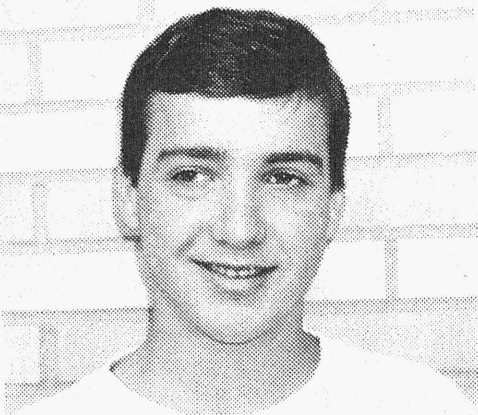


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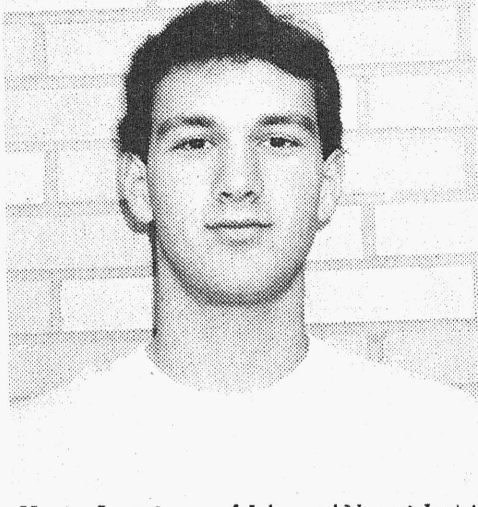
LAKER HIGH SENIORS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS



Paul Shupe, son of Tom and Bernice Shupe, was presented a Merit Scholarship at Dordt College. The scholarship is \$1,000 for each of four years.



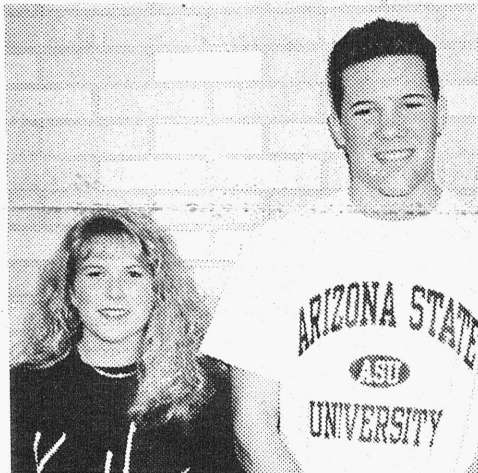
Theresa Kranz, daughter of Kenneth and Jean Kranz, has been awarded an academic scholarship at Oakland University. This award is \$2,000 per year, renewable for a four-year period.



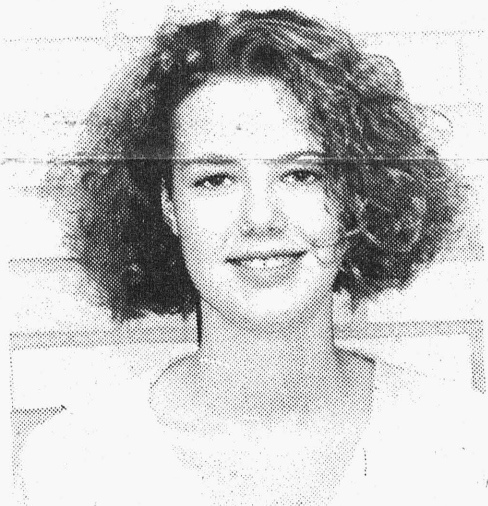
Kevin Jantzi, son of John and Naomi Jantzi, has recently been informed that he will receive the Goshen College President's Leadership Award. This scholarship is equal to half of the yearly tuition, approximately \$4,000.



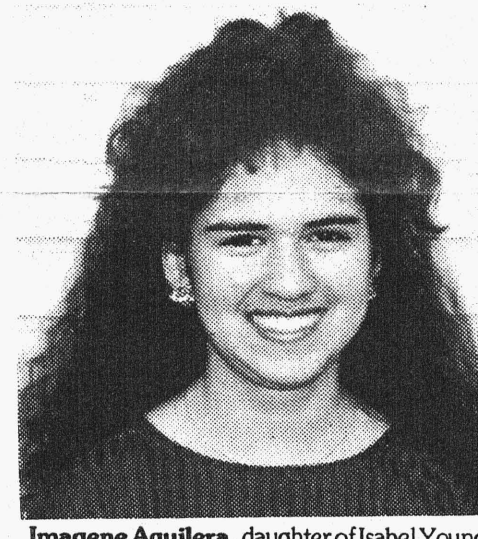
Danielle Damen, daughter of Victor and Karen Damen, has received three scholarships from Alma College; the Presidential Scholarship worth \$5,000, the Early Decision Scholarship worth \$1,500, and the Performing Arts Scholarship worth \$1,500.



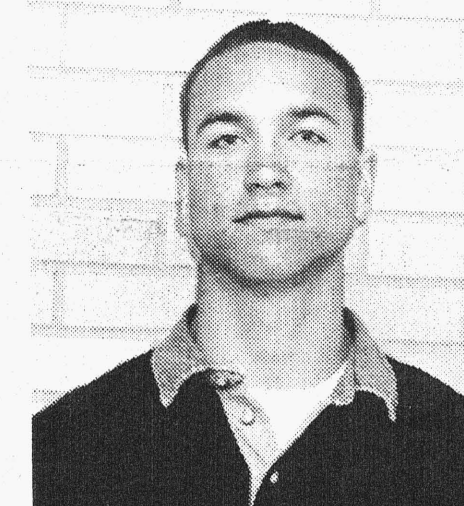
Heather Fisher, daughter of Kathy Kingsrud, and **Ben Krebs**, son of Mark and Kathy Krebs, received word that they will be recipients of the Board of Trustees Academic Honor Scholarship from Central Michigan University. The award totals \$4,100.00 over a four-year period.



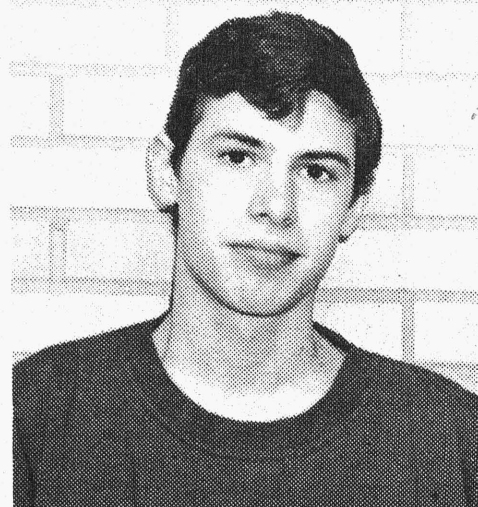
Liesl Eichler, daughter of Edwin and Wanda Eichler, has earned the Foundation For Rural Educational Development (FRED) Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$1,000.



Imagene Aguilera, daughter of Isabel Young, has been awarded a \$300 Vocal Scholarship from Spring Arbor College. Imagene also received the Rodney Wertz Memorial Scholarship, a Youth For Christ Scholarship worth \$500.



Bill Smith, son of Judy Smith, will be the recipient of Alumni Regents Scholarship from the University of Michigan. The scholarship carries a value of \$1,000.



Daniel Eichler, son of David and Kathleen Eichler, has won the University Scholar Award from Saginaw Valley State University. This award is worth \$1,000.

SEMI-FINALISTS NAMED IN THE GORDON W. & LOYSE B. HUESCHEN SCHOLARSHIP

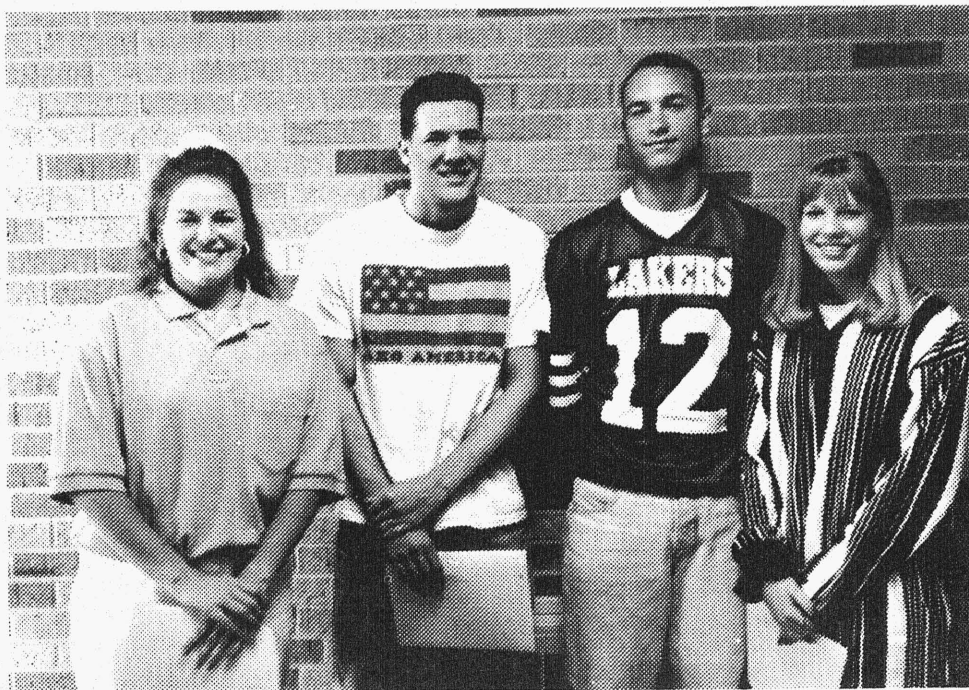
On Monday of last week, a five-member committee team met and selected four semi-finalists for the Hueschen Scholarship.

The semi-finalists were selected from a list of 11 students who met the basic criteria for acceptance into a science program at Michigan State University. Further criteria used to make the next selection included grade point average, ACT scores, science grade point average, and science ACT score, and the general rigors of the curriculum each student attempted.

The four semi-finalists will now be required to write a 300-word essay identifying their future educational and career goals and what this scholarship would mean to them. Final selection for this year's scholarship will be announced on May 1, 1994.

The Gordon W. and Loyse B. Hueschen Scholarship is a full tuition award, including room & board, plus books and class fees for four years. Calculations of its total value have been estimated at \$40,000.

Semi-finalists for this year are **Ben Krebs**, son of Mark and Kathy Krebs of Caseville, **Lora Picklo**, daughter of Paul and Patricia Picklo of Pigeon, **William Smith**, son of Judy Smith of Pigeon, and **Kimberly Sturm**, daughter of Terry and June Sturm of Pigeon.



FROM LEFT are Kim Sturm, Ben Krebs, William Smith and Lora Picklo, the four semi-finalists in the Gordon W. and Loyse B. Hueschen Science Scholarship at MSU.

LAKER ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

June 6 (Girls) 4:30 p.m.
June 13 (Boys) 4:30 p.m.
at Laker High School

Elkton Pigeon Bay Port

News From ELKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"What I'll be doing when I'm 100 years old..."

By BEN PHILLIPS, Principal

Elkton Kindergarten students recently shared with their teacher, Mrs. Deming, what they would be doing when they get to be 100 years old. This activity went along with a math activity.

When I am 100 years old, I will live in Hollywood with my wife. I will go shopping and eat at McDonald's. My hair will be brown and I will walk very fast.

When I am 100 years old, I will live in Texas. I will have false teeth and swim every day like an old man. When I am 100 years old, I will be a farmer and milk six cows. I will be bald like my Daddy.

When I am 100 years old, I will live in Florida. I will have a dog and a cat. When I am 100 years old, I will have short, curly hair. I'll dress up every day and go out to eat.



GETTING 'PIED': Bay Port Elementary students earned the opportunity to "pie" either their teacher or another staff member after an awards assembly on Thursday, April 14.

Laker Elementary COUNSELOR'S REPORT

By DAVID WOJCICKI, Laker Elementary Counselor

What Has Been Happening in VIP Class? Students have been busy with various activities in VIP Class lately. These activities include: KINDERGARTEN: The students have been hearing stories recently.

Sneezy come up with more appropriate behaviors to his problem behaviors, which include hitting, lying and stealing. SECOND & THIRD GRADES: These students have been studying groups and what it takes to be a good group member.

BREAKFAST STARTS MAY 1 AT LAKERS

Starting May 1st, breakfast will be offered at Pigeon Elementary, Laker Junior High and Laker High School. We have decided to try the program in only these three buildings until the end of the school year.

are offered in your child's school. An example of a typical breakfast would be: cereal, milk, juice, and bagel. Students will be allowed to eat breakfast the first 15 minutes of the school day.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT PROOF THAT OUR SCHOOLS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By ROBERT DRURY, Laker Superintendent

Certain signs are evident in a school building when there is excitement about learning. The positive attitudes, the high level of student participation in curricular and extra-curricular activities, and the parent spirit evident while assisting the school deliver meaningful education are all signs of a building interested in learning.

E. Our school principals demonstrate the necessary leadership to empower our teachers and also provide opportunities for students to assume leadership roles. F. The school building environment makes a big difference in learning. We strive to maintain a safe learning environment that is conducive to learning.

Be sure to look for the following evidence when you visit any of the buildings within our district: A. Our school buildings and staffs have clearly defined mission statements and a set of goals that are posted for all to see. Teachers and support staff are responsible for selecting these goals and they plan their teaching lessons around these goals.

H. Frequent and open communication between the home, the school, and the communities is encouraged. Newsletters, teacher notes, progress reports, good news cards, parent-teacher conferences, school programs, Laker Wave publications, and newspaper articles are a few of the numerous ways in which student progress is recognized.

SUMMER SPELLS S-C-H-O-O-L

The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools will hold a three week summer school from July 19 through Aug. 5. It will be held mornings from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 at the Laker Junior High for kindergarten through eighth grade Chapter I students.

involving reading and math will be offered. This will be our fourth year providing this service. It seems to be both beneficial and enjoyable to all students.

WANTED: The Laker Art Department is seeking donations of any candles or crayons, broken or whole, for melting, to be used in projects. Thank you!

BAY PORT & PIGEON ELEMENTARY

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

By PETE BATZER, Pigeon - Bay Port Principal

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH... As yet another month passes, the Pigeon and Bay Port Elementary students continue their hard work. This leads us to the naming of our "Students of the Month" for March.

FIRST GRADE: Kayla Wisenbaugh and Lindsey Swartzendruber. SECOND GRADE: Shelley Dufty and Holly Heilig. THIRD GRADE: Brenda Thiel and Meagan Koch.

BOOK FAIRS... Both the Bay Port and Pigeon Book Fairs were a success as they took place during the week of Parent-Teacher Conferences. In exchange for hosting these book fairs and based upon the amount of sales, both libraries were able to add a significant number of books to their shelves.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES... Once again, the vast majority of parents attended the spring conferences, held April 7 and 8. Your attendance shows how important your children and school are. Thank you for your help and cooperation.



MEMBERS OF THE BAY PORT "A" TEAM: Pictured here are, not in order, Matthew Sneller, Kacie Schuette, Julee Swartzendruber, Shari Yoder, Bridget Gunden, Ben Haag, Kim Rathje, Mike Voss, Eric Gunden and Emily Sneller. Chastity Mitchell is pictured here separately.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS... Anyone who has plans to enter their son or daughter in kindergarten for the 1994-95 school year should come in to Pigeon Elementary to register their child.



YOUNG AUTHORS... PIGEON ELEMENTARY FIRST GRADE: Janell Eile, Brynn Forman and Kayla Weisenbaugh. Alternates-Shannon Damm and Brad Hartz.

BAY PORT ELEMENTARY FIRST GRADE: Briana Gascho, Courtney Frite and Lindsey Swartzendruber. Alternates-Nicole Lancaster and Mike Harder.



MEMBERS OF THE PIGEON "A" TEAM: Pictured here, not in order, are Angela Voelker, Kristin Dubs, Carissa Gussell, Matthew Jacobs, Robert Radtke, Kim Kreh.

LAKER ART STUDENT WINS CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

Brian Beachy, son of Rev. Thomas and Karen Beachy of Bay Port, was recently honored at the Fifth District Congressional Art Competition held Sunday, April 17, at the Bay City Mall. The competition is sponsored by Congressman James A. Barcia.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

GRADE POINT AVERAGES AND CLASS RANK By DUANE GUENTHER, Director of Guidance

"I should have studied more!" "I wish I would have paid more attention in class!" The time for "I should have" and "I wish" are past. The year is nearing its end and with its conclusion comes numerous requests for GPA's and class rank.

Each marking period carries a weight of 2/5th of the semester grade, while the final exam carries a weight of 1/5th. Hence, two marking periods of 2/5th and one exam of 1/5 will constitute the semester grade. It is important to note that while the marking period GPAs count towards the honor roll you see in the newspaper, it is only the semester grade that counts toward the cumulative GPA colleges ask for at the conclusion of the student's high school years.

LAKER HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT MUCH AHEAD ON SPRING CALENDAR

By **LISA DiCAMILLO**
Laker High Principal

Congratulations are in order for the Laker High School staff. At the North Central Association Convention on March 29th Laker High School was commended for successfully completing

their five year cycle of goals. Mike Terrill, Chair of the NCA Steering Committee and I were present to receive the NCA-OA certificate. The NCA flag and certificate will be displayed next to the mission statement at the high school. I appreciate the work of Laker High



teachers on behalf of the students in grades 9-12. I have been extremely impressed with the quality of our student's performances in the extra-curricular arena. This past fall and winter seasons in the areas of music — band and choir; athletics, drama, mock trial, FFA, and forensics have been fantastic.

I'm thankful for the talented students and coaches and directors we have at Lakers. I appreciate everyone's willingness to put in the extra time and effort necessary to produce successful teams. I am looking forward to a good spring season. Just think — great weather, good teams. It's a great way to end the school year.

You are invited to the Parent/Principal Coffee on Monday, May 2nd. This will be the last meeting of the 1993-94 school year. I hope you will take advantage of this time to talk with me regarding Laker High School. I enjoy talking with parents about education and your children.

The Laker Fine Arts Council is busy planning this year's dinner theatre. The fifth annual event is scheduled for Thursday, May 19th from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. You can obtain tickets from each center's office. The Dinner Theatre promises to be one of the best yet!

The Class of 1994 has been planning the end of the year activities. Senior Week is eventful as students mix finishing classwork, exams, and sharing memories.

Please place Monday, May 23rd at 7 p.m. as Awards Night. The seniors will also be treated to a breakfast, a picnic lunch and a senior trip day at the KOA campgrounds. Overall this will be a special time for seniors, their friends, as well as for teachers and administrators.

I always see graduation as a bittersweet time. Students are moving on to new paths and goals which are exciting but I will miss the young people who have worked so hard at Lakers.

I wish them success and always welcome them back for visits with us. I always look forward to Homecoming, Cominghome and the holiday seasons.

Overall, I hope to see you at Spring Concerts, sporting events, the Fine Arts Dinner Theatre and at graduation. Please come and share your time with Laker students and faculty.

LAKER JRS. TAKE RESEARCH TO CMU

Mr. Reynolds, U.S. Literature teacher and Mrs. Gayari, librarian, took the 11th grade U.L. Lit. class to the Central Michigan University Library recently to collect information for Mr. Reynolds' research project.

This year's project focuses on Literature and History. According to Mr. Reynolds, "I changed the focus of this year's paper to involve actual historical events in relation to the period the author was published or lived. Each student was to select a five to 10 year window to narrow their search on."

All of the projects stressed conformity to standard M.L.A. style and form. The major difference with project is that the format of the paper will appear as an old-time newspaper. Students were requested to use computer technology when available. They used computers to locate information on CD-ROM and a Scribner's Writers Series with other research techniques. Then they input that information in their own words in newsstyle story form, using one of several computer programs made for layout and design.

The biggest problem with this project is sharing one computer with 112 students, but we are doing our best. "I am very pleased with results that I have seen to date."

The finished paper was due April 6 and was approximately 10 to 12 pages long when the works cited are added. The Laker English Department believes that research is a vital part of their high school English requirement.

6TH GRADE LJH READERS HONORED

Six 6th grade students were honored at a recent Laker Jr. High Awards Assembly for the effort they put forth in the new Accelerated Reader Program.

The program emphasizes reading management for 6th graders. They are awarded points based on books read and comprehension tests taken. Prizes are awarded periodically for points attained. The following students earned their A.R. T-shirts for amassing 105 points in the program.

They are **Erin Gulash, Stacy Kreh, Jim McQueen, Jessica Schuette, John Trost,** and **Jessica Weidman.**



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By **KATHY DICKENS**

Laker Junior High Counselor

Many parents call around the time student report cards are mailed home. They ask questions like, "What can I do with John? He just won't do his homework."

Other parents ask the question, "How can I get my child to be more interested in school? She just doesn't seem to like it."

These questions are always difficult to answer. However, I believe that oftentimes, parents can begin to make changes in their children by making changes in themselves first.

The following Parent Report Card has some very valuable questions for parents to consider. You may want to take the time to look it over.

A Report Card for Parents

Mark your report card now, and again in 6 to 8 weeks. As your grades increase, so will those of your child.

	A	B	C	D	F
1. Do I praise my child once a day?					
2. Do I treat my child as a worthwhile member of our family?					
3. Am I available when my child wishes to talk to me?					
4. Do I include my child in family plans and decisions?					
5. Do I set reasonable guidelines and insist that my child follow them?					
6. Do I treat my child the way I treat my best friend?					
7. Do I treat all my children equally?					
8. If I tell my child to do something, do I explain why instead of saying, "because I said so"?					
9. Do I set a good example for my child?					
10. Do I think positive thoughts about my child and encourage achievements?					
11. Do I take an interest in my child's education and attend PTA meetings?					
12. Do I occasionally give my child a hug or friendly pat on the back?					
13. Do I encourage attendance at weekly religious services?					
14. Do I spend time each day looking over my child's school work with him?					
15. Do I send my child off to school each day with a kind word of encouragement?					

LAKER JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT BUSY SPRING AT LJH...

By **DICK PAULY**

Laker Junior High Principal

I sincerely hope you had a very enjoyable spring break. Our students are settling into the last marking period and are eagerly working to finish the year on a high note. To do that, students must do homework.

If students concentrate, homework is much easier. Here are things students say cause distractions to their studying:

- 1) Telephone calls - When students talk on the phone, they lose their train of thought.
- 2) Television - Either TV noise in the background or studying in front of the TV.
- 3) Family members walking in and out of the room, talking.
- 4) Other loud noises - the vacuum cleaner, outside noise, etc.
- 5) Radios, CD players, stereos, etc.

You can't build a sound-proof room for your child, but you can enforce some basic rules: no TV, no phone calls and no loud music. You can also ask the rest of the family to take part in a quiet activity during homework time. Hopefully, these hints will lead to a better quality of homework done by your son or daughter.

During the month of March, we finished some very successful programs at our school. The popular Academic Track program wrapped up its season with the All-Star Meet at Lakers on March 25. As always, our students did an excellent job. Much of the success of this program

goes to our coaches and Mrs. Dickens, our counselor.

The seventh grade was given a week of Boater Safety taught by Sgt. Brent Woodward. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn the proper way to handle a boat. The seventh and eighth grade girls volleyball team finished another fine season. Many thanks go to Sue Frederiksen and e Wurst for doing such a fine job coaching our girls.

The last marking period at Laker Junior High School will also be filled with many activities. The sixth graders are preparing for their camping experience at Sleeper State Park. The seventh graders will be traveling to Mackinac Island for the first time this year. The eighth graders are anxiously awaiting the very popular class trip to Washington D.C. What a great way to end a wonderful school year!

The Laker Junior High School musical, "The Wizard of Oz," was performed on April 21, 22 and 24. The play was excellent. Congratulations should go out to Mike Terrill, director and all our students who participated.

With spring officially here, I would appreciate parents being especially aware of what students wear to school. Shorts are allowed at our school. I do ask that they are respectable, loose fitting and approximately to the knees. T-shirts with inappropriate language are not allowed. Students will be asked to turn the shirt inside out if there is a problem. I certainly

appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Betty Hurlburt to our Junior High staff. She is replacing Mrs. Deb Herzog, our secretary, who is home on maternity leave.

Please take a moment and stop by our school. Many of our community members walk the halls of our secondary complex for exercise purposes. If you need to walk during the day, feel free to come out. But whatever you do, please come out. We are proud of our complex, our students and our staff. Laker Junior High School is a great place to be and we want you to share in that excitement.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr. 29 Fun Night, 6 to 9 p.m.
- May 9 Progress Report mailed
- May 9-13 6th Grade Camp
- May 19 Fine Arts Dinner Theatre
- May 23-24 7th Grade Trip (Mackinac Island)
- May 23-28 8th Grade D.C. Trip
- June 6 1/2 Day of School-Exams
- June 7 1/2 Day of School-Exams
- Last Day of School
- Fun Night

SPRING SPORTS ASSEMBLY

Thursday, June 2

7 p.m., Laker Auditorium