

The Newsweekly

All The News For The Western Thumb □ Tuesday, January 31, 1995

Deputy Do-Right hired in Huron

Sheriff Michael Gage received approval from the Huron County Board of Commissioners to hire a new deputy.

This brand new law enforcement officer arrived in good shape after being shipped from "The Robot Factory" in Cascade, CO, where he was built. You see . . . he's not human, but he sure appears that way as he peddles around on his tricycle and talks to anyone who will listen to what he has to say.

His name is Deputy Charlie Do-Right and his main mission will be to talk to kids about safety.

"But we have a feeling he'll not only be popular with the younger set, but with adults as well," says Sgt. R. Brent Woodward, director of safety education for the Huron County Sheriff's Department.

Charlie was officially sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff before the County Board and guests by Huron County Circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock during the Jan. 24 regular board meeting. After being sworn in, Board Chairman Al Long asked Sheriff Gage, "Will he be joining the union?"

Woodward says he is look-

ing forward to working with the new educational toy and feels it will be an excellent way to promote safety.

Complete cost of the new robot is \$6,185. A grant of \$1,516 was received from the

Office of Highway Safety Planning in Lansing and a \$1,012 donation was received from AAA of Michigan. The Eagles Club in Caseville will sponsor a walk-a-thon in May, with all proceeds going

toward the new robot.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Safety Education program should call 517-269-6421 for details.

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SUPPORT AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY: These three local volunteers — Fran Davis, Florence Liken and Marie Like, all of Sebewaing — invite you to join them for the American Cancer Society's Ski-A-Thon this Sunday, Feb. 5, beginning at 2 p.m. Starting point is the Sebewaing Nature Trail, end of Bay Street near Sportsman's VFW. They welcome pledge forms, and skiers, too, they say, for cancer research.

Blade & Progress

NEWS ROUND-UP

Sugar Plant goes to Feb. 8

Processing sugar beets into sugar is continuing at the Sebewaing Plant of Michigan Sugar Co., heading toward its projected completion.

On Monday morning, Factory Manager Lewis Zemanek declared that schedules indicate that processing will end on Wednesday or Thursday, Feb. 8 or 9, completing about 630,000 tons of beets.

Bean referendum passes by wide margin

Bean producers of Michigan cast their ballots and approved by a 4-1 margin the continuance of the 10¢ levy per hundred-weight on beans for the Michigan Bean Commission, according to MBC Executive Secretary Dale Kuenzli.

Bean Commission officials say the 10¢ levy is used to promote research on bean varieties and agronomic practices, to promote scientific research to develop and discover the health food, therapeutic and dietetic value of bean products, to carry out market development and research and promotional programs and to publish commodity information.

There were 666 ballots cast, representing nearly 2 million bags of beans, of which 536 ballots were "yes" and 130 "no." The "yes" voters produced 1.713 million bags, while "no" voters produced 270,278 bags, according to the state Department of Agriculture, which conducted the election.

Kuenzli says strong commitments to international market development, continued public relations and domestic advertising and periodic stances on governmental issues contributed to the better-than 4-1 approval margin.



MICHIGAN "by the numbers"

MICHIGAN POPULATION: Eight cities in our state have populations greater than 100,000 according to the 1990 Census (no, Kilmanagh is not one of them.) In order, they are

1. Detroit 1,027 million
2. Grand Rapids 189,126
3. Warren 144,864
4. Flint 140,925
5. Lansing 127,321
6. Sterling Heights 117,810
7. Ann Arbor 109,608
8. Livonia 100,850

Sebewaing watershed plan meeting is coming Feb. 9

The Intercounty Drainage Board has scheduled a meeting for 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, to present findings of its year-long study of the Sebewaing River. The meeting will be in the Sebewaing Township Offices, in the Fire Hall Building.

Purpose of the meeting is the finalization of the planning process and its presentation to the Intercounty Drainage Board.

The planning process, funded by a \$82,000 grant from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative, attempted to identify critical treatment areas from an overall watershed perspective.

The project is sponsored by the Sebewaing River Intercounty Drainage Board, working with the Huron and Tuscola Soil

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Crashes cost us more than crime

By WALT RUMMEL

What costs you, as a taxpayer, more — crime or traffic crashes?

It may surprise Michigan residents, but actually traffic crashes cost the state more than \$12 billion in 1993 — while the total cost of index crimes was about \$5 billion.

That was shown by a recently-conducted analysis by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, which indicates a nearly 2 1/2 to one ratio showing traffic crashes as far more costly.

On an individual basis, that translates to crashes costing \$3,166 for each Michigan taxpayer who filed a return in 1992, vs \$1,315 per taxpayer for crime costs.

"Traffic crashes are an epidemic that requires the attention of everyone in our state," says Betty Mercer of the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety

Planning.

"Certainly, crime is of major concern and for good reason," she says, "but drunk driving is a violent crime, as is every death on Michigan roads.

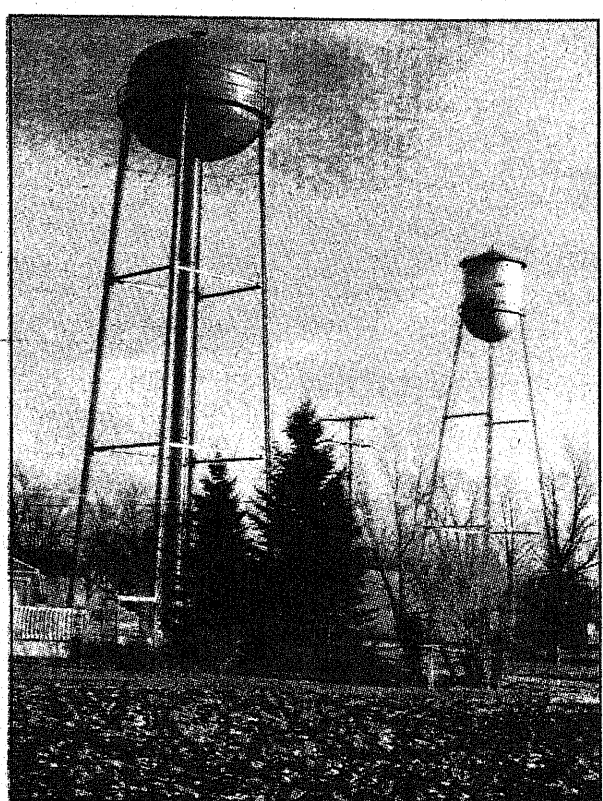
"We must continue to focus adequate resources on traffic safety enforcement and education efforts."

She added that a dramatic reduction in those costs could be realized if safety belt use were increased and the incidence of drunk driving in Michigan be decreased.

More than 40% of Michigan traffic fatalities involved alcohol in 1993 and about three-quarters of traffic crash victims were not wearing safety belt.

In Michigan, only 66.1% of motorists routinely wear safety belts.

The state's population in 1992 numbered 9.4 million. Tax returns filed numbered 3.8 million.



OLD AND THE NEW: Here are Owendale's new water tower, looking much larger than the original tower it will soon be replacing. The unpainted "red" tower will indeed get a new coat of paint this spring, probably in May, with full operation to begin a few weeks after that, according to Owendale Village Clerk Randy Howard.

MARK RUMMEL PHOTO

Active-Sebewaing honors staff

By WALT RUMMEL
An employe recognition program has been instituted by management of Active-Sebewaing to honor workers for their years of service, according to Manager John Meininger.

Future recognition for length of service will be made at five-year intervals. Awards will be a lapel pin, for five, 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of service, and beginning with 30 years' service and each five years thereafter, a special plaque will be presented, Meininger says.

After the 1995 start-up, awards will be presented each January. In the first presentation last week, Anthony "Dick" Zaleski of Owendale received a 45-year plaque, while Ralph Forman of Bay Port and Manager Meininger of Gagetown received 35-year plaques.

Receiving 30-year plaques were Dale Buehrly of Cass City, Jim Chalou of Bay Port and Richard Gaeth of Sebewaing.

Seniority pins for 25-year service went to Larry Koch, Leland Nitz, Dave Deming, Earl Limberger, Roberta Bitterling, Robert Rinnert, Shirley Deprekel, Richard Klossowski, Jerl Carter and Duane Nitz.

A 20-year pins went to Bernie Rutkowski and a 15-year pin to Larry Hetman.

Following the presentation in the company meeting room last week, senior recipient "Dick" Zaleski recalled that when he was hired there were 52 employes. "At one time that number dropped as low as 32," he said — now there are about 500 workers.

Zaleski and Manager Meininger recalled that the company at one time built child-

ren's steel scooters and wagons, which are shown on historic photos on the walls of the room.

Zaleski said that before coming to Active, he had worked in the vegetable canning company that operated at that time in Pigeon.

Meininger's first "job" was in the U.S. Army. Then he was employed briefly at Walbro, after which he came to Active in 1959.

Forman said he had several short-term jobs after graduating from Bay Port High School, but that his job with Active was the first permanent one he had. "And I've been here ever since," he smiled.

The company saluted non-employee in the company newsletter.

Bay Port's Carnival runs Saturday night

For over three decades, local residents have flocked to the Bay Port Elementary School to enjoy an evening of "fun and games" to benefit the school.

That spirit is continuing, as the Bay Port PTO hosts its annual Bay Port Carnival this Saturday, Feb. 4 with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. and games following from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

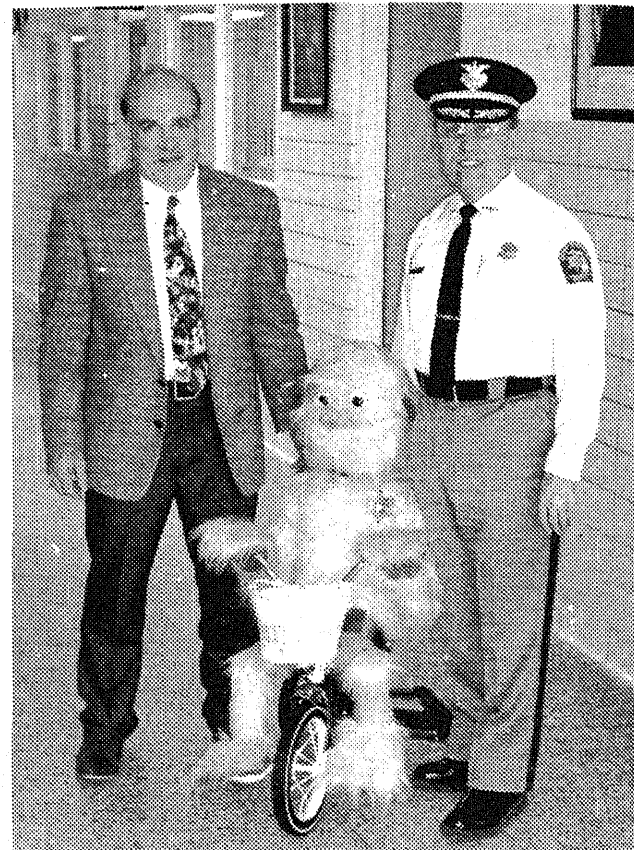
Several changes are happening this year, according to PTO spokesman Marie Maust. A new washer game has been added, and bingo has been moved to the cafeteria. The cafeteria will sell food with tickets this year, to help speed up production, she says.

Last year's proceeds, which amounted to over \$3,000, were used for an encyclopedia, laminating machine and to distribute extra funds to teachers' classrooms.

This year, proceeds will be used to paint the playground equipment, plus provide funds for teachers in their rooms.

New Deputy

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HERE IS HURON COUNTY'S newest Sheriff's assistant, Deputy Charlie Do-Right, with Sgt. R. Brent Woodward, left, and Sheriff Michael Gage. JACK GUZA PHOTO

Carrie Maust wins Laker Spelling Bee

By correctly spelling "influence," Laker Junior High eighth-grader Carrie Maust influenced the judges — and took home the grand prize at the 1995 Laker Spelling Bee last week.

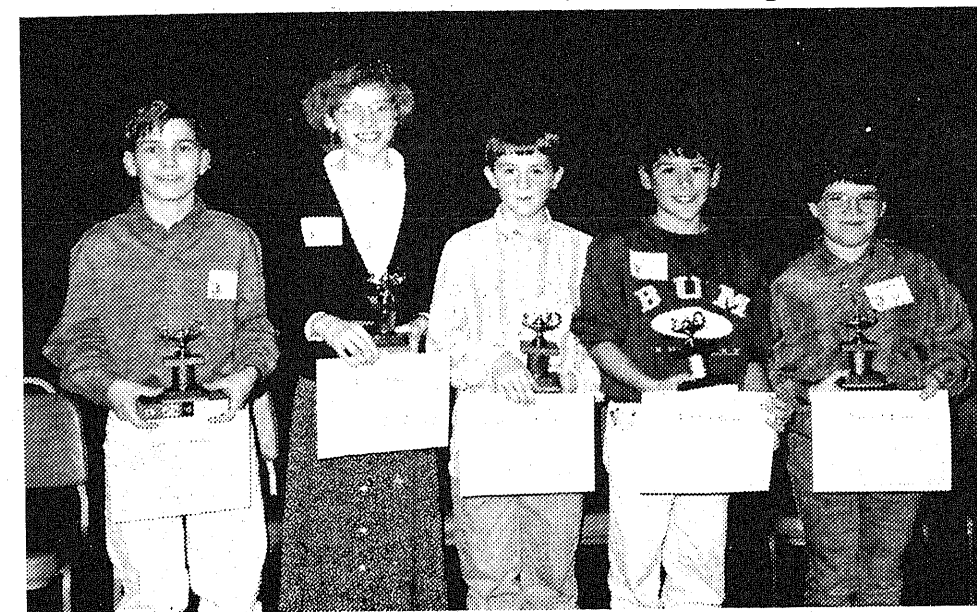
Wanda Hebert was the runner-up after tripping on "recognizable."

Some of the words spelled correctly by the two top finalists included tenement, treacherous, deceptively, picturesque, laboriously, and peuples.

Maust and Hebert each received a trophy and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for their efforts.

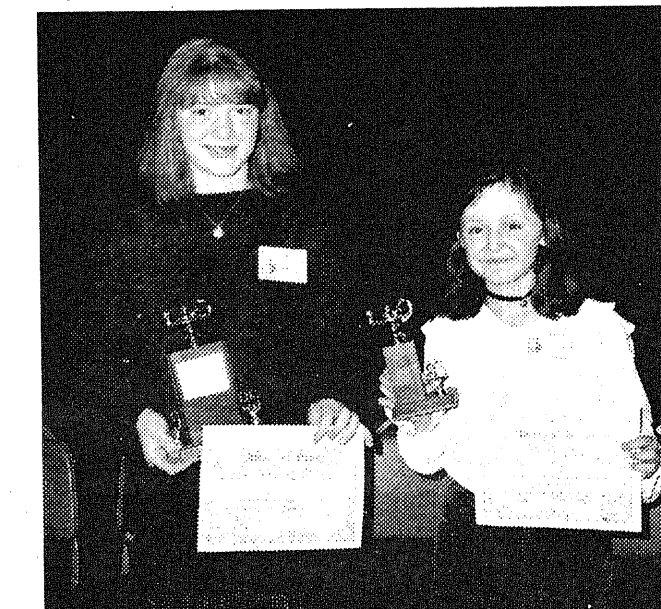
Fourth grader Kristen Kreh, fifth grader Matthew Santos, sixth grader Reid Kilgus, seventh grader Jane Müller and eighth grader Mark Liston were the final students standing besides the two final winners.

The final student from each



THESE SPELLERS are the finalists from their grade in the Laker Spelling Bee, the last person standing from their grade excluding the winner and runner-up. From left, Mark Liston, Jane Müller, Reid Kilgus, Matthew Santos and Kristen Kreh. COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

grade than the champion and runner-up received a trophy and a thesaurus.



TOP SPELLER: Carrie Maust, left, is the Grand Champion of the Laker Spelling Bee, and Wanda Hebert was the runner-up. MIKE LANG PHOTOS

The last student standing from each school's fifth through eighth grade will continue to the Lawrence Technological University/Detroit News Regional Spelling Bee in early March, at Laker High School.

Elkton's Matthew Santos, Pigeon's Jody McKenzie, Bay

Port's Jeremy Rose and the grand prize winner will all compete in the regional contest.

The winner of the regional spelling bee goes on to the Michigan Bee in Southfield, and that winner gets to spell in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Broom sales assist Wineman's recovery



HAVE YOU GOT ROOM FOR A BROOM? Local members of the Elkton and Pigeon Lions Clubs are joining forces for a fund-raiser to help benefit the housing needs of eight year old Michael Wineman of Pigeon, who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant.

Lions members will sell deluxe corn brooms door-to-door in both communities on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m., according to organizer Mike LePage of the Pigeon Lions. Local residents who would like to purchase a broom are invited to leave their front porch lights on. Brooms may also be ordered at Thumb National Bank & Trust Co., Pigeon and the Coop Oil Co., Pigeon.

Picture here are Bill Weitzel and Mike LePage representing the Pigeon Lions and Fran LePage representing the Elkton Lions, with the display of brooms for sale. Wineman, age eight, underwent a bone marrow transplant on Dec. 28, nine months after being diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia — a rare disease of the blood.

After being hospitalized for 30 days, he is now recuperating for two months at Guest Housing at Harper Hospital in Detroit, where his father and mother, Jim Wineman of Bay City and Chris Wineman of Pigeon, are alternating weekly stays with him while the other cares for their other two sons. He is reportedly doing very well, with his body responding to the transplant by beginning to make his own blood cells.

Well-wishes may be sent to his new address at: Mike Wineman, 3737 Beaubien, Room 210, Detroit, MI 48201. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

All The News That Fits We Print!

by Mark Rummel

We're REALLY clearing the desk: Here are several chances to win free tickets to several upcoming sports and entertainment events, JUST for stopping in our office this week:

1. Win A PAIR (2) of free tickets to this Wednesday's Detroit Vipers vs. Kalamazoo Wings hockey game at the Palace of Auburn Hills, just for being the first to stop in our Newsweekly Office in Sebewaing and ask for them! We've got only THREE PAIRS of two, so hurry... anytime after 1 p.m. today (Tuesday, Jan. 31.) Game time is 7:30 p.m.

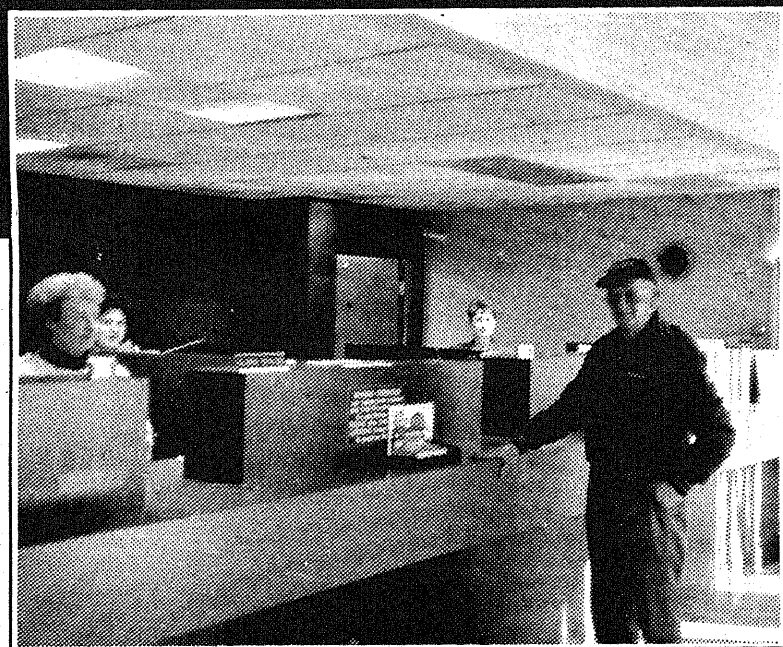
2. Win A PAIR (2) of free tickets to the Sunday, Feb. 5 presentation of the Harlem Globetrotters, at 3 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills, just for being the first to stop at either our Newsweekly Office in Sebewaing or in Pigeon. In all, there are FIVE PAIRS of two... so (again) hurry... anytime after 1 p.m. today (Tuesday.)

3. Finally, Win A PAIR (2) of free tickets to the Detroit Pistons vs. Charlotte Hornets basketball game next Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Just stop in at our Newsweekly Office in Pigeon anytime after 1 p.m. today (Tuesday.) Sorry, we've only got ONE PAIR of this one!

All these "goodies" are yours free, from your friends at The Newsweekly...

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Conservation Districts, and a citizens advisory committee. The group has developed a comprehensive plan, with recommendation for enhancing water quality, controlling erosion and protecting the watershed and drainage ways. Hopefully, results of this planning process will lead to a successful grant application to implement many of the recommendations, organizers say. The public is invited.

Will we vote on ending Sunday hunting ban?

During the recent Legislature's lame-duck session, a bill to allow referendums in counties where Sunday hunting is still prohibited on private land was passed, during the recent Legislature's lame-duck session.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Kim Rhead (R-Sandusky) does not mandate referendums, but merely permits them, officials say. The four Thumb counties — Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer — are among nine statewide which still prohibit Sunday hunting on private land. Others are Hillsdale, Lenawee, Macomb, St. Clair and Washtenaw.

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs had hoped for legislation that would abolish the Sunday hunting ban altogether, believing such bans are unconstitutional.

By a narrow margin last fall, Branch County voters overturned its Sunday hunting ban. — By DUANE GUENTHER

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 1/2	24	+ 1/2
K Mart Corp.	KM	NYS	13 3/8	13 3/4	+ 3/8
Wal Mart Stores, Inc.	WMT	NYS	21 5/8	22 3/4	- 1 5/8
Walbro Corp.	WALB	OTC	19	18	- 1
First of America Bank	FOA	NYS	30 1/4	30 3/4	+ 1/2
Capital Cities/ABC, Inc.	COB	NYS	86	83 1/8	- 2 7/8
McDonald's Corp.	MCD	NYS	29 3/8	32 5/8	+ 3 1/4
Ford Motor Co.	F	NYS	26 1/4	24 3/4	- 1 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	C	NYS	47 1/4	44 5/8	- 2 5/8
General Motors Inc.	GM	NYS	39 1/2	37 3/8	- 2 1/8

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

COMMODITY	OLD CROP	NEW CROP	LAST WEEK
Wheat, bu.	3.13	3.00	3.19
Corn, bu.	2.04	2.21	2.03
Oats "A" variety, bu.	1.35	—	1.35
Oats "B" variety, bu.	1.15	—	1.15
Soybeans, bu.	5.14	5.36	5.12
Navy Beans, cwt.	29.50	—	29.50

DNR deer meeting Feb. 16

The Michigan DNR will hold meetings starting Wednesday, Feb. 15 through March 1, seeking public input about new deer hunting regulations being considered.

Although any topic is open for discussion, deer baiting is sure to garner the most attention, observers say. The DNR is considering limits on the amount of bait that may be used this year, and to ban all baiting in 1996.

Other regulations include limiting the archery season, possible extension of muzzleloading season and a quiet period where no hunting activity would take place, before the start of the traditional rifle season.

All meetings are scheduled for both 3-5 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. Closest meeting for Thumb residents will be Thursday, Feb. 16, in the Lecture Theater at Delta College, University Center. Any person wishing to speak will be limited to three to five minutes each.

Weed control set Feb. 8

The 1995 Weed Control Management Program is set for Wednesday, Feb. 8, but the deadline for signing up is just around the corner.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and end by 3:30 p.m. at the Brentwood in Caro. The Michigan Department of Agriculture has granted four pesticide recertification credits to each person completing this workshop in the private and 1A categories.

Topics will include the 1995 herbicide recommendations update, herbicide resistance in weeds and crops, surface water protection, a group problem-solving exercise and Farmstead Assessment.

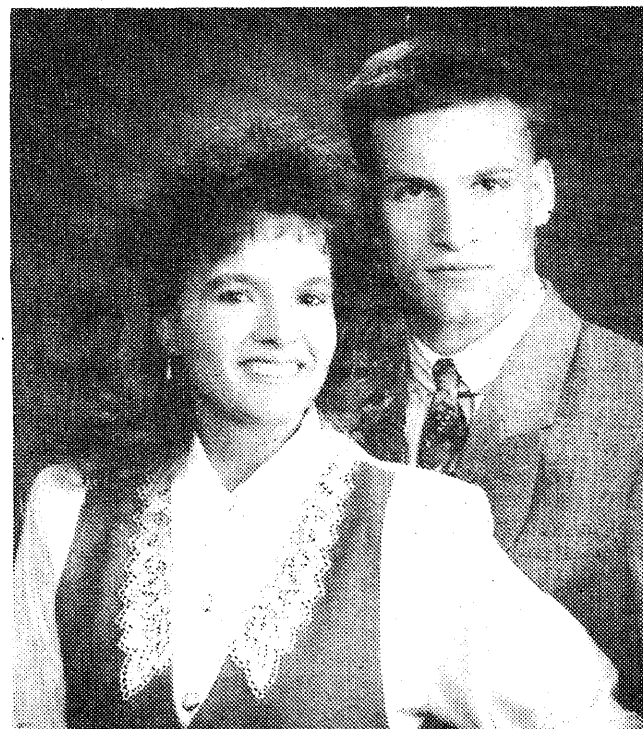
Register before this Wednesday, Feb. 1 to save money on a registration fee. To register, call the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office at 517-672-3870.

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What is a V.I.P. volunteer??

By **MARY MILLERWISE**
V.I.P. volunteer
 V.I.P.s are adults who give their time (1/2-hour per week) to a student who needs a special friend. This is time spent during the school day convenient for the teacher and the student. It may be a time of playing games, doing a craft, or just talking... in a one-on-one basis.

Engaged!



Brill - Talaski

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brill of Caro are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angelia May to J.D. Talaski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Talaski of Elkton.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Caro Community High School. She is attending Delta College, pursuing a degree in Retail Management and is currently employed at Andrew's Fine Jewelry of Bay City.

The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Laker High School. After spending five years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is currently pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at Delta College and attending the Northeastern Police Academy. He is employed at Target, Inc. in Bay City.

A July 22 wedding is being planned.

The adults meet the second Friday of each month for an hour to exchange ideas and make plans for the future.

During the month of January it was suggested we fill pine cones with peanut butter and bird seed, make suet cups or string popcorn, cranberries, etc. for our feathered friends to help them through the winter.

Special thanks to Claerhout Greenhouse for the pine cones and to Luke's Market for the bird seed for this project.

If you are interested in this V.I.P. program, please call Carole Miklovic 674-8718 at USA Elementary School.

Blood programs increased; more blood is needed

The greatly-increased need for more blood is emphasized by American Red Cross Blood Services, which has scheduled 40 blood programs in the five-county Wolverine District during February.

Scheduled local blood programs this month are:

- Thursday, Feb. 2, CARO, Great Lakes Jr. College, 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m.;
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, UBLV, Thumb Electric Building, 1-6:45 p.m.;
- Monday, Feb. 27, PIGEON, Laker High School, 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Persons may drop off their filters at USA High School, at a participating Co-op Elevator or give them to an FFA member, he says.

Since the program began in 1986 WIX Filters has contributed more than \$250,000 to FFA chapters.

USA FFA seeks WIX filters box tops for stuff

USA-FFA Chapter is participating in a special fundraising program with WIX Filters now through April 15, redeeming WIX Filters box tops for 25¢ each.

"The funds we raise in this program are very important to our chapter's programs, and we are encouraging everyone in the community to use WIX Filters and save the box tops for our chapter," said FFA President Mike Hoagg.

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Crops Day is Feb. 21 in Saginaw

Speakers at the Tuesday, Feb. 21 Saginaw Valley Crops Day will zero in on site-specific farming, quality wheat and sugar beet production, water quality, plus Congress and agriculture.

The event will begin with 8:30 a.m. registration at Saginaw Civic Center, with the program running from 9:30 to 3 p.m. In addition to the educational program, there will be a trade show with more than 100 exhibitors.

MSU Research Agronomist Fran Pierce will begin the program with a discussion on global positioning systems, yield monitors and their future in crop production.

The morning session will be rounded out by Dwane Molish, a cereal grain specialist from Nova Scotia, Canada, who will talk about key production strategies to enable wheat growers to compete in a global wheat market.

U.S. Rep. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) will include an update on the Washington scene, provided his House of Representatives schedule permits.

Water quality legislation, agriculture and Saginaw Bay will be discussed by Keith Creigh of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The afternoon session will close with a discussion by Allan Cattanach, sugar beet specialist from North Dakota.

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Achievements



Rhonda Miller of East Tawas, formerly of Unionville and a senior business student at CMU, was awarded a William Wohlgamuth Scholarship for the 1994-95 school year.

The \$500 stipend is named for a former office and information systems faculty member at CMU.

Miller also received the Ima Chambers Scholarship for academic excellence and potential for becoming an outstanding business education teacher. She is treasurer

of Pi Omega Pi, a business education honorary.

A 1974 graduate of USA High School, Miller is the daughter of Richard and Esther Collon of Unionville.

NEW SALEM HONOR ROLL

New Salem Lutheran School of Sebewaing announces its second quarter Honor Roll. High honors denotes all A's.

HIGH HONORS: Megan Linzner

HONORS: Matthew Brooks, MaryBeth Fritz, Steven Hahn, Joel Hines, Joanne Killinger, Jonathon Kroll, Stephanie Kroll, Amanda Linzner, Brooke Nimtz, Kendra Rundell, Jonah Shenberg, Justin Welchner, Nicole Welchner.



CHUCK LEIPPRANDT of Pigeon was awarded the highest achievement possible - the Honorary Membership Award - from the Michigan Crop Improvement Association/Michigan Foundation Seed Association at the group's annual membership meeting recently at the Valley Plaza Inn in Midland.

A lifetime farmer and seedsman, Leipprandt has produced seed for Michigan Foundation Seed and the Cooperative Elevator Company in Pigeon. He has served as a Board of Director for MCIA for six years and MFSA for nine years and has been very active in the community as well-servicing 35 years as township clerk, county and state level work at Farm Bureau, Lions Club member and officer, Masonic Lodge, church and Sunday School.

His sons Tim and Phil manage the home farm, representing the third generation of certified seedsmen.

He is pictured here, receiving his award.

ST. JOHN'S HONOR ROLL, Berne

St. John's Lutheran School, Berne, has announced its honor roll for the second quarter. An asterisk denotes "all A's."

EIGHTH GRADE: *Brian Elbing, *Robin Rathje.
 SEVENTH GRADE: Dustin Bouverette, Jami Chiozzi, Scott Stevenson, Justin Swartzendruber, Steven Mueller.
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 FIFTH GRADE: Jillian Chiozzi, Jessica Finkbeiner, Rebecca Mueller.
 FOURTH GRADE: Kevin Cook, Kevin Gottham, Stanae Fann, Jennifer Richmond, Jeffery Schulze, *Emily Sting, Brandon Swartzendruber.

THIRD GRADE: Melissa Gorsogner, Steven Killinger, Bethany Mueller, Kelly Phillips.

Wendy Osentoski of Pigeon has been accepted into the sports medicine program at Central Michigan University.

The daughter of Don and Lana Osentoski of Pigeon, she is a sophomore at CMU and works as a staff student trainer with the mens' track team.

The sports medicine program prepares students to become certified athletic trainers. According to school officials, CMU was one of the first schools in the nation to offer a bachelor's degree in sports medicine, recognized by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Paul Triplett, Jr. of Pigeon was a December, 1994 degree candidate from Washnetaw Community College in Ann Arbor.

Triplett earned an associates degree, according to the Washnetaw Community College public relations department.

Jesse Karls, USA High School senior, and son of Rev. and Mrs. Mark Karls of Akron, has been accepted to Taylor University, Upland,

IN for the Fall 1995 term.

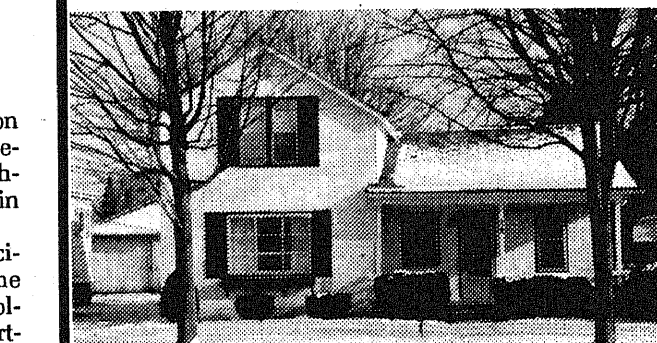
Brian Wisenbaugh of Pigeon has earned his bachelor's degree in Fisheries/Wildlife Management from Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie.

The son of Don and Sandra Wisenbaugh of Pigeon, he was active in the LSSU Biology Club and volunteered studies with the DNR in Sault Ste. Marie.

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3 Laker FFA members seeking Star State FFA degree

By AMY HEIDEN
It hasn't been done since 1952, when Bruce Krohn of Elkton did it. Many have tried, but haven't made the final cut.
This year, three Laker FFA members, all seniors, are in the thick of the running for the Star State FFA degree, the highest honor any FFA member can earn.
First, a member has to earn the State FFA degree, which makes them eligible to compete for the Star State award. With over 6,000 FFA members in Michigan, the competition can be formidable, according to Laker FFA advisor Don Wheeler.
The three Laker FFA members — Heath Krohn, Matt Esch, and Matt Keefer — endured arduous interviews to get into the top six in one of two categories, agribusiness or production, and all three made it.
Out of the six FFA members chosen in each category statewide, three are selected for an even more strenuous interview in Lansing. And if

they're successful there, at least one could win the coveted Star State title.
Krohn made the top three in the production category and moved on to the Final Three at Lansing, while Esch and Keefer were selected for the same honor in agribusiness.
State FFA officials visited each member and examined their FFA projects and reviewed their records. Each member must keep detailed records on their projects, as well as keep records on their years of involvement with their local FFA chapter.
MATT ESCH competed in the Agribusiness category. Last summer, he started his own lawn care business, employing several local folks part-time. He also worked full time as a mechanic's helper at Gettel's, Inc. in Pigeon.
During his FFA career at Lakers, he's earned the Star Greenhand award, been named an Outstanding Junior, and earned the Chapter Agribusinessman award.
Esch also played football and basketball for the Lakers.
He's shown animals at the Huron Community Fair for several years, winning championships

with his hogs and sheep.
Esch is the son of Denny and Dee Esch of Pigeon. He plans to attend Michigan State University next fall and study in the ag-tech program, to learn to design and build landscapes.
HEATH KROHN, son of Doug and Christine Krohn of Bad Axe, specialized in production ag this year for his FFA project. He farmed an 80-acre parcel of land, growing corn, and two five-acre parcels of wheat and beans. He kept records of his crop and marketed the harvested crop.
Krohn was named Chapter Farmer two years, earned cereal and grain proficiency awards, was named an Outstanding Junior, and earned the Star Production Agriculture award.
He has shown animals at the Fair for the past three years, earning a Grand Champion Hog Showman award.
He also participated in football and basketball during his high school years.
Krohn plans to attend Central Michigan University to earn a degree in business with a major in accounting and a minor in marketing in agribusiness.
MATT KEEFER, son of Burt and Linda Keefer of Pigeon, competed in the agribusiness category for the Star State FFA degree. Last year, he worked at the Cooperative Elevator Co. in agronomy

services, conducting test trials for chemicals and taking soil samples. He also trained Hackney ponies for selected clients at his parents' Burlindy Farm.
During his FFA career, he earned the Outstanding Junior award and was named runner-up in the State Outstanding Junior contest. He also earned the Star Greenhand and Star Agribusinessman award, and served as regional president twice. He also earned the Star Regional Agribusinessman award.
At the Huron Community Fair, he showed horses, sheep, cattle and hogs, taking several champion and grand champion awards with each.
Keefer plans to attend Michigan State University this fall, studying chemical engineering.

Piano concerts start Feb. 19

Pam Dubey of Pigeon and Mindy Sutherland of Caro will be guest artists at two benefit concerts planned to support the work of Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ.
Two grand pianos will grace the stage of the Laker Auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. when the duo performs and on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. when they perform at Vassar High School.
Dubey, a graduate of Laker High School, pursued her bachelor of music degree in Piano Pedagogy from Michigan State University. She has studied with Mrs. Betty Dixon and Joseph Evans and now works as a full-time piano instructor from home.
She is also very active in the music program at Salem United Methodist Church. She and her husband Jay also direct the 35-member BT-YFC singing group "Cornerstone" and are the parents of two children, Jeff, age 14 and Laura, age 12.
Sutherland graduated from USA High School, then her musical path led her to a bachelor of music degree in Piano Performance from Central Michigan University. She has studied with Mrs. Betty Dixon, James Smolko and Stephen Nielson of the popular performers Nielson and Young. She is also very active in the music program at Huron Community Church.

Choir members needed for duet

Interested persons are invited to participate in a Community Choir, which will perform Sundays, Feb. 19 and 26 in a piano duo benefit concert featuring guest artists Pam Dubey of Pigeon and Mindy Sutherland of Caro.
Rehearsals will be held Sunday, Feb. 5 and 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon.
The Community Choir will perform two selections at the concerts, which are set for Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at Laker High School and Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. at Vassar High School.
The choir will be directed by Laura Witzak, vocal teacher at Laker High School, accompanied by Haley Herford, a student at Lakers.
The concerts are being held as a benefit for Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ.

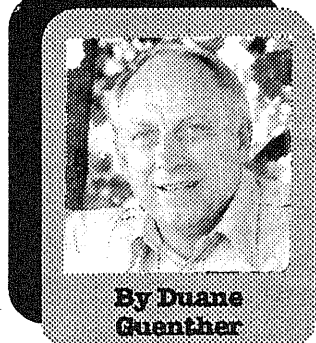


LAKER FFA MEMBERS Matt Esch, Heath Krohn and Matt Keefer competed for chance to become a Michigan Star FFA member. All three made the "Final Three" in their area of competition, and they'll find out in March if they reached the top.
AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Woods & Waters

Eating what you take

We're having our leaky basement repaired. You know, by one of those nationally advertised companies who send a couple of guys who look like they belong on the World Wrestling Federation Saturday lineup.
And to make matters worse, they each are carrying a jackhammer on their shoulders.
The third day they were on the job, the foreman shows up with a crock pot under his arm. I wouldn't have been so curious had I not seen the steam rising from beneath the lid.
"What are we having for lunch?" I asked kiddingly.
"Rabbit-noodle soup," came the casual reply. "Want some?"
Within seconds, both Sweetwife and I had our noses jammed within the cooking receptacle.
I thought he had been joking, but as lunch time rolled around he came up the basement stairs, pushed the partially empty crock pot in our direction and commented, "Finish it off. We've had all we want."
The soup was delicious. It turned out to be rabbit-squirrel noodle soup, and from what we could gather during the short time it was being transferred from the bowl to our bellies, it was just like chicken noodle soup except the chicken was replaced with tiny chunks of rabbit and squirrel meat.
It so happened that the foreman loved to hunt, and like every good hunter, he was eating what he took.
That reminds me of a sign that used to hang in my army mess hall. It read:
TAKE ALL YOU WANT, BUT EAT ALL YOU TAKE.
While the first part of this motto is inappropriate for hunters and fishermen, the second half should be a signed agreement each time you purchase a hunting or fishing license.
The rabbit-squirrel noodle soup is a good example of the fine meals that come from the harvest of our recreational pastime.
There are others, like the famous stew pot I remember from an ancient deer camp I once visited.
They began the season by filling a pot with pieces of rabbit, squirrel, or whatever game meat was available, adding some water, pepper and a Bay leaf. It was simmered until the meat fell off the bones and they, the bones, were then removed.
Beans were added along with tomatoes, onions, bacon and even a little "stump water."
As the pot began to empty, more ingredients were added and the entire concoction was hot and available during the entire first week of the season.
Many people turn up their nose when you mention eating wild game. That's too bad, as nothing is better for you, health wise, than the meat from these birds and animals.



By Duane Guenther

New snowmobile class set in Caro

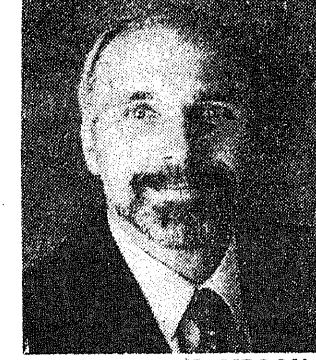
A second Snowmobile Safety Course, given by a certified instructor/DNR officer, will be offered at Tuscola Area Skill Center, Caro, on Saturday, Feb. 11, beginning at 9 a.m. and finishing at 4:30 p.m.
Pre-register by calling Gloria Gainforth at 673-5300, Ext. 333 from 8 to 4 weekdays. Space is limited.

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That's the word from Thumb National Bank & Trust Co., which is sponsoring the appearance of Stephen Thompson, nationally recognized rape investigation consultant, when he speaks to students, businesses and interested individuals in the community.
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No reservations are required. For more information, contact Nancy Buchholz at 856-2247.

Regardless of what your Grandpa used to say, wild animals should be hunted and bled as soon as possible.
Blood is usually the culprit that taints the meat, and the quicker you can get it out of the animal or bird's cavity, the better.
Hanging pheasants and ducks by the neck to draw the wild taste from them used to be widely practiced. But believe me, it is far better to slit the vent and use a gut hook as soon as possible.
If you have wild game but don't know how to prepare it, don't despair. Using regular recipes and substituting wild meat for the domesticated kind will work great.
If you want to explore further, there are many wild game recipe books at any bookstore or, better yet, at your local library. If you're the daring type, experiment a little.
A couple new ones Sweetwife and I created over the holidays were big hits. The first was dove breast pate'.
We didn't know what to do with some of the meat I gathered during an Illinois dove hunt so we substituted the dove breast in a chicken liver pate' recipe.
Everyone who tasted it raved. Well, almost everyone. Once we told them what was in it, I could see the nose turn up and the stomachs begin to cringe.

Assault seminar Thursday at Lakers

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and thinned the mixture with a little more wine. The results were, how do you say... fantastique!

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Western Thumb Sports Report

USA wins 2 games in week

By DUANE GUENTHER
If the USA Varsity team would have wanted to quit after the first quarter of Friday night's basketball game at Mayville, no one familiar with USA basketball would have blamed them.

lowed by Danny Sweetman who contributed 17, and added 11 rebounds to the winning cause.

The USA Patriots sprinted to a 12-point first quarter lead, in Tuesday night's Thumb "C" basketball action, and then hung on to nip the Sandusky Redskins 45-40.

But, folks familiar with both the coach and the individual team members of this year's squad knew the game was far from over.

The Wildcats roared to a 26-10 lead on some smart playing, hot shooting and wicked defense.

However, in the second quarter, Coach John Manninen's Pats began to settle down and picked up the pace offensively, while an improved zone defense began to slowly jam the middle and spread the Wildcat shooters to the extreme edges of the court, for a 14-8 scoring edge.

At halftime, Mayville still clung to a 10-point lead, 34-24.

The Pats came out of the locker room with their shooting guns blazing. Suddenly the score was 36-34. After a few more exchanges, Aaron Eurich put the Pats up by two with 1:02 left in the third. A Eurich to Jesse Karls behind-the-back pass resulted in a three-point play, putting the Pats up by four as the quarter ended.

During the first four minutes of the 4th, the Patriots went on an 8-5 run increasing their lead to 7 points, and with the lead began to control the tempo of the game.

Eurich had a fine game and led all scorers with 19 points, including four three-pointers. He was followed closely by Jesse Karls with 18, and Matt Kuhl added 15.

Brian Hofmeister was outstanding in the middle and, after the first quarter, controlled the boards with authority.

The win moves the Patriots to 5-1 in the American Division of the Thumb C League, keeping them within reach of the Reese Rockets who they will play Friday. They also moved above the .500 mark overall, improving to 6-5 for the season.

This week promises to be a good one for basketball fans, as the Patriots travel to Cass City on Tuesday where they hope to avenge an early season loss.

Then on Friday, USA travels to Reese with a make or break league tilt for first place in the American Division.

JV, FROSH: The USA JV and Frosh basketball teams made it a clean sweep by both winning their games.

The Freshmen topped the Frosh Wildcats 68-51 as Dave Spannagel led the way with 16 points.

The JVs continued their winning ways and remained undefeated for the year by squashing Mayville's JVs 60-44.

Shaun Gainforth had the hot hand, dropping in 23 points for the Patriots. He was fol-

scored once more for the win. Cleveland led the Patriots with 10 points, which included two three-pointers. He was followed by Matt Kuhl, Tim Beringer, and Jody Nitz, all with 8.

Coach John Manninen was pleased with the win, but concerned with the 18 turnovers experienced by his team.

"Our defense is geared to causing turnovers," he said, "And we did a great job as Sandusky had 19."

Kieser matches shot put record

Andrea Kieser, 1992 graduate of USA High School, had reason to celebrate last Friday.

At the sixth Annual Saginaw Valley State University Track Invitational, Kieser did not only have her personal-best performance, but also grabbed a share of the Ryder Center shot put record.

Things had been going well for the SVSU junior track star, but when she approached the ring for her third put of the day, everything seemed to jell. The meet officials measured the toss at 47-feet, 11-inches.

Even though Kieser won the shot put easily, she wasn't done for the day. She also took the 20-pound weight event with a toss of 42-feet, 4-inches.

To give an idea of her skill level, her nearest competitor in that event could not come closer than five feet.

Kieser has made her mark in SVSU track by earning All-American honors in the shot put for the last two years, and if things continue to go well for the junior, she should make it a three-peat by the end of this year's track season.



ANDREA KIESER

put for the last two years, and if things continue to go well for the junior, she should make it a three-peat by the end of this year's track season.

She has her sights set on the Nationals where last year she placed third during the indoor meet and sixth at the outdoor event.

A new coach and weight training program has helped in this year's performances,

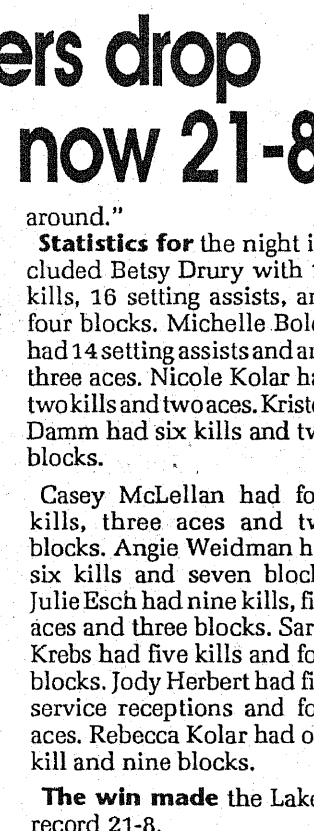
Lady Lakers drop All Saints, now 21-8

The Lady Lakers wasted little time disposing of conference opponent Bay City All Saints last Thursday, playing two matches instead of the usual one. Each match went the minimum three games, with the Lakers winning all six games.

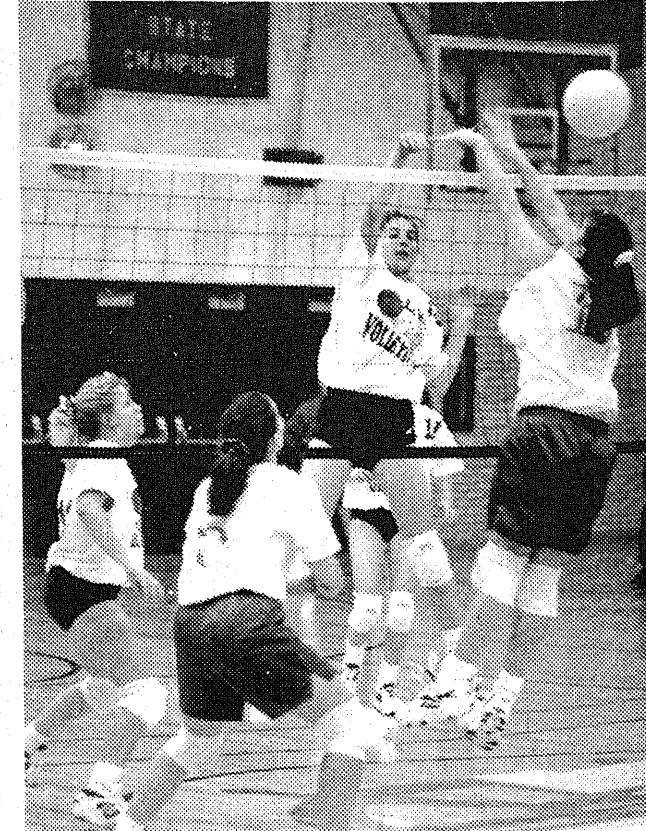
In game one of match one, the Lakers jumped out to an early lead and cruised to a 15-8 victory. Game 2 saw the Lakers being perfect, shutting out the Cougars 15-0. The last game of the first match was more of the same, with the Lakers prevailing 15-3.

Match 2 was a little more balanced with the Lakers on top with scores of 15-11, 15-7, 15-4.

"I was very pleased with what I saw tonight," Coach Sue Frederiksen said. "The girls communicated better, and we concentrated on spreading our offense



JASON CLEVELAND gets an easy USA layup, during a recent Patriots game. AARON GROTH PHOTO



REBECCA KOLAR pounces the ball back over the hands of an opponent in a recent match. The Lakers defeated Bay City All Saints last week in a conference match. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Eagles beat O-G for first b-ball win!

The Caseville Eagles grabbed their first basketball win of the season last Tuesday, outgunning the Owen-Gage Bulldogs 56-45 in a North Central League matchup.

Owen-Gage took the lead in the first quarter 9-7, but the Eagles kept their pressure through the second. Nick Bednorek's triple at the end of the second stanza put the Eagles up 18-17.

The Bulldogs' leading scorer Austin Brinkman left the game in the third quarter, after the Eagles built a 32-29

lead. By the end of the third, they had a 37-31 advantage.

They hung onto their lead throughout the final period, shooting 70 percent from the floor.

"We really played some decent basketball," said Eagle Coach Mike Remar. "Before Brinkman left, we had held him to only five points. Nick was covering him well and playing some tough defense."

Bednorek scored 19 points in the win, with Doug Smith adding 16 and Josh Powell scoring 12.

They couldn't keep up that momentum on Friday, though, falling to the Peck Pirates 62-38.

"I really thought we'd be able to run with Peck after the Kingston and Owen-Gage games," Remar said. "But our offense just didn't jive. They outran us."

Peck led 18-3 after the first quarter and 31-13 at halftime. Bednorek led with 13 points and the newly-eligible Jason Sears added 11.

Lady Pats split pair in v-ball

By DUANE GUENTHER
The Patriot Volleyball team traveled to Ubyly last Monday night and ran into a Bearcat buzzsaw.

After losing the first game 15-11 in a see-saw battle, the Patriots picked up the pace and blew the Bearcats out of the gym with a 15-2 victory in the second game.

"We did everything right," Coach Remar commented, "I thought we were on a roll." However, the Patriots quickly fell behind in the third game and after pulling close a couple of times, managed to lose 15-8.

With their backs against the wall they again came out quick but were unable to hang on, losing 15-11.

The best of five series ended 3-1 in favor of Ubyly, and the loss dropped the Patriot's league record to 1-3.

Leading the attack for the Patriots were Linda Davila with 9 kills, while Heather Lentner had 8 kills and served 4 aces. Terri Schulz shored up the defense with 15 digs and was backed up by Heather Lentner with 11.

On Thursday the Patriots made the long road trip to Sandusky, but if you ask the coach and the kids, it was worth it.

Grabbing an early lead in the first game, the Lady Pats never looked back.

"It was a very consistent match," Coach Remar stated. "We took the lead in every game and was able to hold it each time."

And the USA Volleyball team did just that. The first game ended 15-10 with the Pats on top, and they kept the same momentum during the second and third, winning them 15-10, 15-11.

Linda Davila led the Patriot attack with 12 kills and picked up help from Terri Schulz who added 7. Janelle Keyser served 3 aces plus having 5 digs and 20 assists.

The win improved the Patriot's league record to 2-3. The Patriots host Mayville on Monday to mark the midpoint of the season, and then host the powerful Reese Rockets on Thursday.

Lakers earn first in TCC National

By AMY HEIDEN

Facing two conference foes last week, the Lakers defeated them both to move into first place in the Thumb C Conference National Division.

First up, they downed new conference rival Bay City All Saints 63-58. They held a nine point lead going into the second period, but fell behind 35-33 at halftime.

The two teams fought it out in the final two periods, with All Saints coming back to within two in the fourth. But Jeremy Brakenberry grabbed a steal and made the resulting layup to give the Lakers the win.

Seth Maust led with 20 points.

On Friday, they met up with the Bad Axe Hatchets, who came out screaming in the first period.

But the Lakers pounded the Hatchets with a flurry of three pointers later in the game to give them the 75-69 victory.

For the first quarter at least, it looked as if the Hatchets were going to send the Lakers packing, by jumping out to a 9-0 lead. But the Lakers

fought back, tying the game at 13-13 with scores by Maust and Eric Gady. The quarter ended with the Hatchets up 22-18.

The Lakers took their first lead of the game with a baseline basket by Maust. Later, Zac King's triple extended the lead to five. Hatchet Joe DeLong brought his team back within one with a pair of free throws before Maust added two charity throws and a basket, and Pete Beachy scored off a feed from Maust for the 46-38 halftime lead.

By the end of the third, the Hatchets had cut the deficit to a single point. Then Laker junior Nate Gotts cannoned two straight triples to open the game up again. Maust added another triple and a layup to give his team a 10-point advantage.

The Lakers' record now stands at 10-2 overall, 4-1 in

the TCC National. the TCC National.

JUNIOR VARSITY: The Lakers fell to Bay City All Saints 47-40. Tim Russell scored 11 points in the game.

On Friday, they lost to Bad Axe 58-47, with J.D. Wheeler and Russell each scoring 16.

Tuscola has trees for sale

The Tuscola Soil Conservation District is taking orders for its annual tree sale.

The trees are excellent for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control, Christmas trees, restocking woodlots and for wildlife, officials say.

Pine, spruce and shrubs are available in bundles of 50 besides the 100, 500 and 1,000 lots.

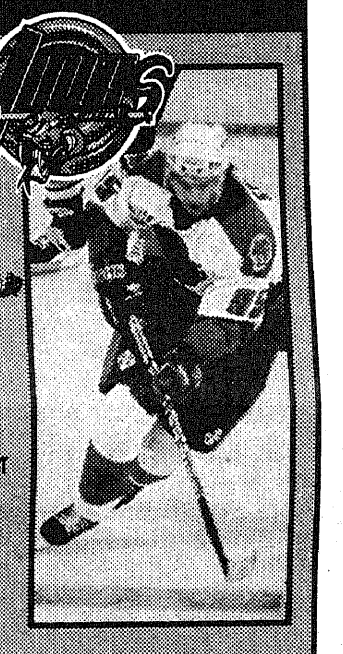
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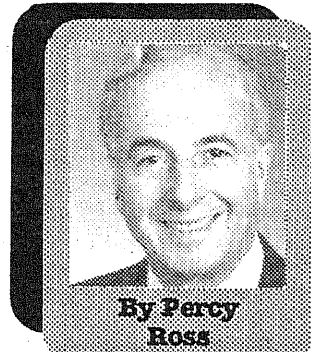
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By Percy Ross

On our way home we passed a well-dressed man who had just gotten out of a chauffeur driven limousine. He asked to hold my baby and when he left I found a \$5 bill in her hand. All these years I have carried his picture in my mind. The pictures I've seen of you when you were younger are either him or his twin.

That \$5 bill bought a lot of baby food, but more than that, it seemed to change my life. Things kept getting better and better from then on.

Now the tide has turned again. My husband lost his job because of the recession and with it went our retirement plan.

Since he is legally blind and profoundly deaf, working at any other trade is virtually impossible.

All I'm asking is if you could send me another \$5 bill. Who knows, it just might change my luck the way that other \$5 did so many years ago. — Mrs. L. C., Sarasota, FL

DEAR MRS. C.:
With inflation, I doubt the same amount of luck can be found with a \$5 bill today, as it did some 20 years ago.

To be on the safe side, I'm sending a crisp \$50 bill. Now all you have to do is believe. Good luck and I mean that more than you'll ever know. \$\$\$\$\$

DEAR MR. ROSS:
I've written to you twice already and I still haven't heard from you. I read your column

DEAR MR. ROSS:
I've wanted to join the Navy since high school but never got the chance. Ever since I left home at 18, I've seemed to create one problem after another for myself.

I got pregnant at 18 (I love my son dearly) plus got involved with a very abusive man and ended up quitting college. I've had every job you could think of but can't ever seem to make ends meet.

I fell behind, got depressed and in desperation wrote a

couple of bad checks. I'd never do it again, but now I'm in trouble.

I'm unable to pay the court \$320. Because I can't pay, I'm unable to join the Navy. I've already taken the test and physical and passed. All I need to do is clear my past so I have a future.

My son is living with his father for now and likes it there. If you decide to help me you could send the money directly to the Clay County Court House.

I'll be eternally grateful to you for helping me to be all that I can be. — Ms. T. N., Fargo, ND

DEAR MS. N.:
You sound like prime military material if you're trying to "be all that you can be." In fact, you sound just like the TV commercial for the Army Reserve.

More so, you sound as though you have your feet on the ground and are ready to start making some good

choices. I hope the Navy is one, because as of today you're paid in full at the Clay County Court House.

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Write Percy Ross, P.O. Box 39000-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number and name of this publication.

All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

"HELPING HAND" HELP PAGERS: The Scheurer Hospital Ambulance Service was pleased to receive a "Helping Hands" matching grant from Aid Association for Lutherans.

The \$500 matching grant was used to help purchase three new pagers for the Ambulance Service.

Pictured here are Fred Kalls, district representative of AAL Branch 1504 and Janet Devroye, branch secretary/treasurer, presenting a check to Scheurer Hospital Ambulance Coordinator Beth Swartzendruber and Scheurer Hospital Administrator Dwight Gascho.

SALLY RUMMEL PHOTO



It's a boy!

Brady Ashton Heckman is the first-born son of Randy and Bernadette Heckman of Howard City, born Monday, Jan. 23, 1995 at Mecosta County Hospital, Big Rapids. The newborn weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Proud paternal grandparents are Ron and Janet Heckman of Pigeon and maternal grandparents are John and Margaret McPay of North Carolina.

Great-grandparents include Marge Heckman of Pigeon and Maude Albrecht of Saginaw.

DEAR MS. C.:
You must have some means if you need a car seat. A vehicle needs gas, maintenance, insurance and current registration. How do you accomplish that?

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Thank you for the many good wishes you have given me, and my special thanks to Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce for the plaque you presented at the annual dinner meeting.
If I can be of any help to you personally, or in the District, please call me. I will welcome your call and I will do my best, as I always have.
Bruce Kuhl

Caseville Retirement Club members celebrate 20 years

By SALLY RUMMEL

It has been two decades of fun and fellowship for area senior citizens, as the Caseville Retirement Club marked its 20th anniversary at last Tuesday's meeting.

A number of past presidents were special guests, and enjoyed a potluck meal as part of the 75 seniors who attended.

A dozen charter members who joined the club in 1975 when Ruth Selle organized the club with a priest from St.

Roch Catholic Church, were also on hand for the special meal.

In addition to a weekly meal, playing cards and socializing, members of the Caseville Retirement Club are also proud of the service they provide to the community.

Every holiday they assemble food baskets to needy retirees in the area and they always welcome people warmly into their group.

Members also say they enjoy the entertainment aspect

of the club and come every week because "we like each other."

Romance seems to be alive and well, too, as long-time members Daniel and Esther Calabrese celebrate 67 married years.

At last Tuesday's meeting, Helen Stilwell, Al Fournier and Susan Reynolds were thanked for bringing "early-bird goodies." Thank-yous were received from Rose Morosini and the American Cancer Society for a memo-

rial sent in Mildred Zakay's name.

Birthdays celebrated this week include Dorothy Kavalir and Helene Burns. Feted for anniversaries are Ray and Virginia Kapcia and Louie and Maxine LeDuc.

On the sick list are Alma Stahl, who fell and broke her leg; Frieda Damm, who is a patient at the Huron Medical Care Facility and senior advocate Harold Richards, who broke his hip.

Centerpieces were awarded to Georgina Farver and Evelyn Garant. Grab bags of candy were raffled to Mary Rutkowski, Jeanne Owens, Harriett Collins, Lee Marries, Jean Lipiec, Esther Buchler, Charlotte Holzworth, Marion Deming, Mildred Beadle and Sara Loining.



LONG-TIME PAST PRESIDENTS 'SHAKE ON IT': Ed Alward, president in 1979 shakes hands with 1978 president Tom Beadle - the two earliest serving presidents still living. SALLY RUMMEL PHOTOS



PAST PRESIDENTS: Pictured here are past presidents from the Caseville Retirement Club, Ed Reynolds-1994, Frank Janes-1986, Shirley Ritchie-1987, Bill Vallance-1995, Andy Lakatos-1982-83, Tom Beadle-1978-1988.

Also serving as presidents but not pictured here are Clyde Schamel-1980, Marie Darby-1981, Tony Zakeretti-1984-85, Margaret Wilhelm-1989-90, Ed White-1991-92, Mike Scally-1993. The first two club presidents, Ruth Selle-1975 and Harry Cole-1976-77 are deceased.



20 YEARS LATER, Charter members are still smiling! Pictured clockwise from left are Mike Buchler, Esther Buchler, Mildred Beadle, Tom Beadle, Jean Lipiec,

Gerry Dominiak, Rose Koenig, Cassie Kopek, Mary Gardner. Not picture, but still active members, are Irene Martz and John and Dorothy Kavalir.

Pigeon Library

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

"Black History" month will be the theme for Tuesday's, Feb. 7, story hour at the Pigeon District Library. Stories include "Black Like Kyr, White Like Me," and Nathaniel Talking.

Story Hour consists of stories, games, flannelgraphs, songs, fingerplays and creative movement.

Story hour sessions are appropriate for listeners ages 3 to 5. They are invited to attend either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. sessions.

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS
Winter library hours for Thursday evenings only will begin Feb. 2 through March 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FREE MOVIE
"Little Giants" will be the free movie feature on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the audio-visual room of the library.
Please, no food or drink in the library. Youngsters under the age of 5 must be escorted by an adult.

BEST SELLER...
The longest duration on the New York Times best-seller list has been for "The Road Less Traveled" by M. Scott Peck, which on Oct. 2, 1988 had its' 258th week on the list.
The Pigeon District Library is proud to announce that they will check this best seller out to you. So come on in and follow the road much traveled to your library.

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fin, The Murderers, Bk. VI; Robbins, The Raiders; Howatch, Absolute Truths; Tolkien, The War of the Jewels; Cook, Acceptable Risk; Gaskin, A Falcon for a Queen.

LARGE PRINT—Michaels, To Have and to Hold; Cornwell, The Body Farm; Lindsey, Surrender My Love; Martini, Undue Influence; Girzone, The Shepherd; Girzone, Joshua and the Children; Grafton, J is for Judgement; Andrews, Darkest Hour.

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Thumb Club News

IMMANUEL LWML, Sebewaing

Twenty-nine members of Immanuel Lutheran Women's Missionary League met Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the school cafeteria with President Betty Guenther opening the meeting.

Lutheran World Relief volunteers reported a record amount of donations at their in-gathering. Immanuel's LWML again participated in collections for this worthy cause.

Patterns for bibs are available from President Guenther for anyone interested in helping make bibs for Bethesda or other area nursing homes.

The upcoming Day of Prayer will be at Good Shepherd, Cass City, Monday, Mar. 20 at 7 p.m.

Christian Growth Chairman, Bunny Cohrs, with several members, led a devotion on serving named "What Shape Are You?" followed by a visual Bible study.

Committee for the evening included Jean Wissner, Diane Strieter and Brook Stock.

IMMANUEL LADIES AID, Sebewaing

Immanuel Lutheran Church's Ladies Aid of Sebewaing held its first meeting of the year Jan. 26 with President Florence Liken in charge.

Deborah Kretschman, AAL representative, spoke on how AAL is involved in the Immanuel congregation.

Discussions were held on the Aid's 100th birthday in May and also the upcoming bazaar.

Luncheon committee is Alma Stephens, Della Riegan and Alma Heider.

Church offers fatigue seminar

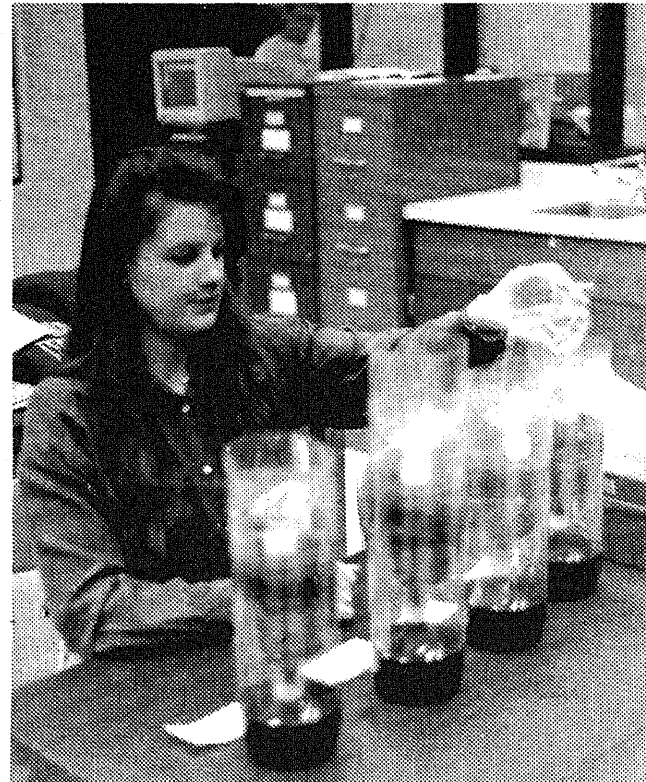
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Caseville will offer a four-lesson, four-session Bible Study entitled "Coping With Compassion Fatigue" on Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 23 — to assist caregivers who cope with feelings of fatigue and guilt because they are constantly giving to others.

Whether persons work in caregiving professions such as doctors, nurses, EMT, counselors or are responsible for disabled or ill spouses, children, parents, etc. emotional fatigue and guilt can run high.

Rev. Barrie Henke, who authored the Bible study, writes, "In the shadows of those sick-bed rooms stand the loved ones who are tired: tired of helping, tired of giving, tired of caring, tired of waiting. As they grapple with those feelings, their fatigue brings guilt."

The community is invited to attend. For more details, call 517-856-4850.

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DARCY HAAG tests nitrite movement through the soil in the senior agriscience class at USA High School for a state science project. The nitrate testing has been completed over two years in cooperation with the Saginaw Bay Watershed Program, Huron County Cooperative Extension Office and Michigan State University.

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ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Third Vice President Charles Willis welcomed 30 members and guests to the Jan. 24 meeting. Guests included Violet Musselman, Clayton Diebel and the Rev. DeWeerd Smith, pastor of

Elkton's Community Wesleyan Church.

Della Trudgen offered the table prayer before the potluck meal. "America" was sung and the Pledge recited. Program Chairman Edna Wakefield's guest, Rev. Smith, spoke on "Ought Nots

and the Oughts" of the 39th Psalm.

The birthdays of Hal Conkey, age 96 and Grace Herford were recognized with "The Birthday Song."

President Mike Renn has invited Sheriff Mike Gage to be the guest on Jan. 31.



LONG-TIME AUXILIAN HONORED: Helen Stoeckle had two reasons to celebrate with her fellow American Legion #293 Auxiliaries on Jan. 18. She was honored with gifts of money, cards and a birthday cake made by Kathleen Markert to celebrate her 97th birthday, which was actually Dec. 31, 1994 AND she has 45 years of membership as an Auxilian in Unit #293, Sebewaing!

Members met for a potluck lunch at Stoeckle's home and a short business meeting followed. Members then enjoyed cards and bingo with prizes awarded.

The February meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the Legion Hall at 12:30 p.m.

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Laker Science programs grow, thanks to \$63,000 gift

By AMY HEIDEN

Although some basic truths about the sciences change, improvements in basic science equipment and teaching aids are being made all the time.

A student can use a microscope manufactured 30 years ago, but a new and improved model may have features that allow it to be used in new ways — and that can increase a student's understanding of those basic truths.

A forward-thinking anonymous donor last spring gave \$63,000 to the Laker High School Science Department, with the fund to be named the Orvin Yordy Science Enlightenment Fund.

Yordy was once a teacher of the donor, and retired in 1974 after 18 years as principal of Pigeon Junior High School.

That \$63,000 is nearly gone now, with some of its funds remaining as a reserve. But the equipment that was purchased with the money is enough to warm the heart of any science, biology or chemistry teacher.

After news of the surprise gift sunk in, members of the Laker science department pored over catalogs to determine what each needed. And this year's students are the first to benefit from all the hours spent studying the catalogs.

"We tried to be diligent," said Dennis Gaskill, chairman of the science department. "We tried to buy things that are long-lasting."

Among the new purchases are two view-frames that display the contents of a computer screen on an overhead movie screen, so that an entire class can see what's happening.

Four new computers and printers were purchased, to allow more scientific research. The biology lab now contains an Environmental Chamber that can replicate any particular environment on earth, from the driest desert to the wettest rain forest.

The department also purchased a survey set, which includes specimens of every major group of plants and animals on earth, and new charts with diagrams were added to the science rooms.

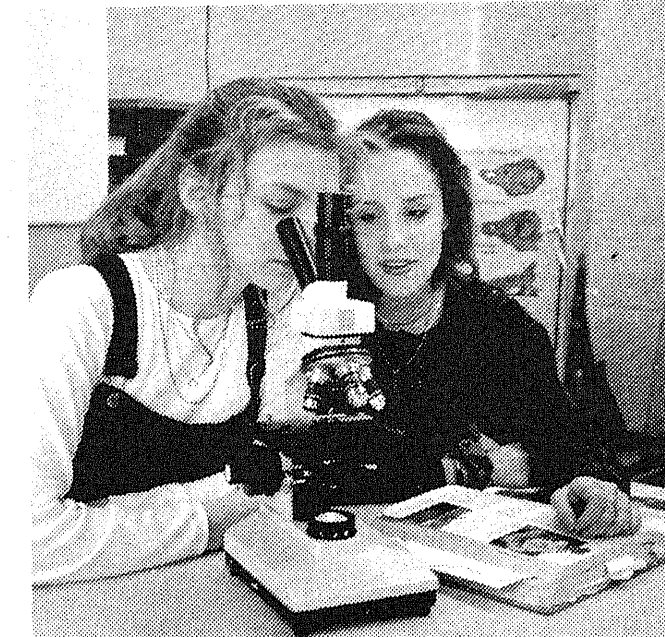
Down the hall, earth science teacher Paul Beachy's room has a new diamond saw capable of cutting rocks, and a stream table that allows students to set up geological conditions with water flow.

In Debbie Pudel's chemistry lab, new electric balances and a spectrophotometer add to students' understanding of the material.

The first new microscopes purchased since 1968 are now being used by the students, and a Closed Circuit Video Microscopy unit uses a video camera hooked to a microscope to allow students to see a slide's material directly on a video screen.

A refrigerator to store cultures was purchased, as well as computer software and CD-ROMs.

A separate gift from the anonymous donor allowed the purchase of books for the school's library, Gaskill said.



LAKER BIOLOGY students Carrie Dufty, left, and Erin Sdao use one of the new microscopes purchased with funds from the Orvin Yordy Science Enlightenment Fund. The Fund was set up by a \$63,000 anonymous gift last April.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Michiganders, Michigeeses to meet in Florida

All Michigan "Snowbirds" wintering in Florida are notified that the Michigan Day annual potluck luncheon will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Moose Hall in Deland, 614 Alabama Ave. The hall is across from Earl Brown Park.

Joan (Herb, Jr) Jahr of New Smyrna Beach, FL, and Sebewaing, is president of the Michigan Day, and Don Rundell of Port Orange, FL, and Sebewaing, is secretary.

All current and former Michigan residents are invited to attend, they say.

Coffee and tea will be provided. All those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass, their own table setting and any other drinks they desire.

Clubs

HARE RAISERS 4-H CLUB

By KATIE LICHT, Reporter

The Hare Raisers 4-H Club met at the home of Erin, Christopher and Whitney Parsch on Jan. 20 to plan activities for the year.

Members also talked about getting club shirts.

Elections for 1995 officers were also held: President-Erin Parsch, Vice President-Jeremy Licht, Secretary-Alyce English, Treasurer-Tiffany Maust, Reporter-Katie Licht and Historian/Photographer-Jason Zimmerman. Pee Wee members will be pledge leaders.

Everyone made jar decorations with chalk and salt. Cookies were also divided for each member to take to a shut-in or someone in need of company.

The next meeting will be Feb. 10 at the Zimmerman's.

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The Newsweekly's Thumb Area CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 1 - Computer Lab Open House

USA High School is hosting a Computer Lab Open House from 7 to 8:30 p.m. See and use the new computers and have computer technology explained.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 - USA Sex Ed Program

USA Schools and Huron County Health Department team up to offer "Sex Education at School and Home," for parents with children from infancy through college age, 7 p.m. at the USA High School cafeteria. Details: 269-9721 or 674-8469.

Thursday, Feb. 2 - Sexual harassment seminar

Rape investigation consultant Stephen Thompson will hold an evening seminar at Laker High School at 7 p.m., following daytime visits to Laker, Caseville and Cass City students, sponsored by Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. Details: 856-2247.

Friday, Feb. 3 - 'Cotton Patch Gospel' rescheduled

Laker Drama Club's Dinner Theatre presentation of "Cotton Patch Gospel" has been rescheduled to this date, at 6 p.m. in the Laker Student Center. Details: 453-2348.

Saturday, Feb. 4 - Bay Port Carnival

Bay Port PTO sponsors its annual carnival, with the kitchen opening at 5:30 p.m. and bingo and games at 6 p.m. Kids and adults of all ages invited. Details: 656-2801.

Saturday, Feb. 4 - Student piano recital

Students of piano teacher Ruth Leinweber of Pigeon will perform in recital at Hayes United Methodist Church at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 5 - Benefit Euchre Card Party

Aid Association for Lutherans is sponsoring a Benefit Euchre Card Party at St. Peter Lutheran Church basement, Bach, at 1:30 p.m. Includes lunch and prizes.

Monday, Feb. 6 - Thumb 2 Cylinder meets

Interested persons are invited to a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Huron County Courthouse.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 - Unionville Elementary hosts author

Famed children's author Janie Panagopoulos will visit from 10:30 to 11 a.m. for a school-wide presentation, to which the public is invited, then will meet with second through fourth grade students. She will autograph books during lunch hour. Details: 674-8718.

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 - Food Pantry meeting

Representatives of the Pigeon Community Food Pantry will meet at 9 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pigeon.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 - USA Band Boosters meet

Meeting at USA High School Band Room, 7:30 p.m. Meets second Wednesday of month.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 - Elkton/Pigeon Lions Broom Sale

Two service groups join forces to sell brooms to raise funds for local bone marrow transplant recipient Michael Wine-man. Canvass of local homes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Details: Mike LePage 453-3113.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 - Laker District delay

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

Thursday, Feb. 9 - Sebewaing River meeting

Sebewaing River Watershed Steering Committee will meet at 10 a.m. in Sebewaing Township Offices at the Fire Hall Building on Center Street, Sebewaing. The public is invited.

Friday, Feb. 10 - Laker Band Soup Supper

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

Saturday, Feb. 11 - Snowmobile Safety Course

Another course is slated at Tuscola Area Skill Center, Caro. Limited space so call Gloria Gainforth to pre-register from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 673-5300, Ext. 333. To be certified, you must be age 12, pass the test, and attend the full-day course.

Saturday, Feb. 11 - Tuscola Republicans honor Abe

Tuscola County Republican Party will be hosting a Lincoln Day Dinner at Knights of Columbus Hall, Ryan Road, Caro. Doors will open at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the evening program will be at 7:30 p.m. Speakers are State Senator Joel Gougeon and State Representative Mike Green. Public is invited. Tickets may be purchased at Gambles in Downtown Caro.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Sebewaing Chamber to meet

Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce will meet at 7 p.m. at Village Office. Meets second Tuesday of month.

Thursday, Feb. 16 - "United We Stand" meets

Meets at Texan Restaurant, State St., Saginaw, 7 p.m. every third Thursday. Public welcome!

Thursday, Feb. 16 - Akron Township Meeting

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Municipal Building, Beach St., Akron. Meets every third Thursday.

Thursday, Feb. 16 - VFW Auxiliary 4115 meets

Sebewaing VFW Auxiliary 4115 will meet at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Monday, Feb. 20 - Unionville Village Council meets

Unionville Village Council meeting at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Council meets every third Monday.



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