By MARY DRIER

Sunday's and Monday's rain wasn't needed in the Western Thumb Area, where bean crops struggle to overcome a storm in early August that dropped almost six inches of rain locally.

According to Huron County Cooperative Extension Service Agricultural Agent James LeCureux, there are about 95,000 acres of beans in Huron County with 4,000 to 5,000 acres in spots that are drowned out.

There are approximately 44,000 acres of dry beans in Tuscola County.

"It is difficult to predict at this point how much damage has been done because in some particular fields water damage will give some fields a 50% loss, but on a total base, it is hard to estimate over all loses," said Stein.

The sugar beet crop in Huron and Tuscola Counties is looking good according to Extension officials.

There are about 35,000 acres of beets in Tuscola County and about 30,000 acres of beets in Huron County.

"We need warm weather and some more rain in some parts and no more rain for some while in some others for a good growing season," Tuscola County Extension Director Dennis Stein says.

The wheat harvest of a few weeks ago had some problems with bacterial mosaic and powdery mildew diseases causing low yields, but the harvest still went well.

Because of the diseases, yields ran from 40 to 70 bushels per acre and other fields ran 75 to 90 bushels in Tuscola County.

In Huron County, wheat had an average harvest of 50 to 80 bushels. Tuscola County had about 24,000 acres in wheat and Huron County about 30,000.

"The diseases had an impact on some fields but not on the overall harvest for the county," said LeCureux.
Laker lunch prices up as school year nears

By AMY HEIDEN

Students will be getting the same meals as before, but they’ll be paying more in the process.

The Tigers have raised lunch prices for the upcoming school year. This year’s new prices are $4.00 for students, $4.25 for staff, and $5.00 for guests.

The staff has been working hard to make sure that the prices are fair and affordable for all students.

There are also new menu options available this year, including a variety of vegetarian and gluten-free options.

Pigpen to broaden recycling

Ask, and it shall be revealed.

A new recycling facility has been introduced to our community. The Pigpen DWPW will be allowing recycling of plastic, paper, and cardboard.

The Pigpen is located at 123 Main Street. It is open Monday through Saturday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

In order to participate, residents must bring their recyclables to the Pigpen. This facility is open to all members of the community.

Water plan divides Caseville residents

By AMY HEIDEN

The City of Caseville is working on a new water plan that will provide quality water to all residents.

The plan involves the installation of a new water treatment plant and the replacement of old water mains.

The City is looking for residents to participate in the planning process.

Caseville residents are being asked to attend a public hearing on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

In order to participate, residents must register by Monday, April 30th.

New Lake Speed Record

After a historic speed record attempt last season, a local sailor returns to the Lake St. Clair basin for another chance to break the record.

This season, the sailor plans to attempt to break the record set by a previous competitor.

The sailor plans to use a new sailboat equipped with advanced technology.

The sailor is looking for sponsors to help fund the project.

The sailor plans to attempt the record in the fall season.

Lake Level Still Dropping

The highest level of Lake St. Clair since the construction of the dam in 1958.

The lake level has dropped significantly since the construction of the dam.

The lake is currently at about 5 feet below the normal level.

The level is expected to continue dropping in the near future.

The lake level is expected to reach a new low of 5 feet by the end of the year.

Golf tournament to benefit St. Clair County Hospital.

The annual golf tournament will be held on June 1st.

The tournament will raise funds for the hospital.

The tournament is open to all players.

The registration deadline is May 1st.
As we see it

$500 will be fine, thank you...

Michigan’s new school bus safety law took effect last week, and folks who fall in step when buses are loading or unloading should see more buses stop — or the law, enacted in time to fully govern the prepending school year, could some way save the life of a school child or two, too.

The law changes Michigan in what must most states. It also doubles the number of flashing lights required by law, but that’s not a change — some school districts should be willing to make.

Failing right flashers instead of just four will help stop motorists from ignoring busses.

Every school has a school bus section that stops a bus for high flashlights and drive on the last. This should help school bus drivers to finish by other drivers with other things on their minds.

Certainly, some people tell police they don’t see the flashers after being caught speeding by a stopped bus, but that’s another matter.

Fewer cars should now past at least unloading, everything greater safety for children getting on and off buses. But that doesn’t mean children should relax and before light flashing. This will stop all to go around motorists. Wrecks! There’s no benefit in taking half as many cars for buses as for drivers. And the $500 fine for motorists who fail to stop when buses are loading and unloading should cause more folks to be more careful, too.

School bus drivers will be taking down more — or the law, which will double the number of school bus drivers and its costs.

It’s not just birdseed...

Now comes a report that American spent more than $2 billion last year on birdseed.

That’s a lot of money to feed a million household, but the American bird seed and feed industry believes more money is worth the effort.

The report, which is based on a survey of more than 1,000 households, shows that Americans spent an average of $20 on birdseed last year.

This is a significant increase from previous years, when birdseed sales were typically around $5 to $10 million.

The report also shows that the average household in America spends about $8 on birdseed, with the majority of this money spent on feed for backyard birds.

This data suggests that the American bird seed and feed industry is doing well, and that more people are interested in feeding birds in their backyards.

Pete Prose says...

"It’s not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game even starts!"

NKOTB

The singing sensation of the '80s, NKOTB, The Black and White Twins, have just released a new pop single, "Shine," which has been knocking around the charts for the past few months. The song has received critical acclaim and is expected to be a big hit.

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News Round-Up

GAS MONITORING SYSTEM SET FOR 1990... The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has set a deadline of December 31, 1989, for states to comply with new national standards for air pollution.

SANILAC WASTE PLANT... The Sanilac County Sanitation Authority has announced plans to build a new waste plant in Sanilac, which would allow the Sanilac, Huron, St. Clair and Lapeer Counties to share in the cost of waste disposal.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I was deeply saddened to read of the death of my childhood friend, George Keison.

He was a kind and generous person who always had a smile on his face and was always willing to help others.

George was a beloved member of our community and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Sincerely,

[Name]

FROM UNDER THE WILLOW

Wanda Eichler

Letter to the Editor

Great recycling job, Pigeon!

The residents of Pigeon are to be commended on their recycling efforts.

Our home community will follow the example set by Pigeon and improve the environment for future generations.

Sincerely,

[Name]
90 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 7, 1930
Joseph Moler opened his school at Pine, Thursday, Sept. 7th. Mrs. Van Bakst, grandmother, attended school at Sible. The Hayes school opened with Miss Winnie Van Bakst as teacher.

The Gilmour Institute opened its fall semester Sept. 7th. Miss Minnie Barry at the George King Church conducted the registration. Students will attend.

Lieberman School at Beena opened Monday with an attendance of 18. All pupils were issued new pencils and paper. The first home meeting was held on Pine Wednesday night.

60 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 8, 1950
Eugene Kullman and Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Dein, Brint, was visited in the morning by Ervin and Oskar Mizer of Loveland and Mr. and Mrs. William Frye of West Lebanon, N.H.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kirak, Brint, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William Frye.

William Frye now owns and operates a dairy farm in the town of Brint.

John Kinga of McComb raised a fine born black Angus bull.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. King, Three Churches, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. King, Young Creek, were at the Faith Mission in New Lebanon.

Sermon Schluchter has sold his farm to Charles Treut- man to Philip Rohr of KI-

Mower owned the farm for many years.

60 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 9, 1950
At a stockholders meeting of the Cooperative Dairymen and Milk Marketing Association, it was decided that the company will be divided into two and a half dairies on Sunday, Sept. 4th. It is proposed that the two dairies will be managed by two different farmers.

The company will distribute the milk from the two dairies. The two dairies will be located on the same property but will be managed separately.

The company has been in operation for over 30 years. It was founded by John D. and his wife, who are active members of the board of directors.

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