

Woods & Waters

Pocket money

By DUANE GUENTHER



It was hard to leave the cozy warmth of my Mom's kitchen and all the delicious smells that accompanied the preparation of her annual Thanksgiving dinner. I had dressed for the late November weather in the lee of the giant kitchen range that dominated the west wall of my mother's domain, soaking up both the pleasant odors and radiant heat permeating from the mass of cast iron. Once finished I headed for the back door where a patched pair of knee-high rubber boots waited to encase my heavily stocking feet and then it was outside to a hearty blast of fresh, cold air.

It was to become a ritual during the next several weeks, school days notwithstanding. Each morning, some earlier than others, I would rise, dress as warmly as possible and set about the serious business of running my trapline.

My equipment was meager, but in good repair, most of it handed down by some benevolent benefactor. It consisted of a dozen and half Oneida-Victor traps — 12 of which were single spring No. 1's, and the other 6, double spring No. 2's — a short, stubby hand axe, a faded, canvas rucksack, and a few broken down hide stretch-

ers that I never seemed to get the hang of.

The traps were my pride and joy. With them I had gained the means of securing hard cash, not easy to come by for a teenage lad in the 40's. With the cash, came a strong sense of independence, the driving force that tore me from my warm bed each cold, frosty morning.

I had lucked into the traps when my buddy's uncle died. His mother was the only living relative and henceforth inherited the paraphernalia of her bachelor brother. My friend had little to do with the out-of-doors so the rusty traps, part of the small estate, were of no interest to him. On moving day they were deposited in the corner of his mother's garage and laid there for a year before I asked an innocent question as to what she was going to do with them, and suddenly they were mine.

My trapline was a convenient drainage ditch located a few hundred yards behind our house. Although small in size, its banks were punctuated with hundreds of muskrat burrows which provided me with plenty of quarry to match with with, and I didn't have to share it with the competitive trappers that piled the larger dredge-cuts running up from

the bay.

In an economy stagnated by World War II, fur prices were surprisingly high. Prime rats brought \$3.50 skinned and stretched, while a nice mink could increase your coffers by as much as \$25. When compared to the \$40 an hour I had earned hoeing beans that summer, trapping was a potential goldmine.

My traps were discreetly set at the bottom of the slides the rats used to enter the water. Properly tagged, which was the law, and firmly anchored, they waited patiently until some unsuspecting muskrat touched the trip pan with his foot. The trap would close on the leg, and unable to reach the surface for air, the muskrat would soon drown.

Running the line meant finding each set, which was conveniently marked with a willow shoot driven in the ground and a small piece of brightly colored cloth tied in its branches. You then had to chop a hole in the ice, check the trap and remove the dead animal, if you were lucky enough to have one. It was cold, hard work in miserably wet conditions, but the rewards were well worth the effort.

Trapping then was not looked upon with such disdain as it presently is. To any

member of the farming community the death of a muskrat was not much different than the headless chicken flopping at the base of the chopping block, or the slit-throat hog lying near the

Area school lunch menus

LAKER SCHOOLS

- Dec. 5: Pepperoni Pizza Zombie.
- Dec. 6: Ravioli with cheese.
- Dec. 7: Macaroni and cheese.
- Dec. 10: Pita pocket crust pizza.
- Dec. 11: Hoagie steak on a bun.

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- Dec. 5: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce/peaches, milk.
- Dec. 6: Hot dogs/ham and cheese, baked beans, relishes, fruit bowl, milk.
- Dec. 7: Spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic bread, fruits, chocolate milk.
- Dec. 10: Tacos, relishes, applesauce/pineapple, cookie, milk.
- Dec. 11: Subs, relishes, peaches/pears, milk.

Local news

Saturday, Nov. 17 was a special day for Orville Liedke of Elkton, who celebrated his 55th birthday on that day. He received many cards and was invited to a swiss steak dinner in Harbor Beach on Saturday night. The evening was spent visiting old friends from Harbor Beach and watching Mrs. Pat Veal win the \$50,000 on TV.

scalding kettle at butchering time. It was merely another example that in order for there to be life, there also must be death.

For a young boy, trapping was an honorable, and prof-

itable business venture that provided him not only with a chance to grow into manhood, but to earn a little pocket money along the way.....

Outdoor Report

Week of Dec. 3, 1990

The warm fall weather continues to hang around and while winter fishing may still be a long way off, anglers are having good luck with walleyes and perch. The best bet for walleyes was off the break-wall at Harbor Beach, where fair catches came after dark using minnow-like crank baits. Perch were hitting in all the cuts between Quanicasse and Sebawaing. Most fish were nice sized and were picked up on minnows. For those fishermen who like river fishing, good walleyes were hitting on crawler harnesses on the Tittabawassee River in Saginaw

According to the DNR staff at Cass City, Thumb deer hunters were really upset over the use of block permits this year. Rumored reports of misuse of the block permits have caused many complaints to be registered. Block permits are given to landowners who have crop damage. They cost \$3 each and cannot be sold. However, stories of landowners charging hunters to park their cars and then giving them a permit have surfaced as well as wide-spread leasing practices that include a number of block permits to make the lease more attractive.

While none of the practices are illegal, many hunters question the ethics involved. The DNR recognizes that as long as there is crop damage by deer, there will be problems trying to control them. Block permits have been one of the answers, and many think they are working.

Send your letters to: PERCY ROSS, c/o Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, MN 55435. Please include your telephone number.

"Thanks a Million"

By Percy Ross

Percy's give-aways are just another option . . .



DEAR MR. ROSS: I want to ask you why a divorce is more important than a child's eyes. My request of \$2,500 for my daughter's eye surgery wasn't selected. Yet, you gave some woman money for a divorce. I thought a child's eyesight was more important than a divorce. I turned to you as a last resort. I saw you help people and thought I finally found someone to help me. How wrong I was. People told me your column was just for publicity. I didn't believe them, but I certainly do now.—NAME AND CITY WITHHELD.

DEAR NAME AND CITY WITHHELD: At first, your letter depressed me. After reading it, I wondered, "What's the use?" I started this column with the hope of making a difference in some people's lives. I knew going into it I couldn't help everyone, but I could help some. Lately I've been wondering if my column does more harm than good. Then I realized I was just feeling sorry

for myself. And, so are you. I am no one's last resort. I am merely an option for those needing assistance.

As for your request, if you'd be kind enough to write me again with the details, I'd be happy to see what possibilities there are for you. —\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

DEAR MR. ROSS: I'm a devoted member of a small church that has recently been established. Since our formation on Easter Sunday, we have purchased a small building in which to congregate for worship.

Our church reaches out to the youth in the community. Our pastor saw the need to purchase a used van to transport these kids. Although we have been blessed to make our monthly payments on the van, we stand in great need of tires for it. The seasons are changing, and without proper tires we will not be able to get around to where these children live.

Mr. Ross, there are so many kids out there dealing drugs. We are working hard to help save as many as we can by bringing them into our place of worship. In

doing so, we help to meet their daily needs (clothes and food). Please help us to purchase tires for our van by sending \$450. This way we can continue to keep these kids off the streets and out of trouble. I'm praying you see fit to help our cause roll on.—SISTER B.P., St. Louis, Mo.

DEAR SISTER B.: Rollin', rollin', rollin'...keep that van a rollin'...roll on! Sister, I love what you're doing for the youth in your community by providing them with a structured environment and assisting with their daily needs.

You can praise the Lord, because my forthcoming \$450 check isn't made of rubber and you're now in a position to put new tires on your van. And, if that hasn't gotten you gassed up, please accept an extra \$50 for fuel! —\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

DEAR MR. ROSS: Ten years ago, I met a handsome, sweet talking man who promised me the world. I married him at 19 and soon had a son. He didn't give me any of the things he promised, but he did give me AIDS.

I was a beautiful woman, but now I look like something from a bad dream. I've had pneumonia twice, diarrhea every day and numerous infections. I am suffering terribly, but prayer does help.

I've never asked anyone for anything. I had a wonderful job on Wall Street as a legal secretary. I could always buy my son whatever he wanted and supported my husband until the day he died.

Now, my son lives with my parents. I live in a small apartment, because the only income I have is Social Security Disability. That takes care of my living expenses, but that's it.

My request is for a winter coat. (I'm so thin I could wear a child's size.) I get cold very easily, and I need a warm coat because I go to the clinic once a week. It's not too close and I have to wait for two buses. Keeping warm is important.

You wouldn't have to send much. I could get a used one at a thrift shop. Write me back even if you can't help. I like to get letters.—MRS. B.K., Jersey City, N.J.

DEAR MRS. K.: Sounds as though at one time you had it all, and now you're left with very little. Life can be so unfair. But is it possible that in prayer you've found something greater than you had before? Your acceptance of your situation is an inspiration to me.

However, don't you think for one minute I'd settle for

sending you money for a used coat. I insist that you purchase a new one with the check I'm sending. In return, you could do me a big favor by writing again. You see, I, too, like receiving letters—particularly ones from my friends. May a guiding force watch over my new friend until I hear from you again. —\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Historical Society learns about Amish at meeting

The Pigeon Historical Society met on Nov. 26 at the home of Ed and Marie Kantarian at Sand Point. There were 22 members and five guests present.

The meeting was called to order by President Marie Leipprandt. She then introduced Kari Langley who presented an interesting program about the Pennsylvania Amish. She told about the beliefs, life style and dress. Donna Limberger modeled authentic Amish dresses.

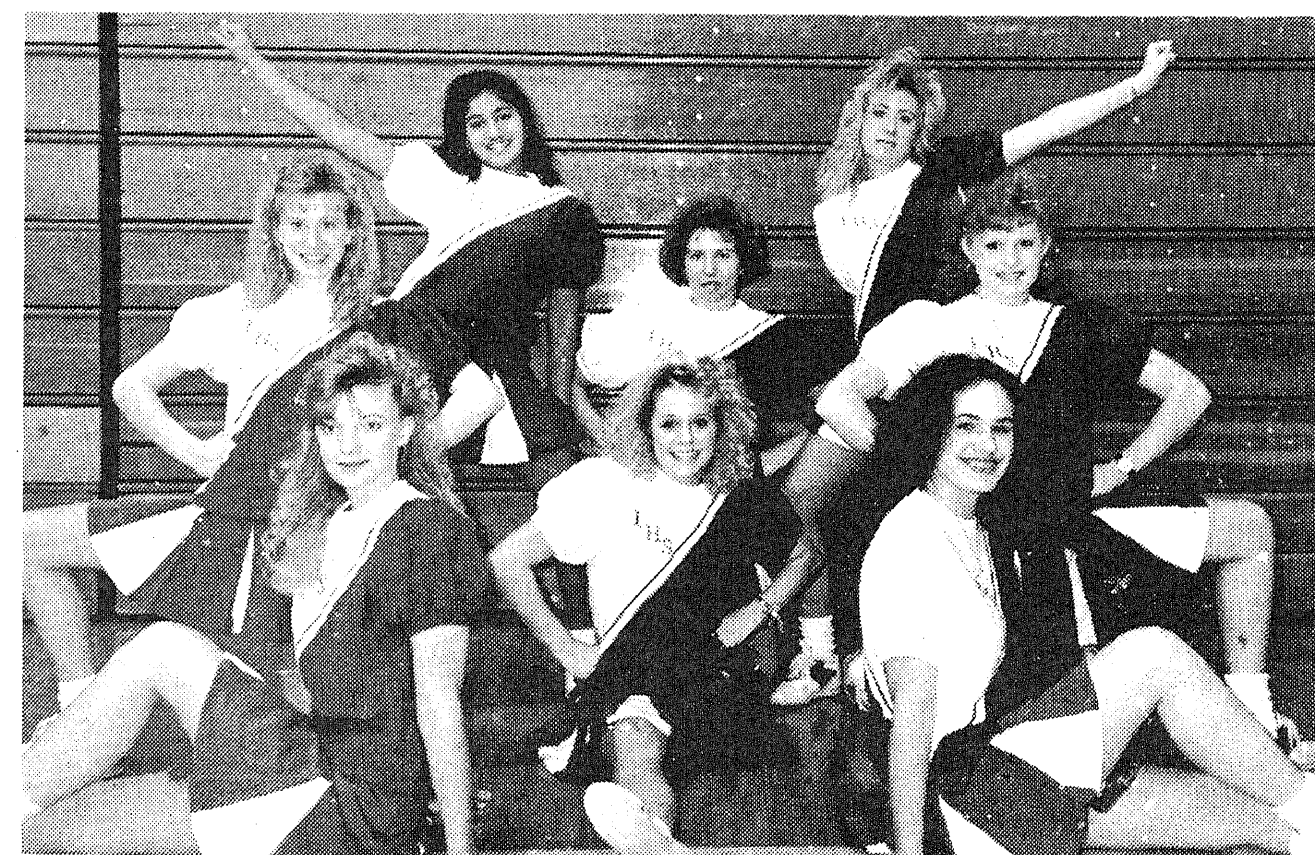
The Nominating committee will meet and present a slate of officers for the coming year at the January meet-

ing. Election will be held at the annual meeting in March. The County Historical Society's annual Christmas dinner will be held at the Hitching Post Inn in Elkton on Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Eighteen members plan to attend. It was reported that a profit of \$126 was made from the "Wooden Crate" project chaired by Carl Dast. Crates are still available, contact a member. Dessert was served by the hostess.

Only 15 days 'til Christmas!

LAKER CHEERLEADERS

GO



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS
Front, from left: Kim Gebauer, Melissa Kolar. Middle: Michelle Kausch, Tina Heintz, Jill Gardy. Rear: Madhavi Kamapurker, Molly Sheehan, Connie Lorkowski.

FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS
Bottom, from left; Danielle Damen, Kara Langley, Jenny Kretzschmer. Rear: Becky Farver, April Sting, Nanette Avalos. Missing from photo is Zena Radomski, Tracy Smithers.

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS
Front: Steffany Abbe. Rear: Karl Thumme, Paige Nelson, Stacey Krueger. Missing from photo is Dawn Schulz.



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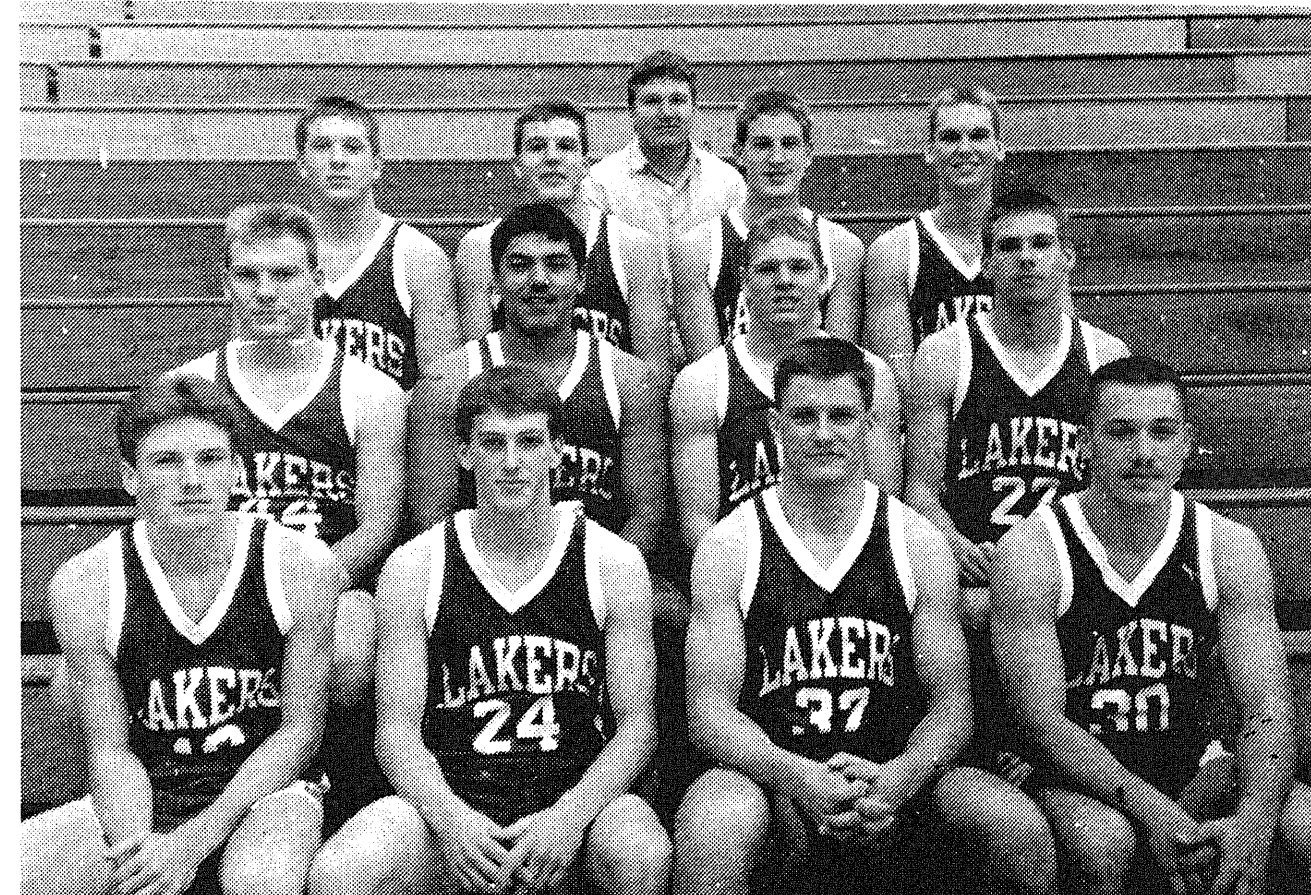
A deep bench seems to be the key to winning basketball games these days, and bench strength may be just the ticket to the Lakers' success on the basketball court this year, says Varsity Coach Bill McLellan.

But experience will be just as important, and as necessary, to get the Lakers above last year's 10-10 record.

And experience is readily apparent in returning seniors Rick Dufty at forward, Craig Sears at guard, and Brian Ignash at center. Ignash, though, will be hampered for a while as he's recovering from a fractured foot suffered during the football season.

Juniors Dan Gonzales at forward, Reggie Ignash at guard, Mike Keefer at forward, and Jeremy Esch at guard all saw plenty of action last year, and will be counted on this year.

"There's no superstars on



VARSITY BASKETBALL
 Front, from left: Craig Sears, Jeremy Esch, Mike Keefer, Scott Fisher.
 Middle: Eric Wissner, Dan Gonzales, Reggie Ignash, Rick Dufty.
 Rear: Dave Geiger, Mike Bushey, Brian Ignash, Kevin Picklo; Missing: Corey Baker.
 At top is Coach Bill McLellan.

this team, just good players," McLellan said. "We have a good solid bench, and we have a good rotation. That'll keep us fresh. We have a lot of players that we can rely on."

In practice and in a couple of scrimmages, McLellan says he's pleased with the team's progress so far, but admits that games are a whole 'nother matter.

"They've progressed well, but when the ball game starts, that's a whole lot of pressure. But we'll be taking the ball up the floor and taking the best shot that's available. And if we play team defense, we'll stop other teams," he said.

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Tue. Dec. 4	USA	A	6:30	JV & Var.
Wed. Dec. 5	USA	A	7:00	Freshmen
Fri. Dec. 7	North Branch	H	5:00	
Fri. Dec. 14	Millington	H	5:00	
Tue. Dec. 18	Caro	H	5:00	
Fri. Dec. 21	Vassar	H	5:00	
Fri. Dec. 28	Ubyly	A	5:00	
Tue. Jan. 8	Valley Lutheran	H	5:00	
Fri. Jan. 11	Cass City	A	5:00	
Tue. Jan. 15	Bad Axe	H	5:00	
Fri. Jan. 18	Marlette	A	5:00	
Fri. Jan. 25	North Branch	A	5:00	
Fri. Feb. 1	Millington	A	5:00	
Mon. Feb. 4	USA	H	7:00	Freshmen
Tue. Feb. 5	USA	H	6:30	JV & Var
Fri. Feb. 8	Caro	A	5:00	
Tue. Feb. 12	Vassar	A	5:00	
Fri. Feb. 15	Cass City	H	5:00	
Tue. Feb. 19	Valley Lutheran	A	5:00	
Fri. Feb. 22	Bad Axe	A	5:00	
Tue. Feb. 26	Harbor Beach	H	5:00	
Fri. Mar. 1	Marlette	H	5:00	

1990-91 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

LAKER VARSITY Volleyball

1991 team has 'state' potential

Improving on the 1989-90 team that made it all the way to the state final four will be quite an achievement, but Laker Volleyball Coach Sue Fredericksen thinks her current team can be the ones to do it.

Even after only a few practices, Fredericksen says she's excited about the potential of her varsity team.

"This is a team that jells very well. They're very compatible. These girls can't wait to come to practice, and they're working very hard. They've set some high goal for themselves," Fredericksen said.

Leading the perennially tough Lakers this year will be seniors Brenda Beyer, Tammy Smith and Anne



LAKER VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
 Sitting: Brenda Beyer, Tammy Smith, Anne Sturm.
 Standing: Tricia Elston, Amanda Barry, Kelly McLellan, Holly Esch, Darlene Jaworski, Sherry Stauffer.

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools LAKER HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Mon. Dec. 10	MLS	A	6:30	Scrimmage
Sat. Dec. 15	Goodrich	A	8:00	
Thu. Dec. 20	Quad	H	6:00	
Lakers, Carrollton, Hemlock				
Thu. Dec. 27	Carrollton	A	8:00 a.m.	
Sat. Jan. 5	Central	A	8:00	
Sat. Jan. 12	Delta	A	8:00	
Thu. Jan. 17	Caro	H	6:30	
Sat. Jan. 19	Bad Axe	A	8:30	
Thu. Jan. 24	Bad Axe	A	6:30	
Sat. Jan. 26	MLS	A	8:00	
Thu. Jan. 31	North Branch	A	6:30	
Sat. Feb. 2	Klinger-Dast	H	8:00	
Thu. Feb. 7	Cass City	H	6:30	
B.C. Western				
Wed. Feb. 13	Tri	A	6:30	
Thu. Feb. 14	Millington	H	6:30	
Sat. Feb. 16	Garber	A	8:00	
Thu. Feb. 21	Marlette	A	7:00	
Sat. Feb. 23	Laker Inv.	H	8:00	
Thu. Feb. 28	Vassar	H	6:30	

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Sturm.

Beyer, the team's all-important setter, was named to the All-State second team last year, and has matured into a major advantage for the Lakers.

"She's setting some beautiful sets for us right now," her coach says. In the middle hitter position is Sturm, who Fredericksen says will be hitting the ball hard all season. "She can cut the ball both ways, as hitter and as blocker," Fredericksen says.

Rounding out the trio of leaders is Tammy Smith, perhaps the league's best defensive player, according to her coach. "She's incredibly quick and hits well," Fredericksen noted.

Juniors Sherry Stauffer, Holly Esch, and Tricia Elston will see plenty of action this year, and opponents would do well to take note of Esch's power hitting.

"She's really pounding the ball right now," Fredericksen said. Kelly McLellan and Amanda Barry, both sophomores hope to gain plenty of experience on the team, with worlds of potential, and Fredericksen has high hopes for freshman Darlene Jaworski, brought up from the junior varsity squad. "She's got a lot of raw talent, but she needs a lot of work," Fredericksen said.

Confidence, and lots of it, is the hallmark of this

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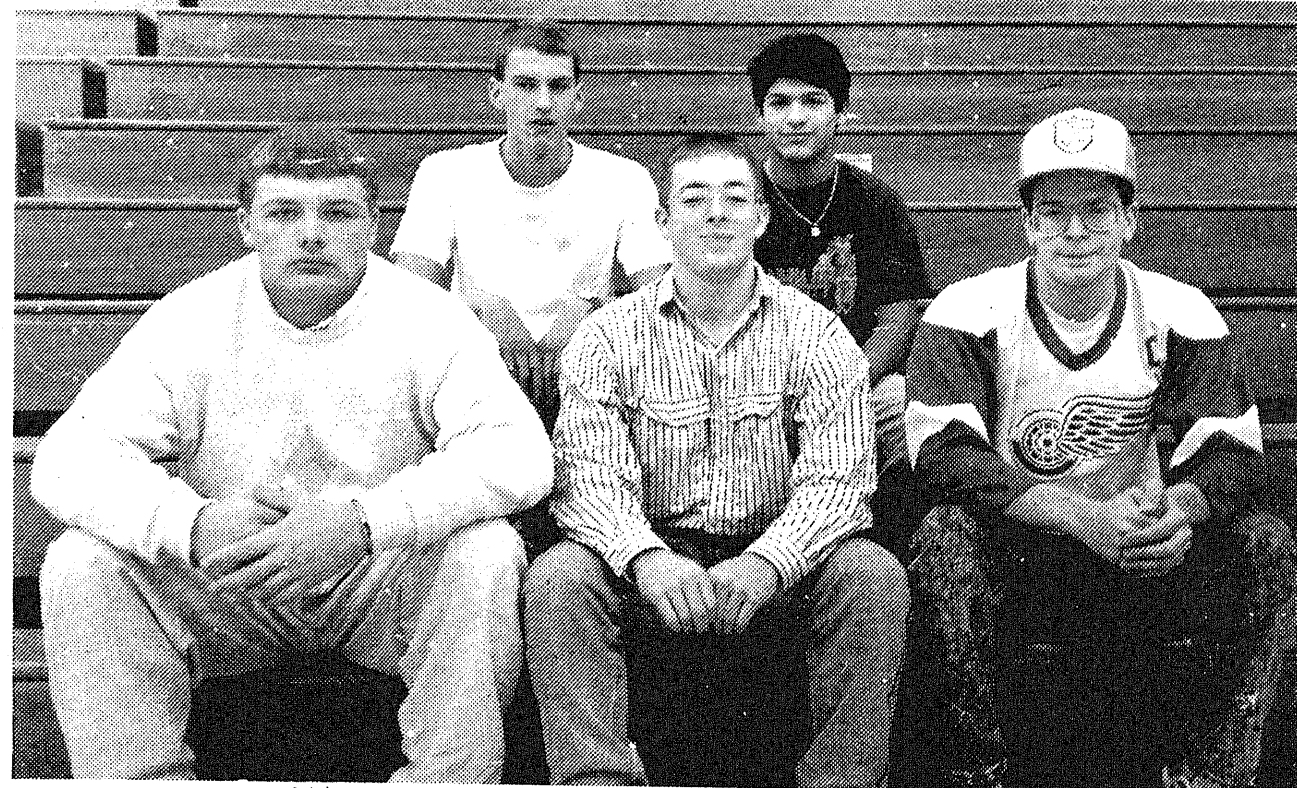
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Wrestling

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LAKER HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING

Wed. Dec. 12	Caro	H	6:30
Wed. Dec. 19	Bad Axe	A	6:30
Sat. Dec. 22	Marlette	A	10:00
Sat. Jan. 5	Bad Axe	A	10:30
Wed. Jan. 9	Cass City	H	6:30
Wed. Jan. 16	Millington	H	6:30
Sat. Jan. 19	Sandusky	A	10:00
Wed. Jan. 23	Marlette	A	7:00
Wed. Jan. 30	Vassar	H	6:30
Sat. Feb. 2	League	A	

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Front, Bob Blome, Brian Bollenbacher, Adam Csanyl, Rear, Dean Renn, Smiley Villa. Missing from photo is Coach Rich Joseph, Tom Mulkey, Kendall Truemner, Dale Muether, Josh Santos, Todd Arnot, Todd Tyler.



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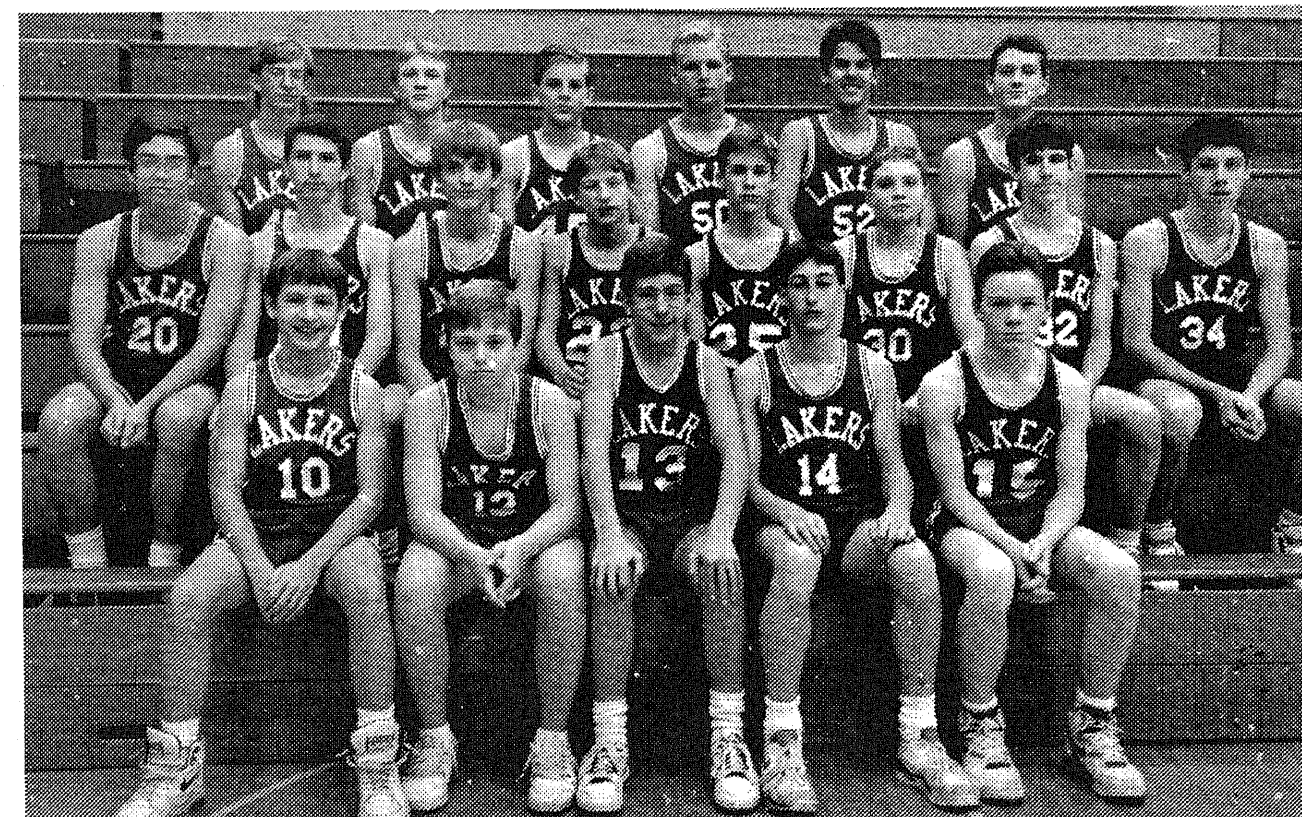
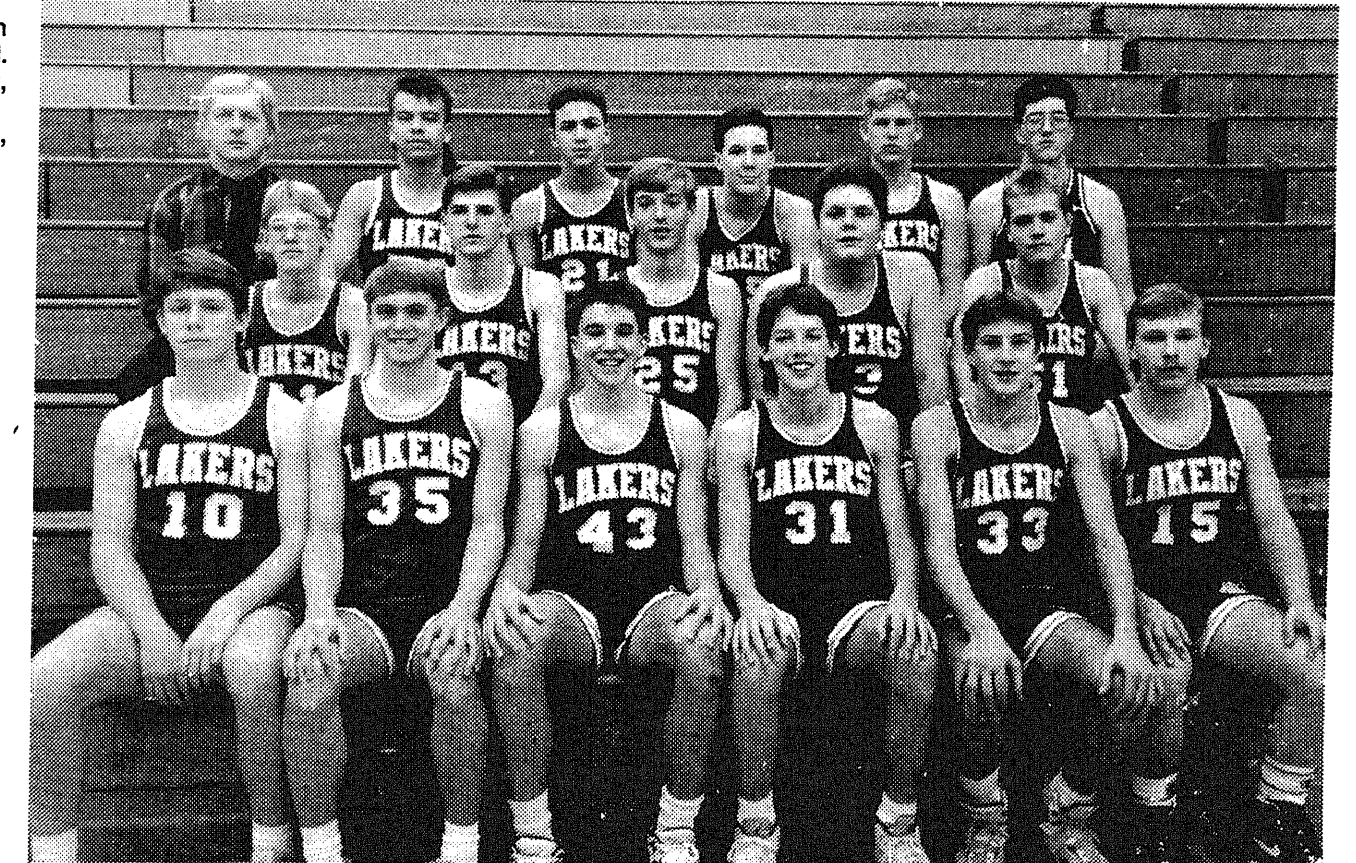
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Front, from left: Joel Eisinger, Scott Herbert, Justin Maust, Jason Krohn, Jason Gorsegnor, Mike Greyerblehl. Middle: Chad Sweeney, Shawn Carriveau, Chris Elliott, Tim Heiden, Mike Champagne. Top: Coach George Gardy, John Klosowski, Hilton Yopp, Ben Krebs, Dan McBride, Mike Daniels.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL
Front, from left: Jon Love, Dwight Kosenko, Jason Armbruster, Joel Toner, Dan Baranski. Middle: Steve Jaworski, Heath Stahl, Tim Young, Justin Herman, Josh Salesbury, Steve Swartzendruber, John Buchkowski, Norm Chrisler. Top: Brandon Wissner, Brian Gebaur, Mike Ignash, Chris Schember, Andrew Mitin, Kevin Jantzi.

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AMY HEIDEN

You're In Laker Country!

LAKERS

Jr. Volleyball

1991 team

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 season's Laker team, and the loss of last year's key players, Brenda Buschlen and Tracie Henne, doesn't seem to bother the team in the least. "They've got lots of confidence and they'll get more. If we can pass the ball, we'll be awesome," Fredericksen said. "We have to develop the drive that the ball never hits the floor."



JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
 Front row, left to right: Julie Schulz, Teresa Kranz, Kerl Fisher, Michelle Pitcher, Shelly McCain, Tricia Bollenbacher, Terri Stauffer, Lisa Buchholz.
 Rear: Coach Dale Grifka, Christa Keim, Trisha Rosenthal, Amy Mitin, Kim Sturm, Dawn Lorkowski, Karl Gardy, Annette Weidman, Carrie Kasserman, Julie Winkel, Ann Wiederhold, Wendy Seley.

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools LAKER HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Fri. Dec. 28	Carrollton	A	8:00
Sat. Jan. 5	Goodrich	A	
Sat. Jan. 12	Central	A	8:00
Thu. Jan. 17	Caro	H	6:30
Thu. Jan. 24	Bad Axe	A	6:30
Sat. Jan. 26	JV Tourney	H	8:00
Thu. Jan. 31	North Branch	A	6:30
Thu. Feb. 7	Cass City	H	6:30
Fri. Feb. 8	Bad Axe	A	4:30
Wed. Feb. 13	Tri	A	
Thu. Feb. 14	Millington	H	6:30
Thu. Feb. 21	Marlette	A	7:00
Thu. Feb. 28	Vassar	H	6:30

1990-91 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

GO Green Machine!

News And Information From The Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port School District -- Volume 3, No. 3 - DECEMBER, 1990

The Laker Wave

TOM ARMBRUSTER NAMED EPBP TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

On Nov. 26, Superintendent Robert Drury announced the appointment of Tom Armbuster as the new Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Transportation Director. Tom will continue to function as a junior high custodian while assuming his new job, and the transportation office will continue to be housed in the high school. Duties for the position will include overseeing of the bus garage operations; supervision of the transportation personnel and the monitoring of weather conditions as the winter months approach. Tom officially took over the post on Dec. 1.

LAKERS HOSTS ACCREDITATION TEAMS

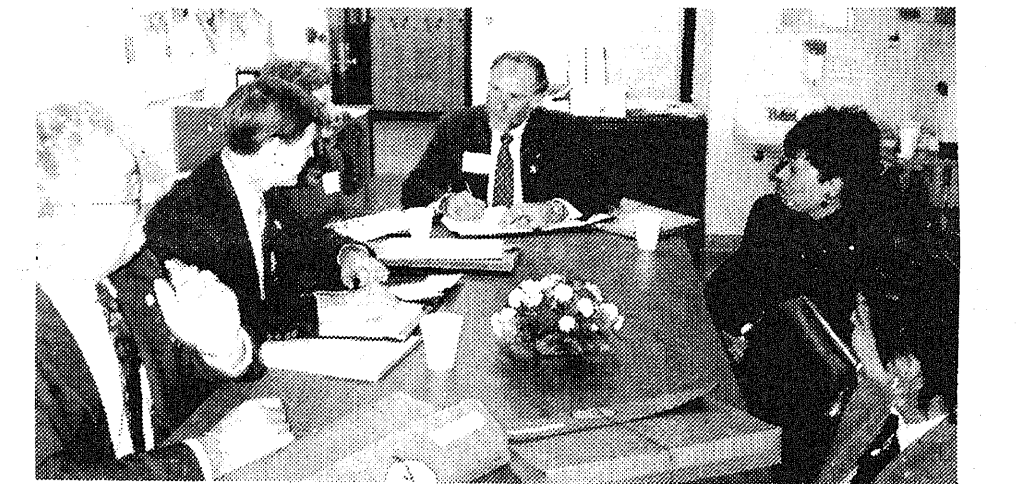
Laker High School (LHS) is presently accredited by the University of Michigan and by the North Central Association (NCA). These are annual accreditations with periodic follow-up visits.

NCA used to be a seven year cycle for site visits. Beginning this year, LHS volunteered to go on a new five year cycle called Outcomes Accreditation (OA). This involves three shortened site visits within this five year cycle.

Early last month, LHS hosted the first of these site visits for NCA accreditation.

In addition, Laker Junior High School (LJHS) has been selected to start a similar process with the state department of education. This is a new state accreditation model called Michigan Accreditation Program (MAP). Our elementaries are involved in this new model, too. We expect to host a MAP visiting team in March and a separate press release is enclosed on the MAP process.

We are excited to be on the cutting edge of these two separate, yet similar accreditations. We feel the end result will be to have both of the secondary programs accredited. This will provide a strong and coordinated curriculum for our students in grades six through twelve, accredited by state and regional standards.



IMPROVEMENT/ ACCREDITATION PLANS

Organization is underway for the Michigan Accreditation Program (MAP) project in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District. This process will involve a two-year planning period, identifying areas of focus for the school improvement efforts in our district. This matches the progress our high school staff has made with North Central Accreditation (NCA) outcomes accreditation model. It also places us in compliance with new state guidelines in school improvement.

Due to this process, time is needed for planning. Periodically we will need inservice time to work with our staff. One way other schools accomplish this is to delay the start of school on a particular day. We plan to try this approach by delaying the start of school one hour on Dec. 12. This means staff will report at usual times for meetings to occur regarding MAP and NCA planning. Students will report for classes to begin at 9:15 a.m. (secondary level) and 10:15 a.m. (elementary level) on Dec. 12; buses will run one hour later accordingly.

We are excited about being involved in MAP and NCA. The result will be an even better educational program for our students. Anyone in the community who is interested in being involved in this effort is encouraged to contact the building principals. We would appreciate your input.



LAKER HIGH SELECTED FOR PEER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Craig Douglas, Principal of Laker Secondary School, recently received word that Laker High School will be the recipient of a grant to help them institute a "Peer Education Program". Laker High was one of two schools in Huron County to be selected.

The major thrust of such a program is something that is already going on—kids seeking out advice from their peers. However, much of this advice is myths, fears and inaccurate information. A formalized program tends to increase the amount of accurate information passed from one student to another.

Preliminary training will take place within the next month and hopes are for the program to be implemented during the second semester.

ACT SCORES RELATE TO COURSEWORK

Scores on the ACT Assessment are once again highly related to the types of coursework students take in high school. This year, the average ACT Composite score for students who took a college preparatory high school program—generally defined as four years of English and three years each of mathematics, social studies and natural sciences—is 22.3, 3.2 score points higher than the average score, 19.1, for students who did not complete such a program.

Laker High School students had an even more pronounced difference as those who followed the core curriculum averaged 22.1, which was

4.6 score points higher than the 17.5 earned by those who did not complete the core.

In acknowledging this significant relationship, ACT will begin reporting average scores according to the type of high school program as part of its standard research services to high schools. The significance of this relationship lies in the connection between ACT test scores and academic performance in college. Research consistently indicates that students who prepare themselves academically by taking a college preparatory high school program perform better academically in college.

Questions for the SUPERINTENDENT

By BOB DRURY, Superintendent

Does today's education have a dual responsibility?

Public educators are faced with two areas of responsibility in educating today's youth. The critics of today's education remind us of the "good old days" when our schools did a good job of teaching the three R's, reading, writing and arithmetic. However, today's schools, according to those critics, spend too much time focusing on social issues.

What are social issues? They are the non-educational issues that could be more properly addressed by parents, relatives, friends, churches, civic organizations and police agencies. Unfortunately, many of our students and their families are too busy or too involved to have the time for this part of the educational process. In addition, many agencies such as those mentioned, do not have the funds to provide the education needed. Lastly, the common denominator of student contact, the school day, lends itself as the place where all students can be reached.

Sixty percent (60%) of America's households in 1955 consisted of a working father, a homemaker mother and two or more school-aged children. Today that "typical" family exists in less than seven percent (7%) of American households. In addition, fifty-nine percent (59%) of today's school-aged children will live with only one natural parent before they reach age 18. Statistics such as these place additional burdens on schools to become involved in social issues that previously have been the responsibility of the home. It is believed that schools can

deliver this type of education because they have access to all of the school-aged population.

Besides the responsibilities for feeding students, checking their hearing, vision and teeth, instruction in hygiene and nutrition, providing recreational activities, teach safe driving habits, prevent the abuse alcohol and drugs, counsel the student who has family or society problems, motivate the lazy, challenge the gifted and search for the student who is absent from school.

In summary, it is a difficult task that has been asked of today's school. We have placed additional responsibilities on schools and their curriculums, but we have not provided resources such as a lengthened school day or lengthened school year, to accomplish these additional tasks. The amount of new curricula introduced in the school setting increases dramatically each year. As a result, schools must provide the expertise to teach this and make room within the school day to fit it in.

School curriculums come under constant scrutiny and review by local boards of education and school personnel. While many new programs are worthwhile and should be included within the school day, to add them results in losing something we already have in the school day.

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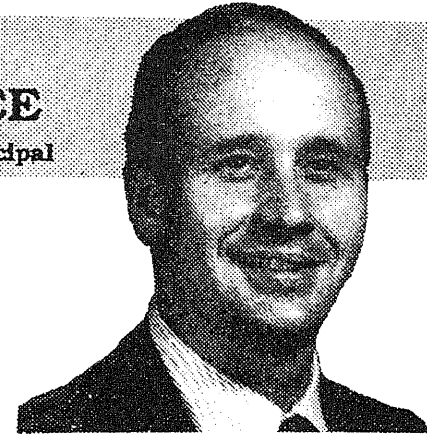
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From the PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
By CRAIG DOUGLAS, Secondary Principal

This issue is a holiday issue in many respects with upcoming concerts (Dec. 6-Elkton Elementary, Dec. 13-Pigeon Elementary, Dec. 17-Bay Port Elementary and Dec. 20-Junior/Senior High Schools) and other festive events. I would like to highlight some of the members of our "family" who work together so well to make our place a better one. This is not intended to omit someone, but due to space limitations I will pick four who really "make a difference", representatives of many other Laker employees.



DONNA WHEELER - BUS DRIVER
Donna works very hard to transport our students in a safe manner in all types of weather. In addition, she assists her husband Don in FFA activities year-round. Add to that Mrs. Wheeler's role of "supportive parent" and you can imagine how busy her life must be!

DEANNE DAMROW - PARAPROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Damrow is our junior high librarian. She willingly assists students who need help in the library. Furthermore, Deanne tutors junior high students in reading and helps plan all our wonderful "Fun Night" activities help four times a year.



MARGE RABIDEAU - KITCHEN HELPER/CUSTODIAN

Marge is a person on the run all day long. She works diligently in the kitchen, helping prepare and serve the great meals our students enjoy. Mrs. Rabideau dons a different hat in the afternoon, working to keep our school neat and clean. These four employees seem to represent the qualities of Lakers: a caring attitude; a friendly approach; a concern about accuracy; a sense of responsibility. In brief, it adds up to make for friendly surroundings; a family! It is the heart and soul of what we nurture: Laker Pride!

GAIL RICHMOND - SECRETARY

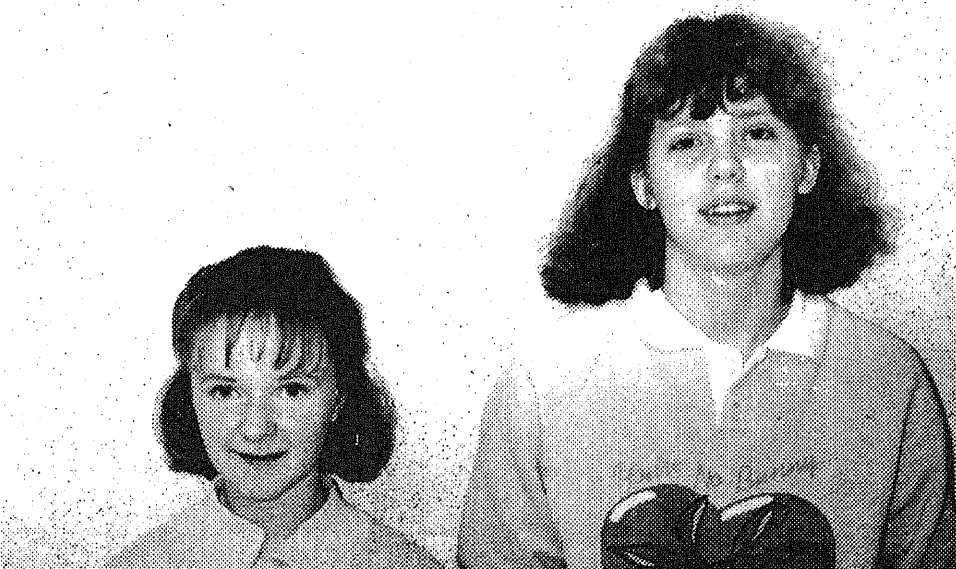
Gail Richmond is one of the best sources of information in our district. She has primary duties in the high school principal's office, organizing graduation, keeping track of student funds (like FFA) and collecting data for accreditation and other reports. Plus, Gail is the transportation secretary; she is responsible for calling up bus requests and doing the drivers biweekly payroll. Gail is truly a valuable employee.



TWO LAKER HIGH STUDENTS MAKE 'A-TEAM'

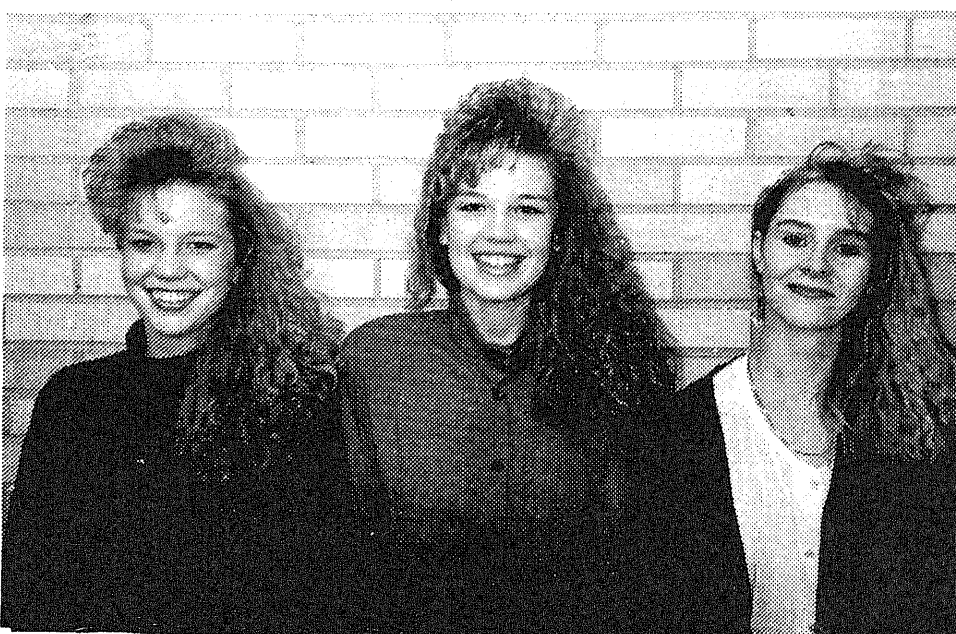
Two Laker High students were honored during the first nine week marking period for having earned "straight-A's" on their report card.

Junior, **Tricia Elston**, daughter of Pat and Roger Elston of Pigeon, and sophomore, **Carol Hebert**, daughter of Margaret and Ernest Hebert of Caseville have been on every honor roll since enrolling at Laker High, and have been designated honored members of the "Laker A-Team" for this marking period. The Wave congratulates Tricia and Carol for their academic achievements.



Bye, 1990... Hello 1991!

TRIO PERFORMS WITH SYMPHONY



Lora Picklo, Tricia Picklo and Bridget Rabideau will perform with the Saginaw Symphony in TV-12's "Christmas With the Pops". The performance will be held in the Saginaw Civic Center on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. The performance will then be aired on Channel 12 during the Christmas season.

This choir is comprised of high school students from the TV-12 viewing area at the recommendation of the choir director; students are selected for sight reading ability and rich vocal quality. Students and choir director, Anne Eichler, have made several trips to Bridgeport and Saginaw for rehearsals. Take the time to view this exciting experience that benefits the Toys for Tots Program.

LAKER STUDENT COUNCIL ESTABLISHES FOOD PANTRY

The Laker student council and the Laker junior high student council are working on a food pantry project.

The students in both buildings are asked to bring in food products (examples: canned soups, vegetables, fruits, meats, fish, or boxed macaroni, rice, noodles) and non-food products such as soap, napkins, tissues, paper towels to their

homerooms during the week of Dec. 10-14. The homeroom in each building with the most products will be rewarded and recognized before their respective student bodies. The food

pantry items will be delivered to the Elkton and Pigeon Food Pantries for distribution to the area needy families.



LAKER GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT SETS PLANS FOR DEC. 13 FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Studies show that people who achieve higher levels of education will, on an average, live longer, be healthier and have more productive and secure lives than people with lower levels of

education. If you have a son or daughter who is thinking of continuing their education after high school, at a four-year college, a community college, a university, or a vocational or technical school, you should know about financial aid.

In our society, it is mainly up to students and their parents to pay for postsecondary education, that is, education beyond high school.

The cost of that education includes not only tuition and fees, but also room and board, books and supplies, transportation and other personal expenses.

If the cost of continuing your education seems too high, don't be discouraged. Financial aid is available for students who need it.

Whether you've already chosen a school or you're still trying to decide, this is a good time to find out just what your education will cost and how you're going to pay for it.

Those who show financial need can receive aid. If your education will cost more than you and your family are able to pay, then you have financial need.

Many factors are involved. Since your education is your most important task for the next few years, you'll be expected to contribute a large share of your earnings and other assets to help pay for your education. If the cost of the school of your choice exceeds these resources, then you should apply for financial aid.

FINANCIAL AID story continues on Page 4

Around the Elementaries...

***ELKTON *PIGEON *BAY PORT**

NOTES

FROM THE PIGEON & BAY PORT ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

By TODD BIGGER

As we wind-up November we give our thanks for a successful month of parent-teacher conferences, a fantastic Morley Candy Sale in Pigeon, a bountiful harvest dinner at Bay Port with first and second grade Indians and pilgrims, for well rounded educational programs in both Pigeon and Bay Port, and for the general good health and well-being of our students and staff.

The month of December is just around the corner. This time of year in the elementary schools is as bustling as life outside of the school. The myriads of programs and activities, the finishing up of units and goals before the new year and plans for another Holiday Season have caught us all up in an excitable frenzy.

To kick-off the Holiday Season and the elementary schools in the Laker District hosted an Educational Fair for adults and students. During the time at the fair students experiences a theatrical program and a short Christmas film. During the time of the student program the parents were able to browse and shop at all of the nine shops that were staffed by educational toy and game businesses. Raffle prizes for students were in the form of reading books.

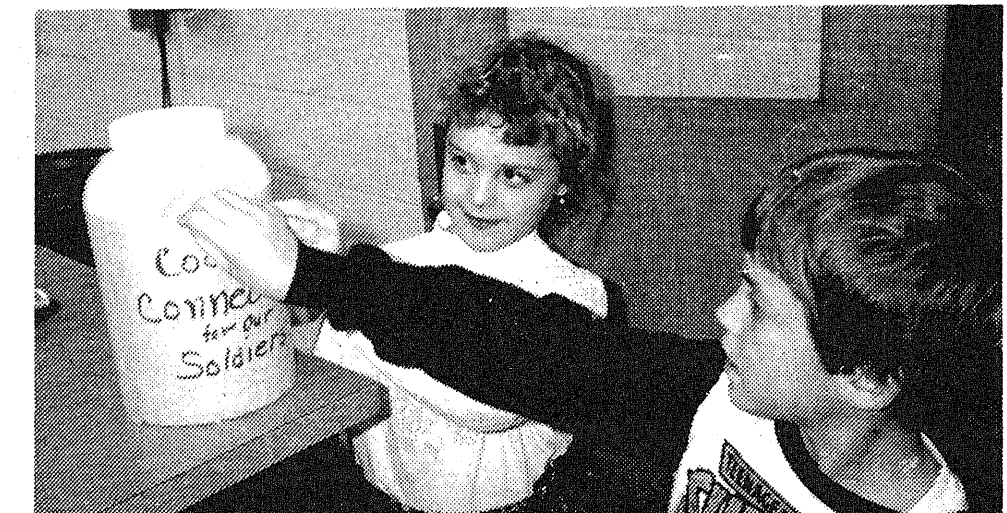
Christmas programs are scheduled for Pigeon Elementary on Thursday, Dec. 13. The evening program begins at 7:30 p.m. Grandparents and guests unable to make the evening program are invited to see the Pigeon dress rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. on the same day. Bay

Port Elementary program also begins at 7:30 p.m.

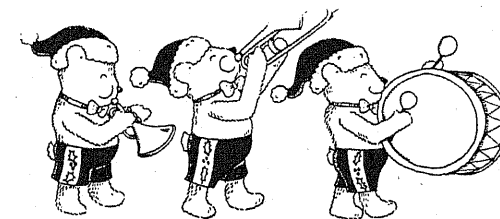
The students in Pigeon and Bay Port Elementary have just completed one very worthy project each that will help the American men and women in the armed forces in Saudi Arabia. The Bay Port students collected 26 pounds of kool-aid and the Pigeon students are sending over two cases of girlscoot cookies. This was a united effort by school and families to assist those dearest to our hearts at this time of year. The following letter that was sent with the Bay Port box of kool-aid sums up our feelings about these good deeds:

"Small hands and big hearts have come together to provide all of you a bit of reprieve from the pressures, the heat and the unsureness of what to expect next. We are a small elementary school from the "Thumb" of Michigan. We are the beat of the heartland of the U.S. We exist because of people like you who stand up for their values and choose to be among those who make a difference. We are appreciative of a job well done. We do not know you by name-but we do know that you are moms, dads, aunts, uncles, sons and daughters. You are modeling what is important to stand for and you are setting a legacy for us to follow. In parting, we wish to say that you are proving to those of us yet to follow that the footprints and pathways of those before us can even be implanted in sand."

TO ALL OF OUR LAKER FAMILY AND FRIENDS WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY.



PIGEON STUDENTS donate money for cookies to be sent to the troops.



ELKTON STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

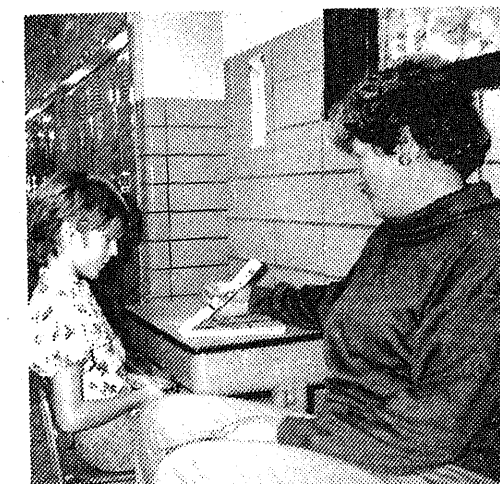


David Haibek, Consistent Honor Roll Student

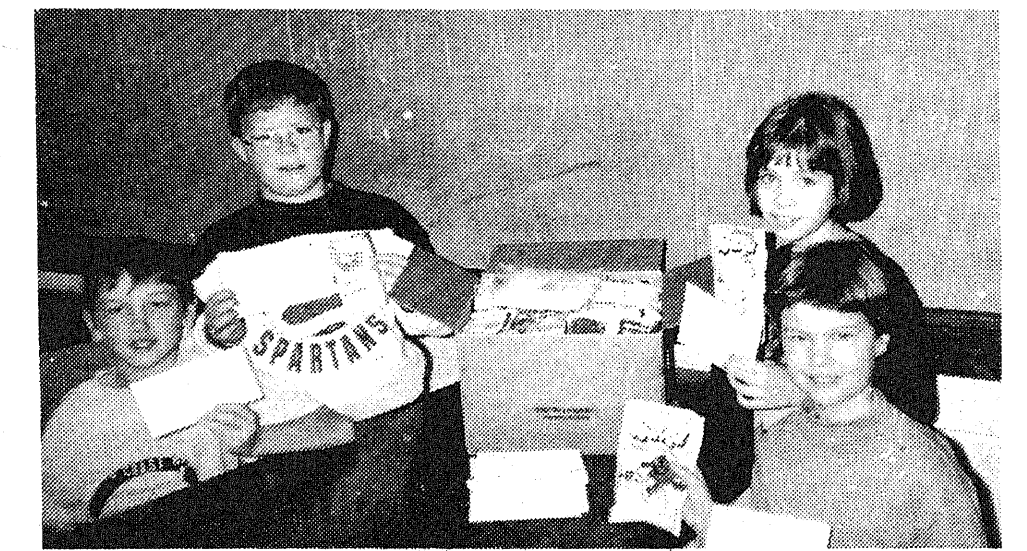
FAVORITE SUBJECT: Physical Education

HOBBY: Stamp Collecting

FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT: Toronto



Elkton Second Grader, Brandon Bouverette receives some special help from Elkton Aide, Mrs. Farver.



BAY PORT STUDENTS pack Kool-Aid for soldiers in Saudi Arabia.

ELKTON ELEMENTARY REPORT FROM PRINCIPAL BEN PHILLIPS

The Elkton upper elementary honor roll students have always received special recognition. This year students making the honor roll will receive a special letter of congratulations and a special designed honor roll pin. Each nine weeks a different designed pin will be awarded. Students receiving all A's will also be taken out to lunch.

On Nov. 19, 47 Elkton Senior Citizens were treated to lunch at Elkton Elementary. Turkey and dressing was served and a short program was presented by Mrs. Witczak and the third graders. We are always glad to have the seniors in for lunch.

The Elkton Elementary Christmas program is scheduled for Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. An afternoon performance for grandparents will be Dec. 6 at 1:30 in the afternoon. The fifth grade elementary boys and girls basketball season will soon be here. Boys and girls do need physicals and physical cards can be obtained in the Elkton office.

Elkton fourth and fifth grade students did a very fine job with the State MEAP test. All test scores were up from last year. For the first time ever, the fourth graders scored a 100% on the math test. The staff is thanked for the fine job they have done preparing the students for the test.

Just a reminder that Christmas vacation begins Dec. 22. School will resume on Jan. 7.

Two Elkton fifth grade teams recently participated in a state wide quiz bowl competition. This is a computer quiz of 100 general knowledge questions that takes about two hours to complete. Results are then phoned in. The team of Joel Salsbury, Joshua Russell, Richelle Miller and Jenny Dubs finished 21st out of 78 teams that participated. Good job!

Quote for the month: "The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home."—William Temple
HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

EDUCATIONAL FAIR HELD AT PIGEON ELEMENTARY

Over 200 students from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and surrounding schools, along with their parents, took part in the First Annual Educational Fair held at Pigeon Elementary School last Thursday evening. The fair featured nine display areas filled with educational games, toys and books.

Parents were free to wander through the halls viewing and purchasing items that were the perfect combination of education and recreation. During the same time, the students were in the gym being entertained by a unique theatre group from Drayton Plains. The one hour presentation not only acted as a free baby sitting service while the parents browsed but also provided the children an opportunity to view a professional show of plays, skits and music during the same time frame.

All who attended said the fair was a huge success and hopes are that it will continue to be an annual event. Each vendor contributed a percentage of their sales back to the school which used the money to help defray the cost of the entertainment. If you missed this year's event you may want to watch for next year's date.

