Christmas '91 will be brighter for many Caseville area residents, thanks to the efforts of the Caseville Community Christmas Fund volunteers. Chairman Marie Quinn and Colleen Poisson say even more residents will be assisted this year, due to state cutbacks which have put the squeeze on many local families. "Last year we donated to 54 seniors, to an adult foster care home, as well as to 38 families with 166 individuals. This year, the need will be even greater," they say.

Each child in a family receives a new toy and each member of the family gets a new article of clothing. Food gift certificates are also given to each family. "Our local churches, service groups and individuals have all been very supportive of our holiday efforts," she added.

Harren Cable, Inc. of Caseville is helping in a special way this year, Poisson and Quinn say, by offering free upgrades and free installation with the donation of a new $10 toy, which is designated to the Fund. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Christmas Fund may contact either Marie Quinn or Colleen Poisson.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS: Volunteers for the Caseville Community Christmas Fund surround themselves with toys. Pictured here, from left, Linda Metz, business manager at Harron Cable in Caseville and Colleen Poisson and Marie Quinn, co-chairmen.

SEE DETAILS INSIDE THIS WEEK'S PROGRESS-ADVANCE!

Come to Elkton's Open House this Sunday!

The Elkton Chamber of Commerce, the Open House celebration features special bargains at many Elkton merchants, store drawings, kids and adult prizes, and the final 300 Club drawing.

All the fun takes place at the new Huron Youth Center on Main Street, where free bean soup, hot chocolate, cookies, and coffee will be available, according to Chamber President Phyllis Podlaski.

A top prize of $200 in Elkton Funny Money will be awarded to a lucky adult, along with two prizes of $100 in Funny Money. A cash prize of $200 in free items and a final drawing will be given to a lucky youngster in the kids' drawing, and two bikes will be given away with lots of other prizes.

The annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held at the Village Hall, with plenty of baked goods and Christmas crafts available for purchase. Six lucky 300 Club ticket holders will win cash in the final drawing. Cash prizes of $1,000, $500, $250, $100 and two $50 prizes will be awarded.

LAVERN STURM wins $1000 in first Pigeon drawing

26 people were picked as winners Sunday afternoon, during the first weekly drawings in the annual Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Christmas Giveaway. LAVERN STURM of Pigeon won $1000 in Pigeon Shopping Money, good at any Chamber of Commerce stores. His ticket was one of two that opened after his name was drawn from the drum, and he chose a big colored box that held the $1000 prize. His ticket came from the Poliwatch Store.

Robert Rathie of Pigeon was the other adult whose padlock opened, and he chose a box containing $100 in shopping money. Rathie's ticket came from Disney's Home of Fine Furniture. No one chose the $200 prize, in the third and final box. The other eight adult winners who each were called to stage got $10 each in shopping money were June Jensen of Caseville (ticket came from McCormick Motors), Carole Henry of caseville (McCormick Motors), Flo Decker of Pigeon (Village Variety); Tom Armbruster of Pigeon (Barled Treasures); Wiene Koch of Owensdale (Byle House Sports), Eva Brown of Pigeon (Poliwatch Store), Don Roester of Pigeon (Don Erle Foods) and Ralph Nietel of Pigeon (Don Erle Foods).

TEEN WINNERS of $10 each in shopping money were Angie Wichert, Amanda Orlik, Eil Bender, Kelly Darnell and Alana Asey, all of Pigeon.

CHILDRENS PRIZE WINNERS of toys were Andy Shing, Halid Eicher, Jamie Duke, Samantha Stafford, Justin Dubs and Craig Smith, all of Pigeon; Christy Schulze and Eric Nieschultz, both of Bay Port, and Jason Getall of Elkton. Jonathan Schulze of Bay Port won the children's bicycle.

LAVERN STURM $1000 Prize Winner

This week's Santa visits start at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon in downtown Pigeon, with all drawings starting at 4 p.m.

NO MORE STATE POLICE WEATHER CALLS POSSIBLE

The Michigan State Police Travel Advisory Network has been started, to provide current road condition reports to all local radio and television stations in the state. By doing so, State Police hope to provide the same travel condition information to everyone through the media—thus eliminating hundreds of calls asking for the latest road conditions.

"These calls tie up existing emergency lines, prevent priority calls from coming in, and take troopers from other law enforcement assignments," said Capt. Mike Foss, Big Bay Port Post Commander.

"We're asking you, beginning this winter, to obtain road condition reports like you do school closings—through your local news media and the local Post. By not calling the local Post, we can provide better law enforcement to everyone in the community," he said.

MOTH FIGHTERS LOOK TO SPRING

Although the cold weather is setting in quickly, the people working on the Huron County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program are already looking toward spring. During October and November, workers have been marking trees around the county for gypsy moth infestations.

"The caterpillars are gone now, but the egg masses from which they hatch in the trees will be there through the winter," says County Gypsy Moth Technician Sally Comer. "These egg clusters can be anywhere from the size of a dime to larger than a quarter. They are brownish in color when first laid in August and then fade to a lighter brown or buff color."

The female gypsy moth deposits these egg masses on any convex surface including the back of trees, the underside of cars and tables, picnic tables and on rocks and twigs. Anywhere from 50 to 1,000 caterpillars can hatch from each egg mass and each caterpillar will set up to ten leaves during the larval stage of its life.

"Homeowners should scrape these egg masses into a bucket of soapy water or into a bag and burn them," said Comer. "Please note that scraping them onto the ground won't do any good because they will hatch there just as well as on the tree."

Two workshops in Huron County being surveyed for gypsy moth infestations for next year's treatment program are Caseville, Collfax, Fair Haven, Grant, Hume, Oliver, Points.
**Woods & Waters**

*Patrolism in A Creek Bed*

**Duane Greentree**

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Winterize your garden now

For the do-it-yourself gardener, the months of December, January, and February can be a time of opportunities to prepare your garden for the upcoming months. Here are some tips to help you winterize your garden:

1. Cover your plants: Protect your plants from the cold by covering them with a layer of mulch or a protective cloth. This will help retain moisture and moderate soil temperatures.

2. Water your garden: Water your garden deeply before the cold weather sets in. This will help your plants survive the winter months.

3. Prune your plants: Prune your plants to remove any dead or damaged branches. This will help prevent the spread of diseases and pests.

4. Fertilize your garden: Fertilize your garden to provide it with the necessary nutrients to help it recover from the winter months.

5. Check your garden tools: Check your garden tools to ensure they are in good condition. This will help you be ready for the next growing season.

By following these tips, you can help your garden survive the winter months and be ready for a successful growing season next year.

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