

# The Newsweekly

All The News For The Western Thumb ■ Tuesday, December 6, 1994

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## A 'Country Christmas' weekend...

**TIME TO DECORATE:** The Pigeon Historical Museum is all decked-out in holiday splendor, for this weekend's "Country Christmas" celebration.

Placing old-fashioned ornaments on the tree at the Depot-Museum are, from left, Pigeon Historical Society President Marie Leipprandt, Treasurer Iva Brown, Vice President Al "Butch" Robinson and Leatha Murdoch.

Many of the toys, decorations and ornaments being featured date back to the 1920s, members say.

This is the first time the Museum has been open in winter months, and visiting hours are this Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 4.



Blade & Progress

## NEWS ROUND-UP

### USA search continues

USA Schools could have a new superintendent in place shortly after the first of the year.

Supt. William Dodge announced his resignation in October, after serving as superintendent for more than 30 years.

The search for a new superintendent begins in earnest now, since the application deadline past Friday.

"We've received about 30 applications, with two in-house ones," said Dodge. "The Board of Education's personnel committee will review applications and will set up interviews with probably about six to eight people. They will then recommend three to four finalists to go to the whole board for interviewing."

"I'm hoping they will make a decision in early January," said Dodge. "There are many vacancies and a person who is looking for an administrative opening many times will apply to two to three places, which means you have to keep on a roll or you are going to lose some of the good candidates."

"Once the process starts, you've got to keep going because if it is dragged out some of the good candidates will have taken another position by the time you want to interview them."

— By MARY DRIER

# Here's who is running...

By MARY DRIER

Village elections in 1995 will have little competition in most Western Thumb communities, as none have to hold February Primary Elections.

Because there is no competition, voters will go to the polls only for the Monday, March 13 General Election.

**ELKTON:** All three incumbents on the Village Council are seeking re-election to their expiring two-year seats.

Incumbent Republican Sid Hurlburt, incumbent Democrat Martin Baker and incumbent Republican David Fisher, who was appointed

to fill the unexpired term of Forrest Gilson, are seeking re-election. All are unopposed.

**PIGEON:** Two incumbents and a newcomer filed for the three two-year trustee seats expiring on the Village Council.

Incumbent Democrat Neal Eichler and incumbent Durward (Butch) Miller are seeking re-election.

Newcomer Republican Kent Tibbits is the other candidate.

Incumbent Cliff Pobanz is not seeking re-election.

**OWENDALE:** The three incumbents on the Village

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Candidates are Willa Rada-baugh, Bonnie Gaeth and Jerry Stirrett. They are all Republicans

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The candidates are Irene Bolzman, Rodney Tietz and John Schneider. They are all Republicans

**UNIONVILLE:** There is still one two-year seat up for grabs on the Village Council.

Incumbent Republicans

Arnold Ortner and Kathy Hare are seeking re-election to their expiring posts. Lynette Eremia is not seeking re-election.

The open seat can be filled during the election by the write-in candidate who gets the most votes. If none is entered, the Council will make an appointment.

## USA-FFA Alumni to meet Dec. 8

The first USA-FFA Alumni membership meeting is Thursday, Dec. 8, promptly at 7:30 p.m. in USA High School Cafeteria.

With the increased diversity of agriculture education programs, it's becoming more difficult to keep up with additional activities, notes FFA Advisor Carl Kieser.

**Input from** interested adults and former FFA members are a resource, to help build support for ag education, organizers say. The group works for the betterment of all levels of ag education.

If you think you would like to be involved in the FFA Alumni organization, the only qualification is an interest in supporting ag education, Kieser says.



## M!CHIGAN "by the numbers"

**HOW MUCH SCHOOLING?** What was the average number of school days a student had to attend, when Michigan became a state in 1837? And how many are now required?

(70 days back then, and 180 days now...)

## TV switches set Jan. 16

You'll still be able to watch every TV show you now enjoy... you'll just be seeing them on different channels.

Starting Jan. 16, CBS and NBC TV viewers will find their signals "switched" — as WNEM TV-5 and WEYI TV-25 trade network affiliations.

Channel 25 will become Mid-Michigan's NBC outlet, while Channel 5 becomes the CBS station for this area.

**Other local stations** are not affected: ABC network shows will still appear on WJRT TV-12, Fox network shows will still be on WSMH TV-66 and PBS shows will still be on WUCM TV-19 and 35 plus WFUM TV-28. Primarily affected will be:

■ early morning shows — NBC's "Today" will now be on TV-25, while "CBS This Morning" will be on TV-5;

■ prime time evening shows, between 8 and 11 p.m., and

■ late night shows — "Late Night with David Letterman" will be on TV-5 while "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" will now be on TV-25.

Mid-morning and afternoon programs such as "Oprah Winfrey," "Live With Regis & Kathie Lee," "A Current Affair" and even reruns of "Cheers" will stay at the stations where they now appear.

Viewers don't have to worry about missing their favorite shows, officials say. "What happens on the screen at home will not change perceptibly," says Eric Land of WEYI, based in Flint.

"It will just be a matter of viewers finding their favorite programs on different stations. It will be complicated for the stations, but not for the viewers."

**All this changing** is simply a matter of money.

CBS offered to pay TV-5 more to carry CBS programs than NBC was willing to continue paying, since stations are paid by networks for carrying network shows. It's the smaller part of another affiliation change with TV-5's sister station in

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## Bob Orr Pigeon's new Eagle Scout

**BOB ORR** of Pigeon, right, became the town's first Eagle Scout in 30 years recently. He's being congratulated by his father, Fred Orr on left, Caseville-Pigeon Scoutmaster, for achieving Scouting's highest honor. It's taken a great deal of dedicated work, which is described in detail on Page 16 inside.

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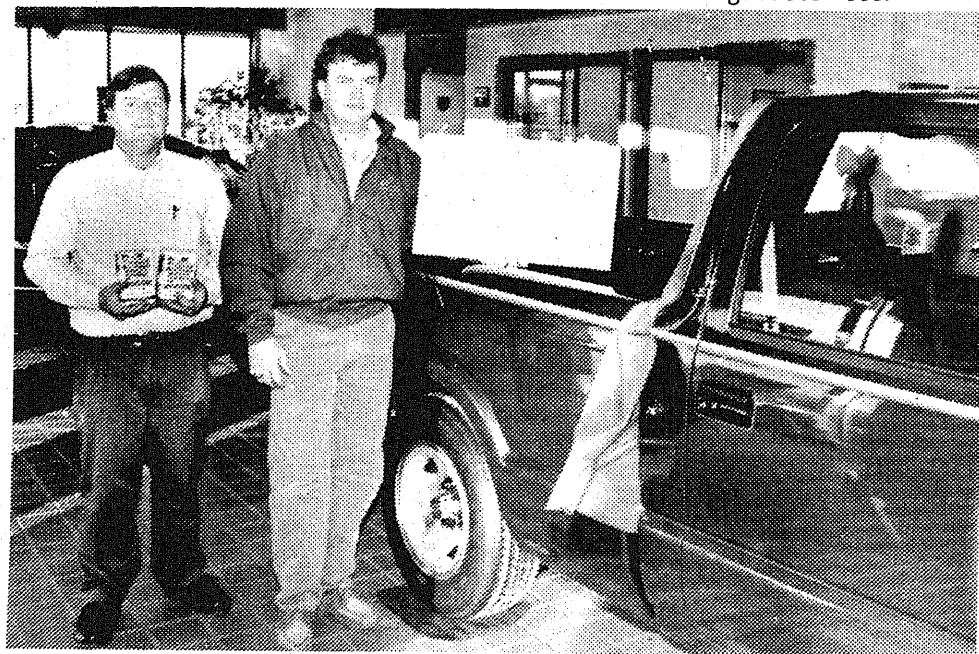
Inside: COUNTRY CHRISTMAS TIME IN PIGEON THIS WEEKEND!

## Help Caring & Sharing now!

Unionville and Sebawaing Area's 28th annual Caring & Sharing drive got a big boost from Immanuel Lutheran School students' efforts this week — as students and parents donated items to go into food baskets for area needy. Caring & Sharing is sponsored by area individuals, businesses, churches and organizations to help Western Thumb people — especially families with children — or senior citizens. All donations received by Caring and Sharing are distributed

directly to people in the local area, including Sebawaing, Unionville, and some in Owendale, Gagetown, Bay Port and Akron. Special packages for senior citizens are distributed by the totally-volunteer organization, says USA Supt. William Dodge. He created and coordinates the Caring & Sharing program. About 145 deliveries were made to area families last year and Dodge says he expects the need to be about the same this year.

"Donations have been coming in at a good pace so far and it looks like we will meet needs if efforts continue," Dodge says. Schedule for this year is: Wednesday, Dec. 21, for packaging and Thursday, Dec. 22, for deliveries. Anyone knowing of a needy family or senior citizen who could use some food-stuffs, or anyone who wants to volunteer to help with gathering donations, packaging and delivery can contact Dodge at 883-2360.



GETTEL AUTO MALL'S Used Car Manager Jay Maynard and Sales Rep. Pat Richardson are looking for donations for the Unionville and Sebawaing Area's 28th annual Caring & Sharing program. The collection truck in the showroom in Sebawaing is sadly lacking canned donations to make the holidays happy for area needy. MARY DRIER PHOTO

## Disaster funds ok'd for Thumb

Gov. John Engler has approved \$375,952 in disaster assistance from Emergency Management funds for the Thumb Area, to repair damages caused by heavy rains last summer. Tuscola County received the largest portion of funding with 19 townships and villages of Caro and Mayville sharing \$281,060. Sanilac County and the city of Marlette will share \$39,814, plus Lapeer County and two townships will share \$55,078.

The money comes from the state's Disaster Contingency Fund and provides funding for damage to public roads, bridges, drains and other public facilities. "This will allow for the recovery costs that was incurred by the widespread flooding damage to our pri-

mary and local roads and the drains," says Tuscola Emergency Management Director James Jashinske. "Unfortunately, for the residences which had severe or minor damage, the Public Act 390 does not assist them. However, the 591 residents who suffered flood damage are possibly eligible for low interest loans through the Farmers Home Administration Office in Caro."

Area townships to receive funds include: \$30,000 for Akron, \$12,877 for Elmwood, \$30,000 for Fairgrove and \$1,250 for Wisner.

## Want to see the Detroit Vipers play hockey?

You and a guest can enjoy seeing the Detroit Vipers play hockey on Dec. 17 — thanks to your friends here at The Newsweekly. We're giving away TWO free tickets to the Vipers game on Saturday, Dec. 17 when they face off against the Fort Wayne Komets at the Palace of Auburn Hills at 7:30 p.m. Two tickets will be given away at each of our offices to: the first person to bring a hockey trading card or other hockey item into either office after 1 p.m. today (Tuesday.)

You'll receive two complimentary tickets to that game, and then the action (and fun) can begin! Decision of our judges is final; only two tickets per person/family at a time. It's another way to enjoy December, from us to you!

## Santa comes to Unionville Dec. 17

Notice to all Unionville Area children — Santa will be making a visit to the Unionville Fire Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. All area children are invited to visit with Santa and enjoy a sloppy joe and hot chocolate. Horsedrawn wagon rides will also be available. The event is sponsored by Unionville Community Association.

**Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce Meeting**  
**at Sebawaing Village Office**  
**Tuesday, December 13**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
 Any interested parties invited to attend.

## Last day at Pigeon Manufacturing



HERE'S THE FINAL group of United Paperworkers International Union Local 7320 employees, along with their total years of employment at Pigeon Manufacturing Corp. With one exception, none has less than 25 years of experience at the plant. Front row, from left: Harold Ropp, 31 years; Bob Tate, 26 years; Dick Kunding, 29 years; Frank Masa, 34 years; Dale Behm, 29 years; John Gaeth, 25 years; Gary Sprague, 26 years. Back row: Ken Hatch, 27 years; John Bruce, 4 years; Bob Fritz, 28 years; Ron Wissner, 25 years; Jim Jaworski, 26 years; Vern Smith, 26 years; John Forbing, 27 years; and Gary Schave, 26 years. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

**By AMY HEIDEN**  
 The giant presses stand silent now, the parking lot is nearly empty and the time clock has punched its last card. That final punch came last Wednesday, as the last 15 union employees filed out of Pigeon Manufacturing Corp., to face uncertain futures. The plant ceased operations and all the presses and equipment will be sold, and stamping dies returned to their owners.

The plant closing was announced in September by owner Anthony Barclae of Troy, who said the plant was losing money and had no room to expand after a rezoning request was turned down. A few long-time workers are eligible to retire, but some workers who have decades of seniority simply aren't old enough to receive pension checks, union officials say. Since the plant closing was announced, some workers have taken voluntary layoffs

and some have found other employment in the area. Others are unsure of their future plans. Only a few office workers are left at the Hartley Street plant.

The plant won't be empty for long, though, because neighboring Huron Casting, Inc. has purchased the building and plans to move some operations.

## O-G contract talks continuing; 3 teachers get mini-grants

Contract negotiations are continuing, for Owendale-Gagetown School teachers. Negotiators met with the mediator on Dec. 1. The district's 21 teachers have been without a contract since June 1993. In other concerns, O-G Board of Education members Ron Good and Terry Muntz will serve on the review committee for students expelled for weapons violations. No incidents have been reported, but state law requires establishing the group. And, a sex education advisory committee was formed. Co-chairs are Faith Parhrner and Jannet Somsel, with members William Brit, Joanne Hopper, Mary Ann Abbe, Rev. Nathan Bickel, Joe Warack, Sandy Parks, Sandy Salcido, Brian Wright and students Health Ross and Chad Kunding. Three O-G teachers received Eisenhower mini-grants: elementary teacher Rhonda Powers \$130 for weather instruments; elementary teacher Sandy Parks \$150 for hands-on science books for second-grade students, and high school teacher Les Packard \$150 for a computer sketchpad. Repairs of \$6,700 were done to the gym floor. Classes will dismiss early Tuesday, Dec. 6, because of a teachers' in-service meeting. Dismissal at the high school is 11:23 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the elementary. Annual Christmas program is Monday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

All The News That Fits  
**We Print!**  
 by Mark Rummel

DESK-CLEARING: ■ "Do you REALLY have that much stuff on your desk?" a reader asked me this week. Apparently she hasn't actually SEEN the editor's desk! ■ (Actually, the editor hasn't seen much of it lately either!) ■ As reported in this issue, Laker School District residents are being asked to fill out the survey now being distributed about a central elementary school. Please give school leaders your thoughts, both pro and con, to give an accurate gauge of public opinions... ■ It's amazing how many things are going on at any time here in the Thumb, and especially now in this pre-Christmas time. You have the choice of two to four places to go, cantatas or concerts to hear and events to enjoy — as reported here each week. Take in as many of those events as you can. We guarantee you'll get into the Christmas spirit, and your support is needed. ■ Along that line, Sunday's Home Christmas Tour sponsored by the Sebawaing Women's Civic Club was LOTS of fun, and gives sharp-eyed "tourists" decorating ideas. Very enjoyable. ■ Two other special event/holiday offerings should be mentioned, too: — First is the "History & Pioneers of Pigeon: 1853-1953" video produced by Al Eicher. It's now for sale all over Pigeon through the Pigeon Historical Society and Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. We've said it before, we'll say it again — it's VERY well done. Fascinating local history/roots video trip! — And, Sebawaing/Unionville's Marsh Lupp, Kurt Fwald and Tom Abbey should be EXTREMELY proud of their "Farm Machinery At Work" video, also available locally — and by calling 1-800-FARMS96. Even for folks who think they KNOW all about farming, this video will tell and show you things you never knew! Each of these are great gifts under a tree... ■ Remember, we've got just 19 shopping days... shop your Thumb Area stores FIRST.

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 WISH I'D SAID THAT: "The IRS is a pain in the neck, and some folks have an even lower opinion of them!" (Karl Hertz)

## Blade & Progress NEWS ROUND-UP

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Phoenix, Az., which will also become a CBS station. No channel changes are expected on local cable systems, meaning you'll still find each station at its current cable spot. However, the network programs you see will have different homes. Similar changes are happening this month in Detroit — the 10th-biggest U.S. market — where WJBK TV-2 switches from CBS to Fox, WCPR TV-62 switches from independent to CBS after CBS purchased TV-62 this fall, WKBD TV-50 switches from Fox to the new United Paramount network, to start in '95.

## M-24 delayed to late '95

Another bump in the rocky road facing the M-24 highway extension has surfaced. Letting of the construction contracts for the remaining 8.3-mile section of the M-24 project was expected in January, but that may be delayed to late 1995 or early 1996 because of state budget constraints. The state Department of Transportation plans to seek bids during calendar year 1995, since plans are 100% complete, but funding has not yet been formalized, says MDOT District Engineer Larry Tibbitts of Saginaw. "Work might not begin until 1996. Even after the project begins, it is a two-year project." But another delay doesn't mean the project is doomed. In some cases MDOT knows the money isn't currently available to do a project, but proceeds with designs anyway, says MDOT's Bob Parsons. "So when the money is available, the department will be in a position with the project to go to work immediately," Parsons says. "We are spending available revenues to maintain roads and rebuild bridges," says Tibbitts. Considering additional gasoline taxes to fund more road construction, he adds, "whether a gas tax increase comes in the future is up to the Governor and Legislature."

Besides funding problems, legal technicalities over some of the right-of-ways for the road project along the subdivisions on Cleaver Road north of Caro are causing some roadblocks, too. The subdivisions had restrictions allowing residential-only use, and so state officials must get agreements from former owners to enable use for road expansion, officials say. M-24 is a northern route known as Telegraph Road in Detroit which now ends in Caro at the M-81 intersection. Linking M-24 to M-25 for the Western Thumb has been considered for 30 years. — BY MARY DRIER

## Court proceedings

In 73rd District Court (Huron County,) Judge Karl Kraus last week heard the pleas of/or passed judgment on:  
 ■ Philip J. Boik, 59 of Bay Port, pled guilty to impaired driving, second offense; ordered to serve 40 days in Huron County Jail, pay \$985 fines and costs, serve 12 months' probation and loses license for one year;  
 ■ Joseph R. Garascia, 30 of Caseville, pled guilty to open alcohol in vehicle; \$105 fines and costs;  
 ■ Frederick A. Higdon, 34 of Bay Port, pled guilty to no license in possession; \$125 fines and costs;  
 ■ Kim A. Johnson, 30 of Gagetown, found guilty of failure to stop for school bus; \$100 fines and costs;  
 ■ William H. Lyman, 20 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct; 30 days in jail and \$250 fines and costs;  
 ■ Charles Mascorro, 28 of Pigeon, pled guilty to writing non-sufficient fund check, less than \$50; ordered to pay \$500 fines and costs and pay \$329.73 restitution;  
 ■ Michael J. Snider, 29 of Bay Port, found guilty by default of having defective auto equipment; \$45 fines and costs;  
 ■ Wesley M. Stanton, 18 of Bad Axe, pled guilty to unlawful blood alcohol level, underage 21, following a recent incident investigated by Pigeon Police; \$200 fines and costs, and  
 ■ Christina M. Winchester, 20 of Caseville, pled guilty to open alcohol in vehicle; \$105 fines and costs.

## Laker Elementary surveys are now being distributed...

If you've got a child in any of the three elementary schools in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port "Laker" School District, your son or daughter will be bringing home a survey this week. Or if you work for one of the major employers in the district, you might pick up a survey. Or you can pick one up at any of a number of businesses in Bay Port, Pigeon or Elkton. Wherever you get your survey, it's important that you fill it out and send it back to the school, Supt. Robert Drury says. The survey questions local folks about their feelings on a proposed central elementary school, which would combine students from the three elementary centers. Over 1,300 surveys will be spread throughout the district, and if you don't happen to find one, Drury or his staff will be happy to mail one to you if you call the administrative office at 453-2097. In Elkton, the surveys are available at the Lunch Bucket and Don's Barber Shop. In Pigeon, pick one up at The Newsweekly.



TV WINNER: Sebawaing resident Doris Wiltse accepts the remote control to a 20 inch color Zenith television from Sebawaing of Commerce President Steve Langford. Wiltse won the television in the Christmas drawing sponsored by the Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce. MARY DRIER PHOTO

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# The Newsweekly Forum

## As we see it Will term limits remain law?

Our U.S. Supreme Court this past week began hearing arguments in the case of *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. vs. Thornton*, to decide whether or not states can limit how long their members of Congress may hold office.

It's an important subject in at least 22 states — including Michigan — where voters have already cast ballots favoring such limits. If term limits are found to be constitutional, then the clock is indeed running on senators and representatives in our land. But if six-term Arkansas Congressman Ray Thornton wins, it's back to square one for the term limit movement.

The case began two years ago when Arkansas voters approved term limits for their congressmen, as part of a national movement which included our state. Several opponents, including the League of Women Voters, sued to block those limits — and were soon joined by elected officials, including the Democratic Cong. Thornton.

People who oppose term limits say they are unfair and unneeded. Many opponents will say this year's elections prove that point: the public will "kick out" lawmakers when it's time.

That might seem reasonable, but we've long advocated term limits for several reasons. First, our government is based on average people volunteering their time to public service. Unfortunately, many of our elected leaders feel those positions become "their jobs" — and opponents find defeating an incumbent very, very difficult.

It seemed most challenged incumbents simply "held on" last month, rather than earned victories. Some wisely know when to step aside; our own George Washington wished to serve no more than two terms.

No one is bravely predicting what will happen when the Supreme Court rules on this case, and they probably won't finish their ruling 'til spring. But Republicans have already promised a vote on a term limits amendment to the U.S. Constitution in the next year. Whether limits come via our courts or from our legislators, their time is here.

Our governmental positions should be known as a time of dedicated public service. Lawmakers who serve 12 or so years and walk away with a \$200,000 pension should be outlawed — and they should also be ashamed. Limit terms now...



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## Readers Write

### Parks Manager thanks Laker student for efforts

By ROY ELIE, Sleeper State Park

Tim Blakeney and his class of students from the Resource Room at Laker High School are to be commended for the excellent job they did cleaning brush from the hiking and ski trail at Sleeper State Park on Nov. 9, 1994.

Mr. Blakeney's class put on a fund-raiser each year for a special project. Instead of doing a walk-a-thon, he decided to try something different. Instead of seeking dona-

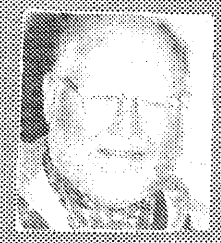
tions for a walk-a-thon, he thought that donations for a work bee would attain two goals - get something worthwhile accomplished and raise funds for their Experimental Education Program.

This sort of fund-raiser is unique and of great interest to a lot of people who benefit from the efforts applied.

Our hats are off to Mr. Blakeney, his class, Ms. Frederiksen and Ms. Brown for a job well done. We look forward to working with them again.

## Recollections Of By-Gone Days

by George Keim



### DEAR EDITOR:

I missed writing my last article because of Thanksgiving because The Newsweekly needed it a day early and I didn't know it until it was too late.

I've seen a lot of Thanksgivings and on some, I was very thankful and on others, not so thankful. But on this particular one, I was very thankful.

I've got a very good place to stay and I found out I have a lot of friends I didn't know I have and a lot of new ones since coming to Country Bay Village.

I was at a very good place for dinner and had a good nap and felt good after dinner, so what more could I want?

Once, a long time ago when we lived on a farm south of Pigeon, we were supposed to come to my Grandmother's place for Thanksgiving dinner. So we got ready to go.

It was a very nice day, but there had been a lot of snow. It was all gone by then so Dad got our Model T Ford out of the barn and it stopped and wouldn't start again.

He ran the battery down and still it didn't start, so we took turns cranking. It still didn't start so I said it must be out of gas, but Dad said he had just put some in.

Well, I lifted up the front seat and looked. It was a clear day so Dad took a can to the neighbors to borrow some gas. The neighbor wasn't home and his dog wouldn't let Dad close to the barn.

And it's a good thing, because it was a barrel of kerosene! So he sent me to another neighbor and he got some gas out of his car. I took it home and Dad poured it in and the car started.

Well, it was a touring car and had suede curtains. Dad always had the job of buttoning them. My mother and I held them on till we got to town and stopped at the Peoples Oil & Gas station. Dad said, "Put in five gallons," he gave them a \$5 bill and got some change back.

We got to Grandmother's in time for dinner and she had a very good meal of chicken and mashed potatoes and gravy, as well as baked apples and all the rest of good things to make a good meal.

At about 4 o'clock, Uncle Dan went out to feed his chickens. He had over 300 of them and he always fed them on time and took very good care of them. Well, we went home and got there on time to do chores.

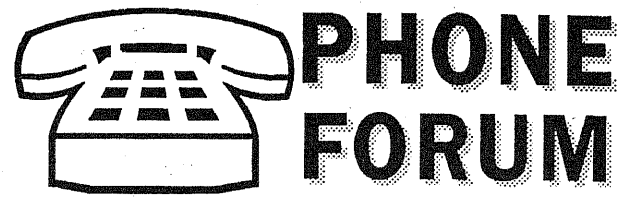
I had to pump the water for our cows and horses, and then mother had a good supper of hash brown potatoes and gravy. The next day we had school, but nobody studied very much because we were still full of Thanksgiving dinner.

Once I had a wisdom tooth pulled out a little before Thanksgiving. I was very thankful for that and when I was farming, if I had my barn full of hay and straw and the grain full of grain and a crib full of corn, I always was happy.

In the Bible it says "In all things give thanks," but most of us take those little things in life for granted and don't thank God for them. I still know I'm not as thankful as I should be for the health and good life I've had in the 83 years I've had on this earth.

Sincerely yours,  
GEORGE KEIM

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Edited by MARK RUMMEL, News Manager

You've got two good reasons to call PHONE FORUM this week — either share your thoughts on these or any subjects of local interest, or respond to "The Armchair Quarterback" found on Page 21 in this issue. Either way, tell us what you think, and we may print it here next Tuesday:

**L. of Sebewaing:** I had to laugh about the people talking about restaurants. It is true some pop drinkers have to keep paying, but coffee drinkers can get as many refills as they want. That's not fair, I agree. Why don't you people learn to drink coffee? That would solve the problem.

**Bob of Akron:** I feel very badly for the families of those hunters who drowned on the bay, but they should not have been out there. In late November, it is unsafe and they should have stayed away. This is a sad lesson for everyone else.

**M. of Bay Port:** I can't believe you printed a second article about the Thumb Narcotics Unit and how big they've scored. The truth is, they haven't really done a thing. All the grand jury has done is ruined peoples' lives.

**F.C. of Sebewaing:** Since the USA Middle School will soon be moved, I think students should be picked up door-to-door, instead of having to walk to a different area, and then have to stand outside in all types of weather. They now live a good distance from their school and should have the same rights as all rural children do.

*(That's a good point, F. Making that many stops in each town would certainly raise bus operating expenses, and that would cost each taxpayer more. How about it, readers? What do you think?)*

**State Sen. Joel Gougeon:** In the Nov. 29 edition of The Newsweekly, a question was posed by "T. from Elkton" regarding a millage for needy veterans. I hope this will provide satisfactory clarification of the issue.

Public Act 214 of 1899 establishes the "Veterans Relief Fund," to provide for the relief of honorably discharged indigent members of the U.S. Armed Forces and the indigent spouses, minor children and parents of indigent or deceased veterans. The act requires the County Board of Commissioners of each county to levy and collect a tax not exceeding 1/10 of a mill, and the establishment of a three-person commission, consisting of veterans, to be appointed by a probate judge. Funds collected shall be paid to the county treasurer, and disbursed upon the order of the soldier's relief commission. Any money left in the fund shall remain in the county treasury as the soldier's relief fund.

In addition, a County Board of Commissioners may determine that in a year in which an emergency exists, the Board may appropriate 2/10 of a mill for a year.

Enclosed is the language of the law. I hope this proves useful to you. *(Copies are located in our Sebewaing & Pigeon Offices...)*

**A. from Pigeon:** There is, there are, there is! And don't most people talk that way? Remove the plank from your eye. Those who live in glass English houses should not throw grammatical stones, my dear critical friend!

**Huron County Commissioner Dale Wertz** responds to the inquiry about M-24: Bill Hentgen of the Construction Division of MDOT District Six in Saginaw tells me that all the right-of-ways for the new highway have been acquired and that construction will begin in 1995, with a two-year completion date after that.

**D. of Caseville:** I have a question about Caseville's new "found" law. Who is going to turn in a found item, if it is of value? Caseville is working on a law, but many folks would just keep it. Spend your time making real laws, Caseville. *(Don't be so cynical, D. I'd bet most folks would turn in a found item. Himm — but if it was only cash, how many would??)*

**S. of Pigeon:** Congratulations to Joe Maust, Jr. and Active Feed Company, for the big write-up in last Sunday's Bay City Times. *(You're right — Joe noted the American Egg Board just increased its checkoff from 5¢ to 10¢ per case [30 doz.] of eggs, to raise \$14 million for research and promotion. The story says Active Feed has 600,000 birds and was rated 108th largest agribusiness in the country several years ago.)*

**M. of Unionville:** Thank you so much for the homes tour in Sebewaing. It was very enjoyable and I got many decorating tips for Christmas. Just wonderful.

### Yarns From The Thumb

by Walt Rummel

**The date is TUESDAY** and the date is DEC. 6, which is Day No. 340 and only 25 more remain this year. On this date in 1973, Gerald Ford was sworn in as vice-president under President Richard Nixon, following the resignation of Spiro Agnew... Lyricist and author, Ira Gershwin, was born in New York City on Dec. 6, 1896. Among his better-known successes were "I Got Rhythm," "The Man I Love" and "Someone to Watch over Me"... Birthdays today, photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt 96 and musician Dave Brubeck 74...

**At 7 a.m. (Hawaii time)** 53 years ago today, DEC. 7, 1941, Japanese bombers hit Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu. Most of the U.S. Pacific fleet was sunk or damaged, nearly 3,000 American sailors were killed and 200 U.S. planes were destroyed on the ground. The bombing of Pearl Harbor immediately entered us into World War II... Birthdays today, former baseball star Johnny Bench 47, retired basketball star Larry Bird 38, actress Ellen Burstyn 62 and actor Eli Wallach 79...

**Three years ago today**, on DEC. 8, 1991, Soviet Union was dissolved and the CIS—Commonwealth of Independent States—was created. It was the end of 74 years of Russian Communism... American humor writer James Thurber was born 100 years ago today, in Columbus, OH... William Crapo Durant was born in Boston on DEC. 8, 1861, and became one of the early auto magnates, with Buick, co-founding Chevrolet, and organizing General Motors. He lost, regained and lost GM over nearly 40 years and ended his career operating a bowling alley in Flint... actress Kim Basinger is 41 today and comedian Flip Wilson is 61...

**There are pre-Christmas events** going on all over the world... John Elroy Sanford, better known as Redd Foxx, was born in St. Louis on DEC. 9, 1922, and played his role as comic, vaudevillian and nightclub entertainer, but didn't hit it big until he reached a national audience with the TV sitcom, "Sanford and Son." One of his acts was to feign a heart attack as "This is the BIG One," and he collapsed and died on a rehearsal stage on Oct. 11, 1992... Former House Speaker "Tip" O'Neill is 82 today, and these actors have birthdays, too: Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. 85, Kirk Douglas 78 and Dick Van Patten 66...

**It's SATURDAY, DEC. 10**, so Christmas caroling, torchlight parades, candlelight walks and home tours are popping up all around the world... 19MWR49... Tom Molineaux, the first unofficial heavyweight boxing champion of the U.S., a freed slave from Virginia, was beaten in the 40th round by Tom Cribb, the English champion, in a boxing match in London in 1810... actress Dorothy Lamour is 80 today...

**King Edward VIII**, formerly the Prince of Wales, abdicated his throne on DEC. 11, 1936, to "marry the woman I love", twice-divorced American Wallis Warfield Simpson. He died in Paris in 1972... At 6 p.m. on DEC. 11, 1953, KTVA, Channel 11, Anchorage, AK, signed on the air, becoming Alaska's first TV station... Birthdays today, singer Brenda Lee 50, actresses Donna Mills 51 and Rita Moreno 63 and author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn 76...

**The first chief justice** of the U.S. Supreme Court, John Jay, who co-authored the Federalist Papers, was born DEC. 12, 1745. He lived to be 83... Joseph Hayne Rainey of South Carolina, was the first Black to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, being sworn in DEC. 12, 1870. He served until 1879... DEC. 12 is Poinsettia Day, to honor the death date of Dr. Joel Poinsett, American diplomat who introduced the Central American Christmas plant in the U.S... Birthdays today, singers Frank Sinatra 79, Connie Francis 56 and Dionne Warwick 53...

**Have you noticed** how EVERYTHING in our lives has to be "fun"? Whether in TV or radio ads, print media, family conversations, we demand FUN. They want FUN in learning, FUN on the job, in shopping, FUN in the dentist's office, FUN while we're having our oil changed, FUN while asleep, and some probably expect FUN as they're going under for surgery. Just note sometime how everything, EVERYTHING must be FUN. No doubt, some people expect it, too...

**We've had several phone-ins** about Easter Lilies getting their seasons mixed up and blooming for Thanksgiving Day, and beyond. Della Marozke of Sebewaing planted her Easter Lily outside after it bloomed last Spring, and now, lo and behold, it's blooming again. She asks if this is unusual, or expected. Is it ???

**Travel in Kenya**, as an example, is into the game areas by Land Rovers, and along the way you'll see such wonders as the Taj Mahal at dusk, Great Barrier Reef Cruise, Kowloon and Hong Kong, a Peking Duck dinner, the Great Wall of China, the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul and dozens more. Everything is the best and it's all included, plus a \$500,000 insurance plan. A Danish native now a world-resident who speaks five languages is your guide.

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### A Wahre G'schichte

bei Hanswurst

## Alte remembrances

Sonntag Nachmittag, 3 Uhr, November 27, 1994, waren wir ge-treatet zu das erste totally-Deutsch Weihnachts Gottesdienst seit about 1935.

Die Host-Gemeinde war St. Lorenz Lutherische Kirche in Frankenmuth, and Retired Pastor Eldor Bickel von Lansing hat die Predigt ge-preached. Der St. Lorenz Chor hat 3 Numbers gesungen und, as expected, sie waren outstanding. Der Afternoon war dunkel. Bei 1 Uhr hat eine Cloudburst ge-startet. Der Rain hat so hart auf die Pavement ge-peltes das mann konnte kaum 3 carl-lengths ahead sehen.

**"Too bad," sagten wir**, "das wird die Crowd herunter-cuten, no doubt." Wir sind arrived about 2 Uhr, da waren about 50 schon ge-seated.

In unsere Gruppe war meine Frau, Dorothea, ihre Mutter, Frau Erner die ein Monat von Ihr 100te Geburtstag war, meine Cousin, Clara, und Ich.

Wir haben viele Frankenmuther—etliche gute, old-time Freunde—in die Narthex ge-meet, und die Schwiegermutter hat uns schnell far-front ge-lead. Wir sassen und erwarteten die early auto magnates, with Buick, co-founding Chevrolet, and organizing General Motors. He lost, regained and lost GM over nearly 40 years and ended his career operating a bowling alley in Flint... actress Kim Basinger is 41 today and comedian Flip Wilson is 61...

**Die Arrivals wurden** mehr und mehr. Meiste hatten nasse Coats, Hats und Schirmen ge-carried. Die closer wir kamen zu 3 Uhr, die schneller kamen die Worshippers. Despite den Downpour und die fast-gathering Dunkelheit outside, waren die Gaeste froehlich und cheerful, alle obviously happy fuer was vor uns lag.

St. Lorenz Kirche ist ein von die gresste Kirchen in die Area, und es waren about 700 die kamen, von alle Points in die Area.

Wir hoeren immer about joyful Christen aber diese Christen waren overjoyed, weil sie haben etwas wundervolles expected—and Sie waren nicht disappointed.

Pastor Bickel's Predigt war auf 1 Johannes 4, und der Theme war, "Gott ist die Liebe."

**Es war eine gute** Sermon und wir haben grad about jedes Wort verstanden, naemhlich, das Gott hat uns so geliebet das er seinen Sohn sandte als Erloeser der Welt. Wer an Ihm glaubt, der wohnt in Gott und Gott in ihm. Es war das ganze Evangelium in eine Nutshell.

Und die Weihnachts Carols—at least halb von die 700 hatten grosse Tears in Ihr Augen als Sie solch Carols sangen—

- \* Hosiana, Gelobet Sei der da Kommt, in dem Namen des Herrn;
- \* O du Froehliche, o du Selige;
- \* Es ist ein Ros entsprungen;
- \* Lobt Gott Ihr Christen Allzugleich;
- \* Ich freue Mich in dir;
- \* Gott ist die Liebe;
- \* Vom Himmel hoch da komm Ich her;
- \* Laszt uns alle froehlich sein;
- \* Und dann haben wir ge-closed mit das aller beste, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht." Fuer die middle Verses haben Sie alle Lichter ab-ge-turned except die 2 Baume beim Altar. Welch ein Thrill! Wie dankbar wir waren fuer diese Weihnachts Service!

**Die Moral in die Geschichte ist:** Ich hab gresse Traenen geweint, especially mit Stille Nacht, und Ich gib nichts drum wer es gesehen hat.

## Fear not!

"The angel of the Lord said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard.'" Luke 1:13a

The Bible records many situations when angels visited humans. Often their first words were, "Fear not!" or "Do not be afraid."

When the angel confronted the priest, Zechariah on his duties in the temple, his first words were comforting—"Fear not." The angel's message was that the aged priest would become the father of John, who would go before Jesus, telling the world of the coming Savior.

About a half-year later the angel came to Mary, telling her she would become the mother of that Jesus. Again his words were, "Fear not."

Both times the message came from the angel, Gabriel, and both times his opening sentence was "fear not." John would come as a messenger. Jesus would reconcile God with all people.

The Gospel message was brought to humans to give great joy and everlasting comfort to all who accept it.

Jesus' coming to earth at Christmas was not to punish humans or to direct them to hell. He came in love and mercy, to set humanity free—from sin, from the devil's clutches, from eternal death.

He came to deliver us and therefore His mercy message began with the words, "Fear not." "Do not be afraid."  
**PRAYER: Lord God, with fear out of our hearts, we now rejoice in Your message of comfort and joy. Amen.**

### Horsin' Around

by Kate Pickering

## Dead again

Jeffrey Dahmer is dead. And for that, I'm sorry. The details are sketchy as yet, but in a nutshell, he was beaten to death in the bathroom of a Wisconsin prison, dying with no more respect or dignity than a stray field mouse who found himself in a farm wife's kitchen.

Some say, "good... now taxpayers don't have to feed and house him for 30 years." Some say, "poetic justice." And I'm sure the families of his victims say... "his punishment and death were not nearly grizzly enough."

**But with an interest** I cannot really explain, I took special note of the handsome young man - with the ghoulish taste for blood - way back when his case first broke over the airwaves. Watching a couple of his taped TV interviews (back when they first aired), I was fascinated by what seemed like a truly soft-spoken, mild-mannered young gentleman, recounting with horrifying detail, his dark, twisted voyage into necrophilia, murder and cannibalism.

But he had none of the wild, psychotic hysteria often seen in the eye of Charles Manson. And he showed none of the unrepentant cockiness of a textbook sociopath. He did not look like a murdering, flesh eating, cadaver-loving monster.

Rather, he looked like a guy who might walk up to you in a bar and ask you to dance to a Bob Seeger tune. He looked like a guy who might deliver your mail, or your much anticipated Christmas packages. He looked like any other tall, single, white guy in his mid-30s.

And that is the most frightening and horrifying truth about Jeffrey Dahmer... and Susan Smith, the South Carolina woman who drowned her two baby boys in their car seats. The most frightening, horrifying truth may indeed be that the devil does not roam around with a pitchfork and pointy tail to give him away. Perhaps we cannot take any comfort in our long-held belief that his tell-tale horns and cloven hooves will make him immediately apparent to we who consider ourselves God-fearing Christians.

**It's all too possible** that, instead, the abominable Prince of Darkness trots about the globe in the form of handsome young men and believable young mothers. And we can't help but wonder if he takes these forms, or if these people let him in... or even if such a thing as an inherently evil entity exists. Are these horrific acts truly born of simple chemical imbalances and childhood trauma?

I, for one, had hoped that perhaps an articulate, cognitive, cooperative offender - such as Dahmer - might help shed some light on these questions. Now we will never know... and for that, at least, I am sorry.

## Lake Huron Community Arts Council NEWS

**This is the weekend** for the play "The Vision" presented by the USA Drama Club, under the direction of Joan Hofmeister.

Time is 2 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Dulcimer playing by Pauline Kelly (Saturday) and Marian Strieter and Ethel Wildner (Sunday) will precede the play.

Come and be entertained in the lovely atmosphere of holiday trees, nativity scene, Putz and Moravian doll house.

**Narration of the Moravian Putz** is available for groups as a special viewing. Call 883-2450 for more information.

**Get your vocal cords** in condition for Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. for indoor caroling — to get you in the mood for the holidays.

**Gallery hours** are Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. until Saturday, Dec. 18.

**The Holzmeister** Carving Club meets every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Huidelberg Gallery. Everyone is welcome to visit or attend. Call Don Martin for more information at 883-3492.

## Tuscola pay agreement

Contract agreement has been reached with Tuscola County District Court employees for a 35 cents and hour wage increase. The agreement is a one-year contract retroactive to active to July 1 and covers six workers, said Commissioner Norma Bates, chairman of the Tuscola Board of Commissioners.

Before the wage increase, salaries ranged from a high of \$11.22 per hour to a low of \$8.51 per hour. Other contract provisions include increasing life insurance to \$25,000 from \$20,000, to have Martin Luther King Day off instead of Lincoln's birthday off, and to have New Year's Eve Day off.

The county is still in contract negotiations with the sheriff's department, courthouse employees, plus district and circuit court workers. —By MARY DRIER

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# Thumb Club News

## BAY PORT WOMAN'S CLUB

The November meeting of the Bay Port Woman's Club was held at the home of Betty Smith, with 10 members and one guest present. Dessert and refreshments were served by the hostess. President Smith led in the

Pledge and Club Collect. Donna Deming reported sending four get-well cards. Roll call was "What Are You Most Thankful For, and Where Are You Going for Thanksgiving?" Guest speaker Dorothy Roe gave a presentation on "Parasites." The December meeting will

include dining out and a Christmas Party, hosted by Sandy Nuncio at the Bay View Bed and Breakfast.

## ST PETER LADIES AID, Bach

A Christmas theme was carried out in table decorations as well as in the opening de-

votion of St. Peter Ladies Aid for its December meeting. Hostesses Rose Faber and Nancy Nast prepared a devotional on the proper observance of Christmas. They were assisted by several members.

In the absence of the president, Eleitha Leinweber conducted the meeting. The final report of the bazaar was given and the Buying Committee reported the purchase of a new coffee maker and discussed the consideration of buying a new stove. The Sunshine Committee will prepare gifts for honorary members and shut-ins.

The Ladies Aid will serve dinner for the Thumb Circuit Pastor's Conference on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Cheesballs will be prepared for sale on Wednesday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 18. Lorene Reich and Bernadine Kunding were elected to serve another term as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

After the meeting, members enjoyed playing a game and receiving prizes. The committee served refreshments.

## ST. PETER'S ALTAR GUILD

The bimonthly meeting of St. Peter's Altar Guild was Tuesday evening, Nov. 29, at the church in Bach.

Reports were given by the committee for the month,

## Santa comes to Bay Port this Saturday

The folks at Mama Dee's Restaurant in Bay Port had better load up on cookies and milk. Santa Claus will make his Bay Port appearance there this Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at the corner of M-142 and M-25. His visit is sponsored by the Bay Port Chamber of Commerce.

The group continued its study of "What An Altar Guild Should Know" specifically "About the Church Building."

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ELEVEN GRADUATE FROM HOSPICE: 11 volunteers recently graduated from a volunteer training program conducted by Huron Memorial Hospital's Friends for Life, Hospice, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

PICTURED are Karen Baur, Joan Blome, Alta Chastain, Honora DePoorter, Janet Dondineau, Marilyn Meek, Connie Porter and Louise Swartzendruber. Missing from photo are Tom Beachy, Jean Kloska and Karen Powell. "As part of the Hospice team, the volunteers may be working directly with patients and their families or behind the scenes," says Kathi Rafferty, R.N., Hospice director. The six-week program included topics such as: the role of the volunteer, universal precautions and infection control, medical and social aspects of death and dying, comfort measures for the patient and "hug therapy." For more information, call 269-9521.

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## Lake-Chandler folks are doing plenty of Christmas-time vis

**By MILDRED BALLAGH**  
Dec. 11: The Kinde/Chandler Presbyterian Churches will present a Christmas Musical Program at the Kinde Church.

Don and Judy Ahearn spent Wednesday overnight and Thanksgiving with their mother, Mrs. William McBride and Fred. Ann went

back to Saginaw with them for the weekend. Ann and Judy were busy baking for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Heckroth and family Chris and Nicole enjoyed Thanksgiving with Ray and Ruth Heckroth. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gross had their family Thanksgiving on Sunday. Attending were

Walter and Donna Gross and daughter Emily of Essexville; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gross and family Scott, Erica and David; Allan and Sharon Gross and children Adam and Sara of Caseville; Brad Ratchess, Krista Gross and son Kyle of Kinde. Rolle Dast paid his respect to Bishop Frances Reh at St.

Mary's Cathedral in Saginaw on Thursday. Mona McBride spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jim McBride and family in Gaylord. Keith Cross and son Decode of Caro were recent callers at

the home of grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Les Simmons. Chris Heckroth was a successful deer hunter with a six-point at 8 a.m. the first day, near his home. Thanksgiving guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ross, v. domski and A. Warren; Jamie ton and Tam Harvey Ross and Alex of B holiday callers



THERE'S LOTS OF LOVING for little Marissa Linea Engelhardt of Sebewaing, center, when her grandmothers and great-grandmothers get together. Sitting are great-grandmother Dorothy Findlay of Reese, mother Nancy Brinkman - Engelhardt of Sebewaing with Marissa, great-grandmother Bertha Brinkman-Hover of Caro. Standing are grandmother Margaret Ann Brinkman of Unionville, great-grandmother Molly Schnieder of Unionville, great-grandmother Ivadell Engelhardt of Sebewaing and grandmother Mary Engelhardt of Sebewaing. MARY DRIER PHOTO

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The signs, prepared and posted by Sebawaing Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, denote the area as turkey country and alerts the public to watch for the big birds.

Once extinct in Michigan, wild turkeys have made a remarkable comeback since wild stock was brought from other states and birds were released in selected spots throughout Michigan. The turkeys have prospered so well that there are two hunting seasons in the state each year and thousands of birds are bagged annually.

The local chapter's turkeys, some with young, have been sighted in many areas between Sebawaing and Bay Port. No hunting will be permitted in this area until turkeys are well-established.

Posting this sign were Steve Gremel, who owns this farm land, Larry Lenz, chapter president, Board Member Herb Lorentz and Chapter Vice-President Butch Gunsell. Taking part in the sign project, but not on the photo is Chapter Secretary Jim Christner. The local chapter will stage another banquet and seminar in April, 1995.

WALT RUMMEL PHOTO

### County budget work...

Tuscola and Huron County Boards of Commissioners are working on budgets for next year.

Tuscola's Board will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, for proposed adoption of the 1995 budget.

Huron's Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday also, but will continue work on the budget, with adoption expected the last week of the month. Because Huron's budget is still in the draft stage, no specific information is available.

Tuscola's budget estimate for 1995 is \$7.06 million. However officials say they will have to use about \$800,000 from its fund reserve to balance that budget.

"We aren't too happy about that, but there isn't much we can do," says Board Chairman Norma Bates.

"It will be the same from here on each year. What is coming in for revenue certainly won't give us enough to balance the budget, so we are going to have to use more and more of our delinquent tax funds. It's getting to the point where we can't afford the services we've got — and we may have to soon look at significant cuts down the road."

Property tax and government-provided revenues are lower, while expenses increase, she and Tuscola Controller Michael Hoagland agree.

Another reason the county expenses are high is because officials will change from cash to a modified accrual accounting system, which changes Tuscola's financial position.

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As seen on TV  
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Spartan • 48 Oz. **Pure Vegetable Oil** Regular or Butter • 48 Oz. **Spartan Shortening** Assorted • 4 Oz. **Gerber Second Foods**

**1.69** **1.69** **3/\$1.00**

Oven Fresh • 20 Oz. **Golden Wheat Butter Split Top Bread** Kellogg's • 20 Oz. **Frosted Flakes** 6 Pack • Plus Deposit **Red Dog Beer**

**99¢** **3.59** **3.89**

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Country Fresh • Gallon **Homogenized Milk**

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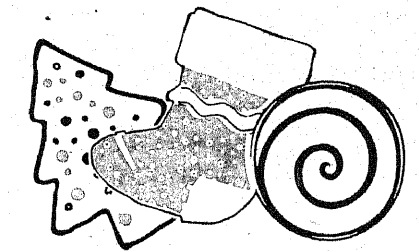
**2/\$4.00** **99¢**

Minute Maid **Orange Juice** ..... 2/\$3.00  
 Country Fresh **Lowfat Chocolate Milk** ..... \$2.29  
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 1 pkg (8 oz.) Spartan cream cheese  
 1 cup Spartan butter  
 3/4 cup Spartan sugar  
 1/2 tsp almond extract  
 2-1/2 cups Spartan flour

**Preparation**  
 Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine cream cheese, butter, sugar, and extract, and mix until well blended. Add flour, mix well. Chill several hours or overnight. Roll dough to 1/8" thickness on a light floured surface, cut with cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 6-8 minutes. Makes 5 dozen.

**Create Gifts from Your Kitchen**  
 • Make up a Create-A-Cookie Kit with cookie cutters, a cookie recipe and ingredients.  
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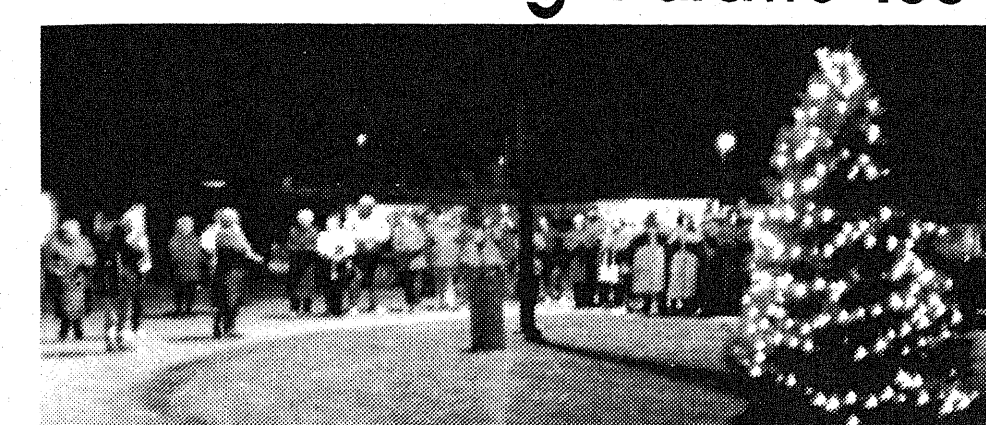
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**Scheurer tree-light draws 400**



A CHILLY NIGHT still brought out nearly 50 people Thursday night, to see the inaugural lighting of Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary's "Gift of Love" Christmas tree. The tree, located in front of Scheurer Hospital on N. Caseville Road, Pigeon, is adorned with nearly 400 lights in honor of or in memory of family and friends.

The project has raised more than \$1,900 at this time, with proceeds going to the purchase of hospital equipment, according to Auxiliary President Ruth Schuette and Scheurer Hospital Administrator Dwight Gascho. Lights may still be purchased through Dec. 31.

**CPS musicians play Dec. 15**

Caseville Public School's Music Department will perform its Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at the James Stahl Auditorium.

The junior high school band will perform "Santa at the Symphony" by Mark Williams, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by Johnny Marks, arranged by Paul Cook, "Christmas March" by C. Paul Herforth and "A Christmas Wish" arranged by James Swearingen.

The senior high school band will perform "Christmas Fugue" by Robert Brown, "Feliz Navidad" by Jose Feliciano, arranged by Andy Clark, "Sleighride Express" by Ralph Hermann and a John Kinyon arrangement of George Frideric Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah."

**Hoerauf speaks Dec. 14**

Lynn Hoerauf of Freedom Ministries in Bay City will be the featured speaker for the Wednesday, Dec. 14 meeting of the Elkton Prayer Breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Elkton Civic Center.

She and her husband Jon both serve as counselors and teachers in the Bible-based counseling service, which also offers seminars. One of the seminars will be highlighted, "The Exchanged Life Seminar."

This seminar will delve into a deep understanding of ex-

changing one's personal life for the selfless lifestyle of Jesus.

The breakfast begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 11:30 a.m. Meetings open with praise and worship time, an offering, the guest speaker and close with prayer. Light refreshments are served and free child care is available at Elkton United Methodist Church.

Area men and women are welcome. For more information, call 453-3084, 874-5188 or 738-8772.

**Concert Dec. 14 at Trinity**

Trinity United Methodist Church of Sebawaing invites the public to share its Christmas celebration of the birth of Christ, when it presents a musical concert Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

The concert will feature Devin and Yvette Chisholm and will include a collection of Christmas songs praising the Lord. A freewill offering will be taken and refreshments will be served after the concert.

Among other celebrations this month will be

- a Sunday School Christmas Program, Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m.;
- a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. and
- an Open-Communion Vigil from 9 p.m. to midnight on Christmas Eve. During this vigil, persons may stop in for prayer, meditation, and communion anytime.

On Christmas morning, Dec. 25, the public is invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus at 9:30 a.m., followed by a celebration worship service at 10:45 a.m.

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# Tax-Cutter Guide Medical expenses may add up to a deduction

(Prepared by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants)

It may be in your best financial interest to take care of medical problems and major

health-care expenses before the end of the year.

According to the Michigan Association of CPAs (MA-CPA), medical expenses are deductible to the extent that they may exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income.

If you're close to this thresh-

old, accelerating medical payment since 1994 may enable you to write off a portion of your medical bills.

A wide range of expenses are tax-deductible. Congress has classified them into four categories:

1. Costs associated with the prevention, diagnosis or alleviation of physical or mental defects or illness.
2. Amounts paid for treatment affecting any structure or function of the body.
3. Transportation primarily for and essential to medical care; and
4. Accident and health insurance premiums.

Here's a basic explanation of these categories:

### Qualified expenses

**Medical and hospital services**—Deductible medical expenses include fees paid to family physicians, dentists, eye doctors, chiropractors, podiatrists, osteopaths, psychologists, nurses, therapists and other recognized practitioners. You can also deduct most hospital fees.

Remember, too, you can only deduct that portion of your expense not covered by medical insurance.

**Nursing homes**—Generally, you may deduct the cost of nursing home care as long

as the facility is providing you or your dependent with medical care. However, the tax law is strict in this area. If

a physician did not recommend the nursing care or if you are not receiving any treatment for a medical prob-

lem, your expenses may not qualify for a deduction.

**Equipment and physical problems**—You may also deduct the costs of a seeing eye dog, false teeth, hearing aids, artificial limbs and other items necessary to overcome a physical impairment.

Fees paid for special training programs or schools, such as those for a learning disabled or handicapped child, are also generally tax-deductible if the main reason for using the school is to alleviate the disability.

**Transportation for medical care**—The costs for traveling to doctors' offices, hospitals and special schools are also deductible.

If you drive, you may de-

duct your actual costs or the standard rate of 9 cents a mile, plus parking and tolls. You can also deduct cab, bus and even plane fare to medical facilities.

**Medicine and drugs**—You cannot deduct the cost of over-the-counter medicines, such as aspirin or antacids. Only the costs of prescription drugs and insulin are deductible.

**Home Improvements**—Home improvements made for medical reasons are among the most costly of all medical expenses, yet they are frequently overlooked.

Qualified expenses may include building a swimming pool, adding a special walkway to your home, or remodeling a bathroom—provided these improvements are ne-

cessitated by a medical condition and prescribed by a doctor.

If the improvement increases the value of your home, you must subtract that increase from the cost of the

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2. Contribute to a tax-deferred retirement plan, and start when you're young.
3. Take out life, health and disability insurance.
4. Systematically invest for the long haul. Select accumulation vehicles that match your risk temperament.
5. Consider taking out a 15-year mortgage, rather than the typical 30 year loan. It's not as scary as it sounds.
6. If a college or technical degree is a goal, shop around for financial aid.
7. Think of the money earmarked for long-term financial goals as you would a bill. That mir.d-set will help you be more disciplined.

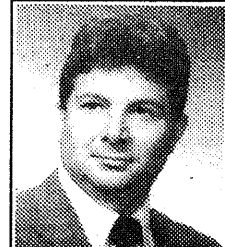
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weekly office, Cooperative Elevator main office or at Thumb National Bank. In Bay Port, they're available at Bay Port State Bank and at Gumbly's. The surveys are also available at the Lake Township hall.

"We want to get community input on the subject of the elementary center," Drury says. "They will assist the Board of Education in deciding if a new elementary is feasible. We'll also be looking at financial, transportation and educational issues, too."

Surveys should be returned to the schools or the Laker office by Dec. 20, Drury says. School officials will take time over the Christmas holidays to tabulate the results and they'll be presented at the Jan. 9 board meeting. — BY AMY HEIDEN

### Caseville School savings...

All through the construction and renovation process at Caseville School, the Board of Education and the building contractors have continually revised the cost of the project. The latest change in costs means the district will be saving almost \$34,000 on construction costs, according to Supt. James Stahl.

The changes in the budget need to be made because of varying costs of materials. In one case, carpeting in a room wasn't exactly as ordered, so rather than tear it out, the Board simply received a \$2,000 credit. The extra money will be returned to the district's general fund, Stahl said.

**Substitute teachers** will receive more in their paychecks, after the Board agreed to raise their daily pay rate from \$45 to \$50. That raise brings substitute's pay in line with other schools in the county, officials say.

The board reviewed three bids on a new 65-passenger school bus, and decided to accept the low bid of \$38,150 from Osenoski Equipment of Pigeon. The bus, with a Navistar chassis and Ward body, should be delivered within the next three months.

To pay for the bus, the Board decided to take out a loan—and Bay Port State Bank was the low bidder on supplying that loan, offering the district a 5.8% interest rate on the loan.

**Sponsors were named** for various school activities. Cyndy Fritz will sponsor Future Homemakers of America, Kimberly Rutilla will sponsor Drama, Robert Reed will be the Yearbook advisor, and Robert Gulash will continue as the bandmaster. — BY AMY HEIDEN

**Letters... we want letters...**  
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# Bob Orr becomes Pigeon's first Eagle Scout in 30 years

By AMY HEIDEN

Most eight- or nine-year-old boys have a hard time setting goals for the next day, let alone years down the road. Young minds generally don't take well to making long-range plans.

Not Bob Orr of Pigeon. When he first joined the Cub Scouts nine years ago, he set his sights on earning the Eagle Scout award, the highest honor any Scout can earn.

It's not an easy award to earn, requiring the Scout to plan, direct and carry out a special service project, along with earning at least 21 merit badges.

But Orr persevered, and on Nov. 20, he received the coveted Eagle Scout badge—the first Pigeon Area Scout to earn the award since Don Rachefer in the mid-1960s. Coincidentally, James Matteson of Elkton earned his Eagle Scout Award 30 years ago next week, as "Memory Lanes" shows this week.

Along the way, Orr has earned 25 merit badges in such areas as horsemanship, canoeing, citizenship, water safety and communications. He earned election to the Order of the Arrow, a special service group within the Boy Scouts of America, and has attended plenty of leadership training courses.

Orr, son of Fred and Donna Orr of Pigeon, was presented the award by local troop committee member Stephen Beede.

He received tributes from President and Mrs. Bill Clinton, U.S. Congressman Jim Baccia, U.S. Senators Don Riegle and Carl Levin, and State Senator Joel Gougeon. Jennifer Leach, aide to Gougeon, presented a tribute from Gov. John Engler and the senator.

"Being a Scout has given me a lot more confidence," Orr says. "Earning the award was a lot of work. And being a Scout has challenged me in different ways. It will make it easier to meet new people, adapt to new situations and to stay away from home for

long periods of time."

His special service project involved making wooden toys and other articles for Pigeon Children's Discovery Center.

When the center opened, its budget was quite limited, Orr says, and their need for toys

and his need for a project dove-tailed quite nicely.

"We had some long hours around the dining room table trying to come up with a project," says dad Fred Orr.

"The project has to be entirely the Scout's idea. It has to benefit someone or an organization outside the Scout group."

Orr and Discovery Center Director Jan Clabuesch worked closely to come up with just the right toys for the center.

Using donated lumber and paint, dozens of brightly-

painted puzzles and toys were made, along with shelves and a special balance beam for the children to walk on.

Orr seems to be following in the Scouting footsteps of his father, who owns Orr's Drug Store in Pigeon.

Fred began his Scouting days back in 1962, when Dr. Wayne Miller was Scoutmaster. Now the senior Orr is the Scoutmaster of Troop 540 of Caseville and Pigeon, sponsored by the Caseville Kiwanis Club.

"I've been involved one way or another since Bob was in the third grade, but not always as a leader," Fred Orr says.

The decline in Scouting's numbers saddens the elder Orr, but he says he's not surprised.

"There are so many school activities that compete with Scouting now," he says. "There's not as much partici-

ation." Because of his Scout membership, Bob Orr has been able to travel quite a bit as well as expand his leadership skills.

He went to the Florida Keys with a group of Scouts as part of the High Adventure expeditions, and he's gone backpacking and camping in New York's Adirondack Mountains.

After he earned his life guard certification as part of his Scouting experience, he even fished a kid who didn't know how to swim out of the water.

Orr, a senior at Laker High School, will be honored at a special banquet in February, as he joins a very select group of Scouts that have earned the Eagle award.

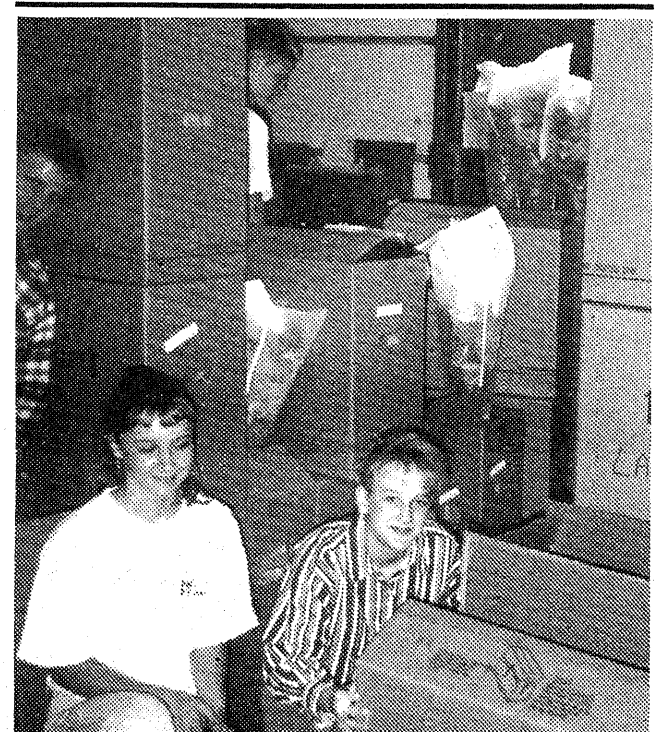
Only two of every 100 Scouts earns the award, a statistic which puts Orr into some very select company.



SENIOR CHOIR of Cross Lutheran Church of Pigeon offers its Christmas Cantata "The Birthday of a King" the next two Sunday mornings, during regular services. The cantata will be performed this Sunday, Dec. 11 at the 10:45 a.m., and at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 18.

Choir Director is Cheri Diebel and Evelyn Henkelmann is accompanist. Mark Rummel is narrator. The public is invited to share the Christmas story in song and drama.

SALLY RUMMEL PHOTO



FRUIT SALES FOR 1994 went even better than expected, for the Laker FFA Chapter. There were 1,550 cases of fruit and 850 poinsettias sold.

While poinsettias are now being delivered, fruit will be delivered as soon as it arrives. Congratulations to the members on setting sales records and appreciation is extended to the community for supporting the project.

# Here are details of Sebewaing's Jan. 1 recycling program

By MARY DRIER

"Reduce, reuse and recycling" will begin in Sebewaing with the New Year on Jan. 1.

Later this month, each of the village's 800 households will receive an 18-gallon recycling bin and literature on how to recycle, says Marc

Nessel, of Waste Management of Michigan - Midwest, of Almont.

The company provides curb-side recycling collection as part of the five-year contract approved by Sebewaing Village Council. Four years remain in the pact.

Two trucks will collect in

Sebewaing — one for trash and the other for recyclable items.

"The (recycling) bins are to be placed out with the garbage every other week," Nessel says.

"The items for recycling go in the bin. They don't have to be divided in the container.

We divide it and separate in our trucks when the driver comes by."

Labels should be removed on cans to be recycled, but that's not necessary on glass bottles.

Other requirements are: rinsing glass bottles and jars, removing lids, flattening cans, recycling milk, water and laundry detergent bottles or anything marked "PET" or "HDPE" and recycling normal newspapers.

Glossy newspaper inserts cannot be recycled, and plastic motor oil cans or brake fluid containers cannot be accepted, he says.

The recycling does not include plastic items not marked with "PET" #1 or "HDPE" #2 such as yogurt and cottage cheese containers, light bulbs, window panes, ceramics or pyrex containers, nor telephone books, catalogs, magazines and paperboard such as cereal boxes.

Sebewaing's decision to offer curb-side recycling came after a recent survey showing 68% of residents said they wanted such a program.

But that doesn't mean everyone will willingly participate, Nessel says.

"A lot of people are not sold on recycling," he says. "If an

item is placed in the bin that is not recyclable, the driver doing the route will leave the item in the bin with a note."

Customers pay \$7.55 per month now for trash pickup, which will increase to \$9.85 monthly when curb-side recycling begins, with the quarterly billing in April, 1995.



GIFT TO COUNCIL: Lake Huron Community Arts Council of Sebewaing received an early Christmas present from Aid Association for Lutherans representatives for Immanuel and Kilmanagh Lutheran Churches. From left, Deborah Kretschman and Gerald Elston, president of AAL Branch 1243 of Immanuel, presented a \$500 check to Arts Council Treasurer Marlene Martin.

The check will go for repairs to the Heidelberg Gallery. Kretschman said about \$3,400 has been donated to community projects.

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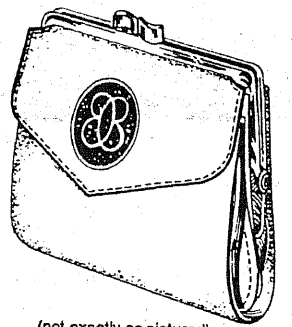
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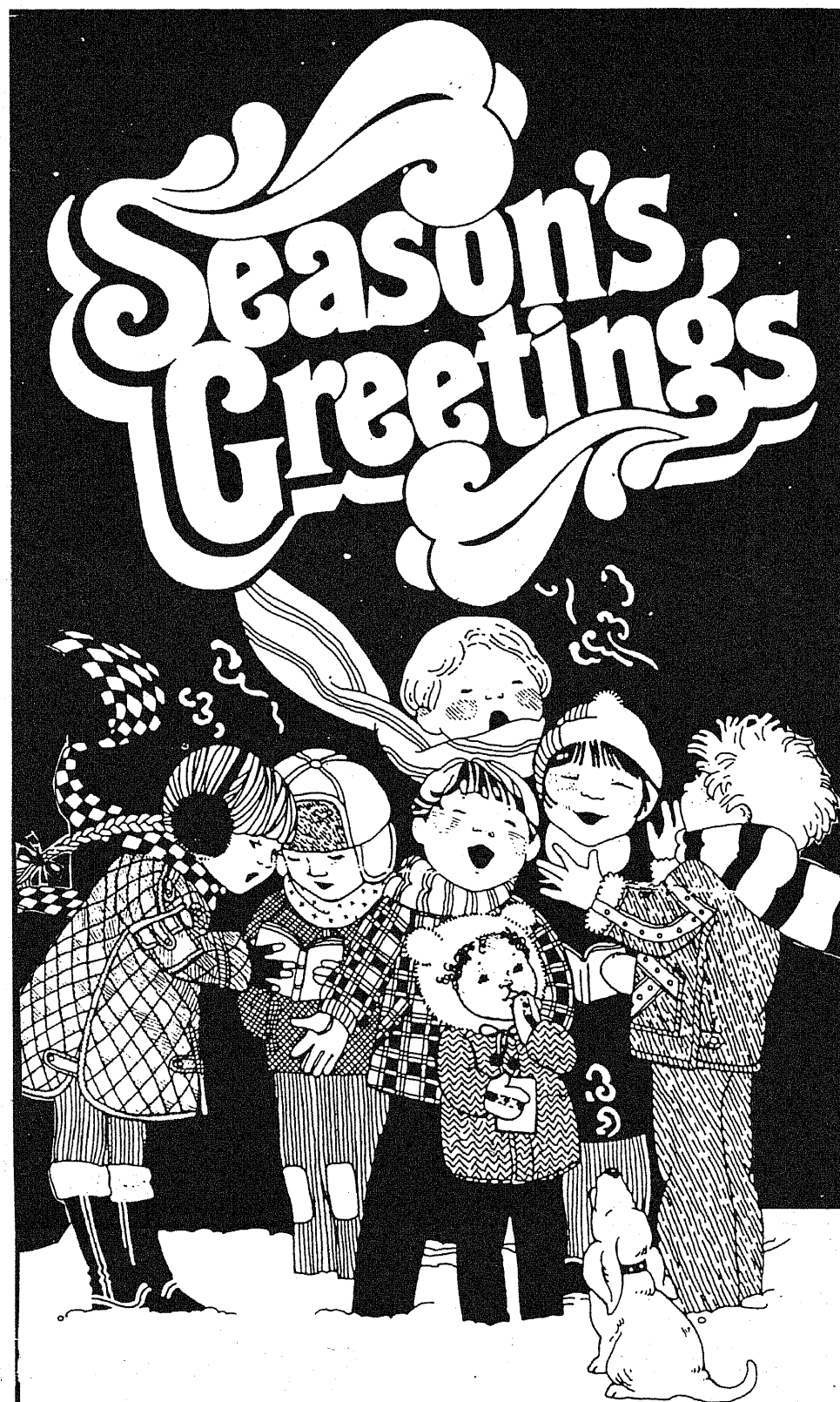
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## Youth Center offers 'Christmas U.S.A.' in Elkton

By **AMY HEIDEN**  
Folks in Elkton are catching the Christmas spirit and they plan to share that spirit with visitors to the "Village with a Smile" this weekend.

To kick off the weekend, the Huron Youth Center in Downtown Elkton is sponsoring "Christmas U.S.A." — with lots of crafts and goodies for everyone.

Co-sponsored by the Elkton Chamber of Commerce, "Christmas USA" will feature booths inside the Youth Center on Main Street, with crafters selling everything from baked goods to knitted items.

**Santa will be** at the Youth Center all weekend long and kids can have their picture taken with the grand old man.

And don't forget Santa's Mailbox. Kids can drop their letters to Santa and they'll get a reply straight from the North Pole—but only if they include a return address, Santa's elves say.

"Christmas U.S.A." will be open this Friday from 7-9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

**At the end** of the festivities on Sunday, the Youth Center will hold drawings for a girls' and boys' bike, with free tickets available all weekend long at the Youth Center.

Tee shirts and sports bottles will also be given away in free drawings, and the Chamber of Commerce will be holding girls' and boys' free drawings for \$15, \$10, and \$5 in Elkton Smiley Bucks to be used at any local merchant.

There will be plenty of free hot chocolate, coffee and donuts to ward off winter's chill all weekend long at the Youth Center.

**And don't forget,** Elkton merchants will be open from 1-5 p.m. Sunday for their annual Open House, featuring all kinds of bargains just in time for Christmas gift-giving. As the ads show on these pages, all types of bargains and greetings are offered by stores.

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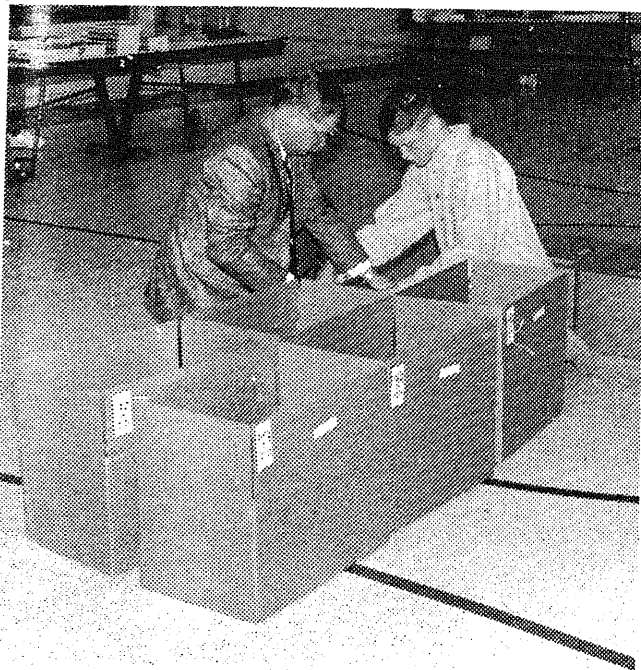
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It's all part of 200 boxes of much-needed school supplies packed by Immanuel kids through the "By Kids, For Kids" program.

Each box contained a folder, paper, ruler, pens, pencils, tape, scissors and other items, with a personal note from the child packing the box and a Bible storybook written in Russian.

"This is a fantastic way for the students to show Christian love for their brothers and sisters in Christ," says Cohrs. "The students receiving the packets will have tools to learn school subjects as well as the tool to learn about Christ."

Each box cost about \$10 to fill and ship. Students and parents contributed to the project, and second- and third-graders of Bunny Cohrs made more than 1,500 cupcakes to raise \$630 towards the project.

The goal could not have been met without donations from local people and businesses, Cohrs says, plus help from Lutheran Hour Ministries of the International Lutheran Laymen's League.

COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

## Caseville Elem. Christmas Program Monday

Students of Caseville Elementary School will perform their annual Christmas Program this Monday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the James Stahl Auditorium.

This year's performance of "Christmas at the O.K. Corral" will feature songs by the elementary students, including "Christmas in the West," "Bubble Gum Goo," "Sticky Situation," "Tell Me" and "Christmas is O.K."

The fifth and sixth grade bands will also perform.

Because seating is limited for the evening performance, children will perform a special matinee at 10 a.m. for grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends and others unable to attend in the evening. Handicapped seating is available and there is no charge for the concerts.

The public is cordially invited.

## Next dance preview is Dec. 14...

Owendale-Gagetown School's Trip Club will host country-line dance classes 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 18 to Feb. 22 at the elementary gym in Gagetown. There is a charge.

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## Dinner-theatre at Caseville



"IN BETHLEHEM INN" is the annual dinner-theatre being offered next Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 13 and 14 by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Caseville.

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Deann Prutchick is director, and Ruth Schulz made all the realistic costumes.

A marketplace sales area opens each night at 6 p.m., followed by dinner-theatre at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call 856-4864, invites Rev. John Mueller.

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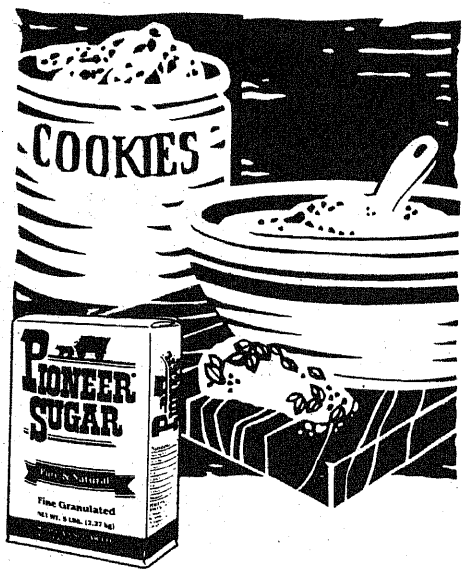
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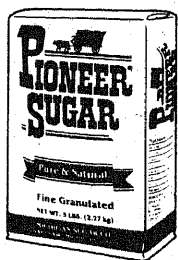


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