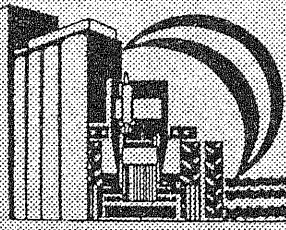


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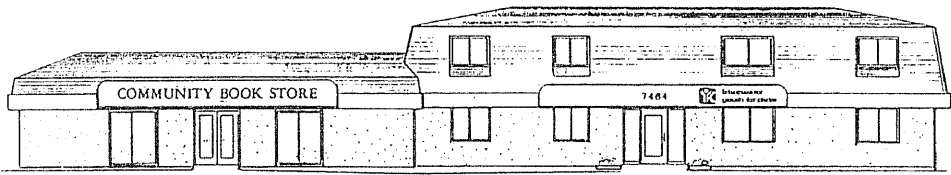
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(WATCH FOR LISTENING EAR AGAIN NEXT WEEK)

Community Book Store & YFC growing together



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 serve 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 22 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.

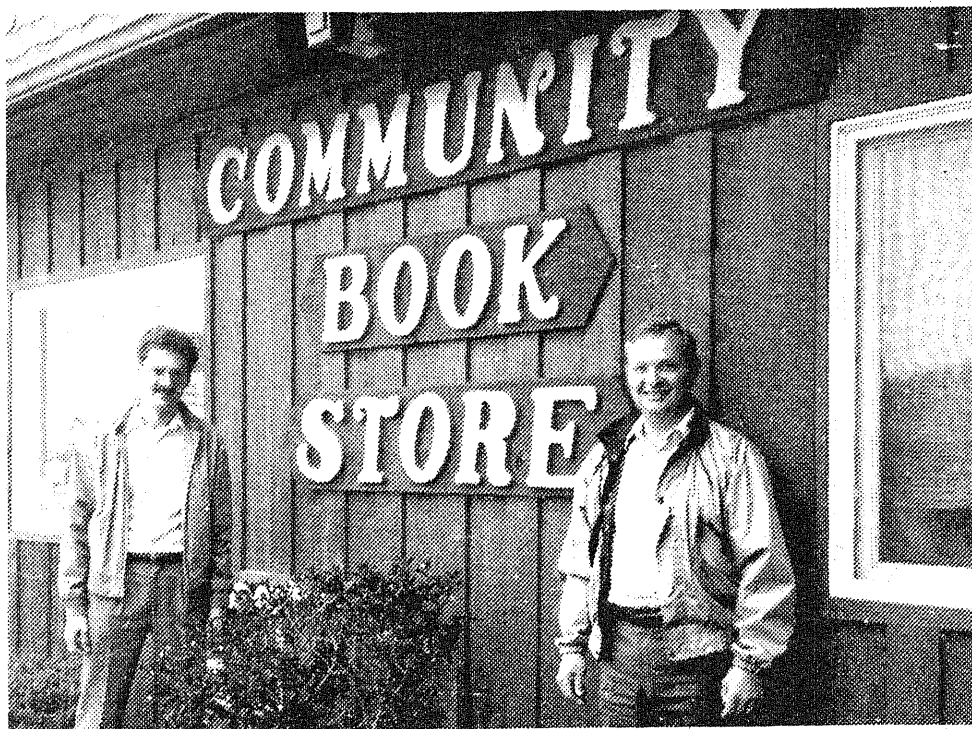
The new store will also provide areas for specialty displays, such as wedding items, videos and a special children's play nook so that parents can shop on their own.

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

BYFC 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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EUGENE GASCHO of Community Book Store and Bluewater Youth For Christ Executive Director **DWIGHT GASCHO** at the present Book Store building in Pigeon.

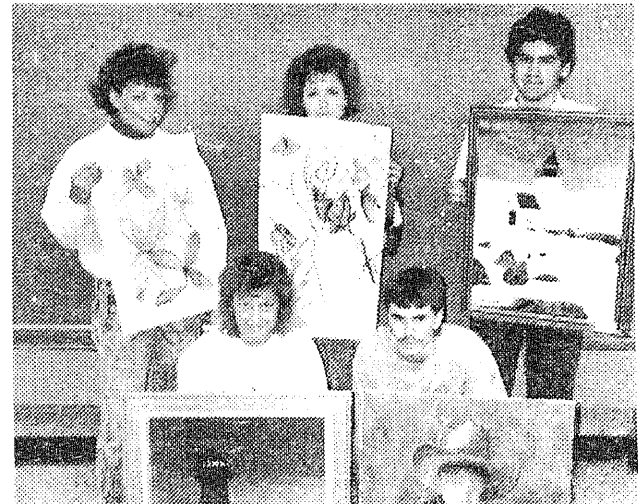
SALLY RUMMEL PHOTO

Laker Art on display

The 23rd annual Laker art show is coming this Sunday, May 13 at the Elkton Civic Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

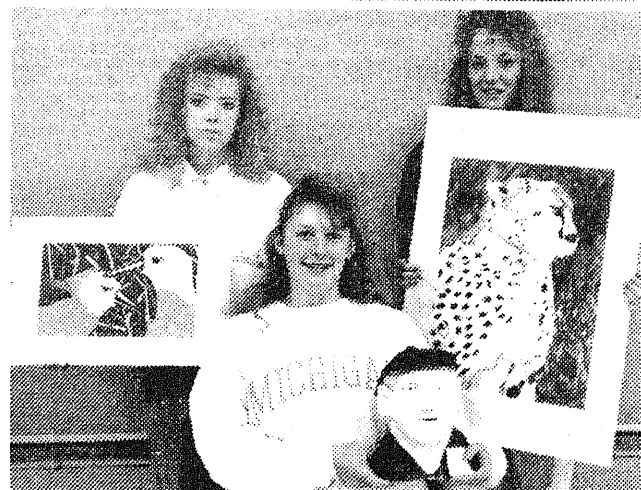
The show is sponsored by the Elkton Women's Civic Club. Donations will be accepted and door prizes will be given.

The art show includes work from all Laker art students and features work in pencil, charcoal, ink, clay, prints, oil and tempera paints.



ART IV: Sitting, Angie Lawrence and Jamie Katsor.

Rear, Missy LaBelle, Kim Edington and John Stahl.

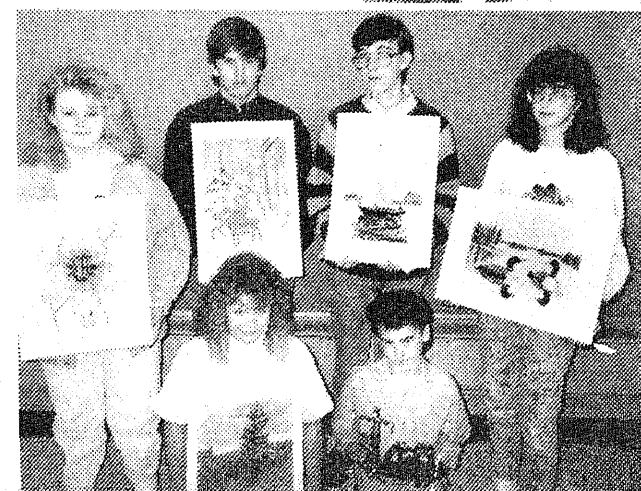


ART III: Deidra Hewitt, Marcy Eisinger and Chris Eisiliones.



ART II: Sitting, Jenny Emerson, Barbie Peck.

Rear, Kristin Krohn, Tom Bradley, Pat McGee and Brenda Schulze.



ART I: Sitting, Jennifer Heintz and Jason Stahl.

Rear, Jamie Grigg, Chad Bronson, Jay Schwandt and Becky Kropp.

Yaroch Asphalt 'paves way' for Elkton's Main Street

By AMY HEIDEN

Elkton's South Main Street will be getting a new surface this summer, after the Elkton Village Council accepted a bid from Yaroch Asphalt Paving of Pigeon for resurfacing the street.

Yaroch's bid of \$29,663, which includes paving S. Main, the alley between M-142 to Hoffman Street, and a parking lot behind Don's Barber Shop, was about \$1,600 higher than the next lowest bid, but the council felt that a local company should get the nod.

Council member Terry Heck said a local company has a reputation to maintain in the area, and might be more willing to make any repairs needed.

Council also approved the purchase of 29.4 acres west of Ewald Rd., on the east side of the village, from Margaret McBride for a total price of \$73,500.

The village will make a down payment of \$28,500 at closing, and the balance will be paid on a land contract over five years at 8% interest with an annual payment.

Clerk Janet Santos said the village was interested in purchasing the property because the village is "landlocked," with very little available land for expansion. The land is currently rented for crop production under a current

rental contract between McBride and a local farmer.

Six local residents were appointed to the new Parks and Recreation Authority created by Council at its last meeting.

Alfredo Santos, Sr. and Barb Thompson were named to three-year terms, Frank Kolar and Elmer Ropp were named to two-year terms, and Pedro Santos and Rev. DeWeerd Smith were named to one-year terms on the authority.

Council member Sid Hurlburt will be Council's representative on the authority. The Parks and Recreation Authority will make recommendations to the Council on any matters pertaining to recreation and use of the village's parks.

In a later meeting, Alfredo Santos, Sr. was named chairman, Kolar vice-chairman, and Thompson secretary of the newly-formed body. The first official meeting was to be Monday, May 7.

The village will be hiring a director for the summer recreation program, scheduled this year for June 25-Aug. 3. Applications for the position are being accepted at the Clerk's office until May 18.

The new director will officially be hired at the next regular council meeting.

Over the next several months, council members will be putting together a manual containing operating rules for the village.

Janet Santos said the manual would be helpful in answering the most common questions a new resident might have, such as cost of hook-ups or Council committee members. The manual would be updated yearly.

In other business, Elkton Council:

■ Granted permission to the Interfaith Softball League to use the ballfields at Ackerman Park for games this summer on Mondays and Thursdays.

Village President George Willoughby told the league's representative that children on the T-Ball and Little League teams have priority on the use of the fields.

■ Agreed to hire Mastro Marco of the law firm of Peacock, Fordney of Saginaw, to update the employee rules and regulations.

■ Agreed to join the Federal Surplus Purchase Plan, which allows villages to purchase surplus government property at reduced prices.

■ Set a date for a public hearing on the proposed Downtown Development

Authority for June 11 at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

■ Tabled a request from

Rodney Heck to have a food stand at Ackerman Park during ball games. The re-

quest was turned over to the Parks and Recreation Authority for further study.



CROSSING THE HURON and Eastern railroad tracks on Pigeon's Main Street will be a lot smoother when workers are finished installing a new rubber-based crossing surface in the next few weeks.

HERE, workers from Janet Sand and Gravel are breaking up the old asphalt at the tracks. Next, Huron and Eastern Railway employees will lay new ties, and when they're done, the Michigan Department of Transportation Highway Department will apply the new rubber-based coating.

Village Clerk Janet Heckman said that construction—and the detours on Pigeon's busiest street—will take about 19 days.

PIGEON NEWS BRIEFS

By DOROTHY DIENER

Mrs. Loren Elftman with Mrs. Raymond Erer of Bad Axe spent Saturday with Mrs. Richard Jarvis in Weidman.

Holly Born and cousin Kim Schulz of Sebawaing spent Punk Rock over the weekend with Born's brother, Rick at Ferris State.

Mr. and Mrs. John Diener attended the 9 a.m. confirmation service at New Salem Lutheran Church in Sebawaing for Justin Fritz, son of Mrs. Debra (Schnitker) Fritz. They also attended the 10:30 a.m. confirmation service at Immanuel Lutheran Church for Jason Werschky, who was one of the nineteen confirmed. They were among

the dinner guests of Fritz's given by his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke, Pamela, Kristine and Mark of Sterling Heights were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke. Mrs. Rathke and her daughters attended the Mother and Daughter Tea at the Cross School.

The Luther League of Cross Lutheran Church met at the school Sunday evening. Robin Sturm opened with devotions, Jason Sturm gave the movie topic and Paige Nelson furnished the snacks.

Miss Suzanne Schuette attended the bridal shower for Deann Richmond at the Hayes Methodist Church Sunday afternoon. Miss

Richmond will be married Saturday May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Manyen of Bay City to help celebrate their grandson Patrick's eighth birthday.

Mrs. Marlin Rathke attended the Kevin Kuehl Concert at the Caseville school auditorium Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mohr visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hart and family in Lansing over the weekend.

Out in the Field

WITH 'FARMER BOB'

It's not the Fourth of July yet (it's not even Memorial Day), but local corn will certainly be "knee-high" by then... if this past week's growing conditions are any indication "OUT IN THE FIELD."

As Farmer Bob is showing us, tiny corn plants have popped out an average of two inches high in his field, as last week's warm weather and rain helped sprouting immensely.

The corn was planted about 10 days ahead of schedule, and the nearly one inch of rain that fell Friday brought conditions to "perfect moisture" for mid-May, Farmer Bob says. More field preparation is underway for Sugar Beets, and Dry Beans won't be far behind, Farmer Bob adds.



Cosmetologist joins Heckman's Barber Shop

By SALLY RUMMEL

Heckman Barber Shop of Pigeon will now offer "total family hair care" with the addition of Lisa Gnagey as a licensed cosmetologist.

Gnagey, a 1986 graduate of Unionville-Sebawaing Area High School, has had four years of experience working in hair care, most recently in

the Sebawaing area. She is a graduate of Howard's Beauty School, Caro.

She will offer hair care service to area women and girls and will also do perms for men. A private work area has been added at Heckman's Barber Shop to accommodate this new service.

Gnagey's hours will be Tuesday through Friday from 9 to 5:30 and on Saturday from 9 to 1. She will also take walk-ins, according to

Heckman's Barber Shop owner Ron Heckman.

Here, new employee Lisa Gnagey looks over her license with Ron Heckman.



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

DESK-CLEARING: ■ It was great to see George Keim at Sunday night's "Acapella" concert, following his recent foot surgery. He'd told us in his columns he was walking with two canes, then later would need one — and finally would rely on his original two feet.

We're glad to report he's already using his feet only... and George said he's mighty glad to be getting out and around again!

■ Nice salute to Laker Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor Don Wheeler in Sunday's Bay City Times. As we previously told you, Wheeler was named outstanding ag education instructor in Michigan for the second straight year by his peers. He's teaching 102 agriculture and FFA students this year.

Congratulations, Don, to one of the best!
■ Farm land values in Michigan rose 6% to \$1,060 an acre last year, headed back toward the all-time high of \$1,108 set in 1985, says the state Ag Department. Michigan's rise was tops in the Midwest...

■ Speaking of ag programs and FFA, at least two area school districts are trying to work together to keep (or re-start) ag programs. Unionville - Sebawaing and Cass City officials are seeking a joint ag program and hope to make an announcement by May 21. Cass City hasn't offered ag programs since 1987.

■ "America's Funniest Home Videos" was again the show most Americans watched last week. Next came "Cheers," "A Different World," the CBS movie "Caroline?" and "The Cosby Show."

■ On an average day in America, the U.S. government spends \$445 million just on interest on the national debt... ■ Caseville will be "Our Town" on WJEM-TV 5 May 27 to June 1, members of the Caseville Chamber of Commerce are being told.

Yes, there will be pretty pictures and short interviews about Caseville in that time, but don't kid yourself: the only reason a multi-million-dollar broadcast company does that stuff is to sell extra advertising...

I wish they'd send as many reporters to town as they send ad salesmen, but that's just not the case...

■ A traffic ticket will take from two to four weeks to decompose in a landfill, while a cotton rag takes up to five months. An aluminum can requires 200 to 500 years — and the plastic on a six-pack beverage container will take more than 450 years to decompose...

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WISH I'D SAID THAT: "People on ego trips should do others a favor and buy one-way tickets!" (Dale Wertz)

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LJH Band earns state honors

The Laker Junior High School Band, competing last Saturday in the State Band

Perch winners named

Men from Davison and Saginaw took top prizes in the annual Perch Fishing Contest sponsored by the Caseville Chamber of Commerce as part of this year's Caseville Perch Festival.

David DeLong of Davison won \$100 for the heaviest perch recorded. His entry at Hoy's Saginaw Bay Marina weighed in at two pounds.

Scott McCallum of Saginaw earned \$100 for catching the longest perch, measured at 15 1/2 inches at Walsh Gun and Tackle.

The kids' casting contest was won by Matt Beyersdorf of Midland and Mike Kurta of Caro. The event was sponsored by Hoy's Saginaw Bay Marina.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

MOTH SPRAYING TO START

Selected areas of Western Huron County will be sprayed to suppress gypsy moth larvae within the next three weeks, according to Suppression Program coordinator Jim Lo-Cureaux. Parts of Caseville, McKinley, Fair Haven, Sebawaing, Lake, Port Austin, Hume and Pt. Aux Barques Townships will receive aerial application of the insecticide Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.) to kill the larvae by destroying the caterpillars' stomachs after they eat the materials.

Lo-Cureaux notes the insecticide does not hurt honey bees or other non-leaf eating insects, birds, fish or mammals. An estimated 80 landowners have opted out of the B.t. spraying program this year, officials say.

The program will not eliminate all gypsy moths, they caution, but will reduce infestation in major shoreline areas where the moth damage may be greatest. Gypsy moths eat foliage, killing many trees and leaving whole forests leafless by midsummer.

More suppression program information is available from Huron County Cooperative Extension, Bad Axe, 269-9949.

DRUG CHARGES IN HURON

Federal, state and local law officials arrested a Harbor Beach man Thursday morning and seized an estimated \$500,000 in property during a drug raid on his land on Lakeshore Road (M-25), three miles north of Harbor Beach. More than two dozen law officers raided the property of Michael W. Finch, 39, and seized more than \$40,000 in cash plus personal property including more than 40 weapons. Officials said.

Several collectors' autos were seized, plus motorcycles, tools, machinery, a 42-ft. yacht, tractor, an iguana and at least two pit bull dogs. Huron County Sheriff Michael Gage said the raid is the largest ever in terms of property value, and is part of a larger investigation expected to result in more arrests.

Officers from Huron, Sanilac and St. Clair County Sheriff's Departments worked with the Thumb Narcotics Unit, state and federal officials in the raid. He was arraigned on a charge of possession with intent to deliver a substance containing marijuana Friday, in U.S. District Court in Flint.

DOCTOR FINED \$250,000

A former Marlette doctor has had his medical license revoked until a \$250,000 fine is paid, following accusations of sexual assault by three female patients at his offices in Marlette and Mayville, state officials say.

The license of Dr. Syed Arif Ahmed was suspended in May, 1989 after state officials investigated the complaints, dating from 1986 to 1988. He cannot reapply for the license for at least three years. Dr. Ahmed has denied the charges. He specialized in allergy treatment and pain control in his practices.

5 FIRE GROUPS GET GRANTS

Five Thumb Area fire departments have received grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture totaling \$4,475, according to a joint announcement by State Rep. Dick Allen (R-Caro) and State Sen. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City)

Sebawaing Township Fire Department's grant amounted to \$700 for new hoses. Other fire departments which received grants were Port Austin \$500 for a dry hydrant, Caro \$1,800 for dry hydrants, Sherman Township \$500 for a portable pump and hand tools, and Vassar \$975 for pump, hand tools and prevention materials.

The program is designed to support development of rural fire protection throughout the state, Allen explained. "Since 1975, more than \$1 million has been distributed to Michigan fire departments under this program," Barcia added.

"They noted the grants are available to communities with a population under 10,000. The federal program is administered by the Michigan DNR.

3 ANNOUNCE FOR BOARD

Two additional persons have filed nominating petitions for the District 4 position on the Huron County Board of Commissioners being vacated by Board Chairman Jean Talaski. Julia Heilig, 46 of Ubyly, is seeking the two-year term, as is Shirley Guza, 48 of Harbor Beach, seeking to replace Talaski.

They and William Nugent, 68 of Bad Axe, who previously announced his interest in the post, will vie in the August Primary Election. Nugent was defeated for the District 4 position by Talaski in 1982. Nugent's age was incorrectly reported last week.

District 4 includes all rural areas including Lincoln, Bloomfield, Sigel, Bingham, Paris and Sherman Townships, and the Village of Ubyly, plus areas of Shirsville, Ruth and White Rock.

ROUND SAGINAW BAY...

■ Former Bay City resident John E. List was sentenced to five consecutive life terms in prison, for the slaying of his wife, mother, daughter and two sons in 1971 in New Jersey. List told the court his mental state at the time made him unaccountable for what happened.

■ Tawas City radio station WDBI-FM has changed its dial position to provide a better radio signal. The station, formerly set at 101.7 has moved to 107.3 to minimize interference with other stations, officials said.