Kicking off the 1990 Pigeon Farmers' Festival will be the popular Bluewater Youth for Christ Benefit Auction, set for Saturday, July 21, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Pigeon Recreation Park. A bake sale, crafts tent and auction will highlight the day's events, plus lots of opportunities for hungry bidders to purchase foods, ranging from doughnuts to barbecue hamburgers and homemade pies.

The Benefit Auction, which last year netted almost $30,000, is Bluewater Youth for Christ's largest fund-raiser of the year. This year, they're expecting to beat last year's record year by offering dozens of top-drawing auction items. Items range from a used 1981 Plymouth Horizon to a grandfather clock, gold and silver jewelry, handcrafted wood furniture by L.J. Gascho, a children's playhouse, large selection of quilts, afghans and comforters and the popular macrose lawn chairs.

Other items which are expected to sell will include Fiesta ware, a Medema Alexander doll, a Shirley Temple doll, baseball cards, old coins and more.

Another "returning event" will be the auctioning of special dinners, which last year raised about $3,000. This year's dinner selections will include a Pennsylvania Dutch meal, Chinese dinner, Hawaiian dinner, Christmas dinner and several more.

"We're excited about the timing of this year's event, right before the Pigeon Farmers' Festival," says Dan McLaughlin, a YFC staffer who has worked hard on the event.

"People are excited about the festival and we think we can kick it off well with the auction." Bluewater Youth for Christ Executive Director Patti Gascho is in charge of the auction and promises may contact him with any auction items they may have for consideration. Bluewater Youth for Christ office phone number is 493-3239.

'GOOD BUYS' AT YFC AUCTION JULY 21

DAN MCLAUGHLIN, Kim Gascho and Steve Fletcher of Bluewater YFC show some of the auction items, including collectible dolls, plates, grandfather clock and more...
90 YEARS AGO
JULY 20, 1900
Catholics in the parishes of the Triune will hold their annual picnics this weekend with Pot-luck dinner and corn fire, and music and dancing, and horse and buggy rides. As a rule, the picnics have always been held at Fish River in Fond du Lac, with the exception of the last two years, when they were held at Arpin.

10 YEARS AGO
JULY 10, 1909
Six or seven women were in jail at the county jail in Wausau. The women were charged with breaking into a store and stealing goods. They were expected to be released soon after posting bail.

13 YEARS AGO
JULY 10, 1916
Five men were arrested in Wausau for violating the prohibition law. They were charged with selling alcohol illegally and were placed in jail.

20 YEARS AGO
JULY 22, 1926
The city of Wausau was hit by a strong storm that caused widespread damage to the city, including the loss of many homes and businesses. The storm lasted for several hours, leaving the city in ruins.

70 YEARS AGO
JULY 16, 1946
The Fingers were married in Wisconsin Rapids. The couple will reside in Wisconsin Rapids.

100 YEARS AGO
JULY 19, 1906
The first annual picnic of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) was held in Wausau. The event included speeches, games, and a parade.

110 YEARS AGO
JULY 19, 1905
Two men were killed in a hunting accident in Wausau. The men were hunting with rifles and were mistaken for deer. The men were shot in the head, killing them instantly.

120 YEARS AGO
JULY 19, 1896
The Wausau, Rhinelander and Crandon railroad was opened to the public. The line was built to connect the cities and provide economic growth.

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OTHER THUMB AREA DEATHS

Without Notice
90, Port Austin, passed away Monday; 79, Helen Smith, of Huron Township, passed away July 20; 84, Helen Phillips, of Saganaw Township, passed away July 21.

EDITH L. RICKER 1927-1997
Edith L. Ricker, age 62 of Capgton, passed away on Tuesday, June 27 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. She was born on April 22, 1935 in San Antonio, Texas. She was a graduate of Saginaw High School and received a B.S. degree from the University of Michigan. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Saginaw and was a member of the Michigan State Board of Education. She was preceeded in death by her parents and her husband, Charles Riker. Services will be held on Monday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. Interment will be at the Saginaw Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service. 

ELLEN E. REILLY 1927-1997
Ellen E. Reilly, age 72 of Saginaw, passed away on Tuesday, June 27 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. She was born on September 24, 1924 in Manchester, N.H. to the late Charles and Mary O’Donnell. She was a graduate of St. Luke’s School of Nursing. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Saginaw and was a member of the Michigan State Board of Education. She was preceeded in death by her parents and her husband, Charles Reilly. Services will be held on Monday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. Interment will be at the Saginaw Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service.

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EMILY LAFONTAINE 1918-1990
Emily A. Lafontaine, age 72 of Capgton, passed away on Wednesday, June 28 at St. John’s Hospital in Saginaw.

HELEN SATTELBERG 1919-1990
Helena Sattelberg, age 71 of Saginaw, passed away on Thursday, June 29 at St. John’s Hospital in Saginaw.

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JAMES, St. John, passed away on Thursday, June 29 at St. John’s Hospital in Saginaw. He was born on June 12, 1919 in St. Joseph, Michigan. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan and received a B.S. degree from the University of Michigan. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Saginaw and was a member of the Michigan State Board of Education. He was preceeded in death by his parents and his wife, Helen James. Services will be held on Monday, July 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. Interment will be at the Saginaw Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service.

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ELIZABETH L. LAURENT 1928-1990
Elizabeth L. Laurent, age 62 of Saginaw, passed away on Tuesday, July 4 at St. John’s Hospital in Saginaw. She was born on September 24, 1928 in Saginaw, Michigan. She was a graduate of Saginaw High School and received a B.S. degree from the University of Michigan. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Saginaw and was a member of the Michigan State Board of Education. She was preceeded in death by her parents and her husband, Charles Laurent. Services will be held on Monday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. Interment will be at the Saginaw Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service.

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Aug. 20 organ auction for Historical Society

The Pigeon Historical Society is trying a new idea for fundraising this year, with an auction of an antique reed organ. The organ, built by Clough and Warner Organ Co. of Detroit in 1877, is a fully restored and refurbished parlor organ.

Historical society member Al Robinson, assisted by member Mabel Swartzen- druher, have spent many hours refurbishing the mechanicals of the organ, and the exterior was refurbished by Lawrence and Pam Roes- tal.

The organ will be on display at the Pigeon Village Hall from July 16 until Aug. 20, and sealed bids will be accepted.

Robinson said the Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bids are scheduled to be opened on Monday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Village Hall. Bidders don't have to be present. Robinson noted, but they are invited to be there so they can raise their bid if they wish.

The organ is made of solid walnut, and all the stops are made of brass and porcelain, Robinson noted. A matching walnut stool with a new upholstery cover is also included with the organ.

“The nice thing about this organ is that it is ready to play. It's been cleaned and refurbished and it's ready to put into a living room,” Robinson said. “That's rare. Most organs you find are sold 'as is' and they have to be cleaned and repaired before they can be played. This one is all ready to go.”

3 earn Active retirement honors

4 INJURED IN PLANE CRASH

A family reunion Sunday turned tragic when a small, single-engine plane crashed in a bean field less than quarter mile from the reunion site on Burns Road near Millington.

Immediately following take-off from a private landing strip on Burns Road, the plane lost altitude, the right wing clipped trees and cartwheeling before landing on its belly, said witnesses at the scene. The 8:45 p.m. crash was two miles southwest of Millington on Milliman Road in Milling- ton Township.

Four persons were hurt in the accident. They were taken to St. Mary's Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital both of Saginaw. "The plane didn't sound right," said Donald Jensen, a relative of the victims. "They just crashed the grass at the west end of the runway, hit trees on the other side of the road and crashed."

"The engine was about 60 feet away from the plane," said Millington's Village Chief of Police Steve Roggeline. Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration are investigat- ing.

Three longtime employees of Active Industries, Inc., Elkton, were honored on their last day of work Friday. Harold Beihan, an electrician with 25 years of service; Malcolm McIntyre, a truck driver with 24 years; and Lupe Martinez, a fork lift operator with 28 years service, were presented with framed certificates of appreciation from Active, and with gold watches from AIV Locos 698.

Plant Manager Paul Taylor thanked the workers for their years of loyalty, saying "It is because of workers like you that this plant is what it is today."