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## Here are latest Farmers' Festival update

With the 1991 Pigeon Farmers' Festival just four weeks away, chairmen of various events are putting out "wanted" signs for participants and helpers.

According to the Festival Committee, participants are still being sought for the Festival Queen's Contest, Mud Volleyball, Golf Tournament, the Hobby and Craft Fair, Beautiful Baby Contest and, of course, the Grand Parade.

"It's a festival of volunteers," explains the committee. "We're looking for participants in the events that require advanced registration and we need helpers in almost every area of the festival." (See the list of event

chairmen listed on Page 14.) The 1991 Festival is hosting several new events this year, including:

■ **BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST:** This popular fundraiser from years back is on this year's agenda, as a "fun way" to put funds back to the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. April Kingsbury is the chairman of this committee and she is looking for baby pictures from infants age three months to 18 months.

She emphasizes that this is NOT a beauty contest, it is a fund-raiser getting area families involved in a unique way. Deadline for entry is June 29, so interested persons should contact Kingsbury at 453-2113 after 6 p.m.

Photos will be on display at Thumb National Bank & Trust, Pigeon until Festival Week, when the display will be moved to the Chamber of Commerce booth at the Pigeon Village Hall. Then winners will be announced during the Friday Night Stage Show.

■ **TEEN SCAVENGER HUNT:** A new event is being planned for teenagers, and chairman Dane Niebel will provide the details as soon as the plans are finalized. The event has been slated for Thursday, July 25 at 5 p.m.

■ **RED HACKER SLAM DUNK DEMO:** Top national college basketball recruits Chris Webber and Jalen Rose will be a special feature of the Saturday night line-up, offering a demonstration of slam dunk "technique" and helpful words for teenagers.

They are being brought to the Festival Stage through the efforts of Bluewater Youth for Christ, sponsors of the Red Hacker 3-on-3 Tournament.

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THE PIGEON FARMERS' FESTIVAL is only four weeks away, and planning committee co-chairmen, from left, Linda Walsh, Rhonda Buehler, Judy Niebel and Linda Clabuesch, are busy finalizing plans for the many activities lined up for the annual celebration.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

## Visit Wallace Stone Plant this Saturday!

Visitors are invited to tour Wallace Stone Plant this Saturday at 10 a.m. to view 3,000 acres of open-pit limestone, which is approximately 125 years old.

This tour is the fourth in a summer-long series of Farm Tours, sponsored by Pigeon's Strategic Planning Committee. The plant is located at 8785 Ribble Road, Bay Port, off Riskey Road.

## Here comes Pistons' Joe Dumars!

"Joe Dooooomars!" Fans cheer wildly when Palace of Auburn Hills announcer Ken Calvert turns that name into a test of his lung power -- and fans here in the Thumb will cheer wildly when the popular Detroit Piston makes an appearance at Laker High School Monday evening, July 22, from 7-8 p.m.

Dumars, the 1989 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player and one of the best guards in the league, is making a public appearance at the school, following his Worldwide Basketball Camp that Monday.

He'll be talking about his career and philosophy of basketball, and possibly spend some time with the kids.

Tickets are available at various stores throughout the area, organizers say, and watch The Progress-Advance for more details.

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KIRTHMON DOZIER  
of The Detroit News



## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

### TRAXLER COLLECTS \$26,000 IN '90

U.S. Cong. Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) earned \$26,000 in speaking fees during 1990, according to his annual personal financial disclosure report. Traxler, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, received speaking fees from Rockwell International, National Association of Home Builders, National Association of Realtors, Mortgage Bankers Association, Rural Water Association and Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., the report says.

Traxler's report shows he owns a vacant lot on Mackinac Island worth between \$15,001 and \$50,000 which has a land contract worth \$10,001 to \$15,000. He also listed his savings in the Michigan Legislative Retirement System as \$15,001 to \$50,000 and has two accounts of less than \$1000 each with the congressional credit union.

Honoraria are banned this year, while last year's limit was \$26,850. The pay of House members rose from last year's \$96,600 to \$125,100 as the honoraria were eliminated.

### THUMB FARM FORECAST: BRIGHT

Nearly two-thirds -- 61% -- of local business leaders surveyed this month say the Thumb Area farm economy is in average condition -- and 64% say the next 12 months will bring more of the same, according to the monthly survey of the Thumb Business Forum conducted for The Business Blanket newspaper.

Another 31% say today's farm economy is in "above-average" condition, while 8% say farm economy is "excellent" at this time, the survey shows.

In all, 11% of Upper Thumb residents call themselves farmers, while a total of 13% say their work is "agriculture-related." About 2000 farms in Huron County bring more than \$120 million in gross income to the area each year.

### LAST YEAR FOR STATE FAIR?

The nation's oldest state fair may not have a 1992 run. This year's Michigan State Fair could be the last for the 142-year-old event unless businesses and the public step forward to support it, according to the fair's new Manager Dick Allen.

State funding totals \$500,000 per year, and Gov. John Engler has directed Allen to bring the event to a break-even point. This year's fair, set for Aug. 23-Sept. 2, will be conducted as planned, but no state government spending is planned for the 1992 fair.

Allen -- the former state senator, state business Ombudsman and state Travel Bureau director -- says the fair is planning an aggressive marketing campaign to boost busi-

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### Thursday Nitters League holds end-of-year banquet

The Thursday Nitters Ladies Bowling League held their banquet at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe on May 9.

President Stephanie Leiprandt conducted the meeting, electing the following officers: President Stephanie Leiprandt, Vice President Birdie Heintz, Secretary Ann Buschlen, Treasurer Angie Dubs and Sergeant at Arms Louise Welshans.

Trophies were presented to the winning team: J & B Plumbing and Heating, including Captain Ethel Gunden, Alice Albrecht, Brenda Smith, Helen Ruby, Jessie Otto, Marie Ruby and Nell Paiter. The J & B Plumbing team was also Alley Champ.

Runner-up trophies were taken by the Scheurer Hospital team of Captain Sandy McLean, Florence Otto, Denise Carpenter, June Dunn, Peach Niebel and Janet Truemner.

Trophies and awards were presented in three categories: 150 and up average, 126-149 average and 125 and under average.

High series, 150 and up, were bowled by Birdie Heintz 576, Millie Ropp 561 and Peach Niebel 554. High games, 150 and up, were bowled by Birdie Heintz 226,

### 'Taking a swing' at Scenic Golf News...

**By MAVIS PECHETTE**

It was a busy week at Scenic Golf and Country Club. Eighteen teams played in the four-man Best Ball Tournament. Three teams shot 17-under par to tie for first place.

A play-off was held with the team of Snider, Corcoran, DeYoung and Trudell taking the top spot. Second place went to Ouvry, Harris, Kritzman and Degebeck. The Osentoski's: Tom, Richard, Tim and Clarence finished third. Kohr, Dubey, Quinn and Champagne won the play-off with Leigh, Christner, Hnatuk and Krueger for fourth place.

The Ladies Invitational saw 56 two-women teams playing a mixed scramble and best ball format. The ladies were flighted by handicap into four flights.

Honors in the first flight went to Weaver and Rabideau, Beach and Esch and Mullins and Cochran.

The team of Blakely and Stevens won in second flight, followed by Lerash and Lerash and Dunevant and White. Third flight winners were Sump and Nagel, Conley and Adomelt and Radka and Preuter. Gall and Israel were the best in fourth flight with second place go-

### Scenic Mixed League Standings

**June 17**

**DIVISION I:** Weidman 58, Rathje/Anklam 58, Clabuesch/Yahn 52, Taormina 50, Sheiler 49, Papps 40, Leiprandt 38, DuBois 34, Crowner/Grenfell 30, Mellisko 25, DeBoer 21, Strauch 18, Watchowski 16, Bause 15.

**DIVISION II:** Beachy 56, Binder 52, Kelsey 52, Schuette 49, Hoeh 44, Delmotte 42, Schulze 35, Esch 33, Collins 32, Wichert 32, Archer 22, Dast 20, Anderson 18, Garety 17.

**Low Gross-Front 9:** T. Leiprandt 41, D. Yahn 41.

**Low Gross-Back 9:** J. Kelsey 42, M. Esch 47.

**Low Net-Front 9:** T. Leiprandt 31, D. Yahn 32.

**Low Net-Back 9:** J. Kelsey 33, D. Beachy 34.

**Birdies:** S. Taormina 2, B. McIlhargie 7, J. Hoeh 11, P. Garety 11, G. Delmotte 11, J. Kelsey 17.

### Lakers earn All-Conference honors

Several Laker athletes were recently named to the Thumb B Association's All-Conference team in baseball and softball.

This season the varsity baseball team went 9-4-1 for second in the league, while the softball team was 11-3 for third place.

Junior Jeremy Esch was named to the All-Conference First Team, while Eric Wissner and Reggie Ignash were named to the second team, and Kevin Picklo was named honorable mention.

Varsity softball team members Kelly Champagne and Brenda Beyer were named to the All-Conference First Team, and Tracy Pillon, Hollie Born, D.J. Ferris, Holly Esch and Trisha Kuch were all named to the second team. Beth Roestel received honorable mention.

### Ponytail action

The Pigeon B team swept the Elkton A team in a doubleheader last week, with scores of 24-11 and 14-8 in Ponytail Softball action.

In the first game, Pigeon B's Robin Rathje was the winning pitcher with nine strikeouts and two walks, and hit four singles.

Amanda Orlik hit a Grand Slam and two doubles; Jill Bruce hit four singles, Tracy Drury doubled and singled; Becky Pauly singled three times, and Kristie McKenzie hit three singles.

Marjorie Schember took the loss for Elkton with four strikeouts and seven walks, and hit a triple and two singles.

Also for Elkton, Becky Thomas doubled and singled; Sherry Kula tripled twice and singled once; and Tracy Champagne doubled.

In the second game, Rathje shared pitching duties with Kristie Gehrs, who pitched two innings and getting four strikeouts and two walks.

Rathje had two strikeouts and two walks, and hit a double and two singles. Angie Roestel hit a homerun and hit two singles, and Pauly doubled and hit three singles.

For Elkton, Melissa Bursick hit two doubles and a single; Schember, who pitched with four strikeouts and seven walks, also hit a homer and singled twice; and Tracy Champagne doubled.



### "Thanks a Million" By Percy Ross

## Psoriasis breaks-up marriage

DEAR MR. ROSS: After 10 years of marriage, my wife left me because I have a terrible case of psoriasis. I can't find employment due to my condition. People think I have AIDS. I don't—just psoriasis! I have no social life. I avoid public contact and only go out at night.

People call me Red Lobster, Red Man Chew, quarterback for the Washington Redskins—you name it.

My wife moved out two years ago. My son is ashamed to be seen with me, as was my wife. I applied for an uncontested divorce, but the court fee is \$274. I only get \$201 a month from public assistance. I live with my mother, who only gets \$374 a month in Social Security. With rent, food and utilities, we barely make ends meet.

I wish you could get my life going again and set me free from that she-devil. Thank you, and I've enclosed the divorce form with my letter.—MR. F.R., New York, N.Y.

DEAR MR. ROSS: I asked my editor, Miss Webber (who will be writing my column for the next two weeks), what she knew about psoriasis. From her experience in the medical profession, she explained that this skin condition can put people in extreme physical and emotional distress.

My goodness—I certainly feel for you and don't fault you for wanting a divorce after your wife's rejection. Although I'm mailing you my check today, I plan to be in your area next week. Perhaps you'll consider having lunch with me.

I'm slightly bow-legged and flat-footed, and my hair is getting sparse, but please don't laugh at my appearance. According to our society, it's less than perfect.

DEAR MR. ROSS: It's time to stuff my pride, or my bathroom is going to become an outhouse. The floor around my toilet has rotted and is starting to give way. I live in a trailer home, so the floor isn't very big, but I can see daylight through the hole. Should I go crashing through the floor, I'll likely be stuck there until someone hears me cursing at the top of my lungs.

For years I loved the rain, but not too long ago I had to start sleeping under my shower curtain because the roof has sprouted many a leak. I have some friends who are "street people." They stink to high heaven, but they're good in their hearts.

They come into the trailer park looking for odd jobs. They live out of the dumpsters behind the supermarket. Anyway, they've done some yard work for me, and I fed them. They don't have any way to cook, so they bring me their dumpster findings and I cook them up. If I have any meat, I put it in so they have a big pot of dumpster stew. You're welcome to come eat with us anytime.

Anyway, the boys knew about me sleeping under a shower curtain, so one day, here come two of them with a bucket of roof coating. Another had a handful of old stiff brushes and a roller.

Two more came carrying a ladder. They had just enough coating to stop the leak over my bed. I have a lot more leaks, but they did the best they could with what they had (from the dumpster, of course). Don't ask me where they got the ladder. What I need is wood to fix my floor, roof coating, patches and some money to pay a couple of these guys to do the work. They don't ask top wages, but they do have the skills. They just don't have the drive to work a full-time job.

I think I can hold them down for a couple of days until they get the job done. I got an estimate from one of the guys who will do the work for \$5 an hour. He said my roof will be good as new for \$200. Anything else you want to know, just call me, but don't call collect.—MRS. R.H., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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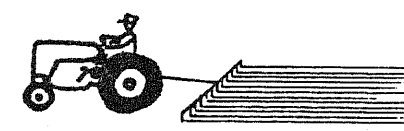
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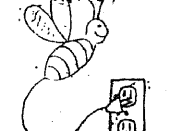


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