

The Newsweekly

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Zoller offered USA top job

By MARY DRIER

A new superintendent is expected to take over in the USA School District in the next few months.

During a special meeting Wednesday, USA Board of Education members approved offering a contract to Donald J. Zoller of Frankenthum.

Zoller, 44, is junior high school principal in the Millington Community School District, and has held that position since 1988.

From 1985 to 1988, he was the gifted and talented coordinator at the Saginaw Intermediate School District and from 1973 to 1985 a physical and life science teacher at the Birch Run Middle School.

Zoller was selected from a field of about 30 candidates and six finalists.

"I'll be working on a decision over the next few days," said Zoller. "I have to do some in-depth decision-making in the next few days."

He has been offered a salary of \$58,000.

Zoller has a master of arts degree in education administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University.

Board of Education President Raymond Bauer said it came down to a decision between Zoller and Thomas Rossler who is superintendent of North Dickinson County Schools, Iron Mountain.

"It was a hard call to make," said Bauer. "We feel he (Zoller) can do a good job here."

Bauer noted that if Zoller accepted the position, plans are to have him start March 1.

About 16 people attended the interview session.

The new hire will replace Supt. William Dodge, who has held the position for over 30 years. Dodge announced his retirement in October.

In other concerns, the moving date of the middle school students to the new middle school wing at the high school has been moved back some.

During a construction update presented by Dodge, the relocation of students will be done over Easter vacation rather than in mid-February as originally planned. Easter vacation begins Friday, April 7, and classes resume Monday, April 17.

"We decided to schedule the moving day later to make sure the addition is completed and so that classes weren't interrupted," Dodge noted.



HERE ARE THE 1995 Bay Port Chamber of Commerce leaders, as they conducted the group's annual meeting last Monday night at Mama Dee's Restaurant. From left, front row, are Secretary Sue Schweitzer, President Pat Gembel and Treasurer Shar Kleinfeld. Standing are Board members Roger Vollmer and Ervin Haley. Primary Chamber activity will be the 18th annual Fish Sandwich Festival, scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5 & 6. MARK RUMMEL PHOTO



AROUND THE WORD: Above, John Gunden is leading a Christian musical group in Namibia in Africa. Bottom, the John and Margaret Gunden Family dressed in Romanian winter wear, back home in Pigeon, after his most-recent tour.

It's back home for Gundens

By SALLY RUMMEL

"It may be cold here, but the people sure are warm."

That's one of the reasons John and Margaret Gunden and their four children have returned home to Pigeon after spending the last six years in the warmer climes - at least in temperature - of Orlando, Fla.

The son of Pigeon residents Delmar and Maggie Gunden, John Gunden has spent the last four years starting up his own youth ministry, "R-URED-E" and came home with his family in June when his father's health began to deteriorate.

Prior to that, he had worked with the Youth for Christ organization in Orlando and when YFC began to struggle down there, he sensed God was pushing him out of the nest and into his own ministry.

And while the warm Florida beaches and Mickey Mouse world of Orlando are nice places to visit, they leave a lot to be desired when you're trying to raise a family with a sense of community and roots, the Gundens say.

Coming from Orlando back

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Laker residents favor one elementary school plan

Laker School District officials are continuing to study a proposed central elementary school, and the results of a community survey will help in that study.

The survey, results of which were reported to the board, had 527 respondents. Of those, 265 were in favor of a new central elementary school, while 114 were opposed and 148 were undecided.

Most of the "no" answers fell into roughly two categories, according to Supt. Robert Drury. Some felt that elementary education should be kept in each of the three villages, and others wondered what would happen to the old school buildings if a new center was built.

Many of those who said they were undecided wanted to know the costs of renovating the schools in comparison to building a new one, Drury said.

To do that, Drury will be interviewing architects in order to hire one to do the cost comparisons. That architect should be hired in two to three weeks, but the results of the study wouldn't be available for a couple of months.

Committees will be set up in Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port to study possible reuses for the school buildings. Those committees will be made up of community and business leaders as well as village leaders.

"We're not going to rush through this, and we've set no timetable," Drury said. "We want to keep moving on this and not let it stall. There are a lot of intangibles that need to be considered."

— By AMY HEIDEN

Sugar factory nears end

The Sebewaing plant of Michigan Sugar Company is about three weeks from completing its 1994-95 sugar processing campaign, according to Factory Manager Lewis Zemanek.

That would mean Feb. 8 or 9 as the final processing day.

By that time the slice will total about 630,000 tons of sugar beets, the factory manager says.

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John Gunden makes music here and around world by choice

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to Pigeon, both Gundens agree that Pigeon is a well-kept secret they are just fortunate to know about.

Before moving away, he had been associated with Blue-water YFC, working in the Bad Axe/Ubly Schools, then he felt called to ministry in the Orlando, FL area.

"People in Orlando are either looking for their own pot of gold, which breeds a lot of disappointment, or are on vacation and have the attitude 'get outta my way' or they're retired and don't care," explains John. "They're out for #1 - themselves."

"In Pigeon, there's a sense of community. I get 'no respect' here and I like it that way!" quips John, in talking about people's acceptance of him here.

With a full head of curly brown hair, a wicked sense of humor and a lot of talent and rhythm on a keyboard, Gunden, at age 35, works hard to fit in with the teenage world.

That's where his Gospel ministry is, and Gunden takes his musical Gospel on the road to wherever teenagers are gathered.

Most of the time that road takes him far away and in December, it took him all the way to Namibia, Africa, 40 hours away from home by plane.

While people back home were putting up Christmas decorations, he and fellow Pigeon resident Aaron Heck who accompanied him on this trip — were putting up protective netting to keep scorpions out of their coats and were dodging graffes, antelope, snakes and rhinoceroses on desert roads.

But the thing both Gunden and Heck remember most about their three weeks in Africa is the kids.

As guests of YFC in Namibia, Africa, Gunden and Heck crossed the color barrier and related to the kids just like any other teenagers in need of the Gospel.

The first question Heck was asked was, "Are you racist?" as he was the first white person these kids had come in contact with outside of the apartheid system. Their idea of a white person, Heck says, is someone who rules over them.

While he was startled by the question, he remembers that his response verified what he already knew in his mind — that the color of a person's skin doesn't make any difference.

"The people in Namibia were so warm," echoes Gunden. "I never thought about color."

"It felt really good to relate normally to people without the 'emotional baggage' we carry here in the states."

While Gunden was in charge of providing music for the African YFC camp, Heck served as a counselor for 12 kids, ages 16 to 20, in a cabin. About half of the 125 kids at the camp called themselves Christians, and by the end of the camp, another 45 of them had responded to the Gospel message.

One of the highlights of the trip was playing before the

Namibian Prime Minister at a Christmas service held during the opening of a hotel/casino at Swakopmund, a city of 25,000 on the Atlantic Ocean.

Gunden laughs when he says the concert was carried on NBC-TV — but not the NBC we're accustomed to here; it was the Namibia Broadcasting Company!

The "R-U-RED-E" ministry has been invited back to visit all the high schools in Africa, and the Gundens plan a four-month campaign there, beginning either this fall or in winter, 1996.

This extended trip will include wife Margaret, a member of the "R-U-RED-E" team, and the couple's children, Harrison, age eight, Emily, age six, Graham, age four and Greeta, age 18 months.

Since coming back to Pigeon in June, the Gundens estimate that almost half of John's time has been spent ministering on the road.

"That's why I'm taking most of January to be home," he explains, clearly enjoying time spent with his family.

"Plus I need time to spend in my office," which is located in Gunden's Gould St. home and is the base of operation for "R-U-RED-E" ministries. That's where Margaret makes most of the travel arrangements, designs and

assembles the quarterly newsletter and takes care of other ministry details.

Since June, "R-U-RED-E" ministries has taken Gunden to:

- a two-week camp in Gainesville, FL;
- a YFC conference in Ocean City, NJ;

- a two-week trip to Romania, where Gunden performed in front of 5,000 people at a Christian rock concert. (When their antiquated Russian sound system quit mid-concert, Gunden led the non-English speaking thousands in an impromptu chorus of "Alleluia" and counts it as one of the most memorable moments of his career.)

- a Billy Graham Crusade in Connecticut, which Gunden applauds as a ministry of integrity and sincerity, throughout every person in the organization. The Gundens think so highly of Graham that they named their second son after the famed evangelist;

- Phoenix, AZ and Portland, OR where Gunden performed and endorsed the work he and his friend Jeff are doing in Romania through "Great Commandment Ministries";

- Orlando, FL for more fund-raising efforts for Romanian outreach.

While Gunden plans to do more local projects during the month of February, he and Heck will be going to Denmark in March/April for four weeks through YFC to present the Gospel in the schools.

"Other countries are much more open about having the

Gospel presented in schools," explains Gunden.

"The educational systems WANT Christianity preached in their schools, and they recognize the ability of students to make their own decisions."

"It's ironic that we have to cross country borders to preach the Gospel in schools, and can't do it here in our own country."

Part of the reason that other countries welcome Gunden and his musical Gospel is that many countries crave anything that is "American."

In Africa, for example, the main goal of the kids is "to be American," says Gunden. "Their dream is to go to Disneyland or Disney World — that's their view of America. They'll even spend \$50 in American money for a Dallas Cowboys or Chicago Bulls sports cap."

But the way Gunden relates best to kids is through his music.

While he has never aspired towards a professional recording career, he writes and records music for his own use in his teen evangelism work.

"The tools I use are my music," he says. "But a music career for its own sake is not something I've aggressively pushed. God's hand is in our ministry and He leads us where he wants us to go."

With a successful track record of over 11 years in full-time youth ministry work, Gunden's name keeps cropping up when YFC groups and other ministry organizations are looking for Christian music outreach.

Having been a YFC staff person himself, Gunden now works with staffers and has a pretty good idea of what they need and what they're going through. "Now I'm there to help them reach their goals,"

explains Gunden.

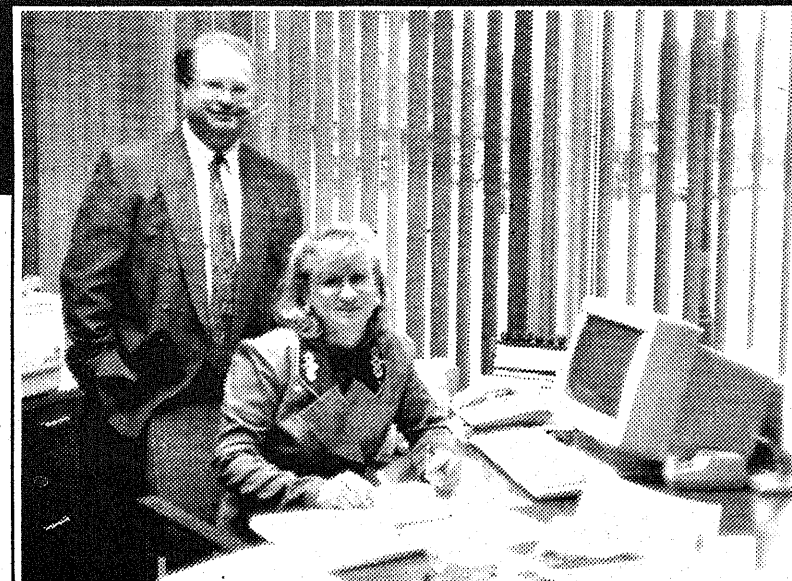
"In my 11 years of ministry, I've developed many friendships all over the world and one thing usually leads to another," he adds, in explaining how he ends up with ministry dates across the globe.

About 60% of the "R-U-RED-E" ministry budget comes from donations and fund-raising efforts, while the sale of recordings, t-shirts and payment for visits to YFC camps, etc. make up the remaining 40%.

While his schedule doesn't permit him to spend a lot of his time enjoying his return to his hometown of Pigeon, both John and Margaret have seen enough of the world to feel good about coming home here.

"Pigeon is a haven of rest for me," sighs Gunden contentedly. "Everything is simple here," echoes Margaret.

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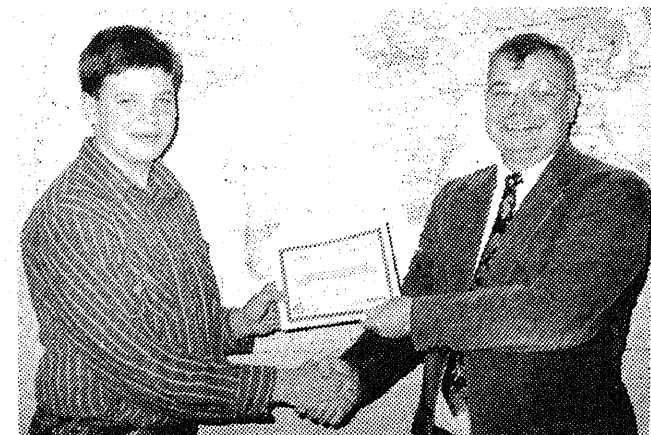
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Kemp wins Immanuel '95 Geography Bee



JOHN KEMP receives his Geography Bee honors from Immanuel Principal Richard Cohrs.

COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO — him to compete in the State Geography Bee on April 7.

John Kemp, an eighth grader at Immanuel Lutheran School, Sebawaing, won his school's 1995 Geography Bee on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

This school-level bee, at which students answered oral and written questions on geography, was the first round in the seventh annual National Geographic Bee, which is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Kemp will now take a written test which may qualify

The other 10 finalists who competed were: GRADE 4-David Koch and Gordon Gremel; GRADE 5-Andrew Irion and Christopher Bunke; GRADE 6-Jeremy Tietz and Courtney Kemp; GRADE 7-Amy Walz, Christopher Pomeroy and William Harder; GRADE 8-Joel Fiebig.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington DC for the state champions to participate in the National Geographic Bee on May 30-31.

The first place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy!" will moderate the national finals, which will air as a prime time special on the Public Broadcasting Service on May 31.

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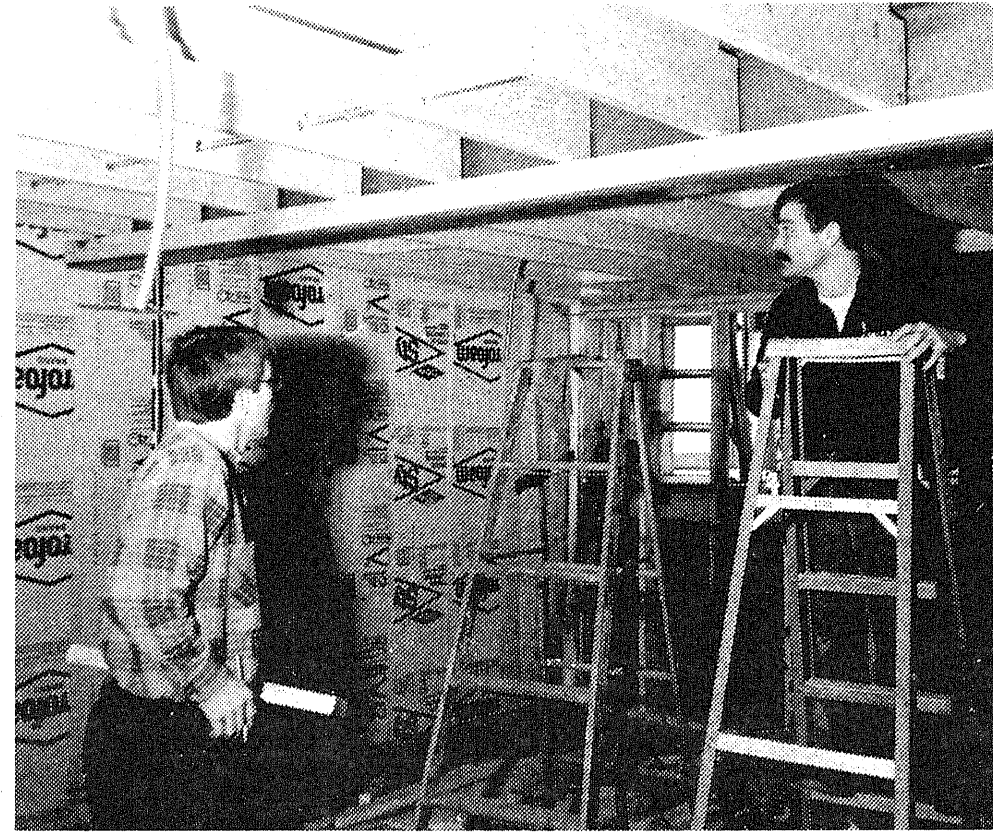
Bay Port RLDS Church on the grow

By the end of February, the congregation of the Bay Port Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints should be enjoying the benefits of the new addition to their church.

Workers from Community Builders of Pigeon and Jack McCain Plumbing and Heating of Bay Port have been laboring to complete the project, which will include nearly 1,500 sq. ft. of new space on two floors.

A new conference room is being added, as well as three new restrooms, one of which is completely barrier-free. An elevator for handicapped visitors will be installed, as well as a new drive-through carport to unload passengers.

Elder Ervin Haley says the expanded area will feature a separate heating system, so that the entire church need not be heated when a small group of members meet together.



WORKING: Brian Alexander and Marion Shetler of Jack McCain Plumbing and Heating work on the new conference room, as part of the Bay Port RLDS Church's expansion project.

The Bay Port RLDS church building was originally located on Bay Port Road near the stone quarry, but was later torn down and rebuilt at its present location on Orr Street in Bay Port.

In the 1940s a basement was dug under the church, and in 1969-70, an addition made

Gobblers working toward spring...

Sebawaing Gobblers Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation held their first meeting of the year Tuesday, Jan. 10, when they planned their spring banquet for Friday, April 7.

The banquet will be Sebawaing Sportsmen's-VFW Hall with doors opening at 6 p.m. and the dinner following at 7 p.m. Tickets are available from Larry Lenz, Jim Christner, Herb Lorentz and Butch Gussell.

Plans were also made for the spring workshop on Saturday, April 15, starting at 10 a.m.

Mike Kennedy of Vicksburg will be the workshop leader with instructions, videos, equipment and supplies.

Next meeting of the Gobblers Chapter will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in Sportsmen's-VFW Hall. All interested persons, as well as members, are welcome.

At the January meeting various sightings of wild turkeys were reported, including a group of 11 birds on Geiger Road, near the railroad track.

Teenage suicide

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Rep. Mike Green sworn into office



THE THUMB'S NEW State Representative, Michael Green (R-Mayville), is sworn into office by state Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Weaver, as the 88th Legislature begins session this past week. Rep. Green won election to the state House Nov. 8 and was one of 19 House freshmen taking their oaths Jan. 11.

He replaces longtime Republican State Rep. Dick Allen (R-Caro) who did not seek re-election. PHOTO FURNISHED

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\$3.1 mm Pigeon expansion

Huron Casting, Inc. received a 12-year tax break from the Pigeon Village Council, following a public hearing last week. Council approved a \$3.1 million Industrial Facility Exemption tax abatement for the company, which will give it a 50% tax break on property taxes.

The Pigeon company is expanding its operations and plans to create about 50 new jobs in the near future. The plant, which makes castings for the automotive and defense industries, added more production space recently and the company plans to spend about \$2 million for equipment.

Council also revoked a previous IFE personal property certificate issued to Pigeon Manufacturing, which shut its doors last November. Huron Casting purchased the Hartley Street building next to its own plant and plans to move some work there, according to Village Clerk Janet Heckman.

Stocks, market prices

Here are Monday closing prices for selected stocks of local interest, furnished by Patrick Essian, Investment Representative of Edward D. Jones & Co. of Bad Axe, 1-800-522-4009:

COMPANY	SYMBOL	EXCH.	LAST WEEK	MONDAY	CHANGE
Independent Bank Corp.	IBCP	OTC	23 3/4	23 3/4	
K Mart Corp.	KM	NYS	13	13 3/4	+ 3/4
Wal Mart Stores, Inc.	WMT	NYS	21 1/8	21 7/8	+ 3/4
Walbro Corp.	WALB	OTC	19	19 3/8	+ 3/8
First of America Bank	FOA	NYS	30	29 7/8	- 1/8
Capital Cities/ABC, Inc.	CCB	NYS	85 1/4	85 5/8	+ 3/8
McDonald's Corp.	MCD	NYS	29 1/4	29	- 1/4
Ford Motor Co.	F	NYS	28	28 7/8	+ 7/8
Chrysler Corp.	C	NYS	49	52 1/2	+ 3 1/2
General Motors Inc.	GM	NYS	42 1/4	43	+ 3/4

Here are Monday's local market prices for crop commodities, as furnished by Cooperative Elevator Co., 517-453-ELEV:

COMMODITY	OLD CROP	NEW CROP	LAST WEEK
Wheat, bu	3.26	3.10	3.28
Corn, bu	2.04	2.19	2.00
Oats 'A variety', bu	1.35	—	1.35
Oats 'B variety', bu	1.15	—	1.15
Soybeans, bu	5.13	—	5.09
Navy Beans, cwt	29.50	—	29.50

Elkton changes position

Elkton Ambulance Coordinator Floyd Thompson will receive a little less money for his work this year, as the Elkton Village Council voted to reduce his pay.

Thompson, who will no longer do the billing for ambulance calls, will receive \$1,080 a year for the job, instead of \$1,200 per year, according to Village Clerk Janet Santos.

Currently, Santos handles billing, but the village is accepting applications for a part-time ambulance billing clerk. Thompson's pay is in line with the salaries of other ambulance coordinators in the county, village officials say.

In other business, Elkton Council set Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. as the date of a public hearing on the 1995-96 fiscal year budget.

Court proceedings

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

- Terry E. Brock, 35 of Owendale, pled guilty to driving while license suspended; ordered to pay \$200 fines and costs;
- Ricky W. Fritz, 36 of Caseville, pled guilty to disorderly conduct; ordered to serve eight days in Huron County Jail and pay \$25 fines and costs;
- Patrick D. Hagle, 23 of Port Austin, pled guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct; \$125 fines and costs;
- Nathan M. Holubec, 22 of Elkton, pled guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct; \$125 fines and costs;
- Stanley T. Mastalinski, 25 of Pigeon, pled guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct; \$125 fines and costs;
- Gregory A. Milton, 29 of Port Austin, pled guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct; five days in jail and \$125 fines and costs;
- Richard J. Szymanski, 53 of Port Austin, pled guilty to improper/or no license plate on vehicle; \$70 fines and costs;
- John C. VanValkenburg, 25 of Filion, pled guilty to open alcohol in vehicle; \$105 fines and costs;
- Jerry A. Wiederhold, 25 of Bad Axe, pled guilty to no driver's license in possession, following a recent incident in Elkton; \$125 fines and costs;
- Larry E. Winter, 44 of Bay Port, pled guilty to no driver's license in possession; \$200 fines and costs.

No more fire truck rides...

When Caseville Village workers are called out at night on an emergency, they'll be allowed to let a child or two ride in village-owned vehicles — if a babysitter can't be found right away.

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The Newsweekly Forum

As we see it

'Change' must mean 'better'

All the discussion now underway in our nation's capital now centers on reforming our social services — welfare — system, following on the heels of defense, budget-balancing, infrastructure and (most recently) health care reform. It seems our nation's leaders talk a lot and meet a lot and lampoon their foes often, but if no real progress can be made — as the health care reform folks learned — move on to another subject.

Welfare reform is a noble cause, which harkens back to Robin Hood of old by taking from the rich and giving to the poor. Few dispute the fact that a certain number of our brothers and sisters indeed NEED welfare — how many and just how much help they need might often be in question. But it's healthy to see welfare being so thoroughly discussed. And it's important, obviously.

Our only request is a simple one: we urge all our leaders to start from the ground up to reform the past and current system. It certainly has not worked.

That's not backing a Republican plan or bashing a Democratic proposal — that's simply the truth. Our current system does not help people get off welfare, it allows too many undeserving people to squeeze through and it usually fails to provide enough for the truly needy.

All reform plans should start with an overall overhaul. Perhaps we should grant every citizen a minimum guaranteed income, as some want. Maybe more recipients should go to work, as our own governor wants. Whatever it takes, *DO IT*.

Special thoughts...

This is a unique message passed along to us from a longtime friend, and it is worth considering for this new year, as well as any time:

Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Think first of someone else. Be kind and gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure and beauty in the wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again.

Recollections Of By-Gone Days

by George Keim



DEAR EDITOR:

Years ago when you wanted to buy a farm, you always saw to it that you had a good well, because if you didn't have lots of water and you had any amount of cattle, you had just had to have a good well.

Then you looked at the buildings. If the farm had a good barn and house, that all helped a lot. If you were on a good road that was even better.

But a lot had to do with good fences and good drain ditches.

In those days, most of the farms were 80 to 120 acres and most of the fields were fenced off in 10-acre fields and a good lane down the middle. Off the farm the line fence used to be around 80 rods long and when you faced it, the 40 rods to your right was your part of the fence.

If you kept it up well, you were on good terms with your neighbors.

Once, one of my neighbor's cows got into my cornfield and did a lot of damage. Then my cows got into his beanfield and knocked over some bean stacks and it made him pretty mad.

So I told him he should fix his half of the fence and he said he didn't have time, so I told him if he'd put up the wire, I'd hook my electric fence on to it.

So he put his boys to it and they put up the wire and I hooked on my fence. That was the end of our trouble. But you don't see any fences along the road anymore. I know a lot of these young farmers don't know how to make a good fence anymore.

That used to be the hired man's job. I put up many a rod of fence.

In the spring, a lot of farmers went down their lanes and pounded down their fence posts and pitched up their fences.

One farmer I worked for had all rail fences and whenever we got caught up with our work, he put me to work fixing fences.

Once on the way home from Florida, I stopped at my brother's place in Indiana and he asked me if I'd put up 80 rods of fence for him. He was moving some building for his neighbor and didn't have time.

He wanted barbed wire on it and had the steel posts all strung and the wire all there, so the first thing I did was to dig in the anchor posts.

We dug a hole about 3 1/2 to four feet deep and put in a big wooded fence post and nailed cross pieces on the bottom of them, then buried them deep in the ground.

Then I stretched one wire the whole length of the field and pounded in the steel posts about seven spaces apart.

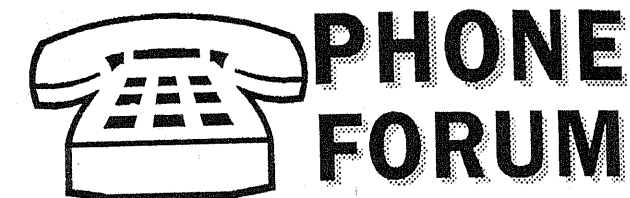
Once in awhile I'd put in a wooden post to brace the wire, then I'd stretch up the wire and clipped it to the post.

It took about a week to do it, but my brother was real satisfied and the last time I saw it, the fence was still straight and tight. I still have several fence stretchers in my shed on the farm, but a lot of young people wouldn't know what they were or how to use them.

Fence-making is a lost art as far as farming is concerned, and a lot of other things we older farmers did, people just don't do anymore.

Sincerely yours,
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Edited by MARK RUMMEL

R of Unionville: Why is the USA School Board in such a hurry to hire a new superintendent? It takes most school districts a couple of months to find a suitable replacement. It hasn't been two months since Bill Dodge said he wanted to retire. Marry in haste, repent in leisure.

(I don't think the USA Board is acting hastily, R. After all, your haste may be someone else's slow-motion. How long SHOULD hiring take? The chosen one may serve for the next 30 years!)

Jim of Sand Point: I think the Lions should fire Wayne Fontes right now. They have more talent than most NFL teams and they cannot win the big games. Get a good coach, so he won't squander all that talent. Fontes couldn't get out of the Silverdome parking lot without help. He's weak.

D. of Unionville: Why not tear down the old Rummel building in Sebawaing and use that area as a bus pick-up point for USA students? Thank you.

P.S. of Sebawaing: I think it's ironic the Winston-Salem Co. sent a free video to my mother, advertising their tobacco products. My mother smoked Winstons for year and now has severe emphysema, and now is on an oxygen machine. That's what their good tobacco products did for her. Let's wake up to the truth.

I.M. There to U.B. There: The Bay Port Carnival is coming Saturday, Feb. 4. Don't let anyone, but I heard the bingo prizes are really terrific this year.

(If that's not a bold-faced attempt to get free "advertising," I don't know what is, I.M. We'll let it get by this once...)

M. of Bay Port: I came to Pigeon River Mercantile in Pigeon last Thursday afternoon and found they were closed for a few hours, in honor of the funeral of a former business person in town. That was a very thoughtful thing to do. It is a classy gesture we don't see much anymore. Thank you for your consideration.

Eric of Bad Axe: I am calling about Wayne Fontes. He shouldn't get a longer contract. He was given more talent than any other Lions coach in 20 years and couldn't even get started in the playoffs. They'll never be good until they get a good coach.

Carol of Oak Beach: I just finished reading the article by William Diller about Dr. Steve Beedle, who re-creates Revolutionary War history events. Keep up the good articles. I really enjoyed it.

Mike of Caseville: This Martin Luther King day off really bugs me. If it is a national holiday, like July 4th, everybody should get the day off. Around here, just the Post Office and some government offices are closed. We should all be treated equally. Isn't that what he wanted?

Y. from Pigeon: I think having a central elementary school for the district would be a good idea. The teachers could share their curriculum and the kids would get to know each other better, instead of the shock they get now when they go into the sixth grade. And it's not that expensive to support.

J.J. of Pigeon: You have this nice story about Al Eicher here in the paper, but there is another Pigeon boy who has made it big in TV, Roger Baerwolf.

I. of Sebawaing: Come on already about this TV switch. Every commercial they are telling us about it. Who cares? We will just turn to the other station if we can't find the show we want. This isn't the second coming.

P. from Caseville: I think Wayne Fontes should be fired. He's misused Barry Sanders and he hasn't taken the team where it should go. And while they're at it, they should get rid of a few players, too, like Pat Swilling, who's been nothing but a detriment to the team.

Yarns From The Thumb

by Walt Rummel



■ It's TUESDAY, JAN. 17, start of the third full week of the new year. There are 348 days remaining in 1995... On this day, 289 years ago, Benjamin Franklin was born in 1706. He became the oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and served his country as scientist, diplomat, author, printer, publisher and self-made, self-educated man. He lived to be 84, a ripe, old age in that era... Forty years ago today, in 1955, the first nuclear submarine in the world, the Nautilus, cast off in New London, CT, under nuclear power... A 6.6 Richter Scale earthquake, but not "the big one," hit Southern California one year ago today... Birthdays today, boxer Muhammad Ali 53, actor James Earl Jones 64, puppeteer Shari Lewis 61 and "Golden Girl" actress Betty White 71...

■ American statesman and orator Daniel Webster, who first called the U.S. Government "for the people, by the people and answerable to the people," was born in Salisbury, NH, on JAN. 18, 1782... actor Kevin Costner is 40 today...

■ Mystery writer Edgar Allan Poe was born JAN. 19, 1809, in Boston. He is best known for "The Raven" and other suspense stories. His lifelong problem was alcohol addiction... James Watt, who invented the steam engine, was born in Scotland on JAN. 19, 1736... Other birthdays, broadcast journalist Robert MacNeil 64, singer Dolly Parton 49, actress Jean "Edith Bunker" Stapleton 72 and singer/actor Desi Arnaz, Jr. 42...

■ Revolutionary War hostilities between the newly-organized United States and the British Crown were agreed "to cease" 212 years ago today, on JAN. 20, 1783. King George III signed the agreement on Feb. 14 and the Treaty of Paris on Sept. 1 ended the war... Birthdays today, actor/comedian George Burns 99, actress Shelley Fabares of "Donna Reed" and "Coach" fame, is 53, and Soviet expatriate Anatoly Scharansky is 47...

■ Bald Eagle Appreciation Days start today, SATURDAY, JAN. 21, at Keokuk, IA, and run through Sunday as the U.S. National Bird is viewed and watched from many observation points... Tip-Up Town USA Ice Festival runs two weekends at Houghton Lake, on JAN. 21-22 AND 28-29. About 45,000 are expected... golfer Jack Nicklaus is 55 today, singer Placido Domingo is 54, actress Jill "L.A. Law" Eikenberry is 48 and disc jockey Wolfman Jack is 56...

■ It was 22 years ago today, JAN. 22, 1973, that the Roe vs. Wade decision by the U.S. Supreme Court struck down state laws restricting abortions during the first six months of pregnancy... The ampere, a unit of electrical current, was named after Andre Ampere, founder of the science of electro-dynamics, who was born in Lyon, France on JAN. 22, 1775, just 220 years ago... actress Linda Blair is 36 today and actress Piper Laurie is 63...

■ To focus attention on pie as an art form and a gastronomic delight, MONDAY, JAN. 23, is designated as National Pie Day... The Chinese New Year Celebration will run in Chinatown, Los Angeles, from today, JAN. 23, through FEB. 26... Monaco Princess Caroline is 38 today, actress Jeanne Moreau is 67 and actress/singer Chita Rivera is 62... ■ DID THIS SURPRISE YOU??? "CBS Chiefs Stand By Connie Chung" was the headline on a story telling readers that top brass at CBS "feel that" Connie Chung was within her right in the "whispered promise" of confidentiality to Newt Gingrich's mother, after which she promptly blabbed the "secret" to the world.

With CBS' investment in Dan and Connie, and with the pair still running third in the news rating race, could CBS Chiefs do anything else EXCEPT stand by her? Does this verify that the farther back in the pack that a racer runs, the more reckless he can act???

■ Captain Stubby in his early morning "Ag Day" program, told about the advertisement published in his hometown newspaper by the town's combination veterinarian-taxidermist. "Either way," the ad read, "you get your dog back..."

■ Winter ice fishing in Michigan is BIG business, as anglers spend \$5.59 million on ice fishing equipment each year, plus \$573,000 on spear fishing equipment and \$826,000 for special clothing, which comes to about \$7 million JUST FOR ICE FISHING EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING.

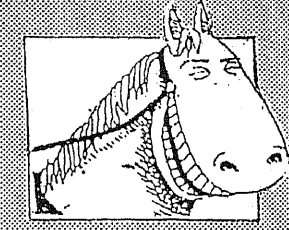
For year-round fishing, Michigan fishermen passed 25.3 million DAYS by fishing in 1991 and laid down more than \$1 BILLION on their hobby. With that much money involved, fish@fols are invited to spend \$1 more for instructions on how to preserve their catch. They can get it by ordering a "Freshwater Fish Preservation," Bulletin NCR 498, published by Michigan State Grant Extension and Michigan Sea Grant College Program. The Bulletin tells how to clean, dress, pickle, brine, smoke, freeze or can freshwater fish.

It's available at any county MSU Extension Office or the MSU Bulletin Office 10B Ag Hall, MSU, East Lansing, 48824-1039...

Send your Letter to the Editor by 5 p.m. Friday...

Horsin' Around

by Kate Pickering



Birthday girl

Someone very special is having a birthday, and this is my humble tribute to her.

I was reflecting on what my life has been and what I would like it to be (as is common at the beginning of a new year) and through there are some elements lacking in my endless pursuit of happiness, I came to the conclusion that I am a better person than I used to be... through no fault of my own!

I reflected on my adolescent years. Shudder! Such a loud, pushy, brat! Then the teen years... whiney, tearful, tragic, pathetic. Twenty-something? Rudderless and confused. Then I met someone who changed my life for good.

Actually, I have known this special person most of my life, but it wasn't until I was "twenty-something" that I began working closely enough with her that her wisdom and influence began to change me. Or if not change me, at least change the way I look at things... the way I handle problems, and my opinion of my own value and self-worth.

And these changes were not instituted with expensive therapy nor any Buddhist philosophy. These changes were implemented through mere observance of her strength, courage, limitless good humor and mammoth capacity to love. Yet, what impressed me most about this person - who was so blessed with enviable qualities - was that she was doormat to no one!

In the face of many of her own personal adversities and setbacks, "my hero" always stood steadfast and unshakable, and I longed to know her secret. How could someone so self-assured and self-confident also be so self-less?

That's when I learned about balance. She taught me that love you do not have for yourself cannot be given freely to others; control you have not mastered of your own life cannot become strength for those in need; help you will not even afford yourself is help that will not be available for family and friends. Incredibly deep... yet startlingly simple! Well, all that wisdom and life-experience - plus a big lust for life and a healthy appetite for good fun - are the elements which come together perfectly to make Margaret June Kreh: sage, seer, sailor, guru, teacher, artist, friend. Happy, happy "39th" birthday, Mudge! May God grant you all your fondest hopes and dreams for '95, and may he one day bless you a thousand times over with all the happiness and love you have brought to others!

A Wahre G'schichte bei Hanswurst



Was ist neu? Was ist old-fashioned?

In die alte Zeiten wollte jede Frau (und meiste Maenner) "in style" sein.

In Stores, oder in Sewing oder Patterns, wollten Customers immer sure sein das Sie "in style" waren.

Well, in unser Heimat, da wir ge-raised wurden, dachten wir immer das wir mehr "in style" waren denn in unsere Grosseltern's Hausser.

Da wir occasionally mit unsere Grosseltern uebermacht blieben, especially in Winter, war Ich immer impressid wie warm wir waren, da wir auf ein Federbett schliefen und haben uns mit ein zweites Federbett auf-ge-coverd.

Ich hab das einmal zu unsere Mutter gesagt das Grossmutter's Bett immer waermer war denn unser's, obwohl Sie nur ein Kitchen Range in die Kueche hatten und ein Parlor Furance in die Living Room.

Das ist OK in Grossmutter's Haus, sagte Mutter, aber das ist nicht "in style" in ein neues Haus, sowie wir hatten.

Anyway, Ich hab nie die Federbetten vergessen und so around 1971, da wir das erstmal in Germany und Austria und Switzerland waren, hatten die fancy Hotels, especially in die Mountains, alle Federbetten.

Und, ach, so comfortable waren Sie! Obwohl es Sommer war, doch haben die Federdecken so gut gefuehlt! So leicht wie eine Feder, nicht zu warm, nur sehr, sehr comfortable. Eine Federdecke snuggles sich gut um die Shoulders und

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The Newsweekly — Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1995 — Page 5 ueber das Genick. Ganz leicht, schoen warm und doch nicht zu warm.

Wieder Heim in Amerika, sahen wir bald das Federdecken und Federbetten ueberall ge-advertised—als Down-Filled Blankets und Jackets und Sleeping Bags—alles war Down-filled.

So wurden Feder und Down und die alte Styles auf einmal ganz popular ueberall in Amerika.

Und die Feder Business wird immer noch grosser und grosser. Amerikaner realizen es nicht, aber wir haben gar nicht genug Gaense oder Enten zum unsere Feder Requirements providen.

So, jetzt importen wir Federn und Down von viele Laendern, aber die Chinese supplyen Tons und Tons of Federn fuer USA's Decken und Jackets und viele andere Uses.

Down-filled ist ein Magic Wort fuer Amerikanische Customers. Die Feder Business wird immer grosser und grosser. Hoffentlich rennen wir nicht aus die World Supply of Enten und Gaense.

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But that's the only time non-employees are allowed to ride in village vehicles, according to the newly-amended ordinance approved by the Caseville Village Council last week.

In other business, Caseville Council: ■ Authorized Village President Frank Malosky to sign closing papers on the sale of property at Oak Point. Last month, Council accepted a bid for the property.

■ Set a public hearing for Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. to review the 1995-96 budget.

■ Authorized the Huron County Economic Development Corporation to submit a notice of intent to apply for a \$250,000 infrastructure grant on behalf of the Caseville Historical Society. The grant would be used to improve the property where the Caseville Resort now stands, such as curb and gutters, streetlights and sidewalks.

■ Malosky was also authorized to sign a grant application for \$25,000 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs to acquire, move and restore Crawford House.

■ Approved a request from the Downtown Development Authority to levy two mills on busines property within DDA boundaries. —By AMY HEIDEN

Educational TV tower ok'd

Cass City School Board members last week gave tentative approval to a request of the Regional Education Media Center (REMC) #10 to construct a 400-foot-tall TV tower on school property, to broadcast educational programs to schools in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties.

REMC Director Robert Townsend had requested the permission, on the back part of school property. The tower is part of the educational TV system, to be coordinated by REMC. Specifics will be worked out, and the tower should be erected this summer. —By MARY DRIER

Governor visits 83 counties

With more than 200,000 miles logged on his Oldsmobile, Gov. John Engler kept his promise to visit all 83 Michigan counties in 1994, with visits to Iosco County. Since taking office in 1991, Gov. Engler has visited every Michigan county every year — 332 county visits in all.

The Governor also kept his promise to continue to meet with concerned citizens during his open door meetings, his press officials say. Hundreds of constituents have met with him in his office to talk about issues ranging from school reform and crime to the environment and economic development.

In further efforts to reach out to the public, the Governor has entered the information highway with the creation of the "Michigan Governor's Forum," available to subscribers of America Online. Included in the Forum is information about Michigan, public policy documents, state government data and other source material. Messages to the Governor may also be sent via America Online electronic mail.

"The positive changes we've made over the past four years are the direct result of input from the men and women in this state who believe that together we can make a difference," he says.

Charity gets Barcia support

Efforts to create a wildlife refuge on the Charity Islands in the middle of Saginaw Bay are gaining support.

U.S. Cong. James Barcia (D-Bay City) has written a letter of support for the project, calling "Charity Island a wonderful nature preserve that provides informative data for researchers and the general population."

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Huron Bean Day this Thursday

Huron County's annual Bean Day will begin at 10 a.m. this Thursday, at K of C Hall, on M-53, west of Bad Axe, according to Extension Ag Agent Jim LeCureux.

The program is sponsored by Huron County Bean Growers, Huron County bean elevators and the Extension Service.

Among featured morning speakers will be Greg Varner, research director for the Dry Edible Bean Research Advisory Board.

Varner will present results of the 1994 dry bean variety trials, conducted at the Mark and Pat Gruehn Farm near Owendale.

In addition, Varner will be on a panel reviewing current dry bean disease concerns. Pat Hart, MSU plant pathologist, and Jim Kelly, MSU dry bean plant breeder, will also be on the panel.

Tim Harrigan, tillage specialist in the MSU ag engineering department, will review practices to reduce compaction caused by secondary tillage in dry bean production.

During the afternoon session, there will be a report on activities of the Michigan Bean Commission, presented by MBC President Jack Sturm of Pigeon.

Achievements



Pamela Sturm has joined Bay Port State Bank as an Assistant Vice President of Agricultural Lending, President/CEO Harold Robinson announced Friday.

Sturm will join Vice President Bob Main as a lender specializing in agricultural accounts and will be located at the Pigeon office.

"Our Board is confident that with Pam expanding our ag lending staff, Bay Port State Bank will provide the customers of the Upper Thumb Area one of the best and most knowledgeable ag-customer oriented lending teams in the state," says Edwin Eichler, chairman of the Board of Directors.

Most recently, Sturm was associated with Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. of Pigeon. She is immediate past president of the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce and has recently had an article on ag lending practices published in a professional publication.

Meagan Duever of Elkton is among 1,851 students on the dean's list of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, for the fall semester of the 1994-95 academic year. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 while taking at least 14 graded credit hours. Her parents are Frederick and Patricia Duever.



ANN McLELLAN OF PIGEON remembers when wool, rayons and cottons were the only fabrics she handled at Eicher's Cleaners — and polyesters and nylons weren't even invented yet.

That's because her career at Eicher's Pigeon location spanned three decades, from 1965 until her retirement in December, 1994.

McLellan first worked for Eleanor Eicher Trost for 16 years, then began to work for Trost's nephew Jim Sting, when he took over in 1981.

She is still recovering from surgery she underwent in July, but hopes to more actively pursue her hobbies of sewing and crafting for her family, during her retirement years.

McLellan was employed at Eicher's for half of the local store's professional years, which began 60 years ago in 1935.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Marc Wolff has returned home to San Diego from a six-month deployment to the Indian and Western Pacific oceans and the Persian Gulf with the amphibious assault ship USS Tripoli. Wolff is one of 4,000 sailors

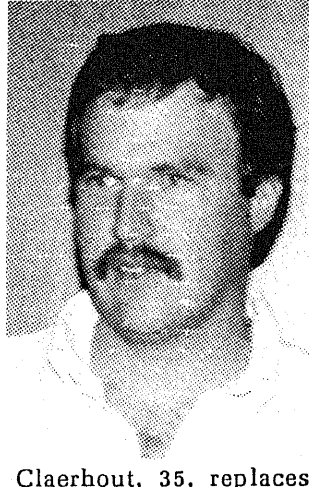
and marines who made up the four-ship USS Tripoli Amphibious Ready Group off the coast of Somalia. Wolff and his fellow crew members supported the relocation of U.S. citizens and assets to Nairobi, Kenya.

Wolff's ship then traveled to the Persian Gulf to deter Iraqi aggression on the Arabian peninsula. While deployed, Wolff visited Hong Kong, Singapore, Kenya and the United Arab Emirates.

Wolff, whose wife Shelley is the daughter of James and Marilyn Calopisis of Unionville, is a 1990 graduate of Dawson County High School, Glendive, MT. He joined the Navy in November, 1990.

David Claerhout resigned in December as director at the Tuscola County Ag Stabilization & Conservation Service office, to become executive director of the Midland County ASCS office.

He was director in Tuscola County nearly five years.



Claerhout, 35, replaces Ealnor Snay, who left Midland to become director of Bay County's office. Claerhout is a 1981 graduate of USA High School and attended Great Lakes Junior College, Caro.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Gary Lange recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western

Pacific and Indian oceans while serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh.

Lange and USS Shiloh departed San Diego in mid-April and sailed to the Persian Gulf, where the crew conducted maritime interception operations — boarding and searching ships headed to and from Iraq in violation of international sanctions.

Lange is one of 388 crew members. USS Shiloh also joined British forces in several exercises designed to help the crew members work better together.

Lange also visited Hawaii, Baki, Indonesia, Bahrain, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates during the deployment.

Lange, a 1978 graduate of Laker High School, joined the Navy in June, 1978. His parents are Dolores and Henry Lange Sr., Pigeon.

Thumb Bowling Round-Up

THURSDAY NITE MEN'S Unionville 12/29/94

End of First Half

McAlpine Ins.	43
Roy's Citgo	41
Ed's Bar	37
Trapper John's	30
Paul's Serv/Mkt	30
Trapper Jr.	26
Sebewaing Auto	14

High team series and game: McAlpine Ins. 2931-996.

High individual series and game: G. Sy Sr. 636-221, 211, 204; P. Goslin 614-222, 202; J. Kata 591-225, 207; E. Kata 214, J. Kata 212, M. Holland 208, D. Roy 203, R. Barriger 202, B. Wierowski Jr. 201.

THURSDAY NITE MEN'S Unionville 1/5/95

McAlpine Ins.	4
Trapper John's	4
Sebewaing Auto	4
Ed's Bar	3
Paul's Serv/Mkt	1
Roy's Citgo	0
Trapper Jr.	0

High team series and game: McAlpine Ins. 2800-1016.

High individual series and game: G. Sy Sr. 628-251, M. Norrington 612-226, 210; T. Houthoofd 591-244, E. Kata 232, D. Roy 215, B. Wierowski Jr. 212, P. Goslin 203.

THURSDAY A.M. LADIES Gateway 1/12/95

Merry Makers	7
Blazers	4
Country Ladies	3
Turtles	2
Country Ladies	2
Turtles	0

High team series and game: Country Ladies 1271, Blazers 448.

High individual series and game: M. Schwartz 481-178.

MONDAY NIGHT LADIES Unionville 1/9/95

American Legion Aux.	5
Thomas Marine	5
Schmidt's	3
Deisler's	3

High team series and game: Thomas Marine 2398-811, 803.

High individual series and game: G. Karnath 566-201, 192; A. Vermeersch 509-184, B. Coones 498, N. Rabideau 190, G. Singer 493.

Splits: P. Hunter 5-7, K. Lowthian 4-5-7.

SUN NITE MIXED SQUARES Sebewaing 1/8/95

Hagen Ford	35
Linzner-Koch	33
The 4 Swingers	33
Wolverine Rollers	31
Howell-Pavlichek	31
McBrayer-Appold	30
Finkbeiner-McCarthy	30
Ertman-Finkbeiner	30
Roemer-Ertel	28

WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES Sebewaing 1/4/95

Michigan Sugar	10
See and Sea	9
Sebewaing Lanes	7
Kauffold Agency	7

Ewald-Bitzer 28

Guidle-Ewald 27

Bolzman-Bolzman 25

Pitcher-Rievart 23

Finkbeiner-Engelhardt 21

Williamson-Rieman 20

Spannagel-Prime 20

High team series and game: Wolverine Rollers 2208-813, Spannagel-Prime 2017-703.

Women's high individual series and game: J. Boltzman 835-230, J. Williamson 205, R. Linzner 203.

Men's high individual series and game: R. Finkbeiner 236, T. Howell 610-222, J. Kuhl 609-221, B. McCarthy 537-224.

WED. AFTER. LADIES Sebewaing 1/11/95

Lucky Strikes	12
Four Rollers	7
Tri County	5
Go Getters	4

High team series and game: Lucky Strikes 1579-594.

High individual series and game: M. Elenbaum 427-156, W. Eberlein 414-178, S. Sherman 414-154, D. Grueth 408-175, M. Sigmund 157, J. Haist 153.

Splits: H. Schafer 2-10, 5-6-10; W. Eberlein 5-6, M. Elenbaum 9-10.

THURSDAY A.M. LADIES Gateway 1/12/95

Merry Makers	7
Blazers	4
Country Ladies	3
Turtles	2

High team series and game: Blazers 1248-447.

High individual series and game: S. Sells 450, B. Comment 168.

HOT SHOTS Unionville 1/7/95

Troy Vandiver	23
Denise Magdefrau	22
Kyle Wierowski	21
Alfred Hoppe	17
Randy Matthews	13
Diane Magdefrau	11
Alicia Magdefrau	11

High individual series and game: R. Matthews 115, 99; T. Vandiver 105, 99; K. Wierowski & Shane Prime 96.

Splits: R. Matthews 6-7.

BANTAMS Unionville 1/7/95

Bradley Vandiver	21
Jason Goslin	14
Sarah Koef	13
Ashley Matthews	13
Justin Goslin	12
Abby Joles	9

High game: B. Vandiver 73, J. Goslin 68.

WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES Sebewaing 1/4/95

Michigan Sugar	10
See and Sea	9
Sebewaing Lanes	7
Kauffold Agency	7

Sebewaing Tool 7

Sporty's 5

Nitz Valve Hdwe 5

Mr. B's 5

High team series and game: Sebewaing Lanes 2365, Sebewaing Tool 817.

High individual series and game: S. Buschlen 559-212, B. Schamber 529-181, M. Gettel 523-206, P. Bauer 518-181, L. Engelhardt 493-180, M. Fournier 491-190, C. Taschner 462-176, B. Graf 176, P. Holland 476-174, K. Long 169.

Splits: S. Gremel 5-6-10 & 3-10; R. Hughes & Ju. Follman 4-5, C. Taschner, P. Nitz & D. Sonntag 3-10.

SATURDAY MORNING JRS. Sebewaing 1/7/95

Bowling Devils	49
Spartans II	45
Pin Rollers	42
Bowling Busters	41
Gutter Busters	31
Terminators	23

High team series and game: Gutter Busters 1321-464.

High individual series and game: J. Saenz 419-152, C. Genow 374-151, T. Story 354-164, T. Vasquez 323-127, D. Allor 299-117, J. Genow 298-116, T. Allor 274-103, D. Garcia 286-102, R. Saenz 268-101.

T. Story went 72 pins over average.

USA SR CITZ FRI MIXED Sebewaing 1/6/95

Deisler's	4
Balzer Ins.	3
Mutual Savings	2
Kundinger & Kroll	2
Ben Franklin	1

High team series and game: Deisler's 1635.

Women's high individual series and game: M. Verschoore 513-189, 178; R. Hughes 172, J. Pobanz 152, D. Gettel, R. Bush 149, A. Houthoofd 154, D. King 145, M. Reithel 143, H. Schafer 140.

Men's high individual series and game: H. Pierce 530-193, 170, 167; K. Adams 433-169, L. Heckroth 146.

Splits: M. Verschoore 6-7, R. Hughes 5-10, D. King & H. Schafer 3-10.

WED. NITE LADIES Pigeon Lanes 1/11

Finkbeiner Farm Equip.	6
Damm's, Inc.	6
Bay Port State Bank	5
Niebel Ptg. & Htg.	5
Cloud of Dust Ceramics	5
McCormick Motors	4
Bay Port Construction	4
Pigeon Telephone	3
Gumby's	1

High team series and game: Bay Port Construction 2332 (817), Gumby's 2155 (728), McCormick Motors 2123 (785), Cloud of Dust Ceramics 2122 (712-2), Niebel Ptg. & Htg. 2120 (755), Finkbeiner Farm Equip. 772, Pigeon Telephone 741, Bay Port State Bank 730, Bay View Country Inn 720.

High individual scores: A. Gotham 568 (214-201), P. Kuhl 538 (218), D. Zahn 513 (196), B. Krohn 494 (188), D. Kofr 480 (184), P. Maxwell 478 (173), J. Niebel 475, D. Deming 472 (171), R. Stoekl 214-201, M. Henne 193, G. Finkbeiner 185, J. Abbott 184, H. Ball 174, P. Maxwell 173, A. Kleinfeld 170.

Splits: 2-7 M. Dutcher, W. Dubs, A. Kleinfeld, R. Albrecht; 3-10 H. Ball, T. Gnagey, D. Deming (2); 5-7 B. Wroblewski.

TUESDAY CLASSIC Pigeon Lanes 1/10

Osentoski Farm Equip. 5

Farm Crest Foods	5
Peoples' Choice Mkt.	5
Pigeon Lumber	2
Steinman Insurance	2
Dutch Kettle	2
High team series and game: Osentoski Farm Equipment 2565 (685).	
High individual scores: J.D. Gunden 569 (216), R. Koch 550 (205), D. Schulz 522, N. Cusimano 213.	

MONDAY MAJOR Pigeon Lanes 1/9

Damm's, Inc. 5

Handicap 5

J.O. Wurst	5
Edward D. Jones	5
C.D. Sandblasting	2
Pigeon Lanes	2
Lee's Landscaping	2
Bay Port State Bank	2

High team series and game: Damm's 2519 (665).

High individual scores: J.D. Gunden 593 (205-202), M. Graf 581 (208), D. Schulz 561 (261), G. Gunden 214, D. Parrish 214, A. Schulze 205, R. Babiscowski 203.

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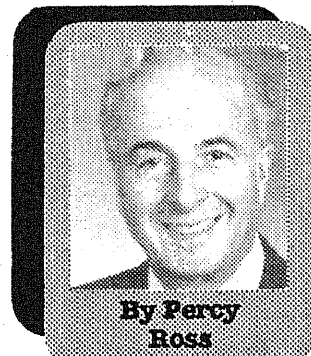
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PLEASE, HELP MY CHILDREN AND HELP CLEAR MY CONSCIENCE BY KNOWING I'M TRYING MY BEST. They are of the utmost importance to me and my husband. — Ms. D. H., Weatherford, TX

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DEAR MR. ROSS:

I know this sounds unreal but I assure you this is not a story. They really need help and I'm praying you can help them. Mrs. L. N., Brainerd, MN

DEAR MRS. N.: Some people give until it hurts and others stop short of experiencing the pain threshold.

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Rot in hell you slimebag and do it penniless! — No Name

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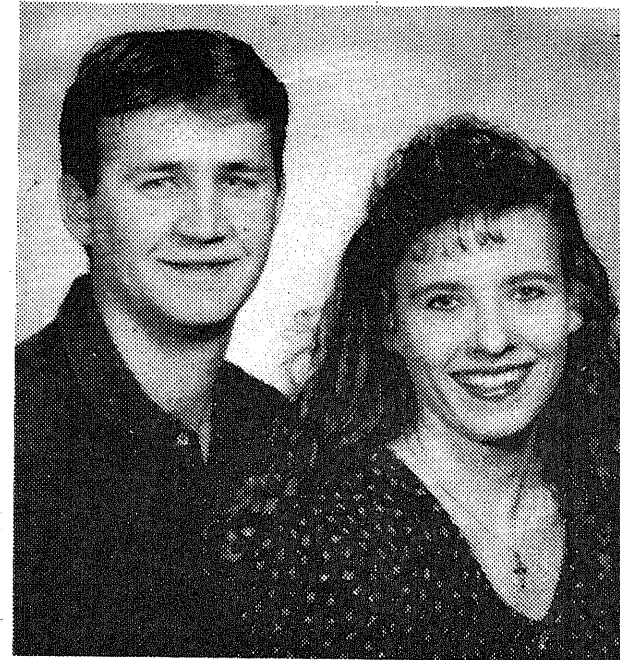
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The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of OwenGage High School and is employed at L.J. Gascho's Furniture in Pigeon. The couple is planning a September 2, 1995 wedding at St. Agatha's, Gageton.



Jenkins - Ziehm

Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Jenkins of Milan, TN announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Linda Leigh to Ronald William Ziehm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ziehm of Gageton.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Memphis State University and is currently a buyer for Peebles Department Stores at its headquarters in South Hill, VA.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Ziehm of Gageton and the late Mrs. Louise Ziehm. He is a 1982 graduate of Michigan State University and received a Master of Agriculture degree from Texas A&M in 1991. He is a Soil Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service/USDA in Mecklenburg/Brunswick counties in Virginia and resides in South Hill, VA.

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SENIOR FILM FEST COMING JAN. 19

"The Story of Thomas Edison" will be the featured movie on Thursday, Jan. 19 for the Senior Citizens Film Festival. "Red Skelton: His Many Faces of Comedy" will also be shown. Seniors are invited to come and bring a friend.

HOMEWORK TIPS

We at the Pigeon District Library do not replace school libraries or teachers, but we do have additional materials and we can be of assistance in helping you conduct research.

Here are some tips to help you better assist you:

- 1) Become familiar with the library. Visit us and let us show you where things are located.
- 2) Understand the assignment. If possible, the student should bring the assignment sheet to the library.
- 3) Begin the assignment early.
- 4) Check out materials.
- 5) Telephone reference - we can tell you by phone if we have certain books or other small pieces



Mr. & Mrs. Jack McAlpine

Jack D. and Dorothy McAlpine of Fairgrove celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Jan. 12 with a reception hosted by their children on Sunday, Jan. 15 at VFW Hall, Fairgrove. Jack D. McAlpine, son of William and Nellie McAlpine of Fairgrove and Dorothy Holzgart, daughter of Edward and Mollie Holzgart of Unionville, were married at Unionville by St. Paul Lutheran Church Pastor A.W. Wilkening. Attendants were A.F. Lieut. William and Mrs. McAlpine of Albuquerque, NM.

The couple has six children, Dr. Barry (Kim) McAlpine, Holland, MI; Dr. Fred (Linda) McAlpine, Lapeer; Edward (Lil) McAlpine, Fairgrove; Karen (Joe) Kata, Unionville; Gloria McAlpine, Grand Haven, and Dr. Jack (Andrea) McAlpine, Durand; 15 grandchildren and four great-granddaughters. They are members of Grace Lutheran Church, Fairgrove. He has been a farmer all his life and also an insurance agent since 1956 and owns McAlpine Insurance Agency in Fairgrove.

Unionville U-M Church serves soup Jan. 25

An All-You-Can-Eat Soup Supper will be served at Unionville United Methodist Church Wednesday, Jan. 25 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The menu includes chicken noodle, bean, split pea, vegetable beef soups, fresh bread and homemade pies. The public is invited. Take-outs will be available.

of information. It may not, however, always be possible to answer extensive questions by phone.

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DONATIONS: CellularOne recently wrapped up its second annual holiday food drive collecting six large grocery bags of food throughout Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties.

In addition to the food which was contributed to the Department of Social Services, CellularOne Manager Ben Varney presented Tuscola DSS Volunteer Services Manager Len Richards a check for \$450 for DSS work in all three counties.

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Thumb Club News

USA SENIOR CITIZENS

Fifty-two members and guests of USA Senior Citizens gathered at American Legion Hall for their January meeting. A potluck lunch was served by the committee. Five guests were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Harry Pierce and singing of God Bless America was accompanied by "Buzz" Engelhardt on his organ.

Mary Kuhl is on the sick list at The Carriage House on Midland Rd., Bay City. Hannah Tanton is recovering from falling in her home. A moment of silence was observed for Raymond Krauss and Pres. Pierce's brother.

Brothering top winners for the first half were Signature Bank on the Tuesday League and Deisler Funeral Home on the Friday League.

Happy Birthday was sung for Doris Kunding, Anna Mae Houthoofd and Doris Fritz. Door prizes went to Erna Rockstroh, Amanda Strauch and Orpha Bauer. Prizes were made and donated by Jane Pobanz.

January committee was thanked for a job well done and the February committee was announced.

Lyle and Doris Fritz and Curtis Adams became new members.

It was decided to discontinue taking blood pressures at meetings.

LWML at ST. PETERS, Bach

Lutheran Women's Missionary League of St. Peter Church, Bach, met Thursday, Jan. 12 in the afternoon at the home of Wilma Sattelmeier.

Newly-elected president Ida Sting conducted the meeting. Rose Faber was appointed new Christian Growth Chairman. Treasurer, Bernadine Kunding, gave the report on the 1994 gifts sent to International Lutheran Women's Missionary League and other expenses. Thank-you letters were received from Lutheran World Relief and Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, WI.

Word has been received indirectly that the missionary in Haiti to whom the LWML has been sending gifts was still alive but living in danger due to the political situation there. The group will try to communicate through an intermediary pastor living in Florida.

Quilt tying for Lutheran World Relief will begin in early February and continue weekly at the church. Several members will also make bibs for adults at Bethesda Lutheran Home.

Tentative plans are underway for the observance of LWML Sunday in October. Bible study "Living Your Love" was led by Carol Sting, outgoing Christian Growth Chairman. This was followed by the mite box offering, the League Pledge and prayer. A fellowship hour followed.

CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

Sixty-one members attended the Jan. 10 meeting. President Bill Vallance led in the Pledge. Thanks were extended to Mary Ellen James, Alfournier, Marian Langley, Georgina Farver and Ceil Peyok for the earlybird goodies.

Welcomed back were Betty Smith and Emma Potter. The monthly report was given by acting secretary Virginia Krieg, treasurer Susan Reynolds and advisory board secretary Harold Dunning. The club will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Jan. 24 and will furnish meat for the potluck lunch that day.

It was reported that Rose Morosini is recuperating at her daughter's home in Ypsilanti after a hip replacement; Lou Vallance is doing

well at home after a triple bypass.

Celebrating birthdays this week are Margaret Kelly, Patti LaBelle, Marion Parent, Joe Picciurro and Marguerite Rogers, 92 years young. A quiet 65th wedding anniversary is being celebrated by Hank and Gert Beyer.

CASEVILLE LIBRARY CLUB

Forty-eight members attended the first meeting of 1995 on Jan. 10 at the Caseville Township Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Sylvia Wisner, who led members in the Club Collect and the Pledge. Bonnie Dunstan gave the invocation.

The Sweet Adelines quartet entertained after lunch. Club members are planning a Feb. 8 card party at 12 non at the Caseville Community Center.

Vice President Nancy Begg reminded members to mark their calendars for the weekend of Feb. 18 and 19 for Caseville's third annual Shanty Days.

The Feb. 14 meeting will welcome guest speaker Cynthia Oberis, who will talk about making porcelain dolls.

ST PETER'S LADIES AID, Bach

Endings and beginnings were on the agenda of St. Peter Ladies Aid, Bach, at the first meeting of 1995 on Jan. 5.

After an Epiphany devotion led by the hostesses Inez Nitz and Nancy Nast, the members heard the report prepared by financial secretary Rose Faber and treasurer Bernadine Kunding which detailed last year's projects. With voting monetary gifts for nine Lutheran and general charities the 1994 year of activities came to an end.

The beginning of the new year was symbolized by the arranging of new committees to serve and to plan the various projects and events for

1995. The officers will prepare the new yearbook.

In keeping with the season, a post-Christmas Quiz had been prepared by the committee and won by Ethel Hessler and Lorene Reich. Rose Faber won the house prize. The hostesses served refreshments during the social hour.

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Here are more details on that old Band Festival photo from Jan 3...

By WALT RUMMEL
A phone call from Robert Cartwright of Unionville concerning the photo of the Band and Orchestra Festival in Elkton on Page 8 of the Jan. 3 edition, told more of the event

and identified more Unionville students who took part. The festival took place in 1933, and Dr. Joseph Maddy, standing front and center in front of the stage, was critic

and judge of the performing school bands and orchestras. Dr. Maddy was head of the University of Michigan music department, and is one of the founders of Interlochen Music Camp.

Cartwright remembers T. H. Campbell, second from right, as part-time band and music director for Unionville School, Akron and several others in the area. Edmund Talaga of Bay City, who also directed several school bands in the area, is at the extreme left.

Cartwright's call was mainly to identify the small boy in the white shirt with bow tie, just behind and to the right of Dr. Maddy. That is Dean Strieter, a young pianist who was of pre-school age at the time.

Dean "brought the house down," Cartwright recalls, with several piano solos. Now retired, he sings in the Unionville Moravian Church choir, which is directed by his son, A.J. Strieter.

Cartwright recalls that Dean was so young and small in 1933 that festival officials

took a revolving piano stool, screwed it up as high as it went and then plunked a thick, thick school dictionary on top of it so the young boy could reach the piano keyboard.

Cartwright himself is a violinist, standing to the right of the four taller violinists at

the extreme left side of the picture. Among the young musicians from Unionville School were John Linzner, Dick Teske, John Achenbach, Nelda Strieter, Florence Ortner, Tula and Eileen Bitzer, Marion Teske, Viola Graf, Vivian Herman and Elmer Schwartz.

Terry Kaufman plans Bad Axe funeral home

Terry Kaufman of Bad Axe is pursuing a long time dream with the opening of Kaufman Co. Funeral Home this spring — currently under construction along Westland Drive in Bad Axe.

Formerly associated with MacAlpine Funeral Home, Kaufman decided it was time to go out on his own.

A licensed funeral director, he plans to hire an assistant to work with him. His other plans include offering 24-hour service, three separate visiting chapels, on-site parking, handicapped-accessible bathrooms and a children's playroom and nursery.

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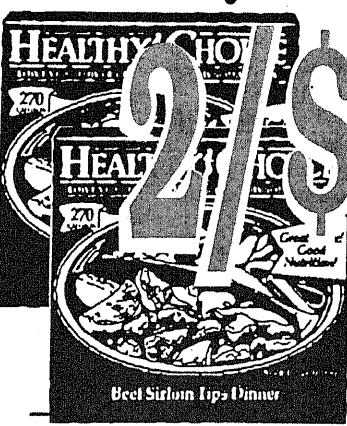
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Definite warnings are often given
Teen suicides on rise in U.S., state, area

By AMY HEIDEN
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 In April 1994, singer Kurt Cobain of the rock group Nirvana took a shotgun and shot himself in the head, an act he had previously threatened to carry out.

In the aftermath of Cobain's grisly suicide, telephone hotlines across the country were inundated with calls from upset teens. Veejays on MTV pleaded with young viewers not to follow Cobain's lead into what his mother called "that stupid club" of people who had killed themselves.

Cobain's senseless death points out one of the myths about suicide—that people who talk about suicide won't actually go through with it. Cobain talked about killing himself many times and had actually made an attempt with drugs and alcohol previously, while in Italy.

The fact is that most people who commit suicide have given definite warnings by their actions and their words, and anytime someone talks about killing himself, that talk must be taken seriously, experts say.

Suicide ranks as the second-leading cause of deaths among teens, surveys show. In 1991, the last year for which complete statistics are available, more than 4,700 young people between ages of 15 and 24 committed suicide in the United States. Jerry Johnston, an author who provides suicide prevention talks to teens across the nation, says that over 1,000 teens attempt suicide every day.

For every male who attempts to die, three females attempt

it; but for every female who completes the act, four males commit suicide.

No one keeps a record of attempts, but it's estimated that anywhere from 240,000 to 600,000 attempts are made each year by people of all ages.

And some of those suicide attempts end up with the teen permanently disabled when their efforts fail.

Why are teens so vulnerable to thoughts of suicide? Lots of reasons, says Huron Intermediate School District Special Education Supervisor Terry Brown, who also counsels teens after suicide attempts and is on the front line of suicide prevention efforts in Huron County.

"One reason is that kids don't have a lot of life experiences to fall back on," Brown says. "They have a narrow view of the world. They don't realize that suicide is a selfish act, and it's a poor decision to make. They don't reach out to their friends or parents or another adult."

Helplessness and hopelessness seem to be key factors when teens consider suicide, experts say.

Kids feel hopeless when faced with problems at home or school, and they may feel helpless to do anything about those problems.

They get depressed about bad grades, a divorce or death in the family, being dumped by a girlfriend or boyfriend, problems with drugs or alcohol, physical or sexual abuse at home.

There may also be chemical imbalances in the brain that could cause depression, Brown says, thus leading to thoughts of suicide.

But whatever the motive, a suicide attempt is always a cry for help, a plea for attention for a deep problem, says one local school counselor, who asked for anonymity.

"They're desperate to get away from the problems they have," the counselor says. "They don't think that anyone cares about them, that there's no way out of their problems."

"They often don't know where to go to get help or they're afraid to talk to someone who could help them."

Wayne Keim, pastor at Fair Haven Mennonite Church and a licensed counselor, says many teens engage in "magical thinking"—believing that they'll commit suicide and the next day, everything will be okay, or that whoever they think is causing their problems will feel differently about them.

"They've got to find a way out of a downward spiral," Keim says.

"I tell them to look at their time line and see they've only come this far. There's a much longer line after this point."

Most often, teens who attempt suicide show signs of depression, such as eating or sleeping problems, withdrawing from social activities, a loss of pleasure in hobbies or other activities, a pessimistic attitude toward life and the future, or unexplainable behavioral changes.

They may feel that their peers are picking on them or bullying them, or drug or alcohol problems may be present.

They may believe that their family and friends would be better off without them, or

they may be having serious problems in school or with the law.

There may be physical or sexual abuse at home, or they may feel that their parents simply don't care about them, experts agree.

A teen will often mention thoughts of suicide to a friend, and that friend can be the first line of defense against a senseless, ugly death, Brown says.

"Their friends won't ask for help because they're afraid that they'll be seen as disloyal, or that the friend who is talking about suicide will be angry at them," Brown said.

"We try to tell them that you need each other and that if you hear something that could be destructive, consider how much you care about that person."

"Take it seriously," he cautions. "It's better to have somebody who's mad at you and alive than for them to be dead. Don't go it alone. I know I certainly wouldn't want that on my conscience."

While many teens may not feel comfortable telling an adult that a friend is considering suicide, Brown says they should put aside those feelings.

"It's extremely hard to get across to kids, that this is one time you have to tell adults," he says.

There are warning signs that someone is considering suicide.

A recent traumatic loss of a friend or relative, a breakup of a relationship with a girl or boyfriend, separation or divorce of parents, or a sudden drastic improvement after being depressed, experts agree.

Comments such as "I can't take it anymore," or "I just want to die," or "You won't have to worry about me anymore," are clear signs that a suicide attempt may be made.

When a friend is talking suicide, there's little time to waste, they add.

Any talk should be taken seriously, Brown says. It's not the time to play amateur psychologist, it's time to get professional help.

It doesn't help to discuss whether it's better to live or die—the suicidal person may already feel there are enough reasons to die.

"We have to help them think outside themselves," Brown says. "They have to realize that it's a selfish thing to do. I ask kids to give it some time, to make a promise not to do anything, that if it's this bad, give me a chance to help."

Direct questions about suicide don't provoke suicidal behavior, experts agree.

Talking about it is one way to get problems into the open and to try to solve problems. It's important for kids to realize that problems aren't permanent, that there's always a solution somewhere—it just may take time to find it.

By talking about suicide, teens may realize that others struggle with the same problems.

But on the opposite side, if the problem is left to fester, the teen may feel that no one notices the problem, that no one cares.

Experts in teen suicide say that many teens glamorize the notion of suicide, not realizing that it's totally permanent.

"They don't realize that it's the people left behind who are going to suffer the most," a school counselor says.

"They don't realize that their friends and parents and relatives are going to be affected the rest of their lives, that they'll feel guilty the rest of their lives and ask themselves questions that can't be answered."

"And they don't realize that their selfish act could cause a brother or sister or a friend to do the very same thing."

"Suicide is a one-time thing but those left behind will feel it again and again."

There are many routes to take to get help for a suicidal

friend, such as talking to a school counselor or teacher or social worker, a trusted pastor or minister, or calling the Community Mental Health Hotline.

The local hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and offers help to suicidal teens.

They can also call Catholic Family Services or Bay Lutheran Child and Family Services for counseling.

Keim offers counseling at his Pathways Family Counseling in Pigeon.

There are also books in local libraries in bookstores which explore suicide in detail, and offer valuable tips for parents and friends for dealing with suicide.

Brown says teens and other contemplating suicide should remember one thing: "Don't feel helpless—because you're not. There are always options. Suicide is a choice, but there are better alternatives."

For more information about preventing suicides or help, here are some agencies to contact:

- Community Mental Health Suicide Prevention - 269-9293
- Catholic Family Services - 673-5352
- Bay Lutheran Child and Family - 686-7650
- Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Treatment - 269-8452

Suggestions for survivors of suicide

1. Know you can survive. You may not think so but you can.
2. Struggle with "Why" it happened until you no longer need to know "why" or until you are satisfied with partial answers.
3. Know you may feel overwhelmed by the intensity of your feelings but all your feelings are normal.
4. Anger, guilt, confusion, forgetfulness are common responses. You are not crazy, you are in mourning.
5. Be aware you may feel appropriate anger at the person, at the world, at God, at yourself. It's okay to express it.
6. You may feel guilty for what you think you did or did not do. Guilt can turn into regret, through forgiveness.
7. Having suicidal thoughts is common. It does not mean that you will act on those thoughts.
8. Remember to take one moment or one day at a time.
9. Find a good listener with whom to share. Call someone if you need to talk.
10. Don't be afraid to cry. Tears are healing.
11. Give yourself time to heal.
12. Remember, the choice was not yours. No one is the sole influence in another's life.
13. Expect setbacks. If emotions reemerge like a tidal wave, you may only be experiencing a remnant of grief, an unfinished piece.
14. Try to put off major decisions.
15. Give yourself permission to get professional help.
16. Be aware of the pain of your family and friends.
17. Be patient with yourself and with others who may not understand.
18. Set your own limits and learn to say no.
19. Steer clear of people who want to tell you what or how to feel.
20. Know there are support groups that can be helpful, such as Compassionate Friends or Survivors of Suicide groups.
21. Call on your personal faith to help you through.
22. It is common to experience physical reactions to your grief, such as headaches, loss of appetite or inability to sleep.
23. The willingness to laugh with others and at yourself is healing.
24. Wear out your questions, anger, guilt, or other feelings until you can let them go. Letting go doesn't mean forgetting.
25. Know that you will never be the same again, but you can survive and even go beyond just surviving.

— SOURCE: "Suicide and Its Aftermath" (Dunne, McIntosh, Dunne-Maxim, Norton and Co., 1987)

Suicide support group to meet Sunday in Caseville

By AMY HEIDEN
 In the aftermath of a suicide, family members and friends are left to deal with a bewildering array of emotions. Confusion over the many "what if" questions, anger that the friend or relative died, the many questions that such a terrible occurrence brings up can leave the ones left behind feeling alone and in terrible pain.

Dorothy and William Heider of Caseville know all the emotions felt by suicide survivors, and in their grief and bewilderment over the suicide of their grandson Christopher Fagan a year ago, they reached out for help and understanding.

But their search for support and answers to their questions locally came up short and they ended up traveling to Bay City to attend meetings of "Survivors of Suicide," a support group for families, relatives, and friends of a loved one who has died of suicide.

To reach out to others in the same situation as them-

selves, the Heiders decided to form a local chapter of "Survivors of Suicide," with the initial meeting set this Sunday, Jan. 22 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on M-25 near Caseville.

"We want to let people know we're there to help," Dorothy Heider says. "We want people to know they're not alone in what they're feeling."

"In memory of our grandson, we felt like we ought to do something."

A year after Christopher's death, the Heiders say they are still dealing with feelings about his suicide. He died in October 1993, just months after graduating from high school. He had recently taken the initial entrance exam to enter the military.

Christopher's death plunged his entire family into a quagmire of unanswered questions and sometimes unbearable grief. The grief and the questions remain, even now, so many months later.

"It's like we opened a can of worms when we began to talk about it to others," Dorothy Heider says. "So many people have been affected but they haven't known where to get support."

By attending the support group meetings, the Heiders learned that it was okay to talk about their grief, that others shared that grief and understood their pain.

And by talking with people closer to home, they found that many other people had been affected by a loved one's suicide but had not been able to talk about it.

"If we can help one person, all the effort will have been worth it." We want everyone to feel welcome. We're there to help.

"It's important to talk about it, and the tears you cry are healing tears."

For more information on Survivors of Suicide group, call Dorothy Heider in Caseville at 856-4833.

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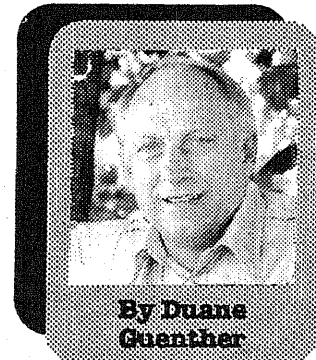
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A fine mess of fish

I had decided to go fishing on the spur of the moment. The night before, careful plans were laid out for another activity that desired my attention, but when I rose the next morning, there was a gnawing hunger deep within my soul for a mess of fish.



By Duane Guenther

Not any fish, especially those stored on the bottom shelf of the family freezer, but something fresh and tasty, like winter perch.

I headed out early, but when I reached the make-shift parking lot near the edge of town it was almost full. Standing on the rear bumper of my truck I scanned the bay with binoculars to find out where the action was.

The small group of fishermen already on the ice were shrouded in the cottony gauze of an unannounced snow squall and looked to be less than a half mile from the shore's edge.

So, armed with a spud and a 5-gallon plastic pail full of poles, skimmers, and a minnow bucket, I headed forth, cautiously punching the ice at regular intervals to test its thickness.

Ice fishing is not my particular cup of tea, but eating the winter fresh perch that accompanies a successful trip is well worth the effort expended. That is, if you like perch. And, who in the world doesn't?

Eating fish is something I learned to do at a very early age. My mother, the oldest child of a commercial fisherman who once plied the waters off Point Lookout, was swept into the family cooking duties at an early age.

Like most young girls of the early 1900s, she learned from her mother to cook what food was at hand, and, if it wasn't ducks or geese my grandpa

shot, it was usually fish — any kind of fish.

Armed with such a background, along with a 4-year stint as the apprentice cook for a logging camp that bordered the Bay, it was natural for her to spread her family's table with numerous fish dishes once she married.

And, she couldn't have married better, for my Dad was a fish lover if there ever was one.

Which brings me to the gist of this article.

What is the best-eating fish? And to go one step further, what is the best way to prepare fish?

Only a truly ignorant man would attempt a treatise on such an opinionated subject, so instead, I'll just share some observations picked up during the past 50 years.

My favorite fish is Yellow Perch, deep fried to a golden brown with just enough batter to enhance, but not steal, the flavor.

My mother-in-law, during the "hey-day" of Sebawaing's Old Heidelberg Inn, was a master at producing such a fare.

The Dutch Kettle in Pigeon presently offers a similarly delightful product. But since blood is thicker than water, I rank them a close second.

But I have a brother who thinks the sun rises and sets in a walleye fillet.

Baked, broiled or fried, he will take them over perch any day of the week. And if we were to have a phone-in survey, I'm sure it might end in a tie.

So, it's settled then, perch and walleyes are the best-tasting fish.

Hold on! A statement like that will surely cause my poor Dad to roll over in his grave.

Although, he always used to say, "There is no such thing as a bad tasting fish!" — when push came to shove he would opt for a bowl of pickled herring.

Remember, as a kid, trudging down to Kemp's in Unionville in order to pick up a small barrel of Holland "milk-

ers." Once they reached home, Dad would crack the top off and doctor them up with lots of onions and vinegar.

They were stored in a crock, covered with a cracked dinner plate, which my Dad dipped into at an alarming frequency.

My Mom was a whitefish fan. (Ironically, Sweetwife is baking some as I pound out these lines).

She liked them baked, tacked to a maple board and served with a border of mashed potatoes. She also ranked catfish very high, and made a delightful soup-stew called "Boo-yah."

I also loved catfish, but only the cheeks. Years ago, when I was fulfilling an apprenticeship at a local golf course, the "stag-day" event of the year was the "catfish cheek"

dinner. Several members haunted the Bay Port Fish Company until they had collected enough to satisfy the needs of a hundred hungry golfers.

The first time I tasted them, I was hesitant to say the least, but one bite made me a believer. Try them and you'll agree.

My hunting-fishing buddy, who lives out west, would scoff at the preceding list. I know him well enough that his choice would be cutthroat trout roasting on a spit over an open fire.

When the fish cools enough, he peels off the skin and gnaws the flesh off the bones much like corn-on-the-cob. I hate to say it, but he may be right, especially when those fish come right after a hike in the high country and just before you bed down beneath

the most breath-taking sky you will ever see.

If I had more room I would tell you about steaked pike, salmon spread, fried bluegills, and boiled Lake Trout. The list could go on and on. Maybe my Dad was right after all? When it comes to eating, there's no such thing as a bad fish...

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Legal News Round-Up

Huron County Marriage Licenses

Jarrod Patrick Fitzgibbon and Shiloh Denise Flamington
Terry Lee Thorp and Michele Lynn Bratland
Glenn E. Chandler and Kimberly L. Saver
Denis G. Leitch and Barbara A. Dordineau

Huron County Assumed Names

NO. 7284 C & G RACING, 5150 John-Lynn, Caseville, by William Gorang, same address, filed 12/29/94.
NO. 7285 KIDSKORNERGROUP DAY CARE, 45 Maude St., Elton, by Carol S. Wissner, same address, filed 12/29/94.
NO. 7286 LUCIS STITCH & LACE, 325 S. Second St., Harbor Beach, by Lucia L. Mascolo, same address, filed 12/30/94.
NO. 7287 SEBEWAINGMKT, 536 Pine St., Sebawaing, by Sami Khoury, same address, filed 12/30/94.
NO. 7288 AL'S PAINTING SERVICE, 705 N. Huron Ave., Harbor Beach, by Allen J. Brandow, same address, filed 12/30/94.
NO. 7289 F.J. MESSING & SONS FARM, 7178 Munford Rd., Ruth, by Russell J. Messing, Glen J. Messing, Perry M. Messing, 5140 Eppenbrook Rd., Ruth, filed 1/3/95.
NO. 7290 SANFORD'S MILLING, 215 Thompson Rd., Bad Axe, by William Sanford, Mary Sanford, 180 Main St., Kinde, filed 1/3/95.
DISSOLUTION: KERR INSURANCE AGENCY, Bad Axe, by Robert K. Kerr, filed 1/3/95.
NO. 7291 WOODKE FARMS, 3510 Minden Rd., Port Hope, by Edward W. Woodke, same address, and Jeffrey E. Woodke, 6120 Dobson Rd., Port Hope, filed 1/5/95.
NO. 7292 LUBESKI AND SON EXCAVATING, 4252 S. Van Dyke, Uby, by Darren Lubeski, same address, filed 1/5/95.
NO. 7293 BIG CITY MUSIC, 1289 W. Filion Rd., Filion, by Richard L. Joiner, Chantel J. Joiner, same address, filed, 1/6/95.
NO. 7294 L.T. HURREN & ASSOCIATES, 2560 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, by Loren T. Hurren, same address, filed 1/6/95.
NO. 7296 STEINMAN PAINTING AND DRYWALL SERVICE, 125 N. Hanselman, Bad Axe, by William J. Steinman, same address, filed 1/10/95.

Huron County Divorce Judgments

Glenn E. Chandler vs. Charlene G. Chandler

Tuscola County Marriage Licenses

Roy Joseph Kapp and Jeanne Lynn Parkinson

Rocky Allen VanDorn and Amy-Jo Blakey
Russell Lawrence Underwood and Rhonda Joy Horning
James Cleveland Michael, Jr. and Leona Maxine Brown
Dennis Allen Middleton and Diane Kay Skinner
Daniel Clayburn Story and Tara Lee Barkowska
David Lamont Bouck and Shawn Reneae Glass

SUMMARY OF SEBEWAING TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 1995

Full Text 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.
A letter from Mary Drier commending the library staff on their fine service and cheerfully willing to help their patrons was read.
Mark Werner, Colfax Township Supervisor attended our meeting as an observer.
Board of Review members were sworn in on December 13, 1994 by the clerk. Township residents living on Rescue Road had a discussion with the board about the condition of the road. The board assured them that something would be done about it in the spring.
Fire Chief Kroll stated there was one run this month. The list of officers was presented to the board for approval. The appointed officers will stay as they have been until further discussion about the recommendations is held at the next board meeting.
EMS Coordinator Manary informed the board of various matters concerning the ambulance service.
Supervisor Oeschger, Treasurer Layher and Clerk Fiebig will attend the State Convention of the Michigan Townships Association in Detroit on January 24-27. On a roll call vote, the Michigan Sugar Cost Overrun Resolution was passed. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SHEILA FIEBIG

VILLAGE MANAGER EMPLOYMENT POSITION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Huron Transit Corporation
PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 18 APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE
All citizens are advised that the Huron Transit Corporation has prepared an application for State of Michigan, financial assistance for fiscal year 1996, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, and for Federal Section 18 assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.
Huron is requesting \$322,139 in state operating assistance for general public transit services, \$120,588 for Federal Section 18 operating. Huron is also requesting three replacement buses equipped with wheelchair lifts, and communication and support equipment at an estimated cost of \$429,245, funded jointly through Federal Section 3, ISTEA and 16, (b) 2 grants and State Act 51.
The proposed application is on file at Huron Transit Corporation, 1513 Bad Axe Road, Bad Axe, Michigan, and may be reviewed during a 30-day period ending February 16, 1995, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Written comments are invited on the application. Alternatively, any citizen may request in writing that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic, and environmental effects of these proposals. Written comments or written requests must be received on or before February 16, 1995. Should a hearing be requested, notice of the scheduled date, time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.
Submittals should be mailed to Huron Transit Corporation, 1513 Bad Axe Road, Bad Axe, Michigan.

VILLAGE OF ELKTON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Elkton will be accepting applications for a part-time ambulance billing clerk/deputy village clerk until 4:00 p.m. on January 15, 1995. Hours will be 20-50 per month at \$5.50 an hour.
Applications are available at the clerk's office during regular business hours.

VILLAGE OF PIGEON Special Meeting

The Village of Pigeon held a Special Meeting on Thursday, December 22, 1994. Purpose of the meeting was to finalize information pertaining to DNR Land Grant.
President Geiger called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Members present: Eichler, Miller, Gehrs and Licht. Absent: Smith and Pobanz.
A motion was made by Eichler to borrow funds for six months, in the amount of \$101,000, to purchase the Land Grant Property and when the 75% reimbursement arrives from the DNR, finance the remaining balance over a five-year period. The motion was supported by Gehrs. All ayes. Motion carried.
A motion to adjourn was made by Eichler and supported by Miller. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JANET HECKMAN, clerk

PIGEON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 1995
The regular meeting of the Pigeon Village Council was held on Monday, January 9, 1995. President David Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Eichler, Miller, Gehrs, Smith, Pobanz and Licht. Absent: none.
A motion was made by Licht to approve the minutes of the December 12, 1994 meeting. The motion was supported by Pobanz. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Gehrs to approve the minutes of the December 22, 1994 Special Meeting. The motion was supported by Licht. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Gehrs to accept the Police Operations Report for December. The motion was supported by Miller. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Eichler to revoke the remaining years of Industrial Facility personal property exemptions of Pigeon Manufacturing Co. at December 30, 1995. The motion was supported by Licht. Motion carried.
A Public Hearing was held regarding the Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate presented to Council by Huron Casting. It was noted that the entire project cost of \$3,100,000.00 will be over a period of the next few years. It is expected that a total of 50 jobs will be created within two years of the project completion.
A motion was made by Licht to grant the IFE request of Huron Casting in the amount of \$3,100,000.00 for a period of 12 years. The motion was supported by Pobanz. All ayes. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Eichler to approve the Accounts Payable for December. The motion was supported by Smith. Motion carried.
Representatives from S.L.C. Meter Co. presented Council with information on meters sold by their company. The Village was offered an opportunity to purchase a quantity of meters at a reduced rate. No decisions were made by Council.
A motion to adjourn was made by Eichler and supported by Pobanz. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JANET HECKMAN, clerk

REGULAR MEETING CASEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

January 3, 1995
Unapproved Minutes
Meeting called to order by Supervisor Joseph Cicic at 7:30 p.m.
Roll call by the clerk indicated the following members present: Michael Quinn, Jerry Cicic, Margaret Barton, Rose Marie Spies, Joseph Cicic.
Motion to accept the minutes of the December 5, 1994 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.
Motion to pay the bills. Motion carried.
Motion by 21 residents of Beach Heights Subdivision, requesting street lights be placed at the corner of Caseville Road and Hillcrest Dr. and Woodhill Dr. An approximate cost of \$270.00 to install each light, \$22.50 per household. Approximate electrical fee of \$12.00 per light per month, total cost approximately \$42.00 per household per year. Twenty-one signatures on petition representing nineteen homes.
The township will pay the monthly electrical fee and bill the subdivision in April of each year. Motion carried.
Supervisor Cicic will contact Steve Harmon at Detroit Edison Co. to make the necessary arrangements for having the lights installed.
Michael Quinn mentioned the light is out on the corner of M-25 and Legion Dr. Mr. Cicic will report this matter also.
Attorney David Watts, representing Jeanette E. Beadle, proprietor and developer of Beadle Bay Subdivision III, located in Caseville Township, sent a letter to building inspector Joseph Cicic, requesting that according to the recorded restrictions for Beadle Bay Subdivision III, "No building or portion of a building can be moved or placed on a lot without the permission of the subdivision proprietors, their heirs or assigns."
Motion to comply with the above request and to not issue any building permits for any building or portion of a building in Beadle Bay Subdivision III until Jeanette E. Beadle provides the permit applicant with her written permission for said building or portion of a building. Motion carried.
A copy of the deed restrictions will be attached to the minutes.
Motion to appoint licensed contractor William Taylor to sit on the Caseville Township Construction Board of Appeals. Motion carried.
The Village of Caseville placed an ad in the local paper requesting bids on a Public Address System for the Board Room to be shared by both governments. One bid was received from William Stoecker of Bad Axe offering 6 microphones, 6 microphone stands, cable, two speakers, amplifier, two transformers, recording device and labor at a cost of \$2,299.31. Pam Stahl contacted three or four customers of Mr. Stoecker and found they were all very satisfied with his product.
Motion to table this matter until the February Board Meeting and in the meantime study the technical specifications. Motion carried.
A complete copy of the minutes on file in the Township Office.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROSE MARIE SPIES

CASEVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 9, 1995
Regular meeting of the Caseville Village Council.
Unapproved minutes.
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Malosky.
Roll call: Kraft, DiVincenzo, Guster, Kunding, Williams, Malosky, Hewlett.
Motion to approve the December 12, 1994 regular council meeting minutes. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 1994 Public Hearing (water rates). Motion carried.
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 1994 Public Hearing (property sales/exchanges). Motion carried.
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 1994 (village manager). Motion carried.
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 1994 special meeting. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 1994 executive session. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 29, 1994 special meeting. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the transfer list. Motion carried.
Resolution 95-1 to pay bills. Resolution carried.
Building inspectors' annual report and monthly report.
Correspondence:
Manager's report.
Resolution 95-8 to appoint Joe Cicic as the Caseville representative to the 911 board. Resolution carried.
Motion to have the information on the laundromat's 10/1/94 billing presented to the water committee before any adjustments are brought to council for approval. Roll call: ayes-Kraft, DiVincenzo, Williams, nays-Guster, Kunding. Motion carried.
Motion to amend the village employee's policy regarding the "use of village vehicles." Motion carried.
Resolution 95-2 authorizing village president to sign the documents at the closing for the Oak Pointe property. Resolution carried.
Public comments:
New business:
Motion to set a public hearing for February 13, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. for 1995-1996 budget review. Motion carried.
Resolution 95-3 to approve the two-mile levy request from the DDA for the 1995-1996 fiscal year. Resolution carried.
Motion to reject the bids for installation of a sound system in the conference room, in the best interest of the village. Motion carried.
Resolution 95-5 to authorize the Huron County EDC office to submit a notice of intent to the U.S. Department of Commerce, for infrastructure, up to a maximum of \$250,000, as requested by the Historical Society. No cash outlay for the village. It is further resolved that Malosky be authorized to sign the notice of intent on behalf of the village. Resolution carried.
Resolution 95-7 authorizing Malosky to sign an application to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, 1995 Equity Program, in the amount of \$25,000; no matching funds required from the village. Application fee to be paid by the Historical Society. Roll call: ayes-Williams, Kraft, Guster, DiVincenzo, nays-Kunding. Resolution carried.
Council comments:
Resolution 95-9 to reimburse Malosky for expenses related to Saginaw Bay Watershed Council meeting attendance. Resolution carried.
Motion to set a committee of the whole meeting for January 12, 1995 at 4:00 p.m., to discuss the capital improvement schedule for the 1995-1996 fiscal year. Motion carried.
Motion to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.
A complete copy of the minutes are on file in the village office.
LORI HEWLETT,
Village Clerk

Western Thumb Sports Report

Lakers win, lose

By AMY HEIDEN
The Lakers got their first taste of basketball league action last week, and they found out what everyone in the Thumb has suspected.

The Thumb C Conference, both divisions, is as balanced as any in recent years. On any given night, any team can put away a win.

First up were the Pioneers of Croswell-Lexington, who fell to the Lakers 67-54.

The Lakers jumped out to an early 20-7 first quarter lead. But the Pioneers came back to within four by halftime.

Seth Maust scored 15 of the Lakers' 21 fourth-quarter points to propel his team to the win.

Maust ended the game with 32 points, while Heath Krohn added 16.

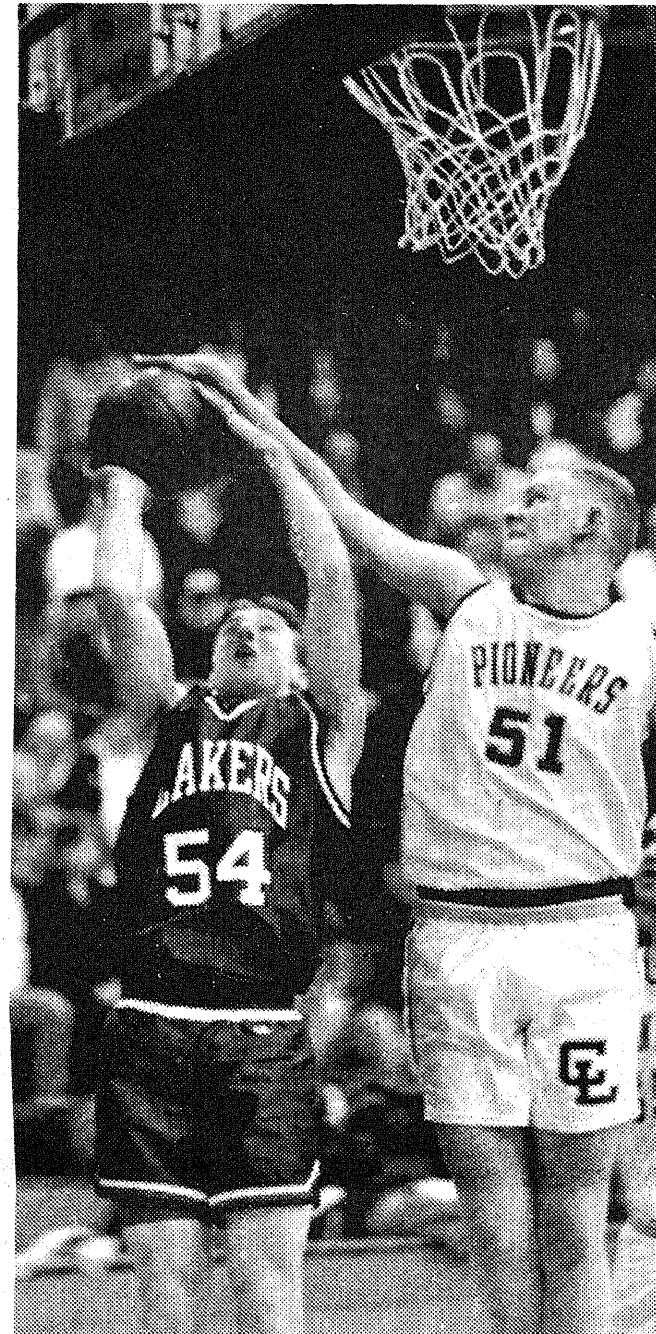
But on Friday, the Lakers traveled to Cass City and found their task a bit more difficult. The Red Hawks handed the Lakers a 52-38 loss, only their second of the year, their first in league play.

Both teams played evenly throughout the first two quarters, with the Hawks leading 22-20 at halftime. But then the Hawks broke it open in the third, holding the Lakers to a paltry three points in the quarter.

Again, Maust had a great fourth quarter, scoring 12 of his team's 15 final-quarter points.

Maust scored 16 points to lead the Lakers, while Eric Gurdy had 11.

They now have a 6-2 overall record, 1-1 in the TCC Na-



FIGHTING FOR BALL: Lakers' Timothy Russell competes with Cros-Lex's Eric West. **AMY HEIDEN PHOTO**

tional Division.

JUNIOR VARSITY: The Laker JV team lost to Cros-Lex 47-32. J.D. Wheeler and Scott Lundberg each scored

seven points for the Lakers.

On Friday, they fell to Cass City 40-31, with Matt Otto delivering 15 points. Their record is now 2-6.

CHS loses to N-H

The Caseville Eagles went up against the North Huron Warriors Friday, in their only basketball game of the week, but came up short.

The Warriors won the game 69-41 in the North Central Thumb D League game.

The Warriors came out pressing and got out to an early 17-6 lead.

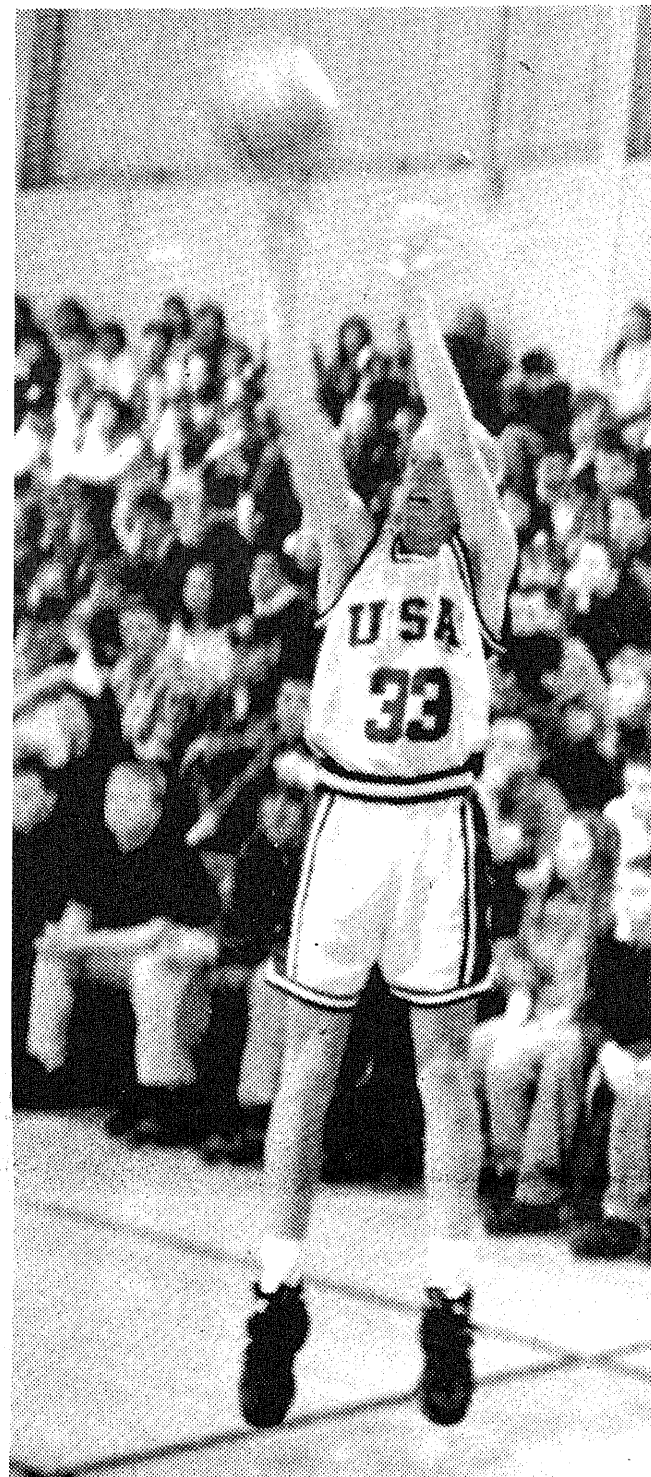
"They came out pressing, but once we broke that press, we got some points," said Eagles Coach Mike Remar.

The Eagles got to within eight points before halftime, but once the two teams came back out after the break, the Warriors' press once again rattled the Eagles.

Doug Smith led the Eagles with 13 points, with Aaron Britt getting 12 and Nick Bednorek adding eight.

CASEVILLE'S AARON BRITT aims for two, in last week's game against North Huron.

KATHY MEYER PHOTO



USA'S JESSE KARLS shoots during the Reese game. He ended the night with eight points. **AARON GROTH PHOTO**

Pats fall to Reese

By AMY HEIDEN
The USA Patriots tried every trick in the book to slow down the undefeated Reese Rockets, in their only basketball game of the week last Tuesday.

But the Rockets had a few tricks of their own and came out on top 56-49.

"I was pleased with the way the guys played, but I was disappointed that we couldn't put it away at the end," said Coach John Manninen.

Reese held a slim lead at the end of the first quarter, and by halftime had a 24-20 advantage.

The Patriots continued to trail through the third, but in the fourth, began to chip away at the Rockets' lead. It became a free throw shooting contest, with Reese failing to connect, ending up with 13 of 21.

But even though they couldn't get the ball through the hoop, they got the rebounds and capitalized on that advantage.

"They press all over the floor and they're quick," Manninen said. "But we have enough quickness to stay with that. We're not as deep, but we're as quick as they are. And we held them to only three the entire game."

Matt Kuhl led the Patriots with 22 points, including nine of 10 free throws. Jesse Karls and Jason Cleveland each had eight.

JUNIOR VARSITY: The JV team defeated Reese 63-48. Eric Kell scored 19 points, while Jim Andros had 15 and Dan Sweetman had eight.

Their record now stands at a perfect 7-0.

Lady Lakers ranked fifth in state

The Lakers volleyball team traveled to Portage on Jan. 7 to participate in what is called the most competitive volleyball tournament in the state.

The Lakers were one of only three Class C teams at the tourney, with the other two, Parchment and Concord, also being ranked in the top 10.

The Lakers began the day playing host Class A state champion Portage Northern and came up short 1-15, 7-15.

Next opponent was Class B Dearborn Annapolis, where the Lakers prevailed 15-9, 15-2. During power pool play, the Lakers faced Concord and lost in three games, 16-14, 9-15, 11-15.

They then met Class B powerhouse Comstock and lost 13-15, 3-15.

In elimination bracket play, the Lakers' first opponent was Class A Kalamazoo Loy Norrix and the Lakers won 16-14, 15-10. They again faced Concord in their last match of the day, a contest that was highlighted by three very competitive games. The results were disappoint-

ing as the Lakers lost the match 15-5, 10-15, 10-15. The results for the day showed the Laker girls losing in the semi-finals of the silver division.

"The work on hitting that we did during the week paid off last weekend," Coach Sue Frederiksen said.

Individual statistics for the day showed Michelle Bolda with 41 setting assists, 17 attack receptions and six service aces. Nicole Kolar had 34 attack receptions and five

service aces. Betsy Drury had 63 kills, 15 setting assists, 17 attack receptions, and seven blocks. Julie Esch had 15 kills, 14 service aces and six blocks.

Kristen Damm had nine kills and nine blocks. Angie Weidman had nine kills and 21 blocks. Casey McLellan had 13 kills, 23 attack receptions and four service aces. Jody Herbert had 14 attack receptions and three service aces. Sarah Krebs had

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NOTICE

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:
1 Member to fill vacancy, term ending April, 1997

HOUSING COMMISSION:
1 Member

PLANNING COMMISSION:
4 Members

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 February 15th.

Lady Pats start season

In the USA Patriots' only game of the week, the volleyball team won the first of their matches against Reese, but then came up short in the final three matches to lose the game 15-13, 7-15, 9-15, 3-15.

"We played decently in the one we won, but we didn't

attack very well in the others," said Coach Roger Remar.

Jody Kemp and **Linda Davila** each had eight kills, and **Melanie Spannagel** and **Janelle Keyser** each served eight aces.

The Patriots are 0-1 in the league and 1-12 overall.

LADY LAKERS

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six kills and nine blocks, and Rebecca Kolar had four blocks.

ON THURSDAY evening, the Lakers completely dominated league opponent Crowell-Lexington, winning three game 15-2, 15-4, 15-8. All team members saw considerable playing time, and all contributed to the first league victory of the year.

Frederiksen's squad used a wide open offensive attack and also negated the Cros-Lex attack with a quick defense.

Nicole Kolar had a kill, four

Bowl

ELKTON THURS. LADIES 1/12

Haist Flowers 4
Elkton Food Center 3
Ron's Party Store 1

Echelon Kennels 0
High team game and series: Haist Flowers 1807 (636).

High individual scores: M.A. Finkbeiner 524 (216).

Splits: 7-8 J. Rogers; 5-10 G. MacDowell.

THURSDAY NITERS
Pigeon Lanes 1/12

Gerry's Distrib. 10
Michigan Directory 9
Lee's Landscaping 7

Clark Hardware 4
J&B Plg. & Htg. 3
Village Barber 3

High team series and game: Clark Hardware 2196 (782), J&B Plg. & Htg. 2175 (796), Gerry's Distributing 2156 (807).

High individual scores: E. Gunden 518 (195), G. Smith 496 (203), A. Albrecht 481 (176), N. Lixie 479 (202), D. Swartzdruber 466 (200), H. Thick 461, J. Gotts 461 (184), G. Gunden 187, P. Heintz 171.

Splits: 5-6 J. Wolfram; 2-7 D. Swartzdruber, A. Buschlen; 3-10 J. Wolfram, C. Damm, B. Smith, K. Fritz (2).

Five consec. strikes: G. Smith.

WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES
Sebewaing 1/11/95

Michigan Sugar 17
Mr. B's Frame 12
Sporty's 10

Sebe. Tool & Engr. 10
Nitz Valve Hdwe. 10
Kaufhold Agency 9

See and Sea 9
Sebewaing Lanes 7

High team series and game: Mr. B's Frame Shoppe 2486-890.

High individual series and game: C. Tascinar 544-212, L. Engelhardt 536-189, N. Jgetiek 516-198, G. Vasquez 503-174, H. Krauss 501-217, S. Lutz 489-201, C. Stoeckle 474-189, B. Schamber & S. Buschlen 187, S. Gremel 184, N. Anker 177, B. Gremel 172, J. Smith 171.

Splits: N. Anker & L. Ackerman 2-7, D. Sonntag, L. Engelhardt & Le Folman 3-10, J. Marker 4-5, L. Eberlein 2-6-10 & 6-6, D. Haist 5-6 & 5-7.

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attack receptions and four aces. Bolda had two kills and nine setting assists. Drury had 10 kills, five setting assists and three aces. Weidman had three kills and five blocks.

McLellan had three kills and four aces. Damm had three kills and three blocks. Esch had three kills and two blocks.

The Laker Varsity Volleyball Team competed in the Mitten Bay Classic Invitational at Saturday, Jan. 14 at Bay City Central. The Lakers posted a perfect 8-0 record in pool play.

In the first match, the Lakers were paired against Class A Saginaw Heritage and the Lakers prevailed 15-4 and 15-7. In the second match the Lakers downed Class C Wiltmore-PreSCOtt 15-11 and 15-3.

The Lakers then faced Class B Essexville-Carber and won 15-5 and 15-7. The Lakers' last opponent in pool play was Class A Mt. Pleasant and again, the Lakers were successful 15-13 and 15-3.

In the elimination round the Lakers' first opponent was Class B perennial powerhouse Pinconning. The Lakers won the first game 15-13, but lost games two and three, 9-15 and 8-15.

Coach Sue Frederiksen says, "Overall I am extremely pleased with our play. We are giving 100% as a team. We are beginning to look like a state-caliber team."

"Nicole played excellent defense. Michelle had a good day setting the ball. Betsy's hitting was good. Casey had a good day serving. Jody's defensive play is definitely

improving. Overall, I'm excited to see us come together as a team."

Individual highlights for the day included Betsy Drury with 38 kills, 31 assists, 10 service aces and 33 blocks. Michelle Bolda had nine kills, 57 assists and one service ace.

Nicole Kolar had three kills, 37 attack receptions and four service aces. Casey McLellan had 13 kills, four service aces and 20 blocks. Julie Esch had 15 kills, seven aces and 13

blocks. Angie Weidman had 15 kills, two service aces and 34 blocks. Kristen Damm had eight kills and seven blocks. Jody Herbert had 11 attack receptions and four service aces. Sarah Krebs had four kills and 20 blocks. Rebecca Kolar had five blocks.

In addition, Betsy Drury was selected to the all-tournament team.

The Lakers' record stands at 13 wins and seven losses.

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Parcel 2:

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Down Memory Lane

From The Pages Of The Sebewaing Blade

60 YEARS AGO JAN. 18, 1935

Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple will be laid today. Clyde Donald, Grand Chaplain, and Ben Henson, past Grand Master, both of Bay City, will participate in ceremonies.

Members of Stammitz-Lindeman American Legion Post held their second annual rabbit and chicken supper Monday night at Legion Hall. F.J. Eisengruber, Bay Port, Seventh District committeeman, introduced speakers. Otto Sr. Amidt, Bay Port, is post commander.

Officers of Sebewaing Gas & Oil Co., will be J.E. Konkle president, O.F. Armbruster vice-president, Otto Eisengruber secretary-treasurer. Other board members are F. Schweitzer and A.C. Eberlein.

Jordan Eisengruber of Sebewaing last week opened his new drug store in Bad Axe.

50 YEARS AGO JAN. 19, 1945

Carl Fiebig, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fiebig, has

earned a commission as Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Intelligence Service in the European Theater of Operations. Sgt. Joseph Laux, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Laux, Brookfield Township, is missing in action in France since Dec. 21.

Elsie Neuman and Florence Brandenburgh left Sunday for a trip to Los Angeles, CA.

40 YEARS AGO JAN. 20, 1955

Jacob Deeg has just been notified that is one of two Michigan men to win a new 1955 Ford in a contest staged by Ford Motor Company.

A dream of new uniforms, conceived a year ago by Unionville Band Boosters Club, will come true at 8 p.m. Tuesday when a band concert will dedicate the new uniforms. Band director is Arthur Eberlein.

Total assets in Farmers and Merchants State Bank increased from \$3.29 million in 1953 to \$3.53 million in 1954.

The new 180HP V-8, 2-door Pontiac 860 is advertised at \$2,299.

30 YEARS AGO JAN. 21, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hartsell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 24, with an open house at the home of the Hartsells' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Schneider of Sebewaing announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lee, to James W. Engelhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Engelhardt, also of Sebewaing.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schuch of Sebewaing announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Gary Ricker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ricker, Jr. of Owendale.

Don Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gregory of Sebewaing was elected president of the Huron County 4-H Service Club in Bad Axe.

20 YEARS AGO JAN. 23, 1975

Theodore L. Liken, 54, longtime mail carrier, passed away Jan. 15. He is survived by his widow, Florence, two daughters and a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fiebig on Wednesday, Jan. 15, a daughter, Kourtney Donel.

10 YEARS AGO JAN. 22, 1985

Sometime late Tuesday, the Sebewaing plant of Michigan Sugar Co. packed the 1984-85 campaign's 100-millionth pound of sugar, according to company spokesman Eric Flegenheimer.

Plans for the seventh annual Sebewaing Snow Festival are moving into high gear, with just 18 days left.

Bruce Kuhl, Sebewaing area farmer and Huron County Commissioner, was elected chairman of the Greater Saginaw Bay Fishing Consortium in Bay City recently.

FFA and 4-H Prestige Growers received portable cassette players for their outstanding performance during the past year. Winners are Brian Maust, son of Erma and Glenn

Maust of Bay Port, Annette Engelhard, daughter of Betty and Lavern Engelhard of Unionville, and Tim Louis, son of Carol and Lynn Louis of Unionville.

Dale Bolzman, area native of Sebewaing, is the new owner of Jack O. Lee Realty Co., Sebewaing. He is an eight year employee of the real estate brokerage company and has managed the firm for the past two years.

From The Pages Of The Unionville Crescent

75 YEARS AGO JAN. 16, 1920

Peter Hyzer, Ashmore merchant, died Thursday.

E.O. Babcock purchased the farm in Unionville of Mr. Fitzgerald which was formerly the Perry Marshall property.

Miss Alma Satow entertained 57 young people, including her high school class-

mates, last Thursday evening in honor of her 17th birthday anniversary.

65 YEARS AGO JAN. 17, 1930

Alice Hovey who has been home because of a broken ankle has returned to school. Roland Russell went to Flint Sunday to look for work. Nature doesn't seem so

grand when you observe some of the people to whom she entrusts the duties of parenthood.

55 YEARS AGO JAN. 19, 1940

Roswell Surine is planning to operate a sawmill at the farm of Arthur Beatenhead, south and west of town. Franklin Kolb our popular postmaster, left Wednesday for Florida in company with Harold Bell of Akron.

John Linzner has received his honorable discharge from the Army Air Corp and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Linzner. Blase Hoffenberger and Herbert Strieter, Jr. have passed their first exams for the Navy and expect to take their second tests this month.

Fred Spangler of near Sebewaing has rented the Leorie Demo farm.

45 YEARS AGO JAN. 20, 1950

Mrs. Henry Roller won the washing machine given away Thursday at the T.K. Schmidt and Son grand opening.

Strong winds blowing Friday and Saturday blew down the east wall of Veteran's Memorial Hall. The storm on the preceding Tuesday blew down the west and north walls. All that remained standing of the 30 foot high structure was the lower 10 feet and the brick work front.

35 YEARS AGO JAN. 21, 1960

1960 Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow in Unionville High School is

senior Connie Roller. Lots of cases of flu reported here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gall of Unionville announce the engagement of their Carol Mae to John J. Bolger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bolger of Sebewaing.

Melissa Cochran was a guest of Larry Lindenberg at the Military Ball at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

25 YEARS AGO JAN. 22, 1970

Members of Unionville High School's new Pep Band are Anita Stoll, Vickie Collon, Ed Skirlo, Margie Kuch, Candy Irion, Bethany Prime, Janice Schlicker, Sandy Eulich, Buddy Moore, Tim Schmidt, John Jacoby, Holly Cartwright, Pat McLaren and Kathy Irion.

A son, Kyle Charles, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ewald Jan. 14.

Unionville students visiting Mayville High Friday on high school student exchange day were Barbara Heidt freshman, Rick Collett sophomore, Patty Balzer junior and Chuc, Pdykowski senior.

15 YEARS AGO JAN. 23, 1980

Dona Strieter, R.N. of Unionville, has been named administrator at Provincial House nursing facility in Cass City. The monthly meeting of the USA Patriot Boosters was held Jan. 16 with nine persons present. Where are all the Boosters?

A surprise birthday party honoring Mrs. Frances Ackerman Jan. 13 was attended by her children, grandchild-

dren and great-grandchildren.

Peggy Ondrajka was elected a trustee of Unionville Moravian Church at the annual council meeting. She is the first woman to be elected to the congregation's board of trustees.

From The Pages Of The Pigeon Progress & Elkton Advance

70 YEARS AGO JAN. 16, 1925

A double wedding was held at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, Friday when Miss Freda Trost and Miss Martha Trost, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trost, became the brides of Frederick Schulze and August Koehler.

George Schuefelt has purchased the Chris Hackett farm south and east of Owendale. Pigeon Community Club met Friday and H.B. Harder and Dr. Fritz were program chairmen. Speakers included Mayor John J. Murdoch, The new club quartet, the "Neophytes," composed of William and Jacob Schumacher, William Schluchter and Herb Haist, gave several selections.

60 YEARS AGO JAN. 18, 1935

Directors elected at the stockholders meeting of People's Oil & Gas Co. were Walter MacAdams, Caseville; Harry Scott, Owendale and J.E. Wurm, Sebewaing. An eight percent dividend had been declared.

The 1-1/4 miles of road running west from the George Gardner corner, McKinley Twp., is being widened and graded. This will bring the road to the Scenic Highway. The road had been only a

trail. Labor is being supplied by the F.E.R.A.

Officers elected by the Pigeon Farmers Union were: Otto Passow, Carl Sting, Abe Ruby, Peter Niebauer, Alfred Deichman, Edward Sturm, Sr., William Limberger and John Frank.

50 YEARS AGO JAN. 19, 1945

Six buildings belonging to Bay Port Fish Co. and four buildings, the property of R.L. Gillingham Fishing Co., were completely destroyed by fire Jan. 15. The fire was discovered in some nets by the watchmen, Fred Fluette, about 7:30 p.m. Seven fire companies fought the blaze. Bay Port Fish Co. loss is about \$35,000 and Gillingham Fishing Co. loss is about \$125,000 and Gillingham Fishing Co. loss is about \$35,000. Individuals losing personal property in the fire included William Kohr, Lee Dutcher, John Lobdell, Dan Wideman, Rollie Petty and Fred Fluette. Both companies plan to rebuild.

40 YEARS AGO JAN. 13, 1955

Ed Oeschger, Bay Port was re-elected president and Ed Stoockle, Bay Port, secretary-treasurer of the county group of Michigan Livestock Exchange. Area delegates

The Newsweekly — Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1995 — Page 23 elected to the state annual meeting were Carl Stein, Wes Kretzschmer and John Christner, Pigeon; Walter Schuetz, Elkton; Lester Otto, Roland Bean, Art Terrill, Wes and Ed Oeschger and Ed Stoockle, Bay Port; Roy Gremel and Frank Gettel, Sebewaing.

Aaron Gettel has been on the dean's list at MSC during his freshman and sophomore years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heiman, Pigeon, were surprised Sunday when about 40 relatives honored them on their 40th wedding anniversary.

30 YEARS AGO JAN. 14, 1965

A 24-hour Boy Scout camp-out for Caseville's Troop 97 was held at Sleeper State Park with Mohawk, Bobcat and Beaver patrols represented. Initiated into the scouts were Jeffrey Stegwert, David Poisson, Pat Nicholl, Charles Stahl, Don Cleaver, Bruce Kingsbury, Paul Morgan, Robert Johnson and Roy Langley. They were accompanied by Edward Kobylski, Gerald Eimers and Gus DeSlover. New officers elected by St. Francis Borgia Altar Society, Pigeon, are Mrs. Riley Quinn, Mrs. Chris Gayari, Mrs. Joseph McArdis, Jr., Mrs. Reilly Thiel and Mrs. Bertha Butsch.

20 YEARS AGO JAN. 16, 1975

Erroll Davis, 74, owner of Sebewaing Lumber Co. until he retired in 1972, died Jan. 12. Surviving are his wife, one son and two daughters. Gettel Implement Co., Pigeon, will present "Farming Frontiers '75," a film program

10 YEARS AGO JAN. 9, 1985

Postal lock box customers were greeted with brand new boxes that don't need combinations anymore — just a key. A weekend of "snow fun" is in store for area residents as Pigeon gears up for its annual Winter Carnival Jan. 25-27. Representatives from Caseville Township and Village will meet Thursday to continue discussions of operating a joint police department for more efficient local law enforcement.

Pigeon Chamber of Commerce will discuss methods of revitalizing small town business districts at its annual meeting Jan. 16. Robert and Laura Allen, Sebewaing, are proud parents of the Western Thumb's first baby born in 1985. They and big sister Jaymie greeted new baby girl Robbi Lynn, Jan. 3.

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Thumb Area Obituaries

RAYMOND PARTLO 1916-1995

Raymond Partlo, 78 of Akron, died Jan. 5 at his winter home in Palmetto, Fla., following a lengthy illness.
Mr. Partlo was born Sept. 15, 1916, son of William and Mamie (Harrington) Partlo.
He was graduated from Akron Public School and later purchased his own farm on Ringle Road, which he and his wife operated until retirement. Upon selling his farm, he purchased a home in Akron, just three blocks away.
He was married to Beth Dolores Tobias on June 28, 1939, in Akron, and she predeceased him on Oct. 5, 1987. Later he was married to June Miller in Caro United Methodist Church on Oct. 14, 1989, and she survives him.
Mr. Partlo was an avid bowler and an active member of Akron United Methodist Church where he served as usher. He was known for his volunteerism as an active member of the Akron community. He was a member of Akron Rotary Club where he had perfect attendance for eight consecutive years, and he was a trustee of Tuscola County Farm Bureau. Upon retirement, he and Mrs. Partlo wintered in Florida.
Surviving besides his wife June are one son and wife, Richard and Sandra Partlo of Akron, two daughters and husband, Joyce and David Loomis of Cass City and Mona Lee Partlo of Santa Rosa, CA.; two sisters, Nina (Lloyd) Haynes of Mt. Morris and Norma (Harold) Bell of Akron, eight grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.
Besides his first wife Beth, he was predeceased by two brothers, Gerald and Carlyle, and one sister, Alma.
The funeral service was held Monday afternoon, Jan. 9, in Akron Methodist Church with Rev. Calvin Blue of Caro Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Democrat Cemetery, Akron. Briggs-Trenary Funeral Home, Akron, was in charge of funeral arrangements.
Those wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider Akron Methodist Church, Bay Shore Camp or Akron Rotary Club.

ROBERT DALE MARTIN, JR. 1965-1995

Robert Dale "Robb" Martin, Jr., 29, former Sebawaing resident, died in a two-car accident in Vienna Township, Montmorency County, west of Atlanta, Tuesday night, Jan. 10. County sheriff officers said snow-covered conditions on M-52 were a contributing factor in the crash that occurred while the young former sailor was on his way to work.
He was born Jan. 27, 1965, in Bay City and lived with his parents in Sebawaing until 1988 when he joined the U.S. Navy. He served three years on the USS Midway, which was based in Japan. His tour of duty included serving in Operation Desert Storm.
On Sept. 14, 1991, he was married to Patricia Ann Milka and they made their home in Gaylord. She survives him, along with his son, Robert Anthony Martin, born Aug. 6, 1994. Robb was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Gaylord.
His family members include his parents, Robert D. and Patricia A. Martin, Sr. of Sebawaing, his parents-in-law, Arthur J. and Shirley L. Milka of Bay City, grandparents, Myron and Grace Grant of Royal Oak, sister-in-law, Diane (Lance) Middleton of Ansbach, Germany, two brothers-in-law, Michael (Deborah) Milka of Portage and David Milka of Saginaw, a nephew, Christopher M. Middleton of Ansbach, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.
The funeral liturgy was celebrated Jan. 14, in St. Stanislaus Church, Bay City. Interment followed in St. Stanislaus Cemetery Arrangements were by W. A. Trahan Funeral Chapel, Bay City.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Robert Anthony Martin Education Fund.

ORVILLE L. EIDT 1902 - 1995

Orville L. Eidt, 92 of Pigeon, passed away Sunday, Jan. 15 at Four Seasons Healthcare Center in Bad Axe.
He was born in Elktion on June 17, 1902, son of the late Solomon and Mary Ann (Ort) Eidt. He was united in marriage on March 18, 1925 to Bernice L. Schiele in Elktion. She survives him.
Mr. Eidt was a 1921 graduate of Elktion High School and then attended college in Naperville, Ill. He owned an auto repair garage in Owendale for a few years, prior to joining Michigan Bean Company in 1928. He was named manager in 1956 and retired on June 30, 1964. He spent his retirement years living on Sand Point, enjoying gardening, fishing and travel.
Mr. Eidt was a former member of the Owendale Village Council, as well as past secretary of the Owendale School Board. He was also a former member of the Owendale Lions Club, the Elktion Senior Citizens and the Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon.
His survivors include his wife, Bernice; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine "Marge" (William) Parker of Clawson; a son and daughter-in-law, Clark (Barbara) Eidt of Sebawaing; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a sister, Hilda Deann of Florida.
He was preceded in death by three brothers, Norman, William and Earl Eidt and three sisters, Lillian Buesch, Esther Miller and Verda Knechtel.
Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. from the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Robert J. Freysinger will officiate with burial in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.
Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2 p.m. until the time of service at 7:30 p.m.
Memorials may be made by Bay Shore Camp, Sebawaing.

MILDRED M. BROWN 1909 - 1995

Mildred Maxine Brown, 85 of Bay Port, passed away Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.
Mildred M. Harder was born in Pigeon on Dec. 27, 1909, daughter of the late Nathaniel and Cathrine (Pincumb) Harder. She was united in marriage on May 12, 1931 to Sanford A. Brown in Pigeon. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1986. Mr. Brown was former Treasurer of the State of Michigan.
Mrs. Brown was a homemaker throughout her lifetime. She was a member of the Bay Port Historical Society and the Bay Port Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, as well as a former volunteer with the American Red Cross while living in Lansing.
Her survivors include her son, Lowell S. Brown, Bay Port; a daughter-in-law, Delphine Brown Collier, Bay Port; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by a son, Royce Brown on Dec. 11, 1972; a grandson, Robert Brown on Aug. 22, 1985; two sisters, Lottie Harder and Beatrice Pariseau and a brother, Melvin Harder.
Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. from the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Elder Ervin Haley of the Bay Port RLDS Church will officiate with burial in the New Bay Port Cemetery.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Bay Port RLDS Church.
Visitation will continue at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home on Tuesday from 8 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m.

WALLACE A. PUROL 1926 - 1995

Wallace A. "Wally" Puro, 68 of Bad Axe, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.
He was born in Detroit on July 30, 1926, son of the late Alexander and Anna (Korolowski) Puro. Mr. Puro served in the U.S. Army in Japan during World War II.
His survivors include five sisters, Irene Allington of Port Austin, Beatrice (Richard) Krueger of Oscoda, Genevieve (Rick) Traskie of Sterling Heights, Leona Prom of Port Austin and Kathryn (Conrad) Talbert of Shelby Twp.; a brother, Leonard Puro of St. Clair Shores and several nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by a sister, Theresa.
The family received relatives and friends on Friday, Jan. 13 at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Other Thumb Area deaths

Dr. Edward Draves, 85, Orlando, Fla., formerly of Oak Beach, passed away Jan. 5.
Iva Rapson, 86, Bad Axe, passed away Jan. 6.
Bertha Campbell, 84, Bad Axe, passed away Jan. 6.
Elvera Lawitzke, 76, Port Hope, passed away Jan. 6.
Doris Kinney, 69, Bingham Township, passed away Jan. 8.
Florence Farrelly, 64, Uby, passed away Jan. 8.
Constance Abraham, 82, Harbor Beach, passed away Jan. 8.
Elvera Pacholke, 92, Statesboro, Ga., formerly of Harbor Beach, passed away Jan. 8.
Mary Rodriguez, 92, Pontiac, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Jan. 8.
Dorothy Korleski, 74, Grosse Pointe Woods, formerly of Port Austin, passed away Jan. 9.
David Osentowski, 96, Uby, passed away Jan. 9.
Diane Eggert, 40, Port Hope, passed away Jan. 10.
Wallace Puro, 68, Bad Axe, passed away Jan. 11.

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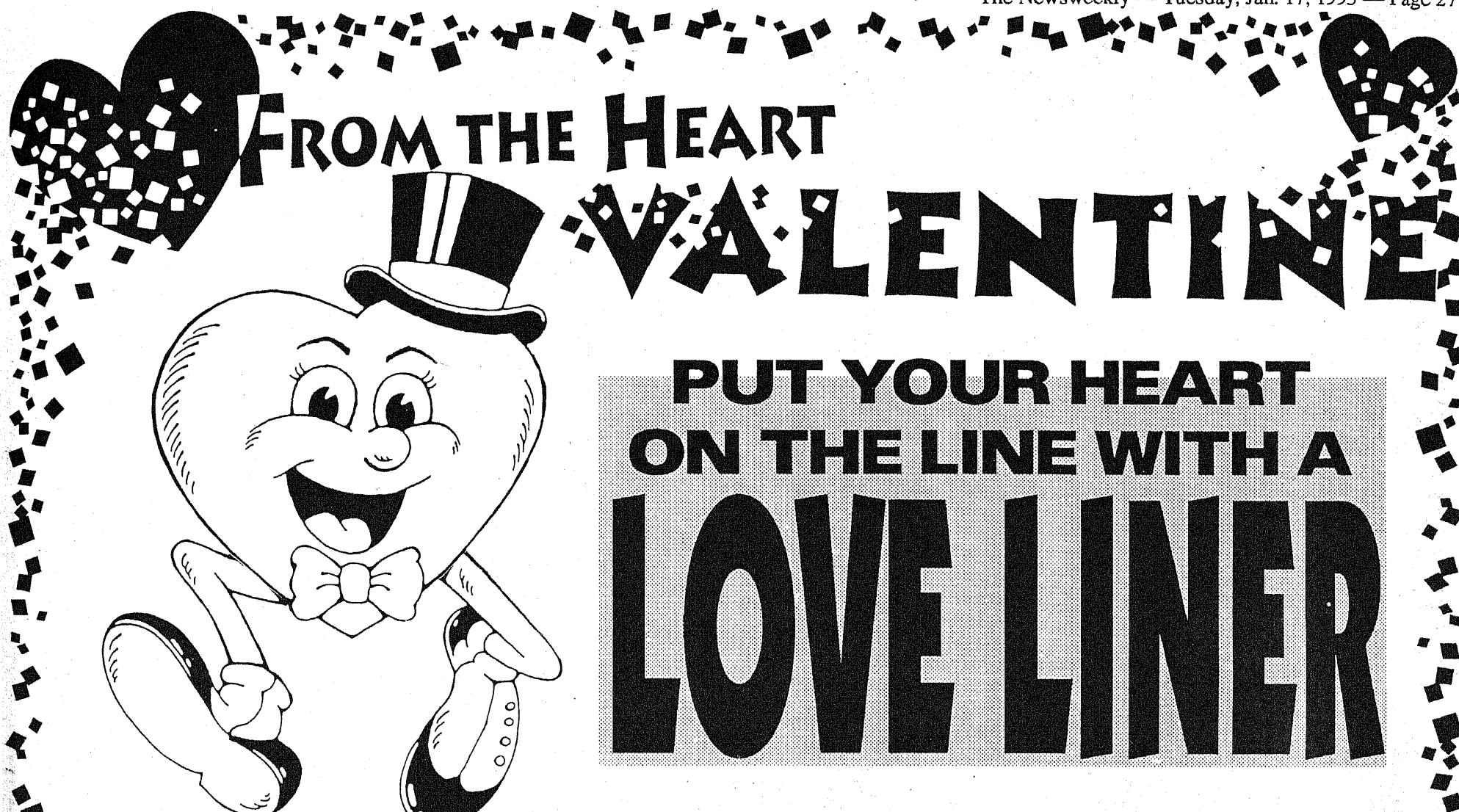
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WE WISH TO THANK all our relatives, neighbors and friends for their kindness shown us during the loss of our loved one. Thank-you for the memorials, floral pieces, cards and the food which was brought in. Thank-you to Pastor Walsh, Sandy and Warren Juengel, Owen Wissner, Uncle Art Nitz for singing the song "Take thou my hands and lead me", the pallbearers, Faye Erer for playing the organ, the Ladies Aid for serving the lunch. These kindnesses will always be remembered by the family of Willard Hornbacher. God bless you.

THE FAMILY OF CHARLES BORN wishes to thank friends, family and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and condolence during our time of sorrow. Also thanks to all who sent flowers, cards and memorials and to the Ladies Aid of St. Pauls Church Linkville for the luncheon. Special thanks to Pastor Timothy Loewe for his comforting words and prayers and to Scott and Susan Meyersieck of Meyersieck-Busserma Funeral Home. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

WE WISH TO THANK family, relatives, neighbors and friends for their kindness shown during the passing of our son, brother and grandson. Thanks to all who sent cards, flowers, food and memorials. Special thanks to Father Barney for his comforting words, to Bath and Mel of Scheurer Ambulance, to Terry Craig his nurse and Dianna Hill his aide. To St. Francis Altar Society for serving the delicious lunch. To all of Jerry's friends that never let him down. To Scott Meyersieck for his help & assistance. The family of Gerald Drabek.



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Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Tractor safety classes

Local tractor operation classes for youngsters ages 10 and older begin at Kinde Elementary School. Details: Huron County Health Dept., 269-9721 or 1-800-833-8550.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Legion Auxiliary meets

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 293, Sebawaing, will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Helen Stoeckle. Her birthday will be celebrated with a potluck lunch and bingo.

Thursday, Jan. 19 - Huron Bean Day

Annual Huron County Bean Day starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Bad Axe. 10 a.m. discussions include ways to reduce secondary tillage compaction in dry bean production, followed by a dry bean disease discussion and explanation of dry bean variety trial results.

At 11:55 a.m. is the selection of the Huron County Bean Board with a luncheon to follow.

Afternoon programs include information on the quality assurance program, Michigan Dry Bean Commission Report and dry bean market report. Details: 269-9949.

Thursday, Jan. 19 - VFW Auxiliary 4115 meets

Sebawaing VFW Auxiliary 4115 will meet at 1 p.m. on Jan. 19, Feb. 16 and March 16 at the Clubhouse.

Wednesday, Jan. 19 - USA Athletic Boosters meet

All parents of athletes are invited to the 6:30 p.m. meeting in the high school cafeteria.

Thursday, Jan. 19 - "United We Stand" Meets

"United We Stand" meeting at 7 p.m. Texan Restaurant, State St., Saginaw, every third Thursday. Public invited.

Thursday, Jan. 19 - Tuscola Soil meeting

The 51st annual Tuscola Soil Conservation meeting is at 7 p.m. at Caro High School cafeteria, starting with dinner and an 8 p.m. business meeting. Tickets are available from the TSC office or members. Floyd Andrick, Jr., of Midland will speak on the "Titanic."

Thursday, Jan. 19 - Akron Township Meeting

Akron Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Municipal Bldg., Beach St., Akron. The board meets third Thursday of each month.

Friday, Jan. 20 - No school at USA

There will be no school for USA School District students that day, marking end of the first semester. Teachers will use the day as a record day.

Friday, Jan. 20 - Laker early dismissal

Laker School students will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m., with teachers using the afternoon for grading exams and preparing final grades for students.

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Snowmobile Safety Course

The course is offered at Tuscola Area Skill Center, Caro. Limited space so call Gloria Gainforth to pre-register from 8-4 at 673-5300, Ext. 333. You must be age 12, pass the test, and attend the full-day course, to be certified.

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Business planning seminar

Great Lakes Junior College, Caro, hosts a small business seminar, "What is a Business Plan and How is it Used?" at 1 p.m. Guest speakers are Douglas Bloodgood, vice president and commercial loan officer of Independent Bank, and Jim McLoskey, director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corp. The seminar is free, but pre-registration is necessary by Saturday, Jan. 14, by calling 673-5857.

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Sebawaing Chamber Dinner

The 1995 Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will be conducted at Sugar Creek Restaurant, featuring prime rib and walleye. Cocktail hour is 6 to 7 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. and a cash bar. Details: Lorraine Fluegge, 883-2150.

Sunday, Jan. 22 - Laker Dinner Theatre

Laker High School Theatre Productions will present the 1995 Dinner Theatre program "Cotton Patch Gospel" at 1 p.m. in the Laker High School student center. Tickets available in the high school office, and season tickets are available.

Sunday, Jan. 22 - Suicide support group meets

A new group called "S.O.S. - Survivors of Suicide" will meet from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, at Sand Point, for organizing. Anyone seeking support is invited. Details: Dorothy at 856-4833.

Sunday, Jan. 22 - Senior meal in Bad Axe

Human Development Commission will host an 11 a.m. Sunday dinner at the Bad Axe Senior Meal Site, 46, Westland Drive, with Swiss steak and all the trimmings. Reservations are necessary by calling 269-9502.

Monday, Jan. 23 - Lutheran Home Aux. Meeting

Winter quarterly meeting of the Auxiliary will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m., meeting 10 a.m. in Frankenmuth. Call 652-9649 or 868-4883 before Jan. 16 to register for the noon luncheon.

Monday, Jan. 23 - Shot outreach clinic in Pigeon

An immunization outreach clinic will be conducted at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, from 3 to 6 p.m. by the Huron County Health Dept. Parents should review children's shot records, to be sure they have maximum protection from vaccine-preventable diseases. Details: 517-269-9721.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 - Sebawaing Chamber Meeting

Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce meets at Sebawaing Village Office to discuss "Spring Sale" schedule for March. Retailers and other interested parties invited to attend!

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Laker District delay

Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District starts two hours later than usual, for teacher in-service time.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Ag regulations meeting

Huron County/MSU Extension Office sponsors a day-long workshop on "Agricultural Rules and Regulations: A Common Sense Approach to Farming Legal" at 9 a.m. at the Farnklin Inn, Bad Axe. Details: 269-9949.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Slurp soup in Unionville

All-You-Can-Eat Soup Supper at Unionville United Methodist Church beginning at 4:30 p.m. Take-outs available. Public is invited.

Sunday, Jan. 29 - Caseville hosts Honors Band

Top band students from Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties will perform a public concert at 3 p.m. in the James G. Stahl Auditorium at Caseville School.

Saturday, Feb. 4 - Bay Port Carnival

Bay Port PTO sponsors its annual carnival with the kitchen open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo and games start at 6 p.m. Kids of all ages are invited.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 - Laker Band Boosters

Supporters of the Laker Band Program are invited to attend the 7 p.m. meeting in the band room.

Tuesdays, starting Feb. 7 - Women's financial series

Women's Financial Information Series workshop at Detroit Edison Community Center, Cass City, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, 13, 21, 28, March 7, 13 and 21. There is a registration fee. Details: Barbara Neuman, 517-269-9949.


Wednesday, Feb. 8 - Laker District delay

Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District starts two hours later than usual, for teacher in-service time.

Friday, Feb. 10 - Laker Band Soup Supper

Diners can pick up a bite to eat, beginning at 4:30 p.m., before Laker ComingHome festivities begin. Proceeds to benefit Laker Band program.


Introducing the newest member of our staff...



PAM STURM
Assistant Vice-President
Agricultural Lender

Pam Sturm and Harold Robinson,
President/CEO.

We are proud to welcome Pam to our staff. She has several years of banking experience and extensive training in ag. lending. Pam looks forward to serving you and your family!

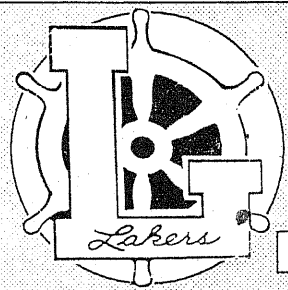


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News and Information About The Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District — Vol. 7, No. 4 — January, 1995

COMMUNITY INTEREST SURVEY RESULTS ENLIGHTENING

By Robert Drury

Our school system recently conducted a survey asking community members about different aspects of the school system, including the possibility of a central elementary school. Along with the survey questionnaire was a fact sheet explaining the ages of our present buildings, the costs associated with maintaining older buildings, the financing of a new building, and some of the advantages and disadvantages of locating all elementary students in one building.

In this column I will attempt to give a brief overview of the survey results and what action our board of education is taking based upon the results of that survey.

The district received 527 completed surveys, with 378 of those being from parents and staff members.

Question #1 asked the respondent to indicate how many years it has been since they were in our elementary buildings. Approximately 80% of those responding had been in at least one of the buildings within the past 5 years.

Question #2 pertained to the physical condition of the building(s) that they visited. Over 90% felt that the building(s) was in fair condition.

Question #3 was in regards to how long had the respondent lived in the Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port School District. 381 responded that they had lived here for more than 10 years, and 62 had lived here more than 5 years.

Question #4 measured the respondents feelings about the relationship between the quality of the school system and the value of their property. 255 responded that there was some degree of relationship, and 198 felt there was a great deal of relationship.

Question #5 wanted to know whether there were school aged children in their home. Approximately 65% had elementary children and 40% had secondary aged children.

Question #6 asked them to rate the school system on its effectiveness in keeping people informed about school matters. 202 responded that we are doing an excellent job and 276 responded that we are doing a fair job.



Question #7 asked the respondent to identify where they received most of their school information. 301 said newspapers and school newsletters, 253 said school aged children, and 188 said personal involvement.

Question #8 asked the respondent to give our school system a letter grade on its overall effectiveness. 105 gave us an A, 308 gave us a B, 104 gave us a C, 13 gave us a D, and 5 gave us an F.

Question #9 asked the respondent if they had enough information to make a decision on whether they would support a central elementary school. 265 responded that they were in favor of a central elementary school, 114 said they were not in favor, and 148 were undecided at this time.

Some of the reasons given for being in favor included the high maintenance costs of older buildings, increased quality of educational opportunities, central location, up to date technology, and increased curriculum offerings.

Those not in favor cited reasons such as the negative effect closing the current buildings would have on each community, the millage cost of new construction, class size questions, transportation of town kids to a central building, and the possible exposure of elementary children to secondary students.

Those who were undecided gave reasons such as what would happen to the existing elementary buildings, needing to see a cost comparison between new construction and renovation of our existing buildings, would we mix elementary and secondary students on the same busses, location of the central elementary school building, what type of curriculum changes can be made with one building, and student enrollment projections.

If anyone is interested in receiving a complete copy of all of the responses turned in with the surveys, they are asked to call the office of the Superintendent at 453-2097.

After reviewing the surveys, and as a result

of the responses contained in the surveys, our Board of Education at last Monday's meeting instructed the Superintendent to proceed in two areas with this continued study.

First of all, three separate committees will be formed comprised of local village officials, business and community leaders, school parent officers, and school personnel to explore possible alternative uses of our present buildings should plans proceed to construct a new building.

These committees will have the task of looking for possible local uses of the buildings. If none is identified then the next step would be to contract with companies who specialize in building reuses.

The second direction we will proceed in is to interview and hire an architectural firm to acquire more definitive construction and financing costs of a new building, and to receive financial information as to the costs associated with renovations to our current buildings.

This renovation would take into account current building codes, federal requirements for accessibility, and incorporating technology into the present buildings. The study would include the costs of replacing heating, wiring, and plumbing systems. The work of an architectural firm in these two areas will assist the board in determining the cost effectiveness of new construction versus building renovation.

What needs to be made clear at this point is that the costs associated with building renovation, as they are with new construction, are greater than what our current budget can handle.

Choosing this course of action would still require additional money in the form of a bond issue to complete the necessary renovation.

The completion of these two tasks, alternative uses of our present buildings, and comparing the cost of new construction versus present building renovation, will take at least two months to complete.

I am inviting anyone who would like to share any information, views, or feelings about this study to contact me. I would be happy to listen and share any information that someone would ask for.

SCHOOL-TO-WORK, A NEW CONCEPT AT LAKER HIGH SCHOOL



Members from the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port business community, Board of Education members, administrators, teachers, and students are busy developing a program for EPBP Schools centered on the federally sponsored and funded School-to-Work initiative.

Purpose of the program is to assist students in making the transition from school to a good first job or career and for further education.

The program will be based on three elements

which include work-based learning, school-based learning and connecting activities to the community.

The committee has met once in November and once in December. The first committee meeting for 1995 is scheduled for January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. If anyone is interested in serving on the School-to-Work committee, please contact Miss "D" at 453-2348 for further information.

COTTON PATCH GOSPEL PLAYS JAN. 22



Members of the cast of "Cotton Patch Gospel" are busy rehearsing for their upcoming dinner theatre production on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Laker High School student center.

The play is based on the book by Clarence Jordan, in which the Gospel is presented in a rural Georgia setting with country music songs, the final and perhaps the best work of the late Harry Chapin.

The Laker Drama Club is presenting "Cotton Patch Gospel" for the first time as a dinner theatre, according to Director Mike Terrill.

Special prices will be available for students and a 50 percent discount will be provided for any season ticket presented.

Members of the cast include Jacob Blakeney, Sara Stein, Mikkee Peyerk, Angie Lang, Craig Terrill, Brian Collison, Darin Keim, Sara White, Kim Gascho and Cris Kauffman.

STUDENT COUNCILS SPEARHEAD FIFTH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Laker Student Council recently initiated the fifth annual Food Drive. Lindsay Krueger, LHS Student Council president, organized and motivated the junior and senior high school student councils and both student bodies to collect food for needy families in our communities.

The students collected 4,819 food pantry items which were then distributed to food pantries in Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port. Congratu-

lations are in order for students of Mr. Wheeler's, Mr. Deneen's and Mrs. Drury's classes who collected the most food items in the high school.

In the junior high, accolades go out to the students of Mrs. Stahl's and Mr. Dean's classes who won the in-school rivalry by collecting the most food.

A special thanks to all students and parents who helped make this a memorable, worthy event.



LAKER HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

By Lisa Dicamillo

There are many events to highlight during this time period at Laker High School.

Don Wheeler and the FFA students must be commended for a job well done on the 1994 CROP Drive. The students obtained \$6,300 in pledges. Super job, students and community members.

We appreciate the communities' continued support for this program. Thanks also to Linda Keeler and the Pigeon Telephone Company for their help on this project.

The Laker FFA also sponsored the Fourth Annual Toy Tractor Show. Eight hundred toy tractor enthusiasts viewed and purchased tractors Saturday, January 7th. We appreciate the work Richmond Steel puts into helping make the show happen. Great Job, everyone.

The Laker High School Band and Choir performed "A Laker Winter Fantasy" before a standing room only crowd on Monday, December 12th. Parents, relatives of students and community members witnessed a delightful array of holiday selections from the band and choir members.

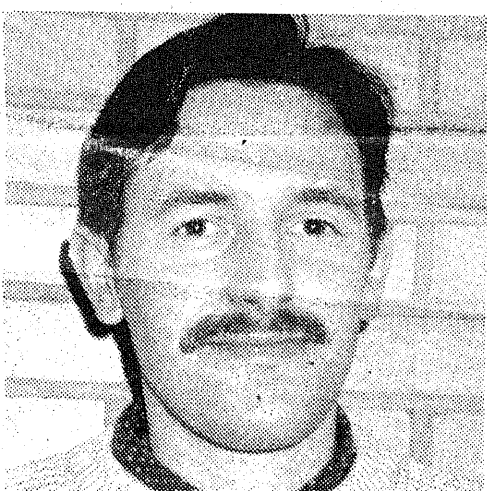
The students can be proud of their teamwork, musicianship, and dedication to the music program. Congratulations to the music students and their directors Mrs. Annie Eichler and Mr. Russell Robinson.

Super job, Students in Mr. Blakeney's class. You have found a unique fund raising project that can also help the community. The students, under the direction of Mr. Blakeney, Mrs. Drury, Mrs. Brown and Ms. Frederiksen cleared the paths at the local state park while earning money to support their spring experiential learning trips. This is a great way to earn money and improve our environment.

We would like to introduce our new business teacher at Laker High School, Mr. Mark Martin. Mr. Martin hails from Nashville, Michigan and will be teaching the accounting, business publications and distributive education classes formerly taught by Mr. Tyler. Mr. Tyler has moved to the junior high to teach physical education to 6th and 7th graders. We hope that both Mr. Tyler and Mr. Martin will enjoy their new positions.

The Laker Yearbook is still on sale for students and parents who are looking for a great, special occasion gift. For \$25.00 you can purchase a year of wonderful memories. Contact Mr. Martin for more information.

Beginning on Tuesday, January 3rd, our students began preparing for final exams. Exams will be held on Thursday, January 19th for hours 4-5-6. On Friday, January 20th, first, second, and third hour exams will be administered.



New Laker Teacher Mark Martin

Students will be dismissed on Friday, January 20th at 11:15 am. During the afternoon, teachers will be grading exams and preparing final grades for students. Students can use their time away from school for doctor and dentist appointments and for other activities that may otherwise keep them from school.

The following high school band students have been selected for participation in two prestigious performing groups:

Samantha Corrión was selected to participate in the Spirit of America National Honor Band. She will tour Luxembourg, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Holland and Belgium this summer.

Bryan Clark, Jennifer Diebel and Janelle Wiederhold will participate in the Lions of Michigan All State Band. The three students will perform this summer in Korea, China and Hawaii.

Congratulations to all four students. We hope you enjoy your travels this summer and learn a great deal during these experiences.

The Laker Theatre productions will present the 1995 Dinner Theatre program called "Cotton Patch Gospel—One Act Version." The dinner theatre will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 1:00 pm in the Laker High School student center. Tickets may be obtained from the high school office for \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. There is a 50% discount for individuals with season tickets. We hope to see a full house for this performance.

Calendar Reminders — The entire school district will run on a two-hour delayed start for teacher-in-service on the following dates: Wednesday, January 25th; Wednesday, February 8th, and Wednesday, March 15th. On Monday, February 20th, there will no school for another teacher in-service.



Samantha Corrión, above left, Bryan Clark, Jennifer Diebel and Janelle Wiederhold, above right.



LAKER HIGH COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Sue Frederiksen

It's that time of year again! Time for parent's to fill out the financial aid form if they are seeking financial assistance for their senior who is planning on attending college.

Last month we held a meeting at the high school to inform parents on how to best fill out the FAFSA form. These forms must be received in the financial aid office on, or before, February 21st. On this date, the financial aid officials will begin to allocate funds to those students who have the greatest need.

For the best results, send those forms in as close to January 1st as possible. Then, if there is a mistake on the form, or further information is needed, you will be notified and you will still have time to get the information in before the deadline date.

Seniors need to continue to check the scholarship list posted outside the counseling office. The list is updated on a weekly basis and

we are expecting local scholarships to be appearing soon.

Two major scholarships whose applications are due on February 1st are the Gordon W. & Loyse B. Hueschen Science Scholarship and the Daisy Harder Lavictoire Scholarship. Students interested in pursuing either of these must apply by letter detailing information that is specifically required for each scholarship.

This information can be picked up in the guidance office. One of the criteria in applying for the Hueschen Scholarship is that the applicant must have applied to, and been accepted at, Michigan State University before February 1st.

Students also have the use of the computerize program called The Financial Aid Finders. There is a personal profile sheet which the student must fill out before getting on the computer. This program is similar to the MI-Cash program which costs \$15.00, and it is offered free to the students at Laker High School.

Laker Band Boosters'
SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER
Friday, Feb. 10 Serving begins at 4:30 p.m.

Around the Elementary Centers

ELKTON ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

By Ben Phillips

PTOTREAT: The Elkton PTO recently treated all Elkton students and staff to free popcorn and juice. The popcorn was served in a plastic souvenir cup which had the Laker logo on it. Students and staff give a big thank you to our PTO for the nice Christmas present.

PTO MORLEY CANDY SALE: The annual Elkton PTO Morley candy sale kick-off is set for February 15th. This sale has been a school tradition for the past 12 years. Profits from this sale go toward special school purchases and activities.

HONEST ABE LINCOLN: This special school assembly is coming to Elkton Elementary January 26. This performer looks and sounds like the real Abe. Regarded by many historians as the greatest president in American history, Abraham Lincoln's life is still an inspiration today. Elkton students will be delighted and intrigued when Abe steps out of the history books and into their school.

LAKER SPELLING BEE: The Laker Spelling Bee is set for January 26 at 7 p.m., at Laker

Auditorium. The Spelling Bee is for students in grades 4-8. Elkton 4th grade teacher Mr. Lang is in charge. We thank Mr. Lang for the fine job he has done for the past several years.



ELKTON FIRST GRADE TEACHER DARLENE BUSH works on some reading skills with a small group of students. A large part of the first grade day is spent on beginning reading.

5TH GRADE SHRINE CIRCUS TRIP: The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 5th graders are going to the Saginaw Shrine Circus. The trip is scheduled for January 26. The trip has been a tradition for more than 20 years. We thank the local Shriners and Thumb National Bank for making this trip possible.

5TH GRADE BASKETBALL: The Elkton 5th grade basketball is under way for both boys and girls. Games are played and uniforms are provided. All students must play at least half of each game. This gives all players a good opportunity to enjoy the sport. Deb Sturm and Marek Witczak are the two Elkton coaches.



ELKTON KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS enjoy a physical education activity using hula hoops. The activity uses jumping, hopping and running to improve coordination.

EARLY LAKER DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, JAN. 20 -- AT 11:15 A.M.

By Pete Batzer, Principal

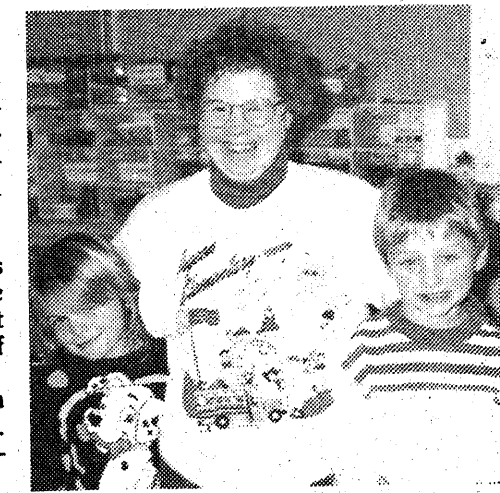
Pigeon and Bay Port Elementary Report

By Peter Batzer

DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Developmental Kindergarten in Pigeon had their first Christmas program on December 15th. They performed for the entire student body in the morning and then again for their family and friends in the afternoon.

The 24 students performed songs and skits around the theme of "Christmas is.....". The songs were about what the children thought Christmas meant to them. With the assistance of

Mrs. Ginter and many parents, the children enlightened everyone with their performances. Thank you to everyone who helped with costumes, moved props, and made cookies.



PATTI: The Developmental Kindergarten has enjoyed the extra helping hands of Miss Patti Schuman. She is employed at Thumb Industries in Bad Axe and volunteers her time on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Patti is always willing to tie a shoe, zip a coat, sport and file papers, or do whatever needs to be done around the Kindergarten classroom.

Patti loves working with the children and always seems to be smiling while she works.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: The December Students of the Month were recently named for both Pigeon and Bay Port Elementaries. These students have been recognized for their hard work in a certain area:

- Developmental Kindergarten - Jonathon Beckwith
- Kindergarten - Ben Shively & Heather Gunden
- 1st Grade - Allison Anderson & Kayla Avalos
- 2nd Grade - Courtney Fritz & Kayla Wisenbaugh
- 3rd Grade - Becky Dubs & Kellie Chalou
- 4th Grade - Shari Yoder & Adam Armbruster
- 5th Grade - David Kuch, Kim Rathje & Nicole Kosenko

5TH GRADE BASKETBALL: The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 5th grade basketball season will be starting very soon. Practices have already begun as these beginning athletes prepare for their first experience in an organized school sport.

The emphasis of the 5th grade program is to: have FUN, teach the participants how to work as a team, to behave in a sportsmanlike manner, and to learn the rules for the sport of basketball.

Both Pigeon teams will open their season on Tuesday, January 24th at 1:30 pm in front of the

student body. All other games will begin at 4 pm. Feel free to join us in the excitement as these young players begin their basketball careers.

SCHEDULE OF "HOME" GAMES

- BAY PORT ELEMENTARY**
- Thursday, February 2nd - Elkton B at Bay Port
- Thursday, February 9th - Elkton A at Bay Port
- Wednesday, February 15th - Pigeon B at Bay Port
- Thursday, February 23 - Pigeon A at Bay Port
- PIGEON ELEMENTARY**
- Tuesday, January 31st - Bay Port at Pigeon B
- Tuesday, February 7th - Bay Port at Pigeon A
- Monday, February 13th - Pigeon B at Pigeon A
- Wednesday, February 15th - Elkton A at Pigeon A
- Tuesday, February 21st - Elkton A at Pigeon B
- Thursday, February 23rd - Elkton B at Pigeon B
- Tuesday, February 28th - Elkton B at Pigeon A

ATTENDANCE: Regular school attendance is necessary for all students. Children only learn school materials when they are at school. Most lessons are sequential with each lesson building upon previous lessons. Each day of school missed can be costly. Much of the work can be made up by students, but not all of the learning can.

It is the parent's responsibility to see that their children are in school each day. If parents communicate the importance of regular attendance while children are in elementary school, the habit should carry over to high school and even to work situations. Please teach your children to be reliable.

When it is absolutely necessary that a student miss school, it is necessary to notify the school office.

LAKER HIGH GEOGRAPHY CLASS LEARNS WITH MAPS

Sixty-eight geography students in Mr. Anthes' classes are learning about Michigan in a unique way.

As a project, students are required to make a map of Michigan. Students then place pictures on the map to represent activities that take place in the town or city at that location. Pictures can include hunting, fishing, festivals, colleges, sports teams, industries, businesses, products produced, or any other item of special interest.

The objective of the map project is to have students become more aware of activities that take place in our state, and where these activities are located. The students also become more familiar with towns, cities, and locations through an activity that most enjoy doing.

Mr. Anthes got the idea for the project from his son Jay, who had a similar project in one of his college classes.



LAKER GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS include Heather Anderson, Eli Binder, Grant Herford, Heidi Keener, Jenny Murdoch, and Sarah Reñn.

GETTING 'MUGGED' Laker students James Anderson and Jeremy Kretzschmer show the mugs the Laker Resource Room is selling to raise money for their third annual spring "experiential education" trips.

Priced at only \$5.00, the mugs are generating funds to be used for the freshman/sophomore trip to Starr Commonwealth at Albion April 3-4 and the junior/senior

trip to Spring Hill at the Manistee National Forest on May 1-3.

On these trips, students will learn to test their own resources and challenge themselves with wall climbing, mountain bik-

ing and canoeing, learning to trust themselves and those around them.

Anyone interested in purchasing a mug can contact teacher Tim Blakeney, any Resource room student or Laker High School at 453-2348.



LAKER JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

By Richard Pauly

The New Year of 1995 is upon us and as usual Laker Junior High School is very active.

We are preparing for our semester exams which are January 19th and 20th. Report cards will be mailed January 26th. It is extremely important that parents take time to discuss grades received by their children. If you have any questions concerning the report cards please call the school.

January is a busy month for our students. We will begin our 3rd marking period. Boys basketball and Forensics is in full swing. Girls volleyball as well as Academic Track is beginning to get organized.

The Laker Spelling Bee is Thursday, January 26th. This is an exciting evening for everyone involved. The event will be held at the Laker High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

Circle February 16th on your calendar. That evening will be our annual Spaghetti Supper from 5-7 pm. Tickets will be sold by our students and also at the door that night. The cost for our tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for senior citizens, and \$2.00 for students (5th grade and under) and take outs are available with both tickets.

The Junior High Staff, along with our 8th graders provide a fantastic meal. All proceeds go to our class trips. Miss McGee, the program coordinator, will be looking for parent volunteers to help out.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our parents and community members who actively support Laker Junior High School. I know you want the best education possible for our students. We try every day of the year to give our students that type of education.

Have a very Happy and healthy New Year and feel free to stop anytime to visit our school.

LJH DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 19th - Semester Exams
- January 20th - Semester Exams, Students dismissed at 11:15 am.
- January 25th - Two-hour delay - In-Service
- January 26th - Laker District Spelling Bee
- January 28th - Fun-Night
- February 8th - Two-hour delay - In-Service
- February 16th - Spaghetti Supper

ELEMENTARY

By David Wojcicki

The 4th and 5th grade students are presently working on a career unit. Before vacation, students finished resumes and we discussed how they are use. Incorporated into this activity, was a job study of some of the careers of interest to the students. The nature of some careers really surprised many of the students.

Our next activity was called the "want ad," and samples from this assignment are being shared with you. In this activity, students were asked to write a short "ad" about themselves. The purpose of the "ad" was to "sell" themselves to prospective employers, with the hope of landing a job.

We discussed how each of the students have some positive traits that would make them desirable employees. The goal of this activity was to have students identify some positive traits and continue to develop them. The following mock "ads" are samples from this assignment

I am a 9 1/2 year old male. I made the honor roll since third grade. I am responsible and good with animals. I can lift 50 pounds. I will work 13 hours a day (or less). My name is John Zaleski.

I am 11 years old. I get along with people. My name is Krista Chubb. I am

always on time and am responsible. I will work 9 hours.

My name is Becky Diebel and I am 10 1/2 years old. I am in the 5th grade. I have a couple of interests in being a pediatrician or an elementary teacher. I am a whiz at arithmetic. I am good at spelling and writing. I am always on time. I will work 10 hours a day or more. I am willing to type on computers.

Hello! My name is Kathleen Gonzalez. I am 10 years old. I've been on the honor roll since 3rd grade. I am a good helper. I like children and am very good with all people. I am good at getting things done on time.

Hello, my name is Kristin Dubs and I am looking for a job. I like to work on computers. I have worked on computers. I have been on the honor roll since 3rd grade. I belong to Red Cross swimming. I know the Himlic Maneuver.

Hi, my name is Megan Bechler. I enjoy answering phones. I am good at arithmetic, spelling and English. I am willing to work 6-12 hours, with a 15 minute lunch break.

LAKER JUNIOR HIGH COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Kathy Dickens

Laker Junior High students are now starting to practice for the '95 Academic Track season. About 80 students will compete in a variety of written testing areas, performing arts events, and drawing. Please support our Laker Junior High Academic Track Team!!

Here is our '95 competition schedule:

- Tues. March 7 - Bad Axe at Lakers, 3 pm
- Tues. March 14 - USA at Lakers, 3:30 pm
- Tues. March 21 - Lakers at Cass City, 3:30 pm

Tues. March 28 - All Star Written Testing & Drawing at Bad Axe, 2:30 pm
Fri. March 31 - All Star Performing Arts at Bad Axe, 3-6:30 pm

The annual Laker Junior High sixth grade camp will be changing location this year. We will be camping at Camp Leelanau, which is located in Maple City, on the shores of Lake Michigan, the week of May 8.

Our students will enjoy an exploration of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, pond/lake study, hikes along the beautiful Pyramid Point Nature Trail, a study of the night skies with the help of an astronomer, arts and crafts, group initiatives, a nature scavenger hunt, and many other educational activities. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our sixth grade students and their parent chaperones!!

Eleven Laker Junior High students will be taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) on January 28, as part of their participation in the Midwest Talent Search, a gifted and talented program offered by Northwestern University. These students were invited to take this college entrance exam, normally taken by juniors in high school, because they scored at a 95th percentile or higher on a math or verbal section of their last standardized test taken at Lakers.

After taking the SAT test, these students will be eligible to participate in many gifted and talented summer programs at a variety of universities. Some of these programs offer our junior high students college credit.

The Laker Junior High students participating in the Midwest Talent Search and taking the SAT are: Wanda Hebert, Heather Creguer, Hollie Rathje, Garret Buehler, Jessica Weidmen, Lonnie Hedley, Charles Krohn, Eric Deming, Kim Langley, Sarah Rummel, and Jeff Zarnke.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi, my name is Richard Miller. I am ten and in 4th grade. My favorite subject is science and I like to draw, paint, color and design. I like challenges, like puzzles between 1,000 and 1,000,000 pieces.

I love to cook and work on construction sites. I would like to work 55 hours a week. I love to put in overtime and love to fly, but not climb. My name is Corey Lawson. Full time in the summer and part time during the school year.

I am 11 years old and my name is Bridget Gunden. I like computers and animals. I have a computer and animals. I have 6 puppies, their mother, a cat and 6 fish. I like spelling and I enjoy reading books. Give me a call at 555-6982.

Hi, my name is Tessa Sprague. I want to work with pets. I used to have two parrots, a dog and some fish. I can feed them too. I like pets. If you want me to take care of your pets, give me a call.

He, my name is Bill Thick. I am in the 4th grade. I like to take care of rabbits. Everyday I feed and eater 4 of them. If you need someone to take care of rabbits, please give me a call.