1990, questionnaires will be delivered to more than 106 million housing units and living quarters in the county. More than 5,000 census takers and support personnel will help conduct the census and add up the final results.

How well you cooperate — this means completing and returning your questionnaire — will determine how accurate the census will be.

What's Ahead?

About a week before Census Day (April 1, 1990) most households will receive a questionnaire by mail. Others, depending on location, will have forms delivered by census takers.

Roughly, five out of six households will receive a short form. Nationally, about one out of every six households will be asked to fill out a longer form... In Huron County, one in two residents will be asked to fill out a longer form, because the data on Huron County needs to be updated, according to the federal government.

You should fill out your form, then keep it at home until a census enumerator comes to your house to collect it. Do not mail your form back to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Please be complete when filling out your Census forms...

Your cooperation will be to the benefit of everyone in the Thumb...

The Census will give the government an accurate picture of our County...

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The Census is Confidential!

So, why not stand up and count yourself in the form back? Neither a census taker nor any other employee of the Census Bureau can reveal information about you or your household. Census personnel take an oath to uphold this confidence. Failure to do so can mean fines of $5,000 and imprisonment of up to five years in prison and $50,000 in fines. And what about other federal agencies, can they get your census information? The answer is NO!

Title 15 of the U.S. Code prevents any agency - Immigration, the FBI, the IRS, the courts, the military, welfare agencies from getting any specific information about you. In fact, personal information from the 1990 Census will be locked up until the year 2025.

Once the Census Bureau receives your questionnaire, a key part of our work begins. If the questionnaires in incomplete, a census Enumerator must contact you to obtain the information. The answers on your questionnaire are combined with those from other questionnaires to produce statistical totals for various geographic areas. It is this combined number, not your personal answers, that are published and put to thousands of uses.

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