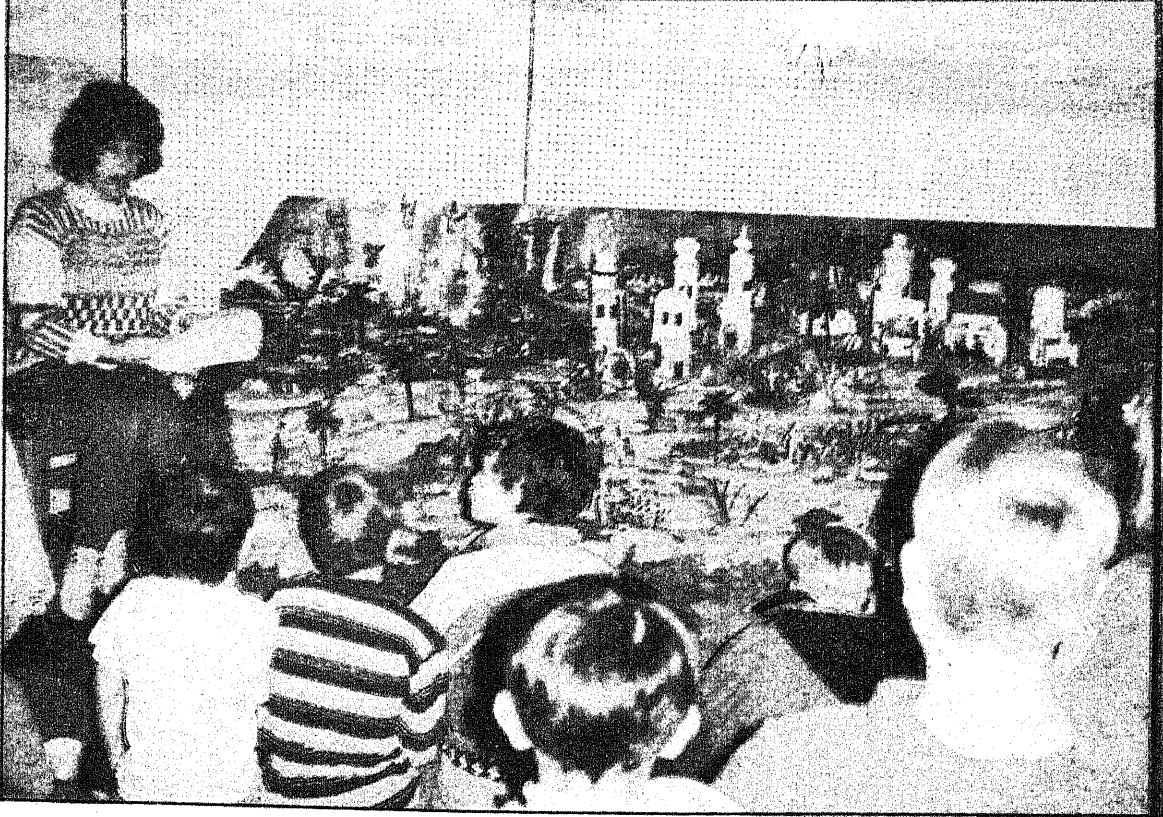


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## The many faces of Christmas...

HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS PEOPLE ARE OBSERVING AND CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS '94 in the Thumb Area and elsewhere...

UPPER LEFT, Santa Claus has been busy making his list and checking it twice. Now, he's making sure his beard looks just right...

MARY DRIER PHOTO

UPPER RIGHT, Dorothy Rummel and Tammy Claerhout of Claerhout Greenhouses in Sebewaing show some of the poinsettias they've grown.

MARY DRIER PHOTO

ABOVE LEFT, Connie Gremel of Sebewaing made this Christmas Putz and showed it on during the recent Sebewaing Women's Civic Club Homes Tour. It was also displayed in the Lake Huron Community Arts Council's Heidelberg Gallery in Sebewaing, depicting the lights of Bethlehem and Nazareth.

WALT RUMMEL PHOTO

MARRIED 70 YEARS ON CHRISTMAS DAY! Above right, Pigeon natives Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Esch are celebrating their very special 70th wedding anniversary this coming Sunday. Now residents of Tucson, Ariz., learn more about the Eschs on Page 2 — plus see the "Christmas Memories" and special holiday greetings inside this issue!

Inside: LAST-MINUTE GIFT IDEAS PLUS "THE LAKER WAVE"

# They've been married 70 Christmases!

By WILLIAM ESCH  
grandson of the couple  
Christmas is a time full of memories.  
We recall that 50-degree Christmas or perhaps the blizzard when "we couldn't get to Grandma's house."  
As we look back over the years, we remember the excitement in the eyes of our children as they open that

special gift that they treasure forever.  
This year, as in the past, we will all recall the memories of Christmases past. As we look back, so will former Pigeon residents Lewis and Margaret (Maggie) Esch.  
However, Christmas 1994 is just a little bit more special for this couple.  
This Dec. 25, as we say "Merry Christmas" to our families, Lewis and Margaret will add a special "and Happy Anniversary."

It was 70 years ago - Christmas Day 1924 - that Lewis Esch and Margaret Wideman became husband and wife.  
The couple, now living in Glendale, AZ, were married in Pigeon at the home of Lewis' parents by Margaret's uncle, the Rev. Peter Ropp. They honeymooned at Niagara Falls, traveling there by train.  
During the early years of their marriage, Lewis Esch became a chiropractor and located his practice in Imlay City and later in Sebawaing. During the Depression, he returned to the family farm near Pigeon. His wife worked as a telephone operator, as well as picking bean culls for neighbors.  
They moved into the "homeplace" on Geiger Rd. and lived there with their family for nearly 20 years.  
They later built a house on Caseville Rd., just north of Crescent Beach Rd., and went into the poultry business raising poultry hens for the Kreh Hatchery. Mrs. Esch continued to work for the Spence Brothers Telephone Co.  
After retiring, the couple moved to Arizona in 1974, returning to the Pigeon Area for many years during the summer.  
Today, they reside in the Glencroft Village near Lewis' brothers, Jake and Henry. The couple has four children: Clayton (Freda) Esch of

Pigeon, Eldora (Lloyd) Eicher of Littleton, CO, Dwight (Olie) Esch of Valley Center, CA and Marilyn (Jack) Ludwig of Peoria, AZ.  
They also have seven grandsons, one granddaughter, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.  
Anniversary wishes may be sent to the couple at their home: 6620 W. Butler Dr. #32, Glendale, AZ 85302.



BAY PORT VISIT: Santa Claus came to Mama Dee's Restaurant in Bay Port on Dec. 13 to visit 150 children. The children enjoyed hot dogs and potato chips donated by Mama Dee's, punch, cookies, candy and pictures donated by the Bay Port Chamber of Commerce, and coloring books donated by Bay Port State Bank. Helping Santa were many elves and Miss Bay Port. PHOTO FURNISHED

## Connie Gremel's Putz enjoyed by many

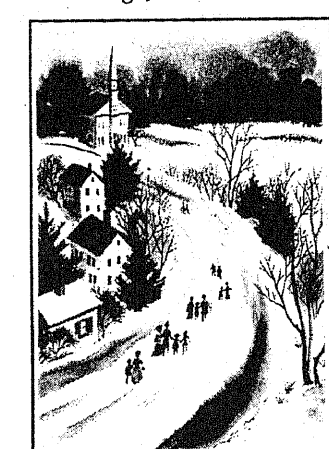
About 35 youngsters from USA Elementary School were in the Volunteers in Partnership group who viewed the Moravian Putz presentation by Connie Gremel last Monday in Heidelberg Gallery, Sebawaing.

Also attending were a group of "Special Friends" who serve as adult companions, in helping and befriending individual students for at least one hour per week.  
It was Gremel's 12th time this Christmas season that she showed the scenes and told the story of the birth of the infant Jesus.

A video was made earlier of her Putz presentation so it can be shown to individuals and smaller groups who are not able to come to the Gallery for a personal viewing.  
Gremel of Sebawaing constructed her first Putz about 20 years ago, as a means of telling the Nativity story in 14 various scenes on a large stage-like display.

The scenes are shown through various lights which she controls to highlight places and scenes being described in her recitation.  
Through the years she enlarged and embellished the scenes and stage.

This year the Putz is on display in Heidelberg Gallery through the holiday season. Groups wishing to view it may contact her or Gallery officials. (See color photo on Front Page)



## JOYOUS TIDINGS

We want to wish you every kind of blessing!

from the Staff of  
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## 6 finalists seek USA Superintendent's job

From 30 applications, the field has been narrowed to six candidates for the superintendent's position in the Unionville-Sebawaing Area School District.  
The top choice will replace Supt. William Dodge, who announced his resignation in October from the position he has held more than 30 years. Finalist candidates are:

- Randy Bos, interim superintendent of Montabella Community Schools, Edmore;
- USA Elementary Principal Matthew Airgood;
- Thomas Fessler, superintendent of North Dickinson County Schools, Iron Mountain;
- Robert Lange, principal at Eaton Rapids High School;
- Roland Pakonen, principal at Springfield Public Schools, and
- Donald Zoller of Frankenmuth, principal at Millington Community Schools.

"The Board of Education's Personnel Committee will review applications and will set up interviews," Dodge said this week.

Then, three or four finalists will go to the whole School Board for interviewing. Those final interviews will be open to the public, since a quorum of the Board will be present.

Personnel Committee interviews scheduled today (Tuesday) include Bos, Zoller, Airgood and Pakonen. On Thursday, the committee will interview Rossler and Lange. A special Board meeting will be planned shortly after the first of the year, for the full Board to interview the candidates.

— By MARY DRIER

### Sing We All Noel!

We'd like to sing the praises of our many good friends and neighbors.

Merry Christmas and many thanks!  
From All Of Us At

## Luke's Market

Sebawaing

Don & Judy Bollstetter	Tim Holland	Jason Jackson
Jim Christner	Elijah Meek	Clair Basinger
Howard Hoppe	Al Lotter	Ginger Hoppe
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Jim Edwards	Butch Gunsell	Jack Thompson
Patti Seibel	Ryan Neumann	Linda Wiltse
Jerry Lotter	Matt Talaski	Brian Nieschulz
Jeanette Marker	Geri Jantz	Teresa Sbresny
Pam Schooley	Steve Limberger	Bonnie Deering
Dorothy Prichard	Sharon Hill	Stacy Fleming
Curth Burza	Yvonne Avery	John Adams
Marie Kindler	Chris Eisengruber	John Reed
Melinda Gleason	Don Graves	Kim Hedley
Pat Bauer	Nancy Kata	Stella Ludwig
Ken Kerr	Mary Bill	Laurie Johnson
Lisa Johnson	Jim Windy	Nancy Eberlein
Becky Herman		

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### Welcome to Sebawaing

**Sebawaing Merchants invite you to shop in Sebawaing this Holiday Season.**

**Most stores will be OPEN every evening Mon., Dec. 19 - Fri., Dec. 23 until 8 p.m. and until 4 p.m. on Dec. 24th.**

- Satow's Home of Fine Furnishings
- Layher Jewelers, Inc.
- Dast Pharmacy & Gift Gallery
- Bolzman Ace Hardware
- Claerhout Greenhouses
- Mr. B's Custom Frame & Gift Shoppe
- Hannah's Fashion Shoppe
- Pitcher's Ben Franklin
- K & B Country Creations
- Antiques by the Bridge

**Sebawaing Merchants wish everyone A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Sponsored by Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce

## 165 aided by Caseville Christmas Fund

SOME CASEVILLE FOLKS will have a brighter Christmas, thanks to generous donations to the Caseville Community Christmas Fund.

Drivers delivered packages of clothing, toys and food gift certificates Friday to 48 families with 165 individuals, 12 retirees, 40 seniors and 23 adult foster care residents throughout Caseville. Those numbers are down slightly from last year, according to Fund chairman Colleen Poisson and Marie Quinn.

Mike Sutherland of the Department of Social Services was a big help in identifying those needing help, Quinn said. Harron Cable also provided lots of toys and cash from their Christmas toy drive, too.  
Quinn offered special thanks to Poisson for al-



lowing her Bay Theater to be used as a round-up area for all the items to be delivered. HERE, Nancy Begg, Rev. Gregg Mayberry and Pat Newbery load a car with Christmas goodies. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

## Help 'Toys for Tots' in Unionville NOW!

By MARY DRIER  
A fill-up of coffee at Paul's Service and Market in Unionville will help fill Christmas stockings of needy folks in the area.

Diane Goslin, co-owner of the market, shows how coffee drinkers have helped raise more than \$150 towards the Toys for Tots program.

Besides drinking coffee, area residents can drop off unwrapped toys there also, but the 1994 Toys for Tots campaign is winding down quickly, organizers say.

Paul's Service will use the coffee money to fill the donation box with toys. Major sponsors of the drive include the Mudrunners and Tuscola County Department of Social Services, among others.

For details, call 672-2786. Other drop-off sites in Tuscola County include: AKRON: Community Bank; FAIRGROVE: Fairgrove Market, Thomas True Value Hardware;

GAGETOWN: First of America Bank. In Huron County the drive is about over. Any last-minute donations can be dropped at the Huron County Department of Social Services, Bad Axe.

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

**CHESTNUTS ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE...**  
It's that delightful Christmas season, but some stores are so crowded it's more comfortable coming OUT than going IN them!

You certainly start feeling that higher 6% Michigan sales tax when you go Christmas shopping, don't you? What never seemed to hurt much when it was \$4 of tax on a \$100 purchase now adds up more quickly, when it's \$3 on a \$50 purchase now!

We're very grateful to the dozens of folks who took time from their busy lives to share their memories of "My favorite Christmas present," as found throughout this (big) Newsweekly issue. I always LOVE reading them all! We'll announce winners next week, but thank you to everyone who wrote down their favorites.

We've been doing this for 17 Christmases now, and I'm always amazed how many folks enjoy reminiscing in this way.

One of my very favorite personal memories is when I served as Sebawaing's Santa Claus back in 1965, at the age of 15.

The previous year's jolly guy wasn't so jolly that year, and I think I was paid \$5 per Saturday to don the suit and ho-ho-ho my way through Downtown Sebawaing.

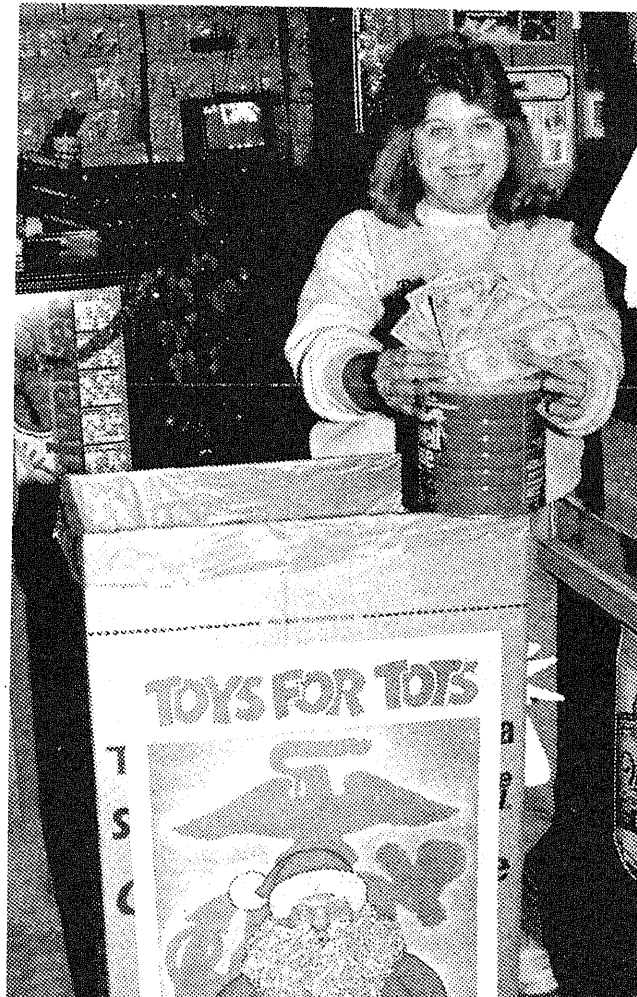
It was fun to ride into town on the back of the fire truck (even though I wasn't old enough to even DRIVE the truck!) Always quite the hammy actor, I fooled most of the little kids — but not Dave and Bob Wiltse, younger brothers of my buddy Scott. They came right up to me the first weekend and said, "Hi Mark! We know it's you under there!"

Well, a good Santa never reveals his true identity, but I DID tell both boys Santa wouldn't be very good to them if they kept up that kind of talk, so they stopped it!

We're sure you'll find something to like in this Christmas greeting issue, and you've got lots of pages on which to find it all. Happy reading!

Since Christmas falls this Sunday, please be aware we'll need all Newsweekly ads and story copy by 5 p.m. this Thursday, Dec. 22. Both our Sebawaing and Pigeon offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of the holiday.

WISH I'D SAID THAT — "Designating a smoking section in a restaurant makes about as much sense as roping off a urinating section in a swimming pool!" (Herb Caen)



DIANE GOSLIN of Paul's Service and Market in Unionville shows how to help "Toys For Tots." MARY DRIER PHOTO

The Newsweekly's  
17th annual  
**"CHRISTMAS MEMORIES"** writing contest — PLUS "Letters to Santa" are inside this **BIG 56-Page Issue!**

## Blade & Progress NEWS ROUND-UP

### Pigeon mulls \$3.1 million in Huron Casting expansions

Industries asking the Pigeon Village Council for tax abatements must now enter into an agreement with the Village, after Council approved the action last week.  
State law requires governmental units and industries to have a written agreement and the village is complying with that law, said Village Clerk Janet Heckman.

An agreement was signed between Huron Casting, Inc. and the Village because the company had received a tax abatement last January.

"It kind of protects the village," Heckman said. "We have an obligation to the company and it has an obligation to us." A governmental unit can include provisions in an agreement that spell out penalties to an industrial facility if it moves before the abatement expires.

Officials from Huron Casting appeared at the meeting for permission to transfer an existing Industrial Facilities Exemption from the newly acquired Pigeon Manufacturing facility. The company submitted an application for a \$3.1 million abatement. If granted, the company would pay half the normal amount in property taxes for the next 12 years on that portion of the project.

A public hearing will be held on both requests on Jan. 9, 1995, Heckman said.

In other business, Pigeon Council:  
■ Adopted an ordinance that allows village police to enforce the under-21 drinking and driving law. Anyone under 21 is not allowed to have any bodily alcohol content.

■ Authorized Mayor Dave Geiger and Heckman to obtain a short-term loan to complete the purchase of about eight acres of land north of Recreation Park in anticipation of a grant from the state Department of Natural Resources. The purchased land will be used for an addition to the existing park.

— By AMY HEIDEN

### MICHIGAN "by the numbers"

**NEW POSTAL RATES PART II:** Last week, we talked about the new Postal Service rates, since first-class mail rises from 29¢ to 32¢ for a one-ounce letter early next year. We Americans don't really have it that bad — here are first-class letter rates in several other countries:

Britain	.....39¢
Canada	.....45¢
France	.....52¢
Germany	.....63¢
Zambia	.....99¢

### Court proceedings

In 73rd District Court (Huron County,) Judge Karl Kraus this week heard the pleas of/or passed judgment on:

- Matthew A. Klosowski, 18 of Port Austin, pled guilty to open alcohol in vehicle; ordered to pay \$105 fines and costs;
- Eva Saenz, 23 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to no driver's license in possession; \$125 fines and costs;
- Ryan D. Sprague, 21 of Bay Port, pled guilty to no plate/improper license plate; \$70 fines and costs, and
- Jon B. Thurston, 46 of Pigeon, pled guilty to retail fraud, following a recent local incident; \$100 fines and costs.

### M-24 work WILL start in '95!

There is yet another curve in the long and winding story of the remaining extension of M-24 from Cleaver Road in Caro to M-138 and on to M-25 at Unionville.

The state Department of Transportation last month said funding wasn't available, and that bid-letting would be in December, 1995, with construction to begin in 1996.

However, all that has changed.  
"We are going to build the cross-country section of M-24 in 1995," says Robin Pannecok of M-DOT. "I have been in touch with our planning, our district and bureau of highways. Our commitment is to identify funding it and to make it available."

The information released in November was correct at the time, but some new developments occurred, noted Pannecok. "The plan is to let the project this spring with construction this summer," says Robert Welke, M-DOT's deputy director of highways.

"I can't say that we have the money in the bank for the project right now, but we have been approved to receive some additional federal funds.

"We expect to receive about \$34.7 million, and one of the priorities of the money is to fund the M-24 extension. That

SEE ROUND-UP Continued on Page 52

# The Newsweekly Forum

As we see it

## Greatest story ever told...

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David; to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men!"

## Readers Write

### Pigeon Village support is greatly appreciated

By PAM STURM  
President, Pigeon Chamber of Commerce  
On behalf of the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I would like to thank Pigeon's Village Council, Village Clerk, and DPW employees for all the help

they have given us this past year. They are an instrumental part in the success of the many activities that take place in Pigeon and their efforts are much appreciated. Pigeon is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people.

### Arizona teacher asks people to respond to letter

By HEATHER EPPLEY,  
1225 W. Clarendon  
Phoenix, AZ 85013

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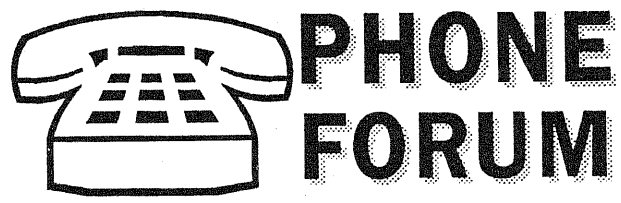
Hi! My name is Randy Kennelly and I'm a fifth grader. I go to Clarendon Elementary School in Phoenix, AZ.

We are writing state reports and I am the one who picked Michigan! If it's possible, will you please print my letter in the newspaper so that others in Pigeon will see it?

I am hoping to learn a lot of different things by hearing from people, instead of just books. Thank you for helping!

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Edited by MARK RUMMEL, News Manager

**John of Pigeon:** I see another business in Caseville is closing down for the winter. I think that's wrong. Like most of the other businesses, they are just reaping in the profits while tourists are here. And then, in the winter, when things get slow, they close down.

(I think you're a little off-base, John. Many of the store-owners I know who close for the winter do so because they have to. It's difficult to make enough in five good months to live on for 12...)

**A. of Pigeon:** The Village of Pigeon and residents of Pigeon are to be commended for their holiday decorations and Christmas lights. I have visited other surrounding communities and towns, and Pigeon's are far, far the best. Thank you.

**K. of Sebawaing:** The Armchair Quarterback asked about giving up Grant Hill: I think he will be better than Webber or anyone else anytime, any place. You watch, he'll be the best in the NBA. Don't trade him!

**S. of Pigeon:** Thanks to the "old friends group" for sharing a day of adventure and fellowship with me. What a bunch! By the way, have you seen my notes? I've lost them!

**L. of Bay Port:** Regarding the letter to the editor about the Caseville lady who had problems with a furniture store in Caro, I find that letter to be in very poor taste. Why not just give helpful hints, but leave out the business name? I'm sure their side of the story sounds very differently than what was described.

(We considered not naming the store or town, L., but that wouldn't be fair to any other area furniture stores, since any could be considered at fault. This story was also covered by WNEB TV-5, and the errors were very visible. The furniture store is welcome to tell their side on our pages, if they wish.)

**D. from Elkton:** Don't forget to drive through Elkton on Friday, Dec. 23 and see the roadways lined with luminaries. The Cornerstone Class of Elkton United Methodist Church will be making and setting out 2,800 of the sand-filled paper bags and when they're lit, it should be a sight to behold.

**J. of Elkton:** Does the Armchair Quarterback make silly mistakes just to see if people will call in, or is he or she actually goofy? I mean, does he really think the Albion team that recently won the Division III national championship is the "Buttons"? They're the Britons! Get it right!

(The editor knew they were the Britons - he missed it, too, I!)

**Y. from Pigeon:** Why should I learn to drink coffee? I don't like the taste of coffee, although I like the smell. Instead of telling me to learn to drink coffee, why don't you learn not to drink coffee and learn to drink pop instead? That would solve the problem, too.

**D.A. of Unionville:** The man who disposed of the mass murder Jeffrey Dahmer should be given honors and a full pardon. He had to the backbone to do what polite society wouldn't. An eye for an eye! Today's judicial system encourages unspeakable crimes by only calling for a slap on the wrist.

**Y. of Bay Port:** Thank you for your support of waitresses. People should tip for good service and not at all for bad service. The way it is, it seems all people get is bad service because so few people tip!

**C.R. of Caro:** Write your legislative representatives. The M-24 cross-country road project is being held hostage because Gov. Engler wants more money by increasing gas taxes.

**F.L. from Elkton:** Yes, Chris Webber would be worth more than Grant Hill in the long run for the Pistons. He is a better all-around player and outside shooter. But the Pistons need about four more Webbers, if they are ever to challenge.

**Mike of Pigeon:** I'll tell you what is needed: there should be a street light south of Pigeon, where M-142 curves east to Elkton. If you're driving west you can easily miss that corner. There is only one sign pointing right or north toward Pigeon, when the highway turns.

(I checked that out, Mike, and you're right: the state Highway Department should install an overhead street light there...)

### Yarns From The Thumb

by Walt Rummel

Today, on TUESDAY, DEC. 20, there are only 11 days remaining on our calendar... On this day, in 1868, Harvey Firestone was born in Ohio. He studied rubber, wrote two books about it and founded the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. He was a close friend of Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. He died at 69... One of the greatest real estate deals in history was completed on this day in 1803 when more than a million square miles of land were sold to the U.S. by France for about \$20 per square mile. It is known as the Louisiana Purchase... psychic-clairvoyant Uri Geller is 48 today...  
**Winter begins at 9:23 p.m.** tonight, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, "the shortest day of the year," when daylight length is minimum, from 12 hours, 8 minutes at the Equator to zero at the Arctic Circle. Today, the sunrise and sunset points on the horizon are farthest south for the year. The good news is that now the days begin getting longer. (But it will be barely noticeable for almost a month)...  
The Pilgrims, aboard the Mayflower, reached what is now Plymouth, MA, on DEC. 20, 1620. The actual landing place was identified nearly 150 years later and is now known as Plymouth Rock... Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, six years ago today, killing all 258 passengers and crew members plus a number of people on the ground... One of the most-feared men of the 20th century, Russian dictator Josef Stalin, was born DEC. 21, 1879. He died in 1953... Lots of birthdays today, Chris Evert 40, Florence Griffith Joyner 35, Jane Fonda 57, Paul Winchell 72, Phil Donahue 59 and Former Austrian President Kurt Waldheim 76...  
**Claudia "Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson**, widow of 36th U.S. President Lyndon Baynes Johnson, was born DEC. 22, 1912... Also born today, actress Barbara Binkley 72 of "Leave it to Beaver" fame and journalist Diane Sawyer 48...  
**Fifty years ago** during the Christmas season of 1944, World War II was raging and on the Saturday Evening Post cover Norman Rockwell portrayed a lucky few military men on leave among the throng in the Chicago railway station... Prime Minister Hideki Tojo, along with six other Japanese wartime military leaders, was hanged for wartime crimes on this date 46 years ago. After Japan's surrender in August, 1945, Tojo was arrested, tried as a war criminal, sentenced to death on Nov. 12, 1948, and executed 41 days later... Birthdays today, Japanese Emperor Akihito 61, newscaster Floyd Kalber 70 and actress Ruth Roman 71...  
**Today is Christmas Eve**, Dec. 24... Today, for the fifth successive year since 1990, Christmas Bells will ring again in St. Basil's Cathedral on Red Square in Moscow... Tonight is the 176th anniversary of the creation of the best-known and best-loved Christmas carol, Silent Night, Holy Night, in Oberndorf, Austria, on DEC. 24, 1818...  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 25** is Christianity's most-popular observance, Christmas, marking the birth of Jesus of Nazareth... The Feast of the Nativity dates from the fourth century. Although Jesus' birth date is not known, the Western church selected DEC. 25 for the feast, involving some non-Christian customs—Tautontonic Yule, Winter Solstice rites by Druids and others, ancient Roman festivals and others... One of America's truly important historic events occurred on DEC. 25, 1776, General Washington crossing the Delaware River, which led to the military victory at Trenton and became the turning point of the Revolutionary War... Birthdays today, band leader Cab Calloway, 87. (He died a few weeks ago), singer Barbara Mandrell 46 and actress Sissy Spacek 45...  
**The second day of Christmas** is observed as a holiday in many countries, and as a religious holiday in churches (some American denominations included)... On the first day after Christmas the United Kingdom, Canada and other countries observe Boxing Day (which has nothing to do with punching or getting punched) but is a day when gift boxes are "regularly expected" by postmen, the lamplighter and others who "work for the public at large without receiving payment from any individual..." Mao Tse-Tung, teacher, revolutionary and founder of the Peoples Republic of China, was born DEC. 26, 1893. He died at the age of 83... entertainer Steve Allen is 73 today and actor Richard Widmark is 80...  
**This is the season** when bride and river fishermen, who fish for Perch through holes in the ice from far above the river level, raise the ire of many "fishing watchers."  
Small Perch which are thrown back, or others that wriggle off the hooks while being pulled up, rarely are returned through the small holes in the ice. So, they lie there, die and freeze on top of the ice, out of reach of the anglers.  
Old Commercial Fishermen Charlie Tredup is especially incensed over the waste of hundreds of dead Perch that are never eaten by humans. Charlie's suggestion is that fishermen should use barbless hooks, then, if the fish are too small to keep, let them wriggle in the water for a moment, loosen their line and they'll toss the hook and go free—under water. "They shouldn't allow barbs on hooks in this season," Charlie declares. "Give the fish a chance and let them grow bigger for next year," he declares...

### Recollections Of By-Gone Days

by George Keim

DEAR EDITOR:  
Well, I still get birthday cards and I want to thank everyone who sent them. I don't know everyone who did, but that doesn't matter. If everyone I knew would have sent one, I'd take a very long time to read them! One wrote they were interested in old country schools that I wrote about. Well, I only know about four of them that are still standing. Someone made houses out of two of them and now they live in them. Old schools make good houses because they were well-built. The one I went to was moved to Elkton and finally they tore it down, but I still think unless you went to a country school, you missed a lot. We were all a big family and the big kids always played with the little ones. All of us came from good homes where you had to work for a living and nobody was very sick. We all dressed in good, warm clothes and sometimes in the winter, it was so cold you had to put a scarf over your nose because the air was so cold it hurt your lungs. Everybody wore long johns. There were no snowplows and sometimes the ground was crusted over so you could walk on it. Once in awhile you'd break through and go in to your waist but we didn't care. We were always well and if you had a cold, you just coughed 'til it was over. Once a mean boy picked on another boy and the one who was picked on hit him hard enough so he ran his head under the snow crust. He left

the other guy alone after that! I was a janitor in our school and I'd go early to open the doors and windows and start the fire going and clean up 'til the fire was going really well. Then I shut them and the foul air was all out and the new air smelled good. All the kids learned well and we younger ones heard the older ones and when we got up in their grades, we already new a lot of the stuff.

There were some 50 of us in one room and one teacher of course. In those days the teacher could use the rubber hose on the bad kids and we respected the teacher. If we got a licking at school we'd get another one when we got home — and a lot harder than the one we got in school!

I got a birthday card from one of my teachers the other day. I'd like to thank her because she was a good teacher. When I was in the fourth grade I just played around and didn't study very hard and got a very poor mark. She told me that she'd pass me if I'd do better the next year, so I got right down and studied and I got the highest mark.

She gave me a Boy Scout book for a prize and my sister always won the prize. And it made her so mad she didn't talk to me for a week! It says in the Bible that much studying is a weakness to the flesh. Well, now that I'm older I wish I would have studied more, because it never hurts to know anything, if it's good stuff.

Sincerely yours,  
GEORGE KEIM

### A Wahre G'schichte

bei Hanswurst

## Neu oder alt-fashioned?

About Nov. 1 haben wir ein Catalog in die Mail received von Hammacher und Schlemmer, ein von die best-known Toy and Gift Stores in Amerika.

Die Company muss hunderte, ja tausende Gift Suggestions haben und sie braggen das ihr Geschenke "starten at \$19.95" und das ist ja gar nicht so bad. Aber es ist die "and up" das ein wundern macht, weil welche Geschenke gehen "up to" \$16,000-\$19,999.

Es nimmt zu lang zum solche describen, aber ihr moechte 2 Geschenke listen die uns zeigen was heutzutage available ist. Esener mechanical Banks kann mann anywhere kaufen fuer \$29 und \$39 weil Sie sind Reproductions. Aber Hammacher und Schlemmer haben Banken "von die exact original creations unter Patent Januar 17, 1888." "All Parts" sind von den Patent, und die Bank zeigt ein Baseball Pitcher, Batter und Catcher.

Zu operaten, muss mann ein Coin in Pitcher's Hand setzen, ein Lever pressen, und dann schmeisst der Pitcher den Coin, der Batter swings (abermisses) und der Coin geht in Catcher's Mitt, und faellt dann in die Bank below. Die Bank ist guaranteed zu operaten, und mit den Purchase kriegt mann ein Zertifikat das es eine genuine Antique ist. Der Preis ist \$4,000!

Wir haben auch eine alte Sebewaing Mining Blade Zeitung ge-studied, von 1904 und dort haben Sie solche Toys advertised: Humming Tops 5c, Drums 40c, Nine Pins 10c, Tool Chest mit Tools 55c, Dominoes 4c, Checker Board with Men 9c, Child's Dishes 18c, Doll Dishes 9c.

Myers und Riedel, von 1906, hatten three Dinge ge-advertised. Eine Wasch Maschine (kein Motor, nur eine grosser Handle das die Waschfrau hin und her pushen und pullen musste).

Next war ein Food Chopper, das "ein Pleasure macht fuer Mahlzeit Preparation." Die heutige Choppers (oder Grinders) sind grad wie die Old Timers in 1906.

Und das dritte Geschenk war ein "Bread Maker," das nur three Minuten nimmt zum operaten. Es sagte die Frau muss Liquids herein pouren, dann das Mehl, dann ein "easy turn of the Handle," und das es das "mixing und kneading tut, thoroughly und accurately ohne das mann die Haende im Teig steckt." Das ist "Ein welcome Relief von 20 bis 30 Minuten kneading."

So, der Automatic Bread Maker von 88 Jahre ago war etwas neues mit time and labor-saving, aber es hatte kein Heating Unit, so hat es das Brot nicht gebacken so wie 1994 Bread Makers tun.

Aber es hat auch nicht \$179 oder \$299 gekostet. Die 1906 Models waren \$1.39 to \$1.85.

Die Moral in die Lesson ist: Es kostet mehr wenn mann mit die Joneses auf-keepen will. Especially in 1994.

## Readers' Letters

### Thanks for voter support of millage, manager says

By ROY ELIE,  
Sleeper/Port Crescent State Parks

The staff and management of Sleeper and Port Crescent State Parks would like to thank the voters of Huron County and the State of Michigan for their support in the election on Nov. 8, 1994. Proposal P was supported by a great number of people. It is heartwarming to all State Park employees to know that you trust and approve of what we are doing to help preserve and utilize the natural resources in the parks.

We have a long way to go to where we feel we should be in our goals - service to the public. The two State Parks in Huron County are enjoyed by 295,000 people each year. We continue to strive to provide a quality recreational experience for the park visitor, while attempting to protect the natural resources for future generations. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions to help you have an enjoyable and quality experience in the Michigan State Parks.

### Letters... we want letters...

The Newsweekly welcomes your comments, written as letters to the editor. Deliver or mail to either our Sebawaing or Pigeon offices for consideration of publishing, and please include your phone number and address for verification. Letters of general interest are first considered.

## Lake Huron Community Arts Council NEWS

By LAKE HURON COM ARTS COUNCIL

The Christmas Show ended the most successful year of the Heidelberg Gallery Exhibits and Shows in Downtown Sebawaing. We hope you had a chance to visit and see the contributions of the many people in our area and beyond. The planning committee has already met for the 1995 calendar but are open to suggestions from you for us to consider.

Since Nov. 19 the Heidelberg Gallery has been a very busy place. Lovely Christmas trees were decorated by Dast's Pharmacy, Lise Coulaud-Dutheil, Exchange Student from France, Trinity United Methodist Church Sunday School, Immanuel Lutheran's Eighth Grade Class, Bach-Kilmanagh Lutheran School, Pastor and Mrs. Albert Bahr, Jackie's Country Flowers, Cub Scout Troop, the Women's Civic Club, Mrs. Franchomb's Fifth Grade Class from

USA School, Mrs. Keena's Fifth Grade Class from Bay Port School, and an anonymous decorator. In addition the Gallery was decorated with Pastor and Mrs. Bahr's Nativity Scene and Connie Gremel's Moravian Putz and a Moravian Doll House. We wish to thank them all for their efforts in making the Gallery a lovely place to visit over the holidays.

We also wish to thank Joan Hofmeister and the USA Drama Club for the excellent presentation of the play, "The Vision." Very enjoyable was the playing of the dulcimers by Pauline Kelly, Marian Strieter, and Ethel Wildner — many thanks to these three ladies.

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# The Newsweekly's Thumb Area CALENDAR

**Tuesday, Dec. 20 - Monthly Parkinson's meeting**  
Parkinson's Caregiver & Support Group meets 1 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Hills & Dales General Hospital, Cass City. Details: Nancy at 872-4053 or Jean at 872-2121.

**Tuesday, Dec. 20 - Flood insurance meeting**  
Tuscola County Township Association hosts an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Department in Caro on the National Flood Insurance Program. Details: 673-5181.

**Wednesday, Dec. 21 - School out for '94**  
Last day of school before Christmas vacation for USA, Lakers, Akron-Fairgrove, Owen-Gage, North Huron and other local schools. Students return to classes Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1995.

**Thursday, Dec. 22 - Last Caseville school day**  
Last day of school before Christmas vacation for Caseville Public School, until Jan. 3.

**Thursday, Dec. 22 - Winter gets its start**  
Winter officially begins. All the bad weather so far has just been practice!

**Saturday, Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service**  
Join Trinity U.M. Church, Sebawaing, as they celebrate Christmas Eve with a Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. with open communion vigil from 9 to midnight. Public invited.

**Sunday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day**  
A time to celebrate Christ's birth.

**Sunday, Dec. 25 - Tuscola Seniors' dinner/party**  
Sixth annual Senior Citizens' Christmas for Tuscola County residents dinner is noon to 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Caro, sponsored by Caro VFW and the Eagles. For transportation or details, call 673-4766.

**Sunday, Dec. 25 - Jesus' Birthday Party at Trinity**  
You are invited to Trinity United Methodist Church, Sebawaing, for Jesus Birthday Party at 9:30 a.m., followed by the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

**Saturday, Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Sing**  
The Calvarymen, The Heartland Quartet and The Grimshaws of Vassar will make a New Year's Eve appearance at Cass City High School from 7:30 p.m. until midnight. Details: 453-3503.

**Sunday, Jan. 1 - It's a new year**  
New Year. Remember to write 1995 now!

**In January - "I Can Cope" series**

Hills & Dales Hospital and the American Cancer Society team up for eight classes covering cancer diagnosis, treatments, side effects, communication skills, community resources and more. Call Kerry 872-2121.

**Saturday, Jan. 7 - Boy Scout Recognition Dinner**  
Thumb District for the Boy Scouts of America will host a recognition dinner at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Caro, for its volunteers. The dinner is free and provided by the Knights of Columbus. Reservations are necessary by Wednesday, Dec. 28, by calling 673-7432.

**Monday, Jan. 9 - Bay Port Chamber meets**  
Annual Bay Port Chamber of Commerce Dinner is set for 6:30 p.m. at Mama Dee's Restaurant. Send replies to: P.O. Box 188, Bay Port, MI 48720.


**Starting Tuesday, Jan. 10 - Boating classes**  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sebawaing Flotilla, will offer boating classes at 7 p.m. at USA High School, for boaters over the age of 12. The 13-week classes have a charge. Details, call 375-2470, 674-8658 or 883-2843.

## Lake-Chandler news notes

Tory Gross and Mike Farver of Essexville visited with Tory's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gross. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Weidman and children Jessica and Dan spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. John Weidman at Highland Park. Jim Weidman of Spring Arbor joined them.

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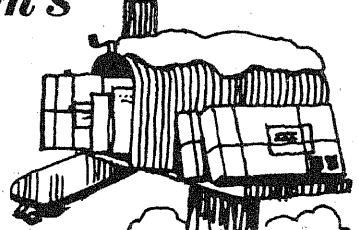
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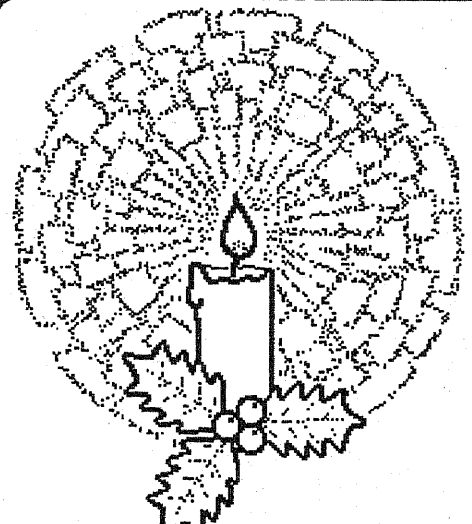
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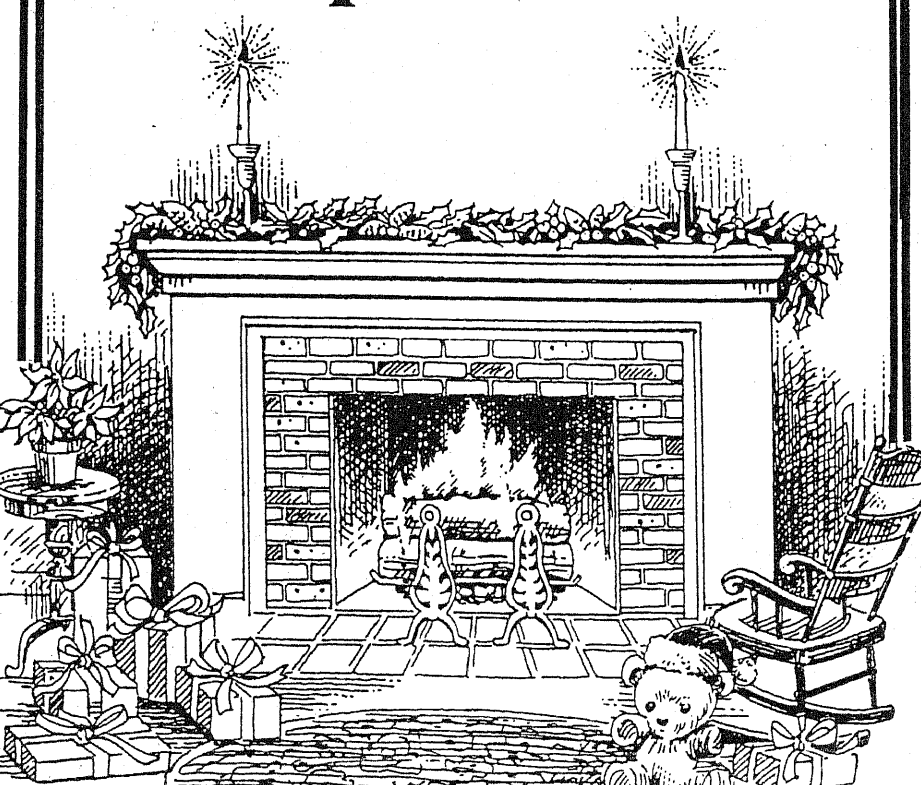
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**Tekiele - Rieman**

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Tekiele of Flushing announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa E. Tekiele, to Kendall W. Rieman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rieman of Sebawaing. The bride-elect is residing in Cass City and is employed as an independent speech language pathologist. The groom-elect resides in Sebawaing and is employed at Thumb National Bank, Cass City. A June 10, 1995 wedding is planned.


**Engaged!**



**Rievert - Gunsell**

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Rievert are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Lyne Rievert, to Daniel Roy Gunsell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gunsell, all of Sebawaing. The bride-elect is employed at Active, Sebawaing Industries, Inc. as a receptionist/billing clerk. The groom-elect is a press operator, also at Active, Sebawaing. An April 29, 1995 wedding is planned by the couple.

**Engaged!**



**Fritz - Shaw**

Michael J. Shaw of Bad Axe and Michelle R. Fritz of Elkton, along with their parents, Jim and Ethel Shaw and Bob and Donna Fritz, announce their engagement. The groom-elect is a 1982 graduate of Bad Axe High School and a 1984 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently farming near Bad Axe. The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Laker High School and a 1992 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is currently employed as an instructor at Jordan College, Cass City, and Great Lakes Junior College, Caro. An April, 1995 wedding is being planned.

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# Henry Drettmann celebrates 90 busy years

By AMY HEIDEN

In 1929, a young man and his partner opened a tool and die shop in Detroit to service the growing automotive industry, believing that whatever their employer was paying them, they were worth more working for themselves. Today, Henry Drettmann's company has grown by leaps and bounds into one of the Big Three's most important suppliers, with three manufacturing plants, an engineering center, and an administration office in Roseville.

Active Tool and Manufacturing has survived the ups and downs of the automotive industry because of its founder's attitude, which extends to every facet of his life.

"I always had something to do," Drettmann says.

He began Active Homes, a leader in modular housing, because he didn't want to tie his company's fortunes too closely to the auto industry.

And his manufacturing plants have been pressed into duty to make airplane parts and steel helmets during World War II.

Elkton's Active Industries, Inc. plant turns out hundreds of sinks nowadays, made by a hydraulic press that uses water to bend the blank metal into recognizable sinks. That press is one of only two in the United States, and the tooling for the press was Drettmann's design.

Drettmann, who celebrates his 90th birthday on Dec. 23, left his hometown of Bremen, Germany in 1924 to come to the United States. He had served his tool and die apprenticeship in Germany.

After working in New York for a couple of years, a friend

urged Drettmann to move to Detroit where the auto industry was booming.

"He told me that this is the place I should go because I could get a job tomorrow," Drettmann says.

He spent a year and a half working in tool and die at the Fisher Body plant before he and another friend decided to open their own shop. That plant, on Clairpoint Avenue in Detroit, now serves as a warehouse, Drettmann says.

The name Active was chosen because Drettmann wanted the company to be listed first in the phonebook. "I started with A and B, and that didn't work, so we went to A and C and came up with Active," Drettmann says. "That also describes me."

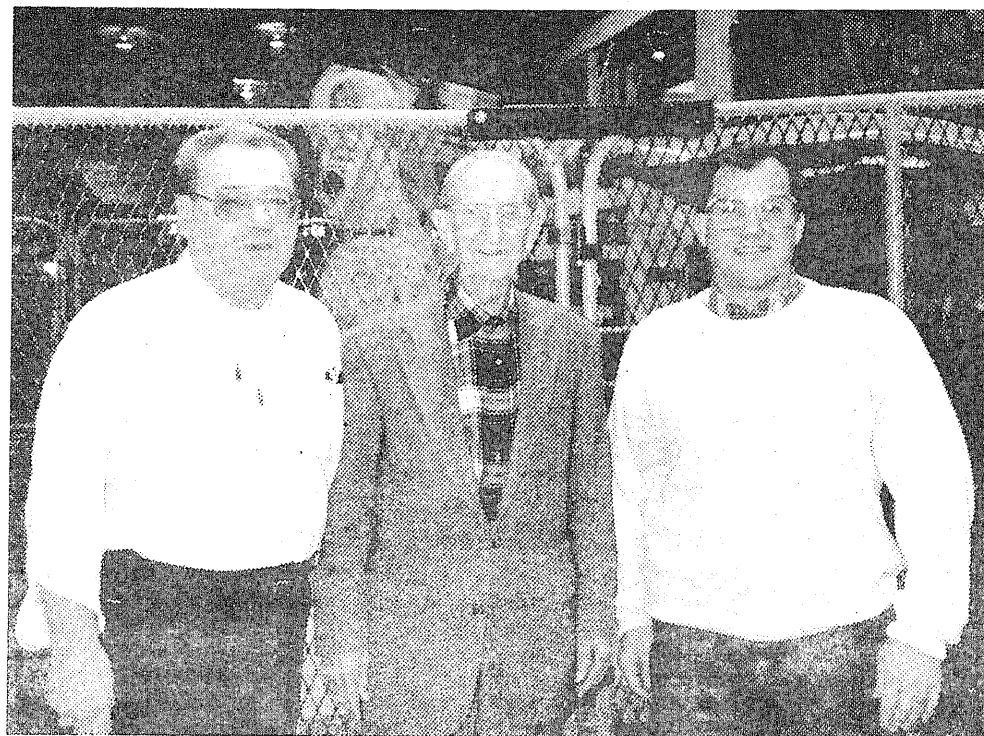
The mid-30's brought two big changes to Drettmann's life. In 1934, he married his wife Margaret, and after raising two children, the couple celebrated their 60th anniversary earlier this year.

And the following year, he bought his partner's interest in Active, making the business completely family-owned.

Before the war, Drettmann purchased the Bach and Bartholemey farms in Bach, east of Sebewaing. Those farms were purchased, he says, because of his memories as a child in Germany during World War I.

"I didn't know anything about farming but I wanted a farm so my children wouldn't go hungry like I did," Drettmann says. "During the war I went hungry for several days. It was hard to get food because all the food went to the army."

"My grandmother had to barter for the food we got."



ACTIVE TOOL & MANUFACTURING CO. CEO Henry Drettman enjoys visiting his two Huron Co. plants. Here, he stands in front of one of the two new robot press lines in the Elkton Plant with General Manager Don Stern and Plant Manager Paul Taylor.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Riley Quinn, a local farm machinery dealer, became friends with the Detroit industrialist and supplied Drettmann with the machinery needed to work the farm.

Quinn urged Drettmann to open a factory in the area, telling him that many young men would be coming back from the war needing jobs.

"I told him to find me five acres and a railroad track," Drettmann says. "Quinn pestered me so much I had to open the plant."

The new Active plant was quite small in the beginning, and four Active employees from the Detroit plant were recruited to move to Elkton to start it up.

That plant has grown into 1.02 million sq. ft. behemoth, covering 23 acres under roof, with 164 acres total. With the current boom in the economy, the Active-Elkton employs almost 800 local people — Huron County's largest single employer.

A few years later, Drettmann purchased the plant destined to become Sebewaing Industries, another cog in the Drettmann industrial wheel.

"It was just a little plant making stuff for the Army and small machinery. At one time, they were making little toy wagons," Drettmann says.

Now, the plant employs nearly 600 people and hopes to add more as improvements are underway.

Now that the Clairpoint Ave. plant is closed, Active Tool has the two Huron County production facilities, as well as one in Marion, Ind. There's also the state-of-the-art tooling center in Detroit and the Roseville headquarters, plus a design, sales and engineering facility.

In 1960, Drettmann branched out into housing, starting Active Homes, Inc.

"I had to have something to worry about," Drettmann chuckles.

Making a success of such a varied empire has kept Drettmann busy since he arrived in Detroit, but that's the way he likes it, he says.

"All my lifetime I've kept busy," he says. "When you put in so many years being creative, you can't stop it."

He still follows a strict regimen of diet and exercise, rising at 4:30 a.m. every day to exercise, bathe, and read the business section of the papers over breakfast.

He still commutes to his office in Roseville every day, and visits his Elkton and Sebewaing plants and the farm every Friday.

Most of the day-to-day workings of the businesses is provided over by other members of the family, with son-in-law Jerry Blake serving as President of Active Tool, while Drettmann retains the title of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.

"I enjoy living and I enjoy working," he says. "I couldn't sit around. Why should I retire? What would I do? Either you work or you play. To me, work is play."

## Century-old resident feted

Amanda Erer of Pigeon had one of her best days in 100 years last Sunday, Dec. 11.

Friends and family helped her celebrate her 100th birthday and the event started early and lasted until late.

She was recognized by her pastor, Rev. Raymond Orth, in the early service at Cross Lutheran Church, and there was a reception and coffee hour in her honor at the church between early and late services. There she was serenaded by the children's choir.

In the afternoon there were hundreds of guests at a reception in Knights of Columbus Hall, Pigeon, with some guests coming from as far as Alpena and other north- and south-Michigan locations.

A nephew, Ted Bergman of Tucson, AZ, arranged his Michigan visit so he could attend Erer's reception. A church caroling group sang for her at the afternoon event.

Supper followed the reception, and later immediate family members met at the honored guest's home to see her open gifts and cards.

She and the late Leonard Erer were married in Kilmanagh on April 19, 1922. After farming for many years and 49 processing seasons in the Sebewaing Sugar Factory, he passed on in 1977.

The century-old guest has been living in Pigeon since 1978, and has resided at 7440 Paul St. for the past 15 years.

WESTERN THUMB NATIVE Amanda Erer of Pigeon chats with Cross Lutheran Church Pastor Raymond Orth.

WALT RUMMEL PHOTO



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## Caseville to again seek new village manager

Caseville Village trustees decided last week to keep the village manager form of government, but a new manager won't be on the scene until at least March.

Former Manager Gary Kuckel was hired in November 1993 and served six months before Council chose not to renew his contract.

The Village has no manager right now, but Council agreed at its meeting last week to advertise to fill the position.

Village officials want to study their budget more thoroughly to determine what salary range they can afford, said Village Treasurer Shelley Stirrett.

A bid of \$79,100 was accepted for village-owned property on Oak Point. Village officials had purchased the property in the late 1970s when the village's lake intake was installed offshore, in case a new intake might be needed in the future.

But under state law, any village-owned property that isn't used within a certain time limit must revert back to the tax rolls, so the decision was made to sell the property. Name of the purchaser was not immediately available.

In other business, Caseville Council:

- Agreed to hire a part-time employee for the Department of Public Works.
- Agreed to spend up to \$4,500 to purchase equipment, engineering services and training to use leak detecting equipment for find leaks in the water system.
- Adopted a resolution allowing the village to use regular mail to notify homeowners of delinquent bills, instead of registered mail.
- Decided to seek sealed bids for new water meters.

— By AMY HEIDEN

## 65 Years!



Mr. & Mrs. John Christner

The children of John and Rhea Christner of Pigeon invite family and friends to an Open House on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m., honoring the couple on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

The event will be held at the home of Dale and Joyce Christner at 7688 Berne Rd., Pigeon. The couple requests no gifts, please.

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# Congratulations

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# Woods & Waters

## Remembering my roots

It was bitter cold when I stepped into the woods. It's no small wonder generals called off wars in the wintertime, I thought to myself, these were cruel conditions for woods encounters.

But, the encounter today was of necessity. Not an encounter with men, for those wars had ceased long ago on this soil, and not for food, because now we were content to let someone else kill our supper for us.

Then why? Why was I about to spend the day trudging around a civilized woodlot, swathed in wool and leather, sporting a rifle which could easily be mistaken for a 200-year-old museum piece?

To remember? That's what I told myself getting dressed this morning.

But, to remember what? I'm sure by the end of the day I would find my answer.

I took my first step towards the woods, ominously darkened from the false dawn which had not yet penetrated the stark trunks and naked branches, and before I could shift my weight felt a tiny branch, hidden in the snow, snap beneath my moccasin encased foot.

CRACK! The ensuing sound resembled a rifle shot. A poor woodsman, I thought to myself, I must be more careful.

Earlier in the morning, beside the delicious warmth of my woodstove, I had dressed for this day's muzzle-loading hunt.

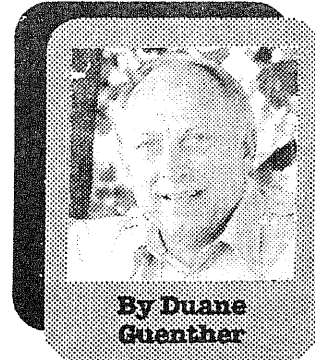
Each year, usually on more than one occasion during the muzzleloading deer season and several more times during the small game season, I try to recreate what it may have been like to hunt a couple of hundred years ago, not only with the firearm or bow that I use, but also with period dress and a mind-set which helps to take me back to pre-colonial times.

Preparing myself for such a hunt is quite easy as I have accumulated the necessary clothing and equipment from a long standing hobby of historical re-enactment.

I first donned a long, linen common shirt which reached almost to my knees. It was then tucked it in my woolen knee breeches.

Two pair of long woolen stockings which both reached above my knees covered my lower legs and these were topped with a pair of wool leggings which fastened to my belt by leather straps attached to their outside seam.

The stockings were covered with two pair of moccasins. The first, made of elk hide, was perfectly formed to my feet, while the second pair, called shoepacs and made of



By Duane Guenther

buffalo hide, was much larger in order to accommodate the insoles made of layers of blanket material stitched together and a stuffing of dry grass which would add more insulation.

Both pair of moccasins were heavily laced with a mixture of tallow and beeswax making them both supple and somewhat waterproof.

Next, I pulled a wool hunting shirt over my shoulders, added a wool hunting frock over that and threw my wool Greatcoat in the front seat of my truck.

When I got to the woods, I would don this warm, but cumbersome, covering, closing its buttonless front with a blaze orange sash.

The sash, with the addition of a blaze orange knitted hat which hung off the side of my head would not only be warm and functional, but would also make me legal in 20th century Michigan and add a measure of safety, even though I was the lone hunter on private land.

I moved as quietly as possible through the woods, still hunting as I suspected most of my forefathers did. My dress did not lend itself to sitting long hours on a stand, and as long as I kept moving I was fairly comfortable, despite the weather.

Had it been warmer and wetter I probably wouldn't have fared so well. But the cold temperatures and dry snow were perfect for my ancient footwear.

It took me almost three hours to hunt the first half mile stretch, working my way down the edge of a small woods, following the grassy slopes near a split rail fence and finally reaching a large cedar thicket deep within the woods.

I had spotted several squirrels along the way, most were within easy range of my long, but very accurate flintlock rifle. They would have provided the making for a very good stew had I been desperate for meat to feed a waiting family huddled in the scant warmth of a tiny log cabin.

But a deer would be better, a nice fat doe with juicy tenderloins, sweet hams and marbled backstraps to supply the needed proteins so valuable for life among the frontier families.

I planned to mosey through this thick stand of cedar, and perhaps jump a bedding deer out of its swamp bedroom.

If not, I knew of a narrow runway where, just before dark, hungry deer would walk by on their way to the open field which lay to the south of my stand of woods. Perchance I would be successful there.

But first, I decided to rest and build a small fire by which to warm myself.

In the excitement of the morning I left home without nourishment and the morning walk had wakened an empty gnawing in my stomach. But a pail of tea, some jerky and cornbread would remedy that, and quick.

Perhaps an ancient hunter would not have chanced a small fire, knowing its smoke might frighten game, or worse, announce his presence.

But I didn't need food that badly today, and I certainly wasn't worried about anyone know my whereabouts.

I made the fire from the small, dry twigs of a white oak standing nearby. They produced a quick, hot flame with little or no smoke.

Within minutes snow was melted, the pail had boiled, and a strong, black tea was

sleeping beside the smoldering embers.

I munched on a small piece of cornbread, gleaned from Sweetwife's kitchen, and a couple sticks of venison jerky left over from last year's hunt. Both had been wrapped in a piece of cheesecloth and stuffed within the folds of my Greatcoat.

A sharp breeze swept across my meager campsite blowing ashes before the wind and sending a tiny avalanche of snow cascading from the branches I sat beneath.

Pulling my collar a little tighter and snuggling down within my swaddling of wool and leather I suddenly realized what I was doing here.

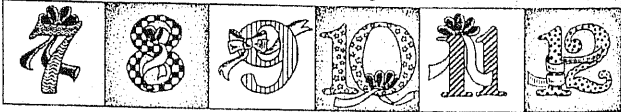
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# Local youngster getting Dec. 28 transplant

By SALLY RUMMEL

Mike Wineman of Pigeon is your typical eight-year-old boy.

He likes Super Nintendo, the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers and he dislikes homework.

He's like every other eight-year-old, except that he is battling a very rare blood disorder called Aplastic Anemia — and will be spending his holidays in the hospital, undergoing a bone marrow transplant on Thursday, Dec. 28 at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

The son of Christine Wineman of Pigeon and Jim Wineman of Bay City, the young Wineman's illness was diagnosed last spring after his mother noticed some unusual bruises on his arms and his abdomen.

After having blood tests done through Pigeon pediatrician Dr. Kala Reddy's office, Wineman was sent to Mott's Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, where they finally diagnosed Aplastic Anemia.

Aplastic Anemia results from a failure of the bone marrow to produce enough red cells, white cells and platelets. There are many causes of the disease: heredity, viruses, chemical exposures, side effects from medication, etc.

But the cause of Wineman's condition has been labeled "idiopathic," since doctors

cannot determine the exact cause.

With Aplastic Anemia, a person becomes pale, tired and has a tendency to bleed. With Severe Aplastic Anemia, a person requires numerous blood transfusions. Aplastic Anemia is not a cancer, but a serious blood disorder that can be life threatening if not treated.

After 10 days of potent drug therapy last summer, doctors hoped that Wineman's bone marrow would respond and produce the needed blood cells and platelets on its own.

Since that has not happened after months of waiting, a bone marrow transplant is

the next form of treatment in the search for a cure.

Meanwhile, young Wineman's life has turned from days of school, playing with friends outside and enjoying regular activities, to weekly trips to Ann Arbor or Scheurer Hospital for blood transfusions, semi-isolation at home for risk of infection and endless rounds of medical procedures.

Fortunately for the Wineman family, Chris Wineman is a registered nurse, and is able to monitor her son's condition carefully at home.

In trying to keep up with fellow third graders, Pigeon Elementary teacher Karen Gehrs has been teaching

Wineman at home, and he has been in constant contact with Cross Lutheran School of Pigeon, where he was a student from preschool through most of second grade.

Wineman's bone marrow transplant will keep him hospitalized at Harper and Children's Hospital in Detroit for his pre-transplant workup this Thursday, Dec. 22 until about 30 days post-transplant. He'll then have to remain in semi-isolation for about 70 days, before he can

return home to Pigeon. Meanwhile, Chris Wineman will relocate temporarily to the Detroit Area to remain close to her son — and brothers Matt, age 13 and Nick, age 16, will stay at home in Pigeon with relatives.

Friends of the Wineman family who would like to send well-wishes may address them to:

Michael Wineman  
Harper Hospital, BMT Unit  
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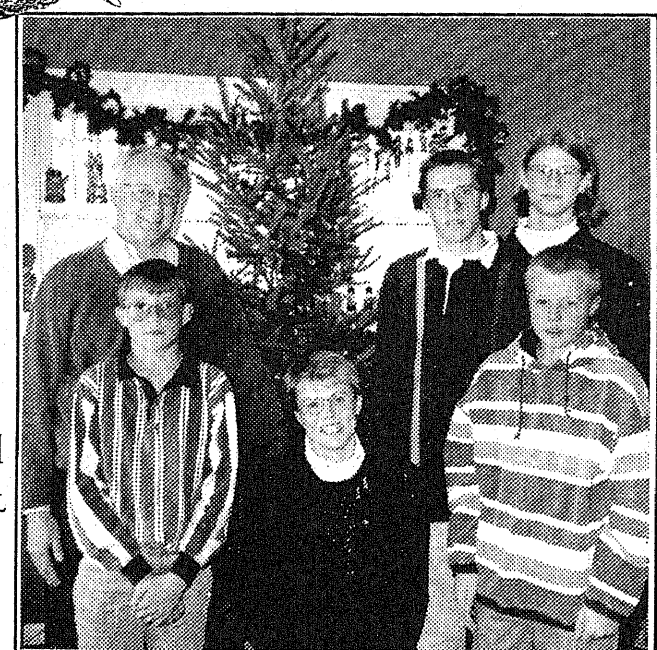
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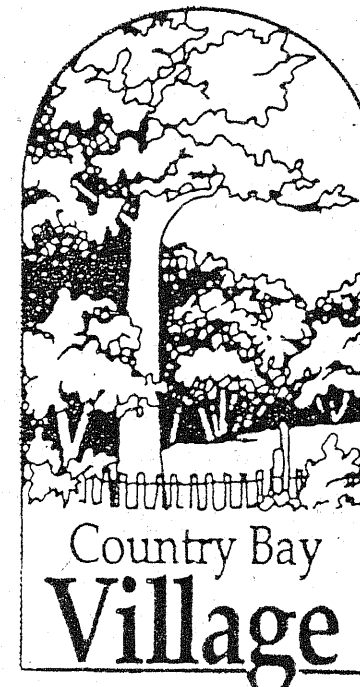


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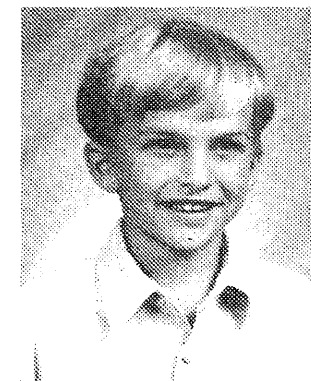
**CASEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL FIRST GRADERS WRITER TO SANTA...**



DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a wallet. I could really use one.  
LOVE,  
ANDREA GOFORTH



HELLO ST. NICK,  
Please bring me a big sister for Christmas. I've been good.  
LOVE,  
DANICA ASHMUN



DEAR SANTA CLAUS,  
I'd like a keyboard for Christmas. I've been good.  
LOVE,  
BRAD HILL  
P.S. What did Mrs. Claus bake this Christmas?



HELLO SANTA,  
I want a Power Ranger play set. I was a very good boy. Is it cold there? Have you been busy?  
HO-HO-HO, YOUR FRIEND,  
JACOB REYNOLDS



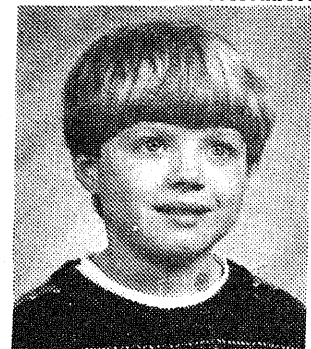
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Here is my Christmas list. I'd like Sand Art.  
JARED JANDERWSKI



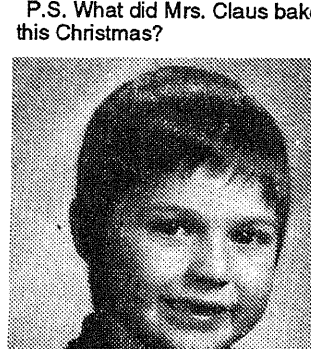
HI, ST. NICK,  
I would like a real puppy and a swimming pool in my backyard. I hope you can fit it in your sack. Did Mrs. Claus make you cookies?  
AMY FARVER



DEAR SANTA CLAUS,  
I have been good. I want a Super Nintendo. How are all your elves?  
LOVE,  
SASHA GUSTER



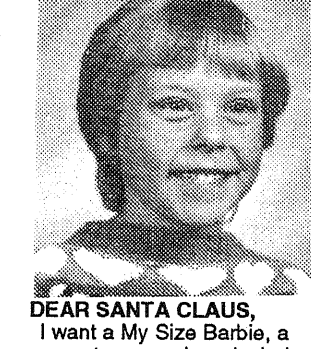
HI, ST. NICK,  
For Christmas I would like Big Batman and Power Ranger sword.  
JEREMY CILC



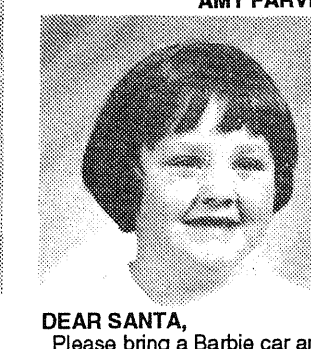
HI, ST. NICK,  
Please bring me a stuffed baby tiger. How do you make presents for all the kids in the world? All the love in the world.  
JAMES BROOKS



HI, SANTA,  
Please bring me a black and white Dalmation puppy. Do you see polar bears and penguins? Does Rudolph really have a red nose? I hope you have a fun day, Santa.  
CASSANDRA LANG



DEAR SANTA CLAUS,  
I want a My Size Barbie, a computer, a pool, and a baby sister. Is it cold there?  
LAURA RENEE DESLOVER



DEAR SANTA,  
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LOVE,  
RACHEL CRAIG



DEAR SANTA CLAUS,  
Please bring me a remote control truck. How is Mrs. Claus?  
LOVE AND YOURS FOREVER,  
NICK VOGEL



HI, SANTA,  
Please bring me a Puppy Surprise. How do your reindeer fly?  
NADINE SINN



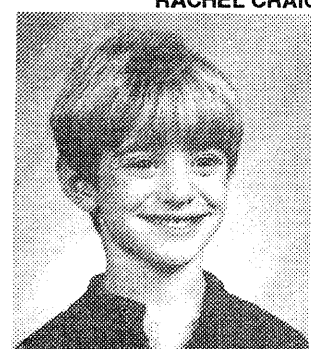
HELLO SANTA CLAUS,  
I want a real baby kitten and a Baby Alive.  
MICHELLE LANGKIL



DEAR SANTA,  
Could you bring me a Barbie Pool Set and boat? I think Mrs. Claus is nice.  
SHANNON



DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a Puppy Surprise. Do your reindeer really have red noses?  
LOVE,  
CRYSTAL SYSNIEWSKI



DEAR SANTA,  
I want a real minibiike and a horse puppet.  
LOVE,  
SHANE ROYER



DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a real baby tiger and a pack of small cars.  
RONNY BEDFORD



DEAR SANTA,  
I want a remote control car for Christmas.  
LOVE,  
BRANDON KRETZSCHMER



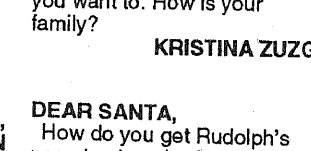
DEAR SANTA,  
How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? How did you make them magic? Please send a remote control car and a keyboard. I'd also like a train.  
THANKS,  
CARL FORMAN



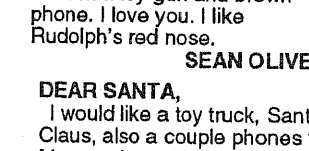
DEAR SANTA,  
I want a bike and a My Size Barbie and I want a Lion King talking Simba and a hamster.  
THANK YOU,  
BETHANY SCHMIDT



DEAR SANTA,  
I want for Christmas a Barbie and a bike and a doll and a coat and I want a dress and a good Christmas, too. Also a radio and I want a big size Barbie, as big as me. Who are your reindeer? I love you.  
ALYSSA KUHL



DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a My Size Barbie, a telephone and a dance and twirl Barbie. Santa, get me what you want to. How is your family?  
KRISTINA ZUZGA



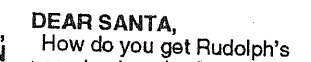
DEAR SANTA,  
I want a toy gun and brown phone. I love you. I like Rudolph's red nose.  
SEÁN OLIVER

**MORE USA LETTERS**

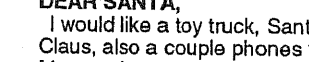
DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a gymnastic Barbie and a Dance and Twirl Barbie and I have a few questions for you. Is Rudolph for real? How are you and your family? How do your reindeer get their magic?  
LOVE,  
STEPHANIE REINHARDT

**MORE SANTA LETTERS**

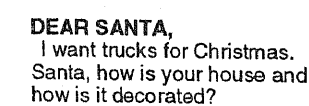
DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a stuffed animal dog and cat and a pet shop toy. I sleep upstairs with my sister so you can find me. I go to bed when Mom says and I listen to my Mom. Thank you.  
LOVE,  
BETH ANN TOLFREE



DEAR SANTA,  
How do you get Rudolph's nose to stop glowing? I have been good. I clean my room when Mom says. My sister Jessica is quiet and Kara is nice. My Super Soaker broke. Josh wants a Stretch Armstrong like mine. Thank you.  
LOVE,  
DAMIAN SALCIDO



DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a toy truck, Santa Claus, also a couple phones for Mom and race cars.  
JUSTIN LASESKI



DEAR SANTA,  
I want trucks for Christmas. Santa, how is your house and how is it decorated?  
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## The Newsweekly's "CHRISTMAS MEMORIES"

### MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER

By MILDRED NELSON KAIN  
Filion

Back in 1933, my mother, an apparently healthy middle-aged woman, became very ill and host a tremendous amount of weight.

Trips to various doctors were fruitless as they could not determine the cause. She became virtually helpless and bedridden.

Then a young doctor, Roy Gettel, fesh from medical school, opened practice in Kinde. In desperation, my father asked him to call.

Dr. Gettel came immediately, checked Mother's condition, and diagnosed her as diabetic.

A strict diet and insulin injections were prescribed.

However, insulin had to be obtained in Port Huron where it came from Canada. Soon we could get it from a Port Austin druggist and later on in Kinde.

I stayed home from school that year to care for my mother. By Christmas, she was much better and lived until 1967, 34 years longer than she would have without the help of Dr. Gettel and Banting and Best (who perfected use of insulin).

To them, I will forever be grateful!

That Christmas, filled with love and appreciation for the gift of life, was unforgettable! May you all have a wonderful Christmas!

*(I still have the little burner over which I heated the Benedict solution to check my mother's sugar count. I understand that Dr. Gettel was a cousin of Dr. Scheurer—both tops in their profession.)*

### MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

By LISA FITZPATRICK  
Bay Port

My favorite Christmas present didn't come easily, but it was worth all the trouble my mother went through to get it.

Well, remember the year Cabbage Patch dolls came out? Boy, I do. I was one of those girls that just had to have one.

My mother searched frantically everywhere and anywhere she could, only to be told "we're sold out" or "backordered."

So, sadly after giving up hope, my mother had to sit me down and tell me not to expect a Cabbage Patch doll this year for Christmas because Santa just has too many orders for them and he keeps running out.

But, she said, maybe I could have one for my birthday (which was February). So since that was only two

months away, I accepted it. As Christmas quickly approached, a stroke of Christmas fate happened.

A new last minute shipment of dolls arrived while my mother happened to be at a store finishing up her shopping. As expected, they were being ripped off the shelves.

By the time my mother got in reach of the shelf, there were only two dolls left and three women reaching for them.

Luckily, Mom's arm was quicker or longer!

As fate would have it, that Christmas Eve I opened the gift I longed for. With yellow yarn hair and a pink dress and a birth certificate naming her Georgina Katie. It was the greatest present I ever got.

But now, what really makes this doll so special is now my very own daughter has taken on this doll as her very favorite! So everyday I am even more grateful my mother was at the store.

As for the doll that once went to bed with me, she now goes to bed with my daughter.

### MY MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENT IS DAD'S PHOTO

By GALE NICHOLS  
Bay Port

Many Christmas have come, and gone over the years, some of the best, to those I don't remember well. This present

was given to me, without knowing it, until this holiday season.

I am not a materialistic person, so, I would like to think I am, by sharing this with you.

Our Christmas in 1988, brought changes in my life, and that of my children. We were struggling to make ends meet, and I couldn't afford the gifts my children deserved.

Our youngest daughter was born Dec. 13, and was 12 days old on Christmas day. My father had spent the holidays with us, as he did so many times.

I had some film in my camera, and decided to take a picture of my father holding our daughter.

Unfortunately, my father died in March of 1990.

The best Christmas present ever, was the one my father had given us, himself. I will always have the picture to be a constant reminder that the very best things in life are not material. I believe this with all of my heart.

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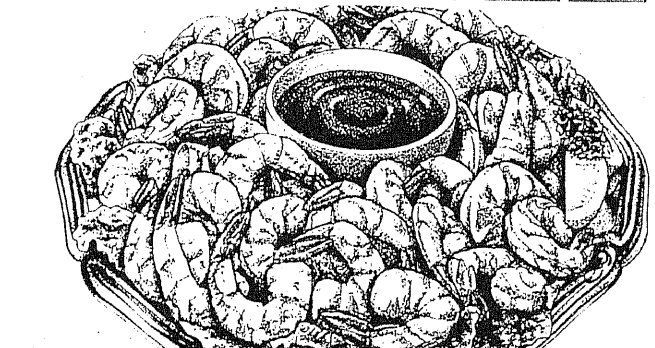
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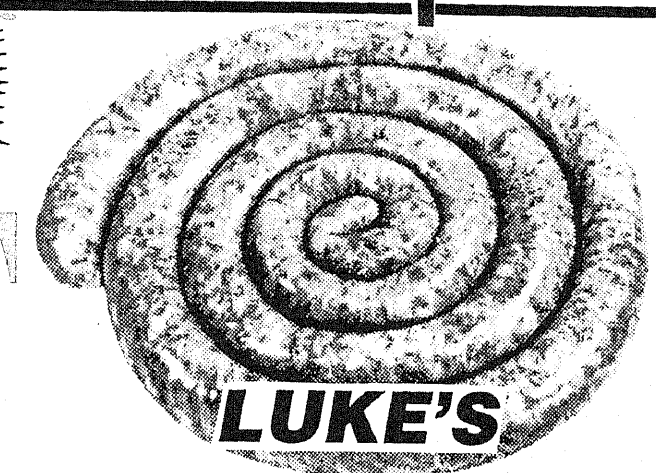
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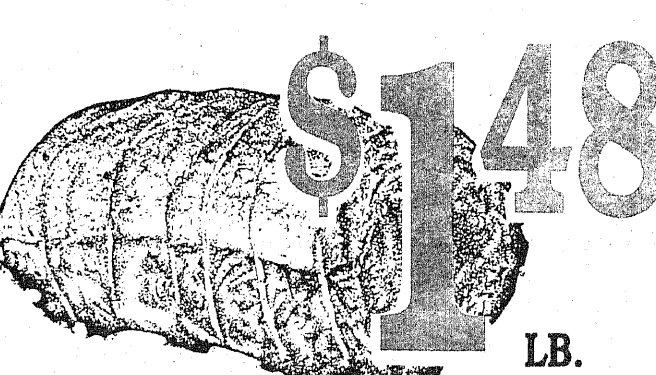
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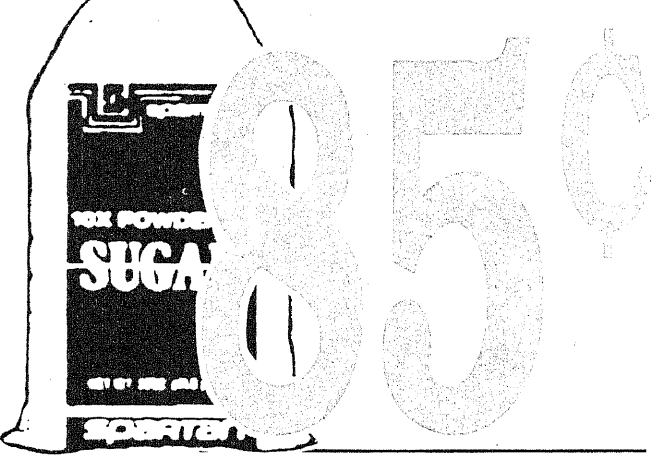
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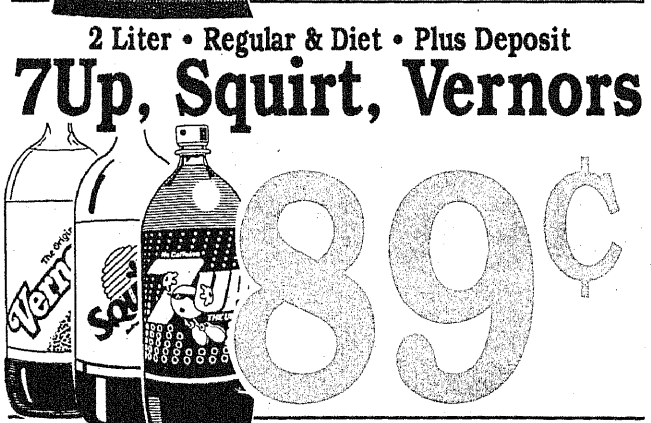
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2 Lbs.  
**Powdered or Light Brown Spartan Sugar**



14 oz.

**Frito Lay Ruffles**  
Potato Chips



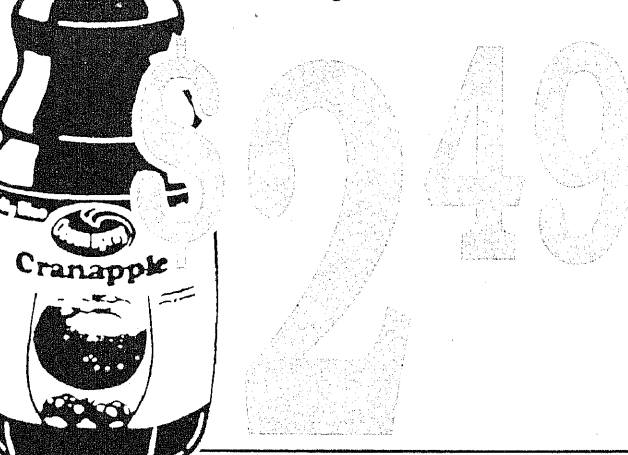
2 Liter • Regular & Diet • Plus Deposit

**7Up, Squirt, Vernors**  
Liquid Dish Detergent

Regular & No Salt • Whole Kernel or Creamed Corn, Cut/French Green Beans, Summer Corn Crisp, Peas • 11 Oz. - 16.5 Oz.

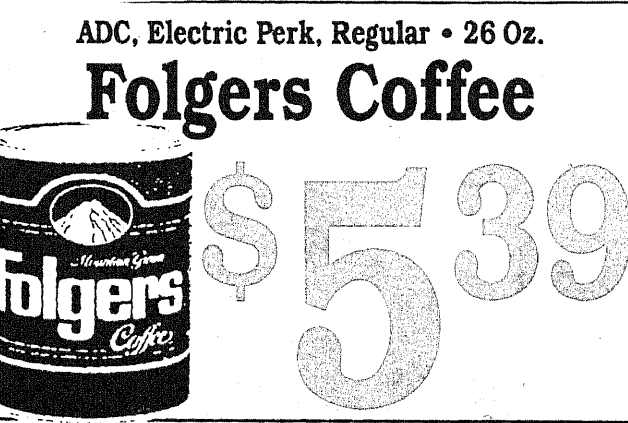
**Del Monte Vegetable Sale**  
As seen on TV

64 Oz.  
**Ocean Spray Cranberry Juices**



14.5 Oz. - 16 Oz.

**Nabisco Ritz Crackers**



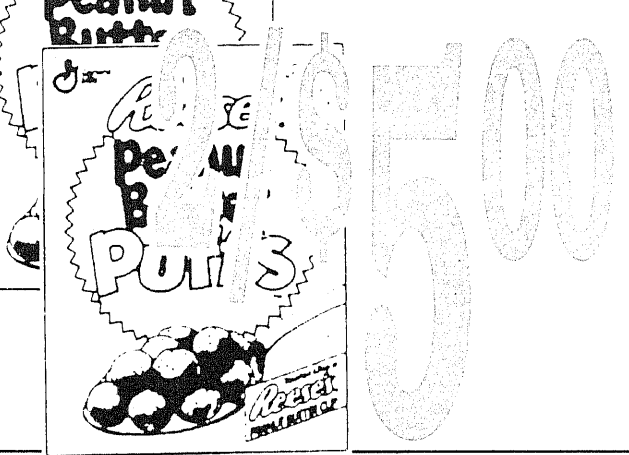
ADC, Electric Perk, Regular • 26 Oz.

**Folgers Coffee**  
Kix Berry Berry Cereal

Fruit Cocktail, Peaches - Sliced & Halves, Pears - Sliced & Halves, Natural Chunky Mixed Fruit, Pears Natural, Fruit Cocktail Natural, Natural Peaches • 16 Oz.

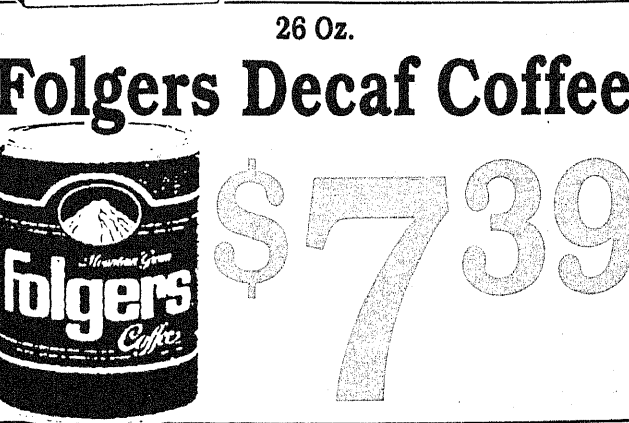
**Del Monte Fruit Sale**

General Mills • 14.25 Oz.  
**Reese's Peanut Butter Puffs**



Assorted • 3 Oz.

**Jell-O Gelatin**



26 Oz.

**Pepsi Cola Products**

All Varieties • 2 Liter • Plus Deposit  
Butterscotch, Crunch, Little Bits, Milk Chocolate, Mint, White, Semi-Sweet • 8 Oz. - 12 Oz.

**Nestle Morsels**



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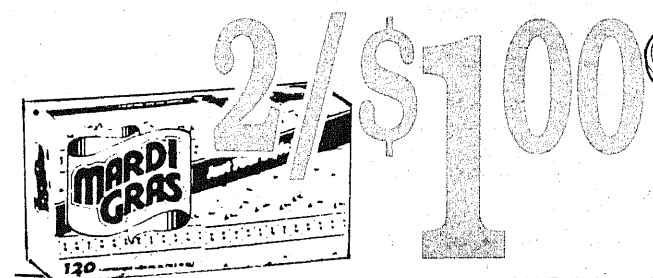


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Merry Christmas!

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**Paper Napkins**



Mardi Gras • Individual Roll

**Paper Towels**

Orange or Grapefruit • 64 Oz.  
**Tropicana Juice**

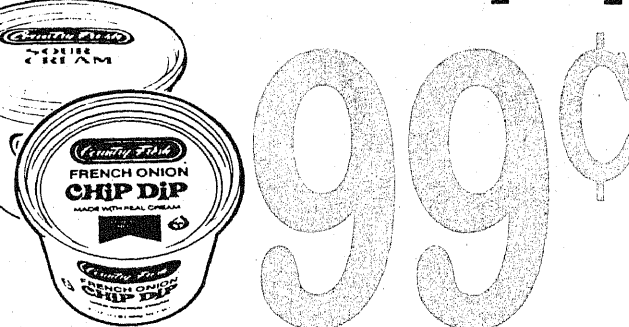


Lite Or Regular • 8 Oz.

**Spartan Cream Cheese**

Gallon  
**Country Fresh 2% Milk**

Country Fresh • 24 Oz.  
**Sour Cream & Chip Dip**

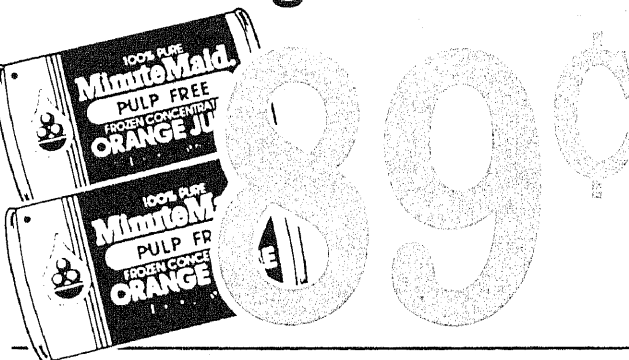


- Regular & Light Imperial Margarine ..... 1 lb. **39¢**
- Assorted Kraft Chunk Cheese ..... 8 oz. **\$1.49**
- Country Fresh Whipping Cream ..... 8 oz. **39¢**
- Country Fresh Holly Nog ..... 1/2 GALLON. **2/\$3.00**

## FROZEN

Regular, Country Style, Pulp Free, Redo Acid, w/Calcium • 10 Oz. - 12 Oz.

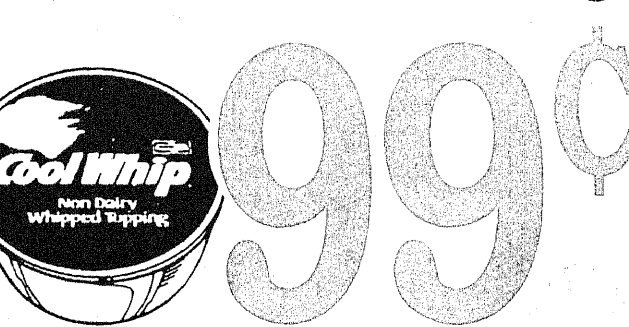
**Minute Maid Orange Juice**



Assorted • 26 oz.

**Mrs. Smith's Pies**

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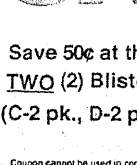


Save 30¢ at the checkout when you purchase one (1) 8 oz. Cool Whip (assorted varieties).

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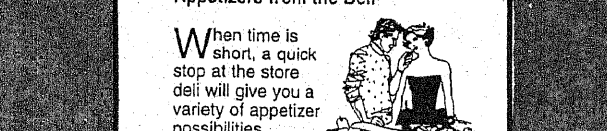
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**Savory Skewers**  
 Cut slices of deli roast beef in half; roll each half pinwheel fashion. Thread onto wooden skewers with one or more of the following: marinated artichoke hearts, marinated mushrooms, jarred roasted red pepper pieces, cooked cheese tortellini, cubes of provolone. Brush lightly with prepared Italian dressing.

**Mini Gyro Pitas**  
 Heat individual sized pita breads in oven as per package directions; top with gyro meat from the deli and a mixture of plain yogurt, chopped cucumber and dill.

**Zesty Antipasto Tray**  
 Arrange assorted deli meats (roast beef, ham, salami, prosciutto) on a platter with roasted red peppers, marinated artichoke hearts, assorted olives and cheeses. Serve with various crusty breads and rolls.

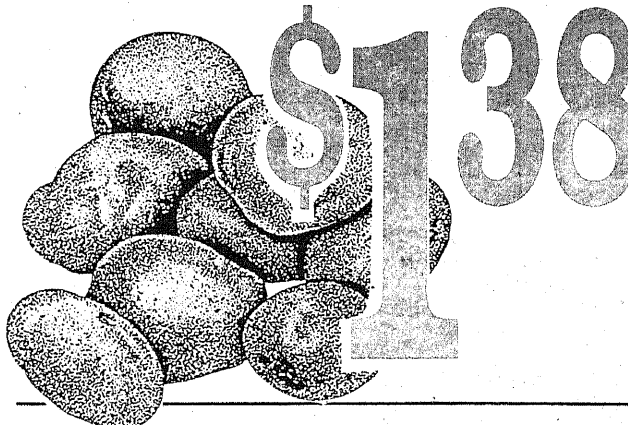
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**WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES Sebawaing 12/14/94**

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High team series and game: Sebawaing Lanes 2404-830.  
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 Splits: L. Bohn 5-6, 3-10; R. Eurich & S. Gremel 5-8-10, J. Smith 4-5, D. Schnitker & L. Ackerman 5-6, D. Haist 3-9-10, S. Lutz & G. Vasquez 2-10, Ju. Follman 4-5-7.

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High individual series and game: G. Vasquez 541-188, B. Schamber 534-189, S. Lutz 521-197, M. Gettel 511, S. Buschlen 502-179, L. Eberlein 499-193, R. Linzer 494-184, R. Finkbeiner 490-209, J. Wible 180, K. Ignash 166.  
 Splits: D. Fuerst 5-6-7-9, B. Winter 2-7, R. Finkbeiner, K. Hoeh, C. Vanhoost, A. Bach 3-10, F. Hornbacher 3-10 & 9-10.

**THURS. NIGHT LADIES Elkton 12/15**

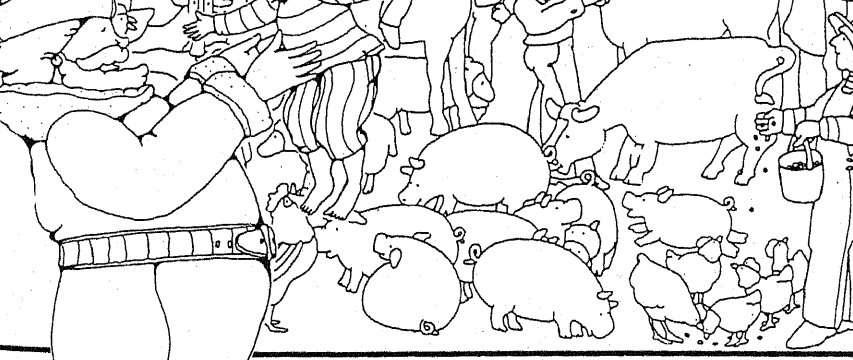
Elkton Food Center	33
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High individual series and game: F. Finkbeiner 447, S. Brennan and Lucille Schamber 164.  
 Splits: 5-10 G. McDowall.

**MIDWEST DART LEAGUE 12/12/94**

Getatown	11
Hotel	11
Sporty's	10
Ed's Bar	6
Trapper's	5
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**Merry Christmas To All Our Farm Families**



A special greeting and heartfelt thanks to everyone on the farm. Your dedication and hard work make it possible for us all to enjoy the holidays with good food and good cheer. Have a great Christmas!

**From All Your Friends... Don, Darrell, Pat, Gary, Wayne, Al, Lee, Warren, Kurt, Kevin, Duke, Lucas**

**OSENTOSKI EQUIPMENT, INC. Pigeon 453-2120**

**WED. NITE LADIES Pigeon Lanes 12/14**

Lee's Landscaping	60
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High team series and game: Lee's Landscaping 2638, Osentoski Farm Equipment 908.  
 High individual series and game: D. Parrish 597 (225-213), Todd Gauden 573 (201), R. Ignatowski 557 (207), N. Gladych 205, M. Graf 204, R. Ewald 201, G. Drabek 200.

**TUESDAY NITE LADIES Unionville 12/13/94**

Hare Shop	42
VanBevern's	30
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Faci Gals	21

High team series and game: Hare Shop 2107, F. B. Gals 753.  
 High individual series and game: T. Hare 469-182, B. Ewald 460-165, D. Goslin 454-182, C. Sy 469-195, J. McLaren 170.  
 Splits: L. Badore 5-7, C. Socier 4-5, J. McLaren 3-10, S. Hugo 5-10.

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High team series and game: Bowling Devils 1387, Spartans II 483.  
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**Warm Wishes for a Happy Holiday**

Christmas brings a wonderful opportunity to thank you for your support during the past year and wish you the best the holidays can bring... peace, joy and the special closeness of family and friends.

**From the Council & staff of the VILLAGE OF PIGEON**

# "MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER" - "CHRISTMAS MEMORIES"

**FORTY-NINE JUMPING JACKS**  
By ALFREDA BOESCH  
Sebewaing

In 1930, I was a young teacher just finishing my first year of teaching. I had started on the day after New Year's. I had 49 pupils in four grades. The other teacher, who formerly had 79 pupils in nine grades, now had the five upper grades. Her school room as called the Big Room and mine was the Little Room, although they were both the same size.

This was in Depression times. We got along with what was available for free. I made math flash cards from expired calendar pages and alphabet cards from newspaper headlines.

When new catalogs came out, we made good use of the old ones. Wallpaper catalogs were treasures. My mother made us a quart of paste each week.

Farming that year was very discouraging. Prices were down even though crop yields were less abundant than usual.

When the wheat and beans were sold and the bank loans were paid, there wasn't much money left. One man told me that he had 50 cents left to

spend on his family for Christmas. Most of my pupils would have very few gifts under their trees.

**Papa came** to bring me home for the last weekend before the Christmas holiday. He kept smiling all the way home.

When I asked what he was smiling about, he said he just thought of something funny. He didn't give his secret away, either.

I hardly had my coat off when my mother brought out a boxful of red jumping jacks—49 of them.

Both of my parents enjoyed the surprised look on my face. I think I appreciated that gift more than I appreciated the cedar chest Papa had built for me a year earlier.

**My parents kept bees**, 40 swarms or more. Each year we had to put together the little boxes in which the bees built their honeycomb.

These boxes were shipped to us flat. Each thin board was scored with three creases, where the corners would be. The ends were dovetailed.

We scalded each corner with boiling water from the tea kettle. Then the flat pieces of wood could be gently squeezed into place.

Once the dovetails were intermeshed, the boxes were ready to go into the supers. There were always some boxes that couldn't stand the strain of being bent. These were a total loss.

**My parents had** put the boxes together early that year. They carefully saved every box that broke under pressure. Papa carved out little bodies, arms and legs with his trusty jack knife.

Then he used his hatchet on some 12-inch lengths of cedar posts to make side rails and three-inch bars for the jumping jacks. These were nailed together in an H-shape. This is what you squeeze to make the jacks jump.

Mama bored the little holes in each piece, two holes in each side rail, two in each hip and lower body, two in each shoulder and upper body, two in each hand.

Then all those little pieces had to be painted with red

barn paint, one side tonight, the other side the next night. **Imagine 100 little** arms as long as a finger, 100 legs a little longer, 49 bodies which included heads, 98 side rails and 49 bars!

Mama melted left-over beeswax and dipped the strings in it to make them stronger. Every family had a ball of string they saved from store packages. You never knew when you might need some.

Mama threaded string through the eye of a skinny darning needle. One by one she attacked the arms and legs to the little bodies. They had to be tight enough to stay together, but loose enough to move easily.

**The final step** was installing the strings through a siderail, both bands, the other siderail and then back to the starting point through the second holes.

You put the string in place while you held the little man poised upside down above the siderails. (That was the secret of his jump.)

When my pupils saw the box of jumping jacks, they

were dazzled. They couldn't believe they would be so lucky. They could hardly wait to yank on their coats and hurry home to display their treasures.

## MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

By JASON ANCZEWSKI, 17  
Caseville Public School  
My favorite Christmas present would have to be my Sega Genesis. I received this gift when I was about 13 years old.

That year I didn't know what I was getting for Christmas. The year before, my older brothers had unwrapped all

the presents and retaped them. So this time my parents hid the presents somewhere. Actually, I don't think that my parents even bought the presents until the day before Christmas. Either way they didn't put the presents under the tree until Christmas Eve.

**When I opened** my gifts in the morning, I was so happy that I could hardly say thank you to my parents. I hooked the Sega up to the TV and played it all day and all night long. I received many good gifts that year.

The Sega was my favorite gift because I love to play video games.

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# Christmas

He came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owed a debt we couldn't pay.

A message of HOPE from Hope Community Bible Church. **HCBC**  
Join us this Sunday at 11AM at 89 S. Main, next to the Pigeon Library.

# 2,300 apple pies provide tasty fund-raiser for BT-YFC

By SALLY RUMMEL  
What does it take to get men into the kitchen?

All it takes is the annual "We Make-U Bake" Apple Pie Sale, sponsored by the Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ and Pigeon Rotary Club, which drew over 100 YFC, Rotarian, teen and community helpers together to peel, mix, pat, assemble and box over 2,300 pies last week-end.

The peeling of almost 10,000 apples took place Friday, Dec. 9 at Leipprandt Orchards north of Pigeon, then the actual assembly of pies brought workers into the kitchen of Laker High School early on Saturday morning, Dec. 10.

Pies were ready for pick-up by 10 a.m., so the assembly-line of workers broke production records with speed, efficiency and MESS!

**This is the** third year of the Apple Pie Sale, which is expected to net over \$8,000 for community youth projects between YFC and Rotary.

"I think we perfected the pies this year," says YFC Director Ken Smeader, adding "The first year we added too much sugar, last year too little sugar and this year, it was just right!"

The Apple Pie Sale is truly a

community-wide project, bringing together people from all age groups and civic interests.

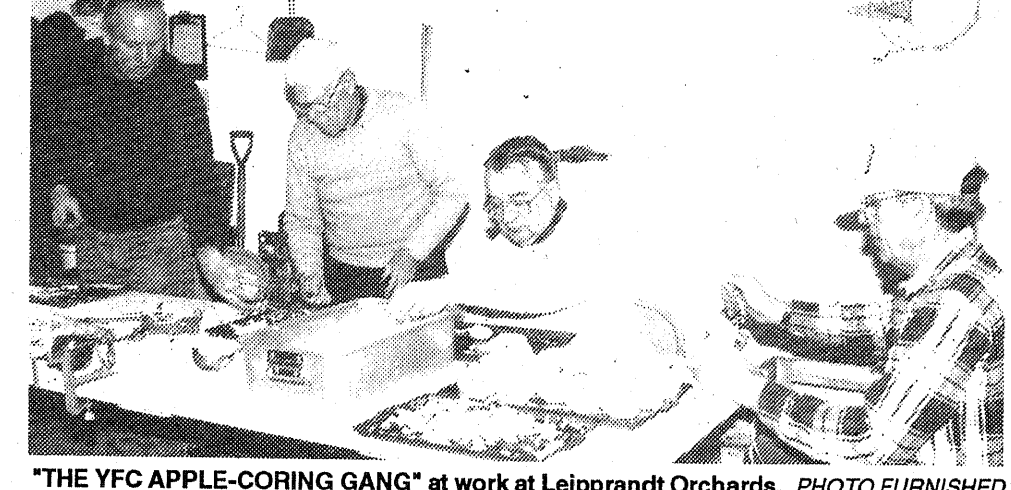
It would not have been possible, Smeader says, without the generous donations of Michigan Sugar Company, Star of the West Flour, Leipprandt Orchards, McDonald

Food & Family Center, Winsor Gallery and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools and of course, the generous donation of time and talents from over 100 community people.

**Not only** are many of the apple pies gracing holiday tables this year, but some people gave them as Christ-

mas gifts, including one local employer who bought 33 for just that purpose.

If you would like a YFC/Rotary Pie and did not get one at the sale, there are pies available for sale at McDonald's Food and Family Center in Bad Axe, according to Smeader.



"THE YFC APPLE-CORING GANG" at work at Leipprandt Orchards. PHOTO FURNISHED

## May All Your Christmas Dreams Come True

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# Achievements

**Army Sgt. Gabor Dobos** has graduated from the 58-day Ranger course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

Training is conducted at Benning, the mountains of northern Georgia, the desert at Fort Bliss, TX and in the Florida swamps. It is designed to develop confident

and capable small-unit leaders.

Additionally, emphasis is placed on developing skills in the planning and conduct of ground, airmobile, airborne, and waterborne patrolling operations. Dobos is an infantry fire-support team leader.

He is a 1988 graduate of

Akron-Fairgrove High School and is the son of Marie Struve and Chris Struve of Akron.

**Bells are ringing out the message!**

Merry Christmas to all our customers, family & friends.

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May the spirit of the season soar within you.  
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Pictured here: Sue Barnick, Connie Damm, Carol Jahr, Kari Gardy, Lorraine LePage, Linda Luttmann, Missing: Jenny LaBelle

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# Thumb Area Obituaries

## ALTHA M. THICK 1898 - 1994

Altha M. Thick, 96 of Bay Port, passed away Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Huron Medical Care Facility near Bad Axe.

Altha Conger was born in Sebawaug on Oct. 2, 1898, the daughter of the late Frederick and Caroline (Evans) Thick. She was united in marriage to David Thick, Sr. in Flint on November 28, 1917. He preceded her in death on Feb. 25, 1973.

Mrs. Thick attended the Bay Port Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints throughout her lifetime. She was a homemaker.

Her survivors include three sons, Daniel (Violet) Thick, Lewiston, Robert F. (Ann) Thick, Bay Port, and Donald (Joyce) Thick, Caseville; 14 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Marge Thick, Bay Port; a sister, Blanche Kleinfield, Saginaw; and a sister-in-law, Mae Givins, Caseville. She was preceded in death by two sons, David and Elvin, two brothers, Ralph and Chancey, and a sister, Beatrice Wilfong.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, Dec. 17 from the Meyer-sick-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, with Elder Ervin Haley officiating. Burial was in Caseville Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Scheurer Hospital.

## REV. JAMES P. DITTMER 1913 - 1994

Rev. James P. Dittmer, 81, formerly of Unionville, passed away Monday, Oct. 17 in Minneapolis, MN.

Born in 1913 in Wheatland, ND., he graduated from Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA., in 1936 and from its theological seminary in 1939. He spent the next 17 years as a missionary for the Moravian Church in Bethel, Alaska.

He and his wife Grace were married in 1940. He served as a licensed boat captain, operating a 64-foot pilot boat to distribute supplies to missionary stations and schools in Alaska. He also piloted military ships during World War II. Later, Rev. Dittmer earned his pilot's license and flew from place to place.

He served as a pastor in Sister Bay, Wis., then came to the Waconia, Mn., Moravian Church in 1964. He served there 10 years and in Unionville for four years, before retiring to Watertown.

Besides his wife Grace, Rev. Dittmer is survived by two daughters, two sons, including James of Beaverport, one brother and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Oct. 21 at the Waconia Moravian Church. Interment was in Zoar Moravian Cemetery, Waconia. Johnson Funeral Home, Waconia, handled arrangements.

## ADAH C. MAIERLE 1898 - 1994

Adah Claire Maierle, 96 of Eustis, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in Eustis.

Adah Clair Wurtz was born in Zurich, Ontario, Canada on Dec. 9, 1898, the daughter of the late Jacob and Johanna (Melick) Wurtz. She was united in marriage to Ezra Maierle in Pigeon on Dec. 11, 1917. He preceded her in death on March 8, 1988.

The couple moved to Lake County in 1961 after retiring from farming. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church in Pigeon. She attended the First United Methodist Church in Eustis.

Surviving are her daughters, Ella Mae Patterson of Lincoln, Mi.; Lucille and Albert Eunich of Essexville; and Ruth and Carmel Ginter of Lincoln; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Earl, Floyd, Leonard and Elmo Wurtz, and a sister, Greta Eichler.

Services were held in the Harden/Pauli Chapel in Eustis, with the Rev. William Boyer of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Memory Gardens, Eustis.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the First United Methodist Church of Eustis Missions, 601 S. Grove Street, Eustis, Fla. 32726.

## IRMA M. HELMICH 1895 - 1994

Irma M. Helmich, 99 of Unionville, passed away Monday, Dec. 12 at Bay Medical Care Facility, Essexville.

Miss Helmich was born in Unionville May 28, 1895. She was a homemaker and a member of the Moravian Church and its Ladies Aid and was church organist for 55 years.

Surviving are two nieces, Shirley Byers and Pauline Cosens; one nephew, Clifton Bell and several great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted Dec. 15 at Deisler Funeral Home with the Rev. Terry Weavil officiating. Burial was in Moravian Cemetery.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Moravian Church.

## DELORES I. SCHUCH 1914 - 1994

Delores I. Schuch, 80 of Unionville, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Sun Valley Manor, Bridgeport, following an extended illness.

She was born Delores I. McCarty May 5, 1914 in Cincinnati OH. She was united in marriage to Peter Schuch Aug. 28, 1937. He preceded her in death in 1978.

She was a housemaker and a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bay City.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Rouel Hoff of the Dominican Republic, one son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Sharon Schuch of Westland, seven grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Evelyn Dannecker and Elvera Wray, and many nieces and nephews.

A daughter, Clara, also preceded her in death. Funeral service took place Dec. 17 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bay City. The Rev. Leslie Tyvela officiated. Cremation was in charge of arrangements. Deisler Funeral Home, Unionville was in charge of arrangements. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider Immanuel Lutheran Church or American Cancer Society.

## MILDRED A. ACHENBACH 1902-1994

Mildred A. Achenbach, 92 of Unionville, died unexpectedly Sunday, Dec. 18 at Caro Community Hospital, Caro.

She was born Mildred Murtz in Mayville on June 12, 1902. She was married to Harold Achenbach in 1924, and he pre-deceased her in 1948. Mrs. Achenbach was an elementary school teacher and a member of Unionville United Methodist Church, Methodist Ladies Aid and of Rebecca Lodge. She was a retiree from service in Unionville Post Office.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Fred Greenfield of Caro, three grandsons, Greg, Chris and Scott, and two great-grandchildren, Shelby and Tyler.

She was preceded in death by one brother.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, in Unionville United Methodist Church, with Rev. Nancy Goings officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Township Cemetery.

Friends may call at Deisler Funeral Home, Unionville, on Tuesday (today) from 2-9 p.m.

Those wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider ACW Ambulance or the Methodist Church.

## MAYME MARGARET KASSERMAN 1917 - 1994

Mayme M. Kassarman, 77 of Oliver Twp., died Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, at her home following a massive heart attack.

She was born Aug. 3, 1917 in Dwight Twp. daughter of the late Otto and Martha (Ryterski) Brendry.

On Feb. 6, 1944 she was united in marriage to Earl N. Kassarman at the Kinde Presbyterian Church. She and her husband have lived and farmed in Oliver Township all their married life.

She was a member of the Elkon United Methodist Church, Elkon Senior Citizens and Just A Mere Farm Bureau Group, Pigeon.

Surviving are her husband Earl; two sons, Kenneth (Shirley) Kassarman and Keith (Yvette) Kassarman all of Oliver Twp.; her daughter, Joyce (Pat) Reilly of Kinde; eight grandchildren and her brother, Walter Brendry of Cleo.

A brother, Charles Brendry preceded her in death in 1980.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Elkon United Methodist Church. Rev. Sang Chun, pastor, will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkon.

Friends may call at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkon, from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and at the church from noon until the time of services on Wednesday. Memorials may be directed to the Elkon United Methodist Church.

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## Other Thumb Area deaths

Enoch Osentoski, 83, Cass City, passed away Dec. 6.

Loetta Nickerson, 83, Cass City, passed away Dec. 9.

Helen Monzo, 64, Annapolis, Md., formerly of Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 11.

Stella Grabosky, 84, Grayling, formerly of Port Hope, passed away Dec. 12.

Albert Shoemaker, 48, Cofax Township, passed away Dec. 13.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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Kelli Dufty  
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# PIGEON



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### THOMAS C. DONER 1923 - 1994

Thomas C. Doner, 71, lifelong resident of Hume Twp. near Pinnebog, died Sunday, Dec. 18, Huron County Medical Care Facility, following short illness. He was born Sept. 7, 1923 Hume Twp., son of late John & Sophia (Bambach) Doner.

Mr. Doner attended Pinnebog Schools, was employed at the Joe Stinson Elevator Company, Pinnebog, a Great Lakes sailor, worked in bridge construction work, was employed number of years at Pigeon Manufacturing Co. and retired in 1985.

Survivors include one sister Leena McCrea (William) of Bad Axe, two nephews, Ronald (Kay) McCrea, Edward (Stephanie) McCrea all of Bad Axe. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. at the Gage Chapel, McAlpine Funeral Home in Kinde. Rev. William Wright pastor of First United Methodist Church, Bad Axe, will officiate, with burial in St. Felix Cemetery near Pinnebog.

Friends may call at funeral home Wednesday from 2 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, 9 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m.

### WINIFRED SPRAGUE 1916 - 1994

Winifred Sprague, 78 of Detroit, passed away Saturday, Dec. 17 at St. James Nursing Center in Detroit.

Winifred Jackson was born in England on Sept. 26, 1916, the daughter of the later Parker and Minnie Jackson. She was united in marriage to Roland Sprague, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Sprague was a charter member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #1269 of Mt. Clemens.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Donovan, Caseville and Marilyn Clark, St. Petersburg, Florida; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Kenneth Jackson, Tennessee.

Cremation has taken place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Clinton Township.

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Christmas is fun. I want a Super Sega. How do you reindeer fly? Do they like sugar?

KEVIN THEDE



**DEAR SANTA,**  
May I have some paper dolls and a magic copper machine? My little brother is doing good! Can he have some diapers?

AMANDA WALSH



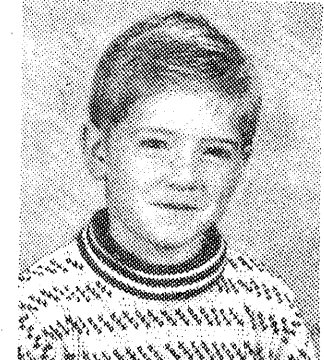
**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want a toy gun for Christmas. Here is a picture of it. Could you bring my family's Christmas presents in Heaven and could you bring their presents to me?

SHAWN GAETH



**DEAR SANTA,**  
I like your reindeer. Why do you slide down the chimney at night. I love you, I love you and you love me.

JENNIFER FABER



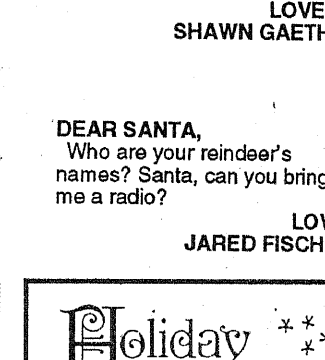
**DEAR SANTA,**  
Gabe would like a big sled and a wooden airplane and a cardboard airplane. What does your wife look like? Does she wear a green suit or a red one?

LOVE, GABRIEL HAHN



**DEAR SANTA,**  
For Christmas I would like Gymnastics Barbie Doll clothes, a cat, a dog, a Barbie, a radio, a hamster, a TV and a cactus. Thank you.

ASHLEY GAINFORTH



**DEAR SANTA,**  
Who are your reindeer's names? Santa, can you bring me a radio?

LOVE, JARED FISCHER

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# Achievements



**Carrie Arndt**, newly-elected president of the 2,868-member Huron County Farm Bureau, attended a New Presidents' Conference hosted by Michigan Farm Bureau at the Farm Bureau Center in Lansing, December 14-15.

Arndt of Harbor Beach received leadership and management training. She was one of 14 newly-elected county Farm Bureau presidents to attend the two-day conference.

In addition to meeting with Farm Bureau program managers, Arndt also received training on Farm Bureau organizational structure and operations, county Farm Bureau finance, Farm Bureau membership benefits and conducting effective meetings.

board member and committee person. She has also had lengthy volunteer involvement with Financial Women International, Sebewaing Rotary Club, Scheurer Hospital and the Mitten Bay Girl Scouts Council.

The 33 recipients, including Rink, represent various First of America Bank Corporation affiliates, divisions, departments and positions and are selected as being exemplary of the principles of the corporation.

**Immanuel Lutheran School** of Sebewaing received the Michigan International Year of the Family 1994 Certificate of Recognition.

It is given for the actions Immanuel has taken to strengthen and celebrate the Families of Michigan.

The certificate was signed by Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld, the Hon. Trudy Duncombe Archer and Michelle Engler.

Several Thumb Area students are among 95 **Ferris State University** students selected for inclusion in the 1995 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

**Christina Gaeth** of Owendale, College of Arts and Sciences, and

**Samuel Wilson** of Port Austin, College of Business, were chosen for listing in the annual directory by campus nominating committees and directory editors on the basis of academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

**Robin Fujimoto** has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, MT.

Fujimoto, a material distribution element supervisor, is a 1982 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon.

She is the daughter of Letisha and Maynard Carter of Caseville.

Her husband Scott is the son of Ken and Ellen Fujimoto of Hawaii.



**NIETZKE FETED:** Sebewaing Rotary Club honored long-time member Allen Nietzke during its annual Christmas Dinner Party at The Lamplighter on Dec. 12. President Brian Reinhardt presented Nietzke with a Paul Harris Fellowship award, for his years of leadership in the community and club.

COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

**Ford Automotive Operations** recently announced that **Active Tool and Manufacturing, Inc.** — including its Active Industries, Inc., Elkton and Sebewaing Industries, Inc. — has been elevated to its "Preferred Long-Term" status, the highest level a Ford supplier can reach.

Active President Jerry Blake says the recognition means that the company has earned a place at the top of the supply base.

"We will be included in future new programs and be an integral part of the Ford 2000 strategy. This offers a bright future for us at Ford," Blake said in a letter to Active employees.

Active Tool employs nearly 2,000 workers in Michigan and Indiana, including nearly 1,300 in Elkton and Sebewaing.

**Steve Swartzendruber**, a graduate of Laker High School and a student at Goshen College in Indiana, has received the Sanford and Emma Yoder Honors Scholarship from the college.

Swartzendruber will receive an annual stipend of \$1350 a year, renewable annually for four years of full-time enrollment at Goshen College.

To qualify for the award, recipients must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school graduating class, score 1100 or more in the Scholastic Test or more in the American College Test, or maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Swartzendruber is the son of John and Gloria Swartzendruber of Pigeon.

**Alma College** announced a number of winners of various awards during the 1994 football season.

Included in the list was **Bill Nietzke** for earning a varsity letter. He's a graduate of USA High School and son of Allen and Karon Nietzke of Sebewaing.

**Caseville School Honor Roll**

Caseville Public School has announced its Honor Roll for the 1994-95 second semester (\* denotes all A's)

**SEVENTH GRADE:** David Adams, Dana Biele, Dale Briesmeister, David Guster, Anthony Hewlett, Matthew Patterson, Amanda Shoup, Jessica Willenberg, Travis Zagorski.

**EIGHTH GRADE:** Matthew Bednorak, Brad Buczynski, Nathan Gaido, Jennifer Green, Ryan Herrin, Danielle Lenar, Katherine Lisowski, Brian Lord, Annie Lundberg, Leah Raymo, Sarah Ruth, Amber Strieft, Matthew Taylor, Jordan Wroblecki;

**NINTH GRADE:** Corey Begg, Marcie Blackburn, Nicole Cieslinski, Audra Cile, Sheri Eady, Jason Gettel, Daniel Lisowski, Michelle Mohr, Sarah Orjada, Robert Palar, Kristen Roth, Casey Williams, Levi Zagorski.

**10TH GRADE:** Aaron Britt, Nicole Campbell, Carrie Diehl, Sarah Finnen, Kyle Forman, Bryon Graf, Ashley Harrison, Melissa Hewlett, Jason Maust, Mary Roth, Joshua Stauffer.

**11TH GRADE:** Nick Bednorak, Richard Campbell, Anthony Cardillo, James Guster, Nathan Lenar, Kristin Lisowski, Karla Pittenger, Angela Pill, Mark Pill, Nicole Ruiz de Castilla, Jonathan Scepanski, Jeanine Soper, Amy Stahl, Michael Tilkins.

**12TH GRADE:** Scott Delmotte, Timothy Gaertner, Kevin Haag, Pamela Kuhn, Stephanie Maust, Misty McCrimmon, Rebecca McCrimmon, Mique Partlow, Jason Sears.



**Tammie Pillsbury** of Sebewaing graduated from St. Clair County Community College, Bad Axe campus on Dec. 14, with a degree in Licensed Practical Nursing.

She is the wife of Robert Pillsbury and daughter of Duane and Rose Naffen of Sebewaing.

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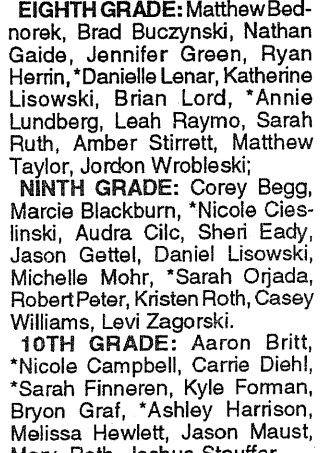
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# Caseville's Emma Hagen is 95 - on Christmas Day!

By AMY HEIDEN

Christmas morning 1899: As Amil and Emma Milcer continue their preparations for Christmas church services, Emma feels the first contractions that mean her third child is ready to be born.

Sending their son and daughter off to church with neighbors, the Milcers stay at home on their 10-acre farm just outside Ann Arbor. Hours later, daughter Emma makes her appearance — a very special Christmas gift to the German immigrant couple.

Almost 95 years later, Emma Milcer Hagen remembers those days on the farm. She remembers the special traditions her parents kept, the special cookies and breads her mother baked for the holidays.

That small farm was sold when Emma was 14, and along with pieces of neighboring farms, is now the site of the University of Michigan football stadium.

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**EMMA MILCER HAGEN** shows some of her hand-made items. *AMY HEIDEN PHOTO*

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Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day  
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This service will be broadcast live on WKYO, 1360 AM

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# Legal & Official Notices

### Huron County Assumed Names

NO. 7267 LARRY GORETSKI BUILDERS, 875 Sand Rd., Port Austin, by Larry Goretzki, 875 Sand Rd., Port Austin, filed 12/7/94.

NO. 7269 MEYERSIECK-BUSSENA FUNERAL HOME, 7436 Paul St., Pigeon, by Scott L. Meyersieck, Susan C. Meyersieck, 7436 Paul St., Pigeon, filed 12/7/94.

NO. 7269-1 MISTY MEADOWS MOBILE HOME PARK, 1723 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, by Curtis E. Frank, Fernina G. Frank, 30840 Park St., Roseville, filed 12/9/94.

NO. 7269-2 KITES, 503 Main St., Kinde, by Dennis W. Bushy, 503 Main St., Kinde, filed 12/13/94.

NO. 7270 KUMAU PLUMBING & HEATING, 4485 Jurgess Rd., Ubly, by Mark P. Kumaus, 4485 Jurgess Rd., Ubly, filed 12/13/94.

DISSOLUTION: KUMAU PLUMBING & HEATING, 4485 Jurgess Rd., Ubly, by Mark P. Kumaus and Mary F. Kumaus, filed 12/13/94.

### Huron County Marriage Licenses

Harold M. Slack and Sherry L. Webber

### Huron County Divorce Judgments

April Denise Fisher vs. Daniel Harold Fisher

Patricia Lynn Brady vs. Ronald Eugene Brady, Sr.

Kimberly L. Sarver vs. Roger B. Sarver

### Tuscola County Assumed Names

BILL CRAGG and SON WATER WELL DRILLING, 5079 Shreeves Rd., Fairgrove, by Bill Cragg, filed 12/9/94.

ACORN BOOKS, 155 W. Lincoln St., Caro, by William J. Rodgers, filed 12/9/94.

LIN'S HAIR HOUSE, 6644 Houghton, Cass City, by Linda B. Sokol, filed 12/7/94.

GRAFF & SONS BUILDERS, 1539 Caro Rd., Caro, by Arthur J. Graff, filed

### Tuscola County Marriage Licenses

12/7/94. ACE ELECTRIC, 3465 Kirk Rd., Vassar, by Craig Eskelson, filed 12/9/94.

TIME MACHINING, 8440 State Rd., Millington, by Dwight S. Gay and Michael J. Larkin, filed 12/12/94.

G & R DRYWALL, 426 Bates St., Caro, by Gerald L. Rich, filed 12/12/94.

DOC LANGWORTHY REALTY, 4821 Cottrell Rd., Vassar, by Doc Langworthy, filed 12/12/94.

VASSAR ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK, 6577 Fay Rd., Vassar, by Linda Chapman and Christopher Chapman, filed 12/12/94.

EAST MICHIGAN EQUIPMENT SERVICE, 1900 Gunclub Rd., Caro, by Elwin Cox, filed 12/13/94.

### Tuscola County Marriage Licenses

Vincent Joseph Oddo, Jr. and Amy Marie Kostanko

Mark Henry Brown and Wendy Sue Johnson

Allan James Wilson, Jr. and Tammy Kay Graham

Donald George King and Mary Lou Harnack

William J. Hart and Darlene Mae Dennis

Kenneth Kelly Warren and Debra Ann Spencer  
Wilbert Reinhard III and Susan Denise Sergent

## NOTICE

Appointment of members to the following Boards will be made by the Huron County Board of Commissioners:

E 9-1-1 HURON COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1 Member representing Citizens-at-large

HOUSING COMMISSION:

1 Member to fill vacancy, term expires 2/3/95.

Persons interested must submit a letter of intent to the Chairman of the Huron County Board of Commissioners, County Building, Bad Axe, MI 48413 no later than December 23rd.

## NOTICE

The County of Huron will be accepting applications for part-time janitorial positions in the courthouse. Applications must be returned no later than December 27th to the Huron County Board of Commissioners office, County Building, Room 211, Bad Axe, MI 48413. For further information, you may call the Huron County Board of Commissioners, 517-269-8242.

## BANKRUPTCY

### Chapter 7-13

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## Huron County Warranty Deeds

Barbara J. Browne and Shirley Newton to William F. Roberts and Marie A.; a parcel of land in Section 25 of Colfax Twp.

John W. Stapleton to Kenneth M. McRae and Laura L. and Laurie A. DeLong; a parcel of land in Section 22, 26 and 27 of Sheridan Twp.

Larry C. Sarver and Catherine to William C. Payne; a parcel of land in Lake Twp.

Eldon L. Gott and Pamela Kilson to Harvey G. Amason and Shirley Macgregor; a parcel of land in Section 28 of Port Austin Twp.

John F. Clark and Bessie M. to Otis G. Robinson and Mary Ann; a parcel of land in Section 12 of Colfax Twp.

Rose Marie Klee to Todd M. Holdwick; a parcel of land in Section 5 and 6 of Sherman Twp.

Nick Allan Wallace to William H. Kauffold II; a parcel of land in Section 31 of Grant Twp.

Eugene Jettis and Elmira to Edward L. Carey and Marilyn J.; a parcel of land in the Village of Port Austin.

Helene Arlene Faupel to Krohn Brothers; a parcel of land in Section 12 of Oliver Twp.

Robert James Jelinek and Frances E. to George W. Herr and Gretchen A.; a parcel of land in Section 13 of Meade Twp.

Kenneth L. Fraleigh and Cindy S. Fournier to Herbert A. Fraleigh and Edith F.; a parcel of land in Port Austin Twp.

Ronald J. Maschke and Dianne L. to Frederick L. Baranski and Shelley A.; a parcel of land in Section 6 of Dwight Twp.

Ignatz J. Plonk and Edith E. to Frank M. Papinski and Georgia E.; a parcel of land in Section 2 of Bingham Twp.

Harry Tindall and Ruth N. to Tom Bowerbank and June T.; a parcel of land in the City of Bad Axe.

Tom Bowerbank and June T. to Sandra Patricia Drews; a parcel of land in the City of Bad Axe.

Dannis M. Kilbourn to Garry A. Bidoul and Nancy Mersick; a parcel of land in the Village of Caseville.

Anthony R. Roberts and Rachell M. to Michael J. Goretzki and Christine M. Huvai; a parcel of land in Section 2 of Colfax Twp.

Clarence P. Kubaeki and Beatrice M., Gerard C. Kubaeki and Charlene to David Gilbert and Susan; a parcel of land in Section 28 of Paris Twp.

## ORDINANCE CHAPTER

### 1044-A2 (94-5)

### WATER RATES AND CHARGES

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1044 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CASEVILLE. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1044.10 "NONPAYMENT; REMEDIES"

### THE VILLAGE OF CASEVILLE ORDAINS:

#### SECTION 1044.10 NONPAYMENT; REMEDIES

(b) The procedure for discontinuance of water service is hereby established:  
(2) On the twenty-sixth (26) day notice shall be sent to the owner of the property by first class mail, giving the owner thirty (30) days to pay the delinquent charges including interest and penalty.  
(Ordinance amendment changes the mailing from certified mail return receipt requested to first class mail)  
THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT TWENTY (20) DAYS FOLLOWING ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION ONCE IN ITS ENTIRETY.  
PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON: December 12, 1994  
DATE OF ADOPTION: December 12, 1994  
PUBLICATION DATE: December 20, 1994  
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 9, 1995

## SECTION 0050

## INVITATION TO BID

### SEBEWAING MARINA Contract B

### VILLAGE OF SEBEWAING & MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HARBOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, JANUARY 16, 1995 at the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, HARBOR DEVELOPMENT SECTION, TOWN CENTER, 2ND FLOOR, 333 S. CAPITOL, LANSING, MI 48933 at which time and place said bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for Marina and Site Demolition, Removals and Construction; Storm and Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction, Watermain Construction, Street Reconstruction; Landscaping; and Dredge Disposal Facility Construction.

All bids must be delivered to the office of MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, HARBOR DEVELOPMENT SECTION, TOWN CENTER, 2ND FLOOR, 333 S. CAPITOL, LANSING, MI 48933 by the above time and date. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder and the contract for which the bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and upon the bid forms included in the contract documents. No bids will be received after the designated time stated above.

The contract documents are on file for inspection at ABONMARGE CONSULTANTS, INC., 95 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022 (616) 927-2295 and the Village of Sebewaing, 19 North Center Street, Sebewaing, MI 48759 (517) 883-2150. Copies of the contract documents may be obtained from ABONMARGE CONSULTANTS, INC. with a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 for each set of contract documents.

A certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, made payable to MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES will be required with each bid. 100% Labor, Material, and Performance Bond will be required of the successful bidder.

THE OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding or to accept the bid or bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

The overall project will be bid per the following schedule:  
**Contract A - Development Bid w/MNDR**  
**Contract B - Sebewaing Marina Construction Bid**  
**Contract C - Joint Construction and Development Bid**  
**Contract D - Voluntary Alternative Construction and Development Bid**  
The contractor/developer may submit a bid for Contract A, B, C, or D. Analysis of the bids will be conducted by the MNDR comparing the best bid for Contract A with the best bid for Contract B versus Contract C or Contract D.  
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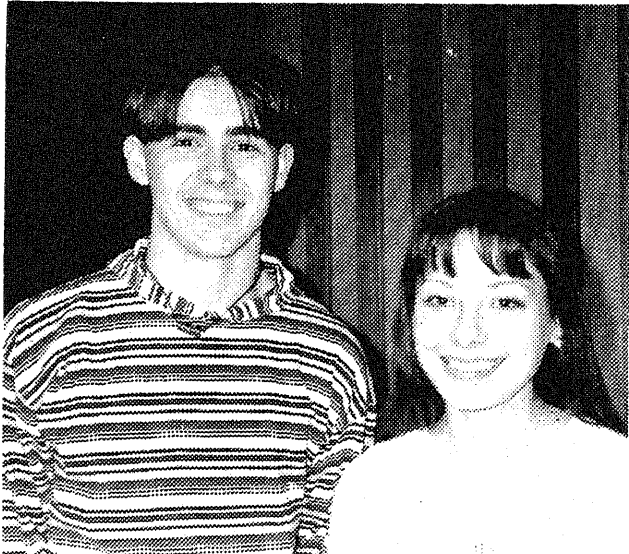
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By: Frank Malosky, Village President By: Lori Hewlett, Village Clerk

## Students at clinic



LAKER BAND STUDENTS Bryan Clark and Janelle Wiederhold, both juniors, attended the Eastern Michigan University Wind and Percussion Clinic Day on Nov. 12. Thanks to their live audition at the Clinic Day, both were selected to participate in the annual High School Honors Band Weekend Jan. 13-15. More than 50 schools throughout the state sent representatives, with more than 200 students auditioning. Clark and Wiederhold will be two of about 85 students that comprise the Honors Band. The concert will bring together top band students from all parts of the state, and will be at Ypsilanti High School on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. Clark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clark of Filion and Wiederhold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiederhold of Elkton. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

## McKINLEY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 58

### Consumers Power Company Gas Franchise Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF McKINLEY, HURON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

#### THE TOWNSHIP OF McKINLEY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1: GRANT, TERM.** The TOWNSHIP OF McKINLEY, HURON COUNTY MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Power Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF McKINLEY, HURON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

**SECTION 2: CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

**SECTION 3: CONDITIONS.** No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes.

**SECTION 4: HOLD HARMLESS.** Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

**SECTION 5: EXTENSIONS.** Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**SECTION 6: FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE.** The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

**SECTION 7: RATES.** Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Township, acting by its Township Board, or by said Grantee.

**SECTION 8: REVOCATION.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

**SECTION 9: MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE JURISDICTION.** Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said Township.

**SECTION 10: EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Township and said Grantee.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF McKINLEY, HURON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the sixth day of December, 1994.

JERRY BEYER, Township Supervisor, Attest  
MICHAEL STEVENSON, Township Clerk

## VILLAGE OF PIGEON

### Ordinance #117

### LESS THAN 21 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVING ANY BODILY ALCOHOL CONTENT

The Village of Pigeon ordains:  
Sec. 5.17(1) A person who is less than 21 years of age, whether licensed or not, shall not operate a vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, within the Village of Pigeon if the person has any bodily alcohol content. As used in this subsection, "any bodily alcohol content" means either of the following:  
(a) A blood alcohol content of not less than 0.02% or more than 0.07% by weight of alcohol.  
(b) Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting from the consumption of intoxicating liquor, other than consumption of intoxicating liquor as a part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony.  
Sec. 5.17(2) If a person is convicted of violating subsection (1), the following shall apply:  
(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b), the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by 1 or both of the following:  
(i) Service to the community for a period of not more than 45 days.  
(ii) A fine of not more than \$250.00.  
(b) If the violation occurs within 7 years of 1 or more prior convictions, the person may be sentenced to 1 or both of the following:  
(i) Service to the community for a period of not more than 60 days.  
(ii) A fine of not more than \$500.00.  
(c) The court shall impose license sanctions pursuant to Section 625b of the Michigan Compiled Laws.  
(d) A person sentenced to perform service to the community under this subsection shall not receive compensation, and shall reimburse the Village of Pigeon for the cost of supervision incurred by the Village of Pigeon as a result of the person's activities in that service.  
(e) As used in this subsection, "prior conviction" means a conviction for a violation of State law Section 625(1), (3), (4), (5), or (6), former Section 625(1) or (2), or former Section 625b, a local ordinance substantially corresponding to Section 625(1), (3), (4), (5), or (6), former Section 625(1) or (2), or former Section 625b, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to Section 625(1), (3), (4), (5), or (6), former Section 625(1) or (2), or former Section 625b.  
Sec. 5.17(3) In addition to imposing the sanctions prescribed above, the court may, order the person to pay the costs of the prosecution.  
Sec. 5.17(4) In a prosecution for a violation of subsection (1), the defendant shall bear the burden of proving that the consumption of intoxicating liquor was a part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony by a preponderance of the evidence.  
Sec. 5.17(5) This Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after its passage.

## SEBEWAING TOWNSHIP

### SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 12, 1994 MEETING

The following is a summary of the December 12, 1994 regular meeting of the Sebewaing Township Board. Full text is on file at Township office.  
The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Oeschger with the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer. All members were present.  
Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.  
Fire Chief Kroll submitted the application of Mark Holland for fireman. His name will be added to the list. All firemen now have bunker pants and boots. There were three P.I.'s that the Department assisted with during the month.  
After a discussion by the Fair Haven and Sebewaing Township Boards, an agreement to do base construction on Kilmarnock Road to ready it for blacktopping was approved.  
Maurice Boltzman, Roger Armbruster and Tom Sting will serve on the Board of Review.  
All bills were approved for payment.  
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Fiebig, Clerk

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# Thumb Club News

## OWENDALE WOMEN'S CLUB

Members of Owendale Women's Club held their second progressive Christmas celebration last Monday, with stops at five homes, where different foods and decorations greeted visitors. Hors d'oeuvres and egg nog were served at the Barb McCallum home, and clam chowder was the soup course at the Janet Retford home. At the Linda Roe residence, two salads were enjoyed, followed by the main course of stuffed turkey roll, squash and green bean bake by Mary Lou Lorenz at her home. She was assisted by Joyce Sheldon and Alice Ricker. The celebration closed at the Faith Fahmer home where gifts were exchanged by members who had drawn names previously. The January meeting will be at the home of Jeanette McDonald, with the subject of doll collecting and a guest speaker on the agenda.

## ELKTON WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB

The December meeting was held at the home of Margaret Taylor. President Betty Elsser called the meeting to order. The Club Collect was repeated and the Pledge given. Ten members responded to roll call with "A Teenage Musical Memory." Gifts were brought to be given to pre-

school children through the Clothe-a-Child project. Phyllis Snider introduced guests Nola and Christina Kaufman, who began their musical program with a duet. Christina, a junior at Laker High School, presented piano numbers from several musical eras, closing with an arrangement of "O Tannenbaum."

## CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

Casville Retirement Club met on Dec. 13 with 59 members present. President Bill Vallance led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed back Emma Potter, and Tom and Flo Carravallah. Christmas cards were received from Annie David and Peggy Hill. A thank you card was received from the family of Mildred Zakay. Celebrating birthdays this week are Katy Galante, Martha Weresniuk, Lou Vallance, and Helen Stitwell. Celebrating 42 of marriage are Emil and Margaret Nieschulz.

A luncheon of pepper steak with trimmings was served by the Human Development Commission. Meal site manager Roberta Danks announced that meal certificates can be purchased for anyone who wanted to use them as giveaways for Christmas.

Ed Reynolds, vice-president of the Huron County Council on Aging thanked members who supported the annual Christmas party held at the Uby Fox Hunters Club with their presence. As with every second Tuesday of the month, the secretary's, treasurer's, and advisory board meeting reports were given. All were approved and accepted.

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Among the ill are Helene Burns, Elizabeth Patterson, Les and Hazel Simmons, Cathryn Ross and Mildred Beadle.

A reminder that next week is the Christmas potluck with meat being furnished by the club and blood pressure readings.

## ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Charles Willis greeted 32 members and guests to open the Dec. 13 meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens. June Sisk was welcomed back after a long absence. Guest Lew Tibbitts offered the table prayer before the potluck meal. "America the Beautiful" was sung to open the afternoon session. Elizabeth Schelke and Hazel Beach were in

charge of music. The birthdays of Clayton Gemmill, Vera Sherwood, Christine Conkey, Mildred Renn, Jean Hostetler, Hazel Beach and Ray English were recognized. Wedding anniversaries of Clayton and Ardis Gemmill, Frank and Lydia Ross (70) years, and Willard and Ruth Ulrich were also saluted. A get-well card was signed for Aletha Hebler.

Alvena and Herbert Schaak and Helen Ritter will serve on the set-up committee for January. The clean-up committee will be Loretta Boraki, Mary Day, Mary Wills and Gladys Hays. Lew Tibbitts conducted a Carols wersung by the group. Several solo numbers were provided by Tibbitts.

The Dec. 20 meeting will be a luncheon at the Elkton Elementary School. There will be an open meeting on Jan. 10.

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# Charity Island purchase decision expected today

By MARY DRIER

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's regional office in Minneapolis is expected to make a decision at 2 p.m. today (Tuesday) on whether to establish a wildlife refuge on the Charity Islands in the middle of Saginaw Bay. Doug Spencer, manager of the Shiawassee Refuge, Saginaw, hopes to have the is-

lands designated as a part of the Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge because of their unique wildlife resources.

"The islands have both state and federal-designated threatened plant and animal species," says Spencer. "There is Pitcher's Thistle and Bald Eagles in the area. It has potential as a nesting

habitat for Piping Plovers, which are endangered.

"Little Charity Island is important as a colonial nesting area for Caspian Terns, Great Egrets, Cormorants, Great Blue Herons and a lot of other birds that need to nest in a group."

Big Charity is owned by Robert Wiltse of Standish and Little Charity Island is owned

by Henry Engelhard of Bay Port.

"If it is approved here, the proposal will go to the national office in Washington D.C. for the director of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Mollie Beattie to approve," says Stan Jackowicz of the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Office. When approved locally, he adds, final okay usually occurs.

"Efforts to preserve the islands are important for migratory birds, the eagles that are starting to nest there and the endangered plants."

There are many historical aspects of the islands.

The Charity Islands were taken over by the federal government in the 1880s as a lighthouse reservation, with an executive order signed by President Abraham Lincoln — 30 days prior to his assassination, Wiltse says. Part of the lighthouse remains.

Later, the government sold part of the island to the Gillingham Fish Company. The company conducted fishing operations from the island for many years.

Also, explorers Robert Cavelliet LaSalle, Jonathan Carver and Louis Armand Lahontan likely visited the islands during the 1660s and 1680s.

If the wildlife refuge is approved, it would probably only encompass Little Charity and a portion of Big Charity Island, the officials say.

About 15% of the 250 acres of Big Charity are in a private shoreline development project. Eight of the 22 lots in the development begun by Wiltse have been sold, he says.

The development area also includes a 16-slip marina. The rest of the island remains in its natural state.

The islands also have archaeological value. "When we applied for marina permits, the State Historical Preservation office said they believe there are significant archaeological resources there because of a low grade of flint on the island that native Americans used to make tools," Wiltse says. "There are remains of the

tooling-making process buried about two feet below the surface," he adds — noting pottery over 3,000 years old has been found.

"I don't know how the vote will go," Spencer says. "Some people say we can work with the public with interpretation and environmental education" and others say "the public shouldn't be there at all." But it would be hard not to have the public there at all, with the boat slip in place," says Spencer.

## It's a boy!

A son, **Matthew Ryan**, was born to Arlen and Deb Kunderinger of Pigeon on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1994 at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. The newborn weighed 8 lbs. 1 1/2 oz. and measured 21 inches long at his birth. Welcomed home by an older brother Brandon, Matthew is the newest grandchild of Alfred and Alberta Bach and Gerhard and Donald Kundinger, all of Sebewaing.

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Oh! I'd wonder where her Angel wings went when she came down here, to live on Earth.

I would meditate in pure happiness of how much she was loved, and all the memories we could share, "But God you just be patient and not take her in a rush, for you know I count on her care."

Tearful on the Special Day of her journey, I prayed for precious moments more, my fear of all of her gentle teachings, I would surely miss.

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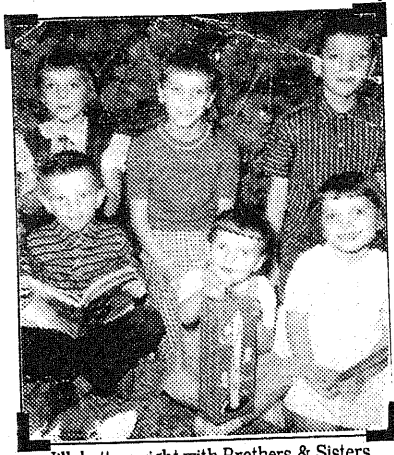
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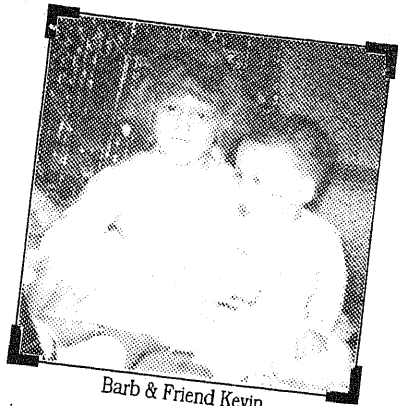
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Jill, bottom right with Brothers & Sisters



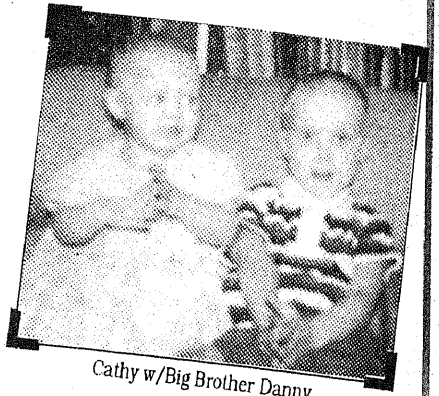
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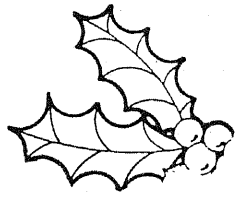
Laura, Mom, Dad & Aunt Roxanne



Cathy w/Big Brother Danny

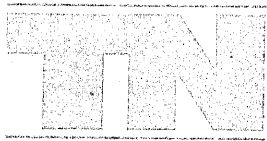


Ann, Baby Sister Jill & Brother John



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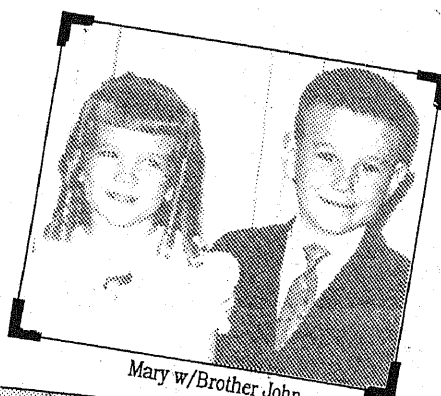
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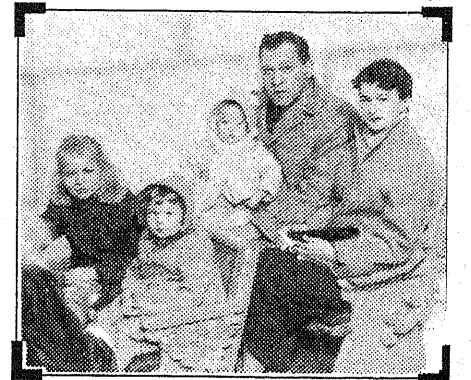
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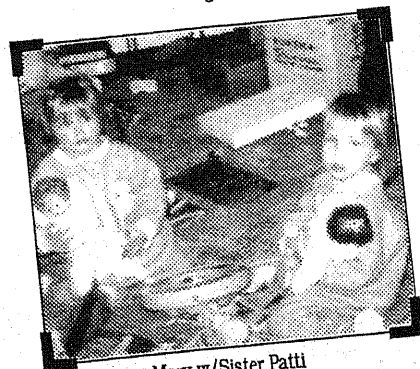
Deb



Mary w/Brother John



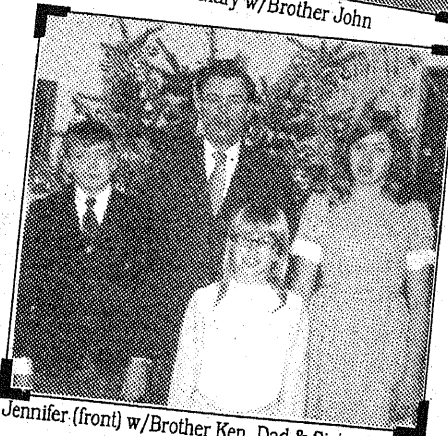
Baby Cheryl w/Mom, Dad, Sisters



Mary w/Sister Patti



Stacey, Santa & Sister Michelle



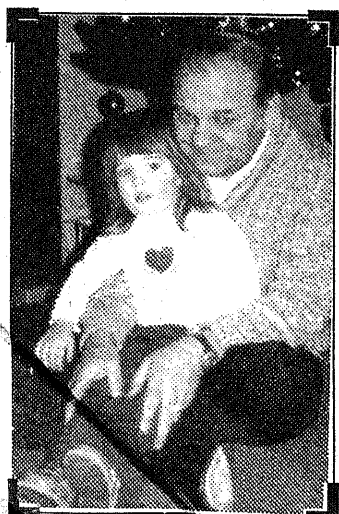
Jennifer (front) w/Brother Ken, Dad & Sister Cindy



Trish



Jay



Nelson w/Granddaughter



Al & Peg



Gloria & Santa



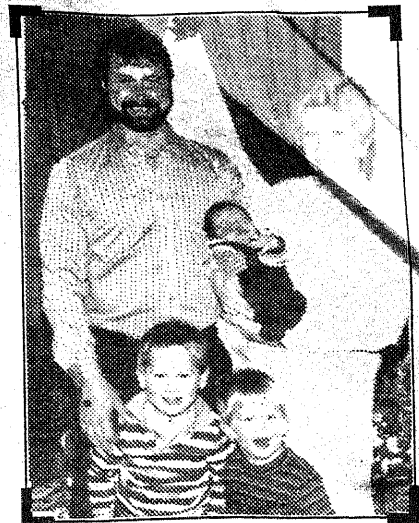
Jim Cutting Down The X-Mas Tree With Sons, Jim & Mike



Pam w/Sister Nancy



Connie & Sister Teri



Nancy & Family



Kim and Friend Christy



The LePage's



Linda (Angel) of Course!  
w/Sister Evette



Charla, (Center) with Family