COMMUNITY BOOK STORE

By SALLY RUMMEL

Huron County’s only full-service Christian bookstore, Community Book Store and the Bluewater Youth for Christ office located on Michigan Avenue at the west end of Pigeon are splitting at the seams.

And have begun an extensive building and remodeling project to accommodate their growth.

The two groups have shared the same building since 1977, when Community Book Store first opened its doors to the Christian community.

Since that time 13 years ago when four partners pooled their resources to form the Community Book Store, the venture has grown to 10 owners and has become known throughout the county as a full-service Christian bookstore.

And owner/manager Eugene Gascho has found that the limited space available in its present location is not enough room to properly display and sell all the items and services now available through Community Book Store.

At the same time that the store was feeling “the squeeze,” so were the six staffers housed in the small quarters of the Bluewater Youth for Christ office, located to the west of the store in the same building.

“The space is too small, there is little storage room and absolutely no privacy at our present YFC location,” according to Bluewater Youth for Christ Director Dwight Gascho.

Both groups are looking at the upcoming changes with a great deal of excitement.

A new bookstore, three times the size of the present store, will be built directly to the west of the existing building.

While the store’s inventory is not expected to change, the new store will provide more space to display the books, music, gifts and church supplies already in abundant supply. Presently, according to Eugene Gascho, much of the inventory is put away in cupboards or piled under shelves because there just isn’t enough room.

The new store will also provide areas for specialty displays, such as wedding items, videos and a special children’s playroom so that parents can shop on their own.

Groundbreaking for the new bookstore addition is expected to take place in early June, according to Gascho.

B Y FC Director Dwight Gascho explains that the building project has been broken down into four phases and that they have completed phase one and are working on phase two.

Phase one was the addition built on the back of the current bookstore, which houses the YFC staff. When the new bookstore is complete and the current one vacated, YFC will use the complete space vacated by the bookstore in addition to the new offices built in back.

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ARROSH APRICOT ‘paves way’ for Elkton’s Main Street

By ANYA JENKINS
Elkton’s Main Street will be getting a face lift under a new councilman. Jim Arkwright, 5th Ward Elkton, has been appointed to the position. 

Arkwright’s 4th of July Weekend will bring in a bigger, better celebration. Arkwright said that he would like to have more community involvement in the celebration. Arkwright said that he would like to have more community involvement in the celebration.

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