

The Newsweekly

Blade & Progress

NEWS ROUND-UP

Mark Gainforth is interim USA superintendent

At a special USA School Board meeting Jan. 31, USA Schools' Middle School Counselor Mark Gainforth was named interim superintendent for the remainder of the school year.

Gainforth will replace Supt. Willam Dodge, who had announced his retirement earlier in the school year.

Gainforth is a 1975 graduate from USA High School and received his BA degree from Saginaw Valley State University and his MA degree from Central Michigan University.

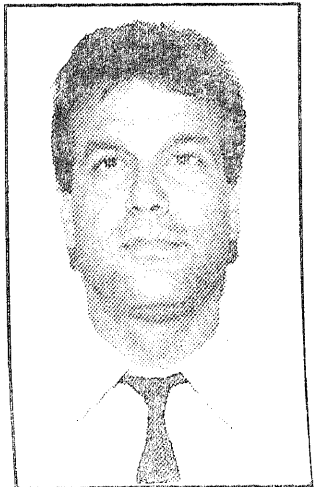
He lives in Unionville with his wife Brenda and their three children, Shaun, Isaiah and Megan.

Supt. Gainforth will take over day-to-day operations of the school district this week, as well as continuing his duties as USA Athletic Director. At present, no plans have been made to fill the Middle School Counseling position vacated by Gainforth.

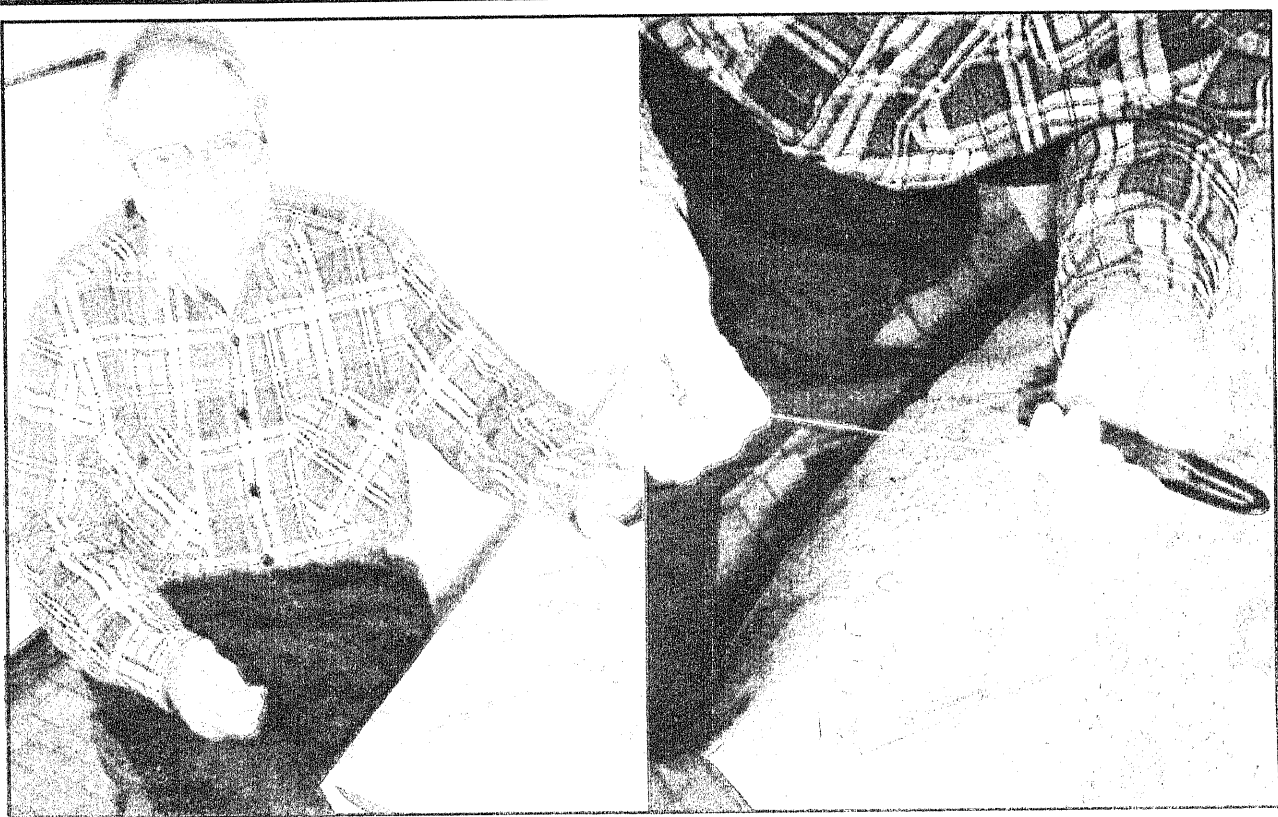
According to USA School Board President Raymond Bauer, Dodge will remain with the school district to supervise the new Middle School building until its completion.

The district will again seek candidates for the permanent position of Superintendent, extending the deadline to apply until April 1.

— By DUANE GUENTHER



MARK GAINFORTH



RETIRED SEBEWAING COMMERCIAL fisherman Charlie Tredup shows some of his fishing equipment, above left, from nearly 70 years ago, above left. Above right, here's a close-up view of the type of "net needle" used to sew fishing nets, plus his original "Jahr-inscribed" knife. DUANE GUENTHER PHOTOS

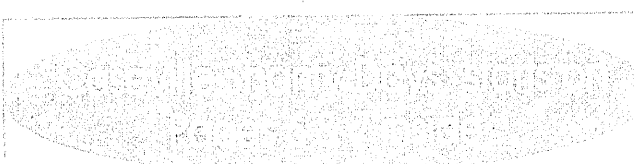
Tredup an 'original' fisherman

By DUANE GUENTHER
It was in the early 1920s and Charlie Tredup, a junior at Sebewaing High School, was sitting in class minding his own business.

Not one to let an incident like this go unanswered, Tredup waited patiently until his "so-called" friend was returning to his seat and then smacked him a good one.

One of his buddies, on his way to the front of the class to talk with the teacher, could not resist the urge to give Tredup a good sock in the shoulder as he passed by.

As is always the case, the teacher saw the second incident instead of the first. Pointing a finger at him, the teacher, in a loud, stern voice, instructed Tredup to, "Go



home right now!" "In those days," he recalls, "You did what the teacher said." So he started for home. But,

the more he walked, the madder he got.

"You know," he says, recalling the event, "What made me the maddest was that she never once asked me why I had hit the boy."

By the time Tredup got home, he had made a decision. That day was the last he ever attended school.

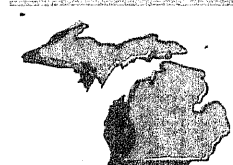
"That was the best decision I ever made," he says, with a mischievous twinkle in his eye.

Out of school and without a job left Tredup a little vulnerable. But since he loved the outdoors, and liked to hunt and fish it was only natural for him to jump at the chance to accompany Ed and Grover Pitcher to Alpena to fish "pond nets."

With a quick handshake, Tredup was to get his first taste of commercial fishing.

Pond nets are similar to trap nets, with long leads which directed fish into a holding area, or trap, as they were called. The difference between the two is that pond

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M!CH!GAN "by the numbers"

GOOD FOR GROWING: The eastern shores of the Great Lakes are noted as fruit-growing regions, thanks to prevailing winds from the west. We're just a month (about 30 days) away from spring, when cool winds off the lake delay the budding of fruit trees until there's little danger from late frost...

Caseville Village, Township may merge police

Merging police protection for the Village of Caseville and Caseville Township has been a topic of discussion since the 1940's, but the current Village Council may finally be moving in that direction.

Village and Township police committee members met last Wednesday to discuss such a move, and were to decide Monday morning whether or not to present a proposal to the full Council Monday night.

Currently, Caseville Township contracts with the Huron County Sheriff's Department for police service, with two officers staggering shifts throughout the week and on weekends.

The Village has its own police department, with Tom Shedd as chief. Shedd said he also has 12 part-time officers, who altogether work fewer hours than one full-time officer would.

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Sunday concert for BT YFC

PIANO PERFORMERS: Mindy Sutherland of Caro, standing and Pam Dubey of Pigeon practice for this Sunday's piano duet performance to benefit Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ. It begins at 7 p.m. in the Laker Auditorium, Pigeon, with an encore performance set for next Sunday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. at Vassar High School. A community choir, directed by Laker Elementary Music Teacher Laura Witczak, will also perform.



Caseville hosts Shanty Days this weekend!

By AMY HEIDEN

With the spring-like weather a few weeks ago, going out on the ice on Wildfowl Bay could be a chancy proposition.

The lack of safe ice also worried Caseville Chamber of Commerce officials, who need ice and lots of it for the Shanty Days celebration.

But Mother Nature smiled on Caseville last week with frigid temperatures and more than a foot of solid ice has covered Wildfowl Bay for the third annual Caseville Shanty Days, set for this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18-19 with a long list of winter activities.

Centerpiece events of the two-day festival are motorcycle ice racing and snowmobile drag races, according to Shanty Days organizer Linda Hogan.

This year's motorcycle racing is sanctioned by the American Motorcycle Association District 14 and the Tri-City Competition Club, with racers able to rack up points for the winter circuit championships. And Micro EDM Racing of Cass City will be running the snowmobile drag racing.

Racing will take place on both Saturday and Sunday, providing spectators with plenty of thrills and chills, as the powerful machines take to the ice on Wildfowl Bay.

The drag racing and the oval racing both begin at noon on Saturday and Sunday.

For those with cars, the Caseville Rod and Gun Club is sponsoring a demolition derby on their property on Dunn Road on Saturday at 7 p.m.

And don't forget the ice rescue demonstration by the U.S. Coast Guard on Saturday afternoon.

The schedule includes an ice fishing contest, shanty decorating contest, snow sculptures by Caseville High School art students, and the ever-popular polar bear dip. Local civic organizations will be on hand with plenty of hot food, coffee and hot chocolate.

There will be a beer tent and live entertainment on the ice, too, on both days. An information booth will be located on the ice with regular announcements of upcoming events, and the winners of the shanty decorating contest and the raffles will be announced at 4 p.m. Saturday.

You can sign up for the ice fishing contest at Hoy's Saginaw Bay Marina, Wildfowl Bay Resort or Walsh's Gun and Tackle.

In the warming tent on the ice, Tom Thumb Preschool will be holding a Kiddy Carnival on Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m., with face painting, and games and prizes for kids of all ages.

Due to popular demand, shuttle buses will be running on Saturday from both the village and the special parking lot on Filion Road, and on Sunday from the parking lot only.

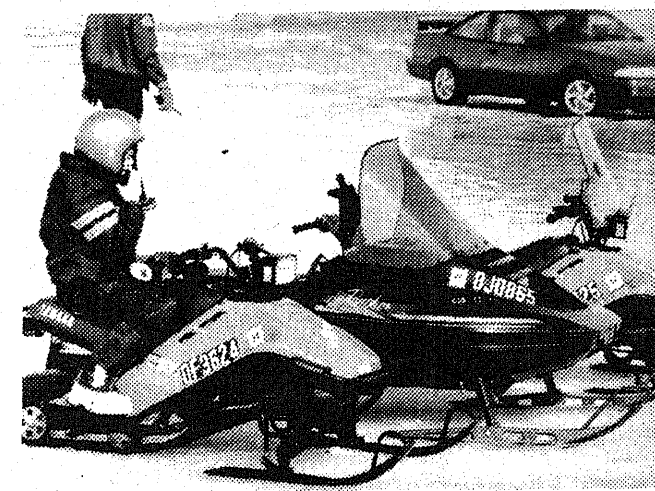
After a day on the Bay Saturday, you're invited to warm up by the bonfire next to the Bay Window Restaurant, and relax on the hayride, both sponsored by the Caseville Township Fire Department.

And for those who want even more to do, there will be a candlelight cross-country skiing at Sleeper State Park. The Caseville Golf Course will host a few rounds of Snow Golf on Sunday at 10 a.m., with a four-person scramble.

CellularOne Lake Huron will sponsor a Hole-in-One Contest Saturday and Sunday, with a Quad Runner as the grand prize.

Don't forget to buy the official Shanty Days button from Chamber members. That button is required for admission to all events on the ice, Hogan says. Buttons can be purchased from Chamber of Commerce members.

For more information on Shanty Days, or about Caseville, contact the Chamber at 517-856-3818, or 1-800-606-1347 (in the 517 area code only).



SNOWMOBILE DRAG RACING has become a popular winter activity, and watching the races should please the crowds during the Shanty Days celebration this weekend. — AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

3RD ANNUAL CASEVILLE SHANTY DAYS

FEBRUARY 17 - 18 - 19, 1995

Sponsored by Caseville Chamber of Commerce, Micro EDM, & Gerry's Distributing

~ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ~

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1995

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - Blue Water Inn 9:00 p.m.
 POOL TOURNAMENT - Riverside Bar 6:30 p.m.
 MOVIE - Bay Window Theatre 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 LOUNGE OPEN - Mitch's at Hidden Harbour Evening Hours
 CLUB D.J., LIMBO CONTEST - PRIZES Bella Vista, Hersel's 9:00 p.m.
 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - Attitudes Lounge 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1995

PUBLIC BUS SHUTTLE - From Caseville Public School and Village Parking Lot..To Ice Events 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 BREAKFAST - Fraternal Order of Eagles 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon
 ICE RACE REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - PRACTICE AT MUD CREEK 10:00 A.M. - Sign up in Vendor Tent
 AMA DISTRICT 14, TRI-CITY COMPETITION CLUB ICE RACES 12 noon
 DRAG RACING - Mud Creek - Registration 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. RADAR RUN 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. - RACES 12:00 Noon

SATURDAY CONTINUES:

ICE FISHING CONTEST - Sign up at Wildfowl Bay Resort, Walshs or Hoy's Saginaw Bay Marina - Entry Fee 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 ARTS AND CRAFT - Caseville Public School - Shuttle Bus Stop 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 SHANTY DECORATING CONTEST - Sign up at Wildfowl Bay Resort Walshs, Hoy's Saginaw Bay Marina
 Must be on display on Main Street or Mud Creek - Entry Free
 SNOW SCULPTURES - Caseville Art Students - Caseville Main Street
 POLAR BEAR DIP - Mud Creek - Sign up at Information Booth 3:00 p.m.
 HOT TUB ON ICE - By Tubbys Pool and Spa
 HOLE IN ONE CONTEST - By Cellular One Quad Runner as Grand Prize 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - By Tom Thumb Pre-School...Snow Hill 12:00 Noon
 ICE RESCUE Demonstration - U.S. Coast Guard 2:00 p.m.
 FOOD & VENDOR TENT, BEER TENT - D.J. (Jimmy Mac) and live band (Southwest) 11:00 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 SHANTY AWARDS AND RAFFLE AWARDS - Information Booth 4:00 p.m.
 MOVIE - Bay Window Theatre 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE - Next to Bay Wind Restaurant - By Caseville Fire Department 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 PAJAMA PARTY - Club D.J. - Prizes, Bella Vista's Hersel's on the Bay 9:00 p.m.
 KARAOKE - Riverside Bar
 CANDLE LIGHT CROSS COUNTRY SKIING - Sleeper State Park Dusk
 LOUNGE OPEN - Mitch's at Hidden Harbour Evening Hours
 DEMOLITION DERBY - Sponsored by Rod & Gun Club - On Dunn Road off M-25 - Spectator Fee 7:00 p.m.
 COMEDY ACTS - Attitudes Lounge 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1995

BREAKFAST - Fraternal Order of Eagles 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon
 SNOW GOLF - Caseville Golf Course - 4 person scramble \$7.00 per person 856-2613 10:00 a.m.
 ICE FISHING CONTEST 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 AMA ICE RACE REGISTRATION - 8:00 a.m. - Practice 10:00 am.-Sign up in Vendor Tent - RACING 12:00 noon
 DRAG RACING - Mud Creek (Same as Saturday)
 HOLE IN ONE CONTEST - By Cellular One 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
 POLAR BEAR DIP - Mud Creek - Sign up at Information Booth 3:00 p.m.
 HOT TUB ON ICE - By Tubbys Pool and Spa
 FOOD & VENDOR TENT, BEER TENT AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT -
 Open Jam with Southwest - All Musicians welcome 12:00 noon - 6 p.m.
 ICE FISHING AWARDS AND RAFFLE DRAWING 4:00 p.m.
 COMEDY ACTS - Attitudes Lounge Evening Hours

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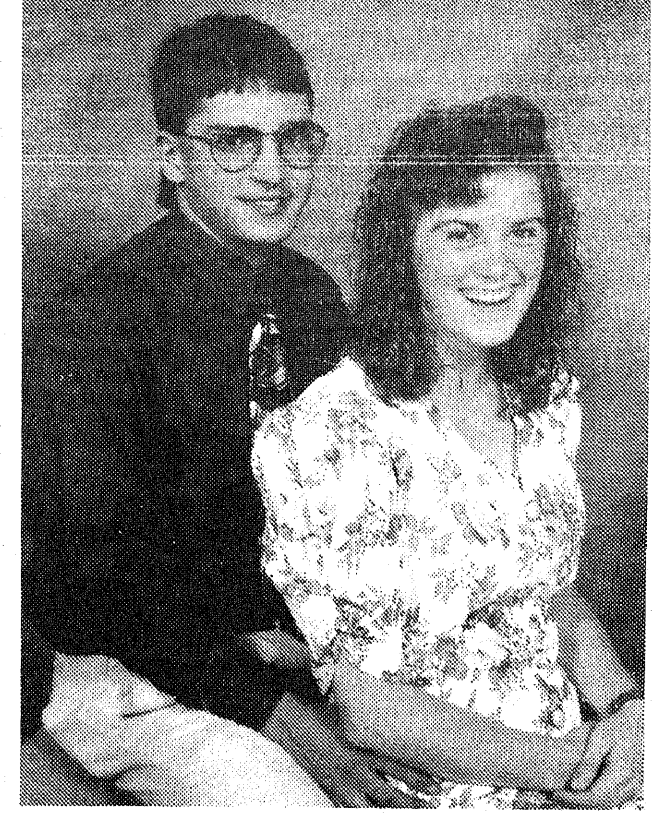
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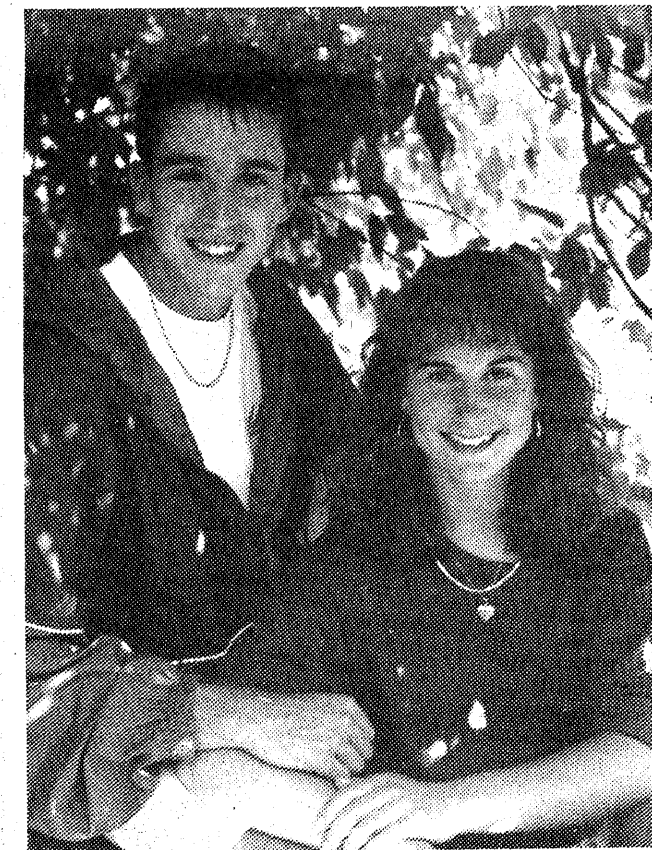
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Mell - Sting

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pepin of Vassar and Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Austin of Unionville are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Mell to Matthew Sting, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Stitt of Unionville. The groom-elect is a graduate of Ferris State University and is employed at Gettel Motors in Sebawaing. The bride-elect is attending SVSU working towards a degree in accounting. An Aug. 12 wedding is being planned by the couple.



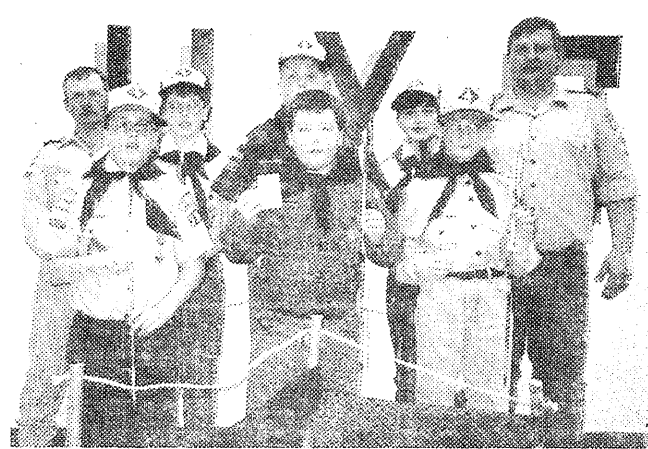
Smith - Maust

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Redford Maust, all of Pigeon, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Jenny and Justin. The bride-elect will be a 1995 graduate of Laker High School and will be attending Central Michigan University in the fall. The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of Laker High School. Both Jenny and Justin attend Pigeon River Mennonite Church. They are currently planning a Feb. 10, 1996 wedding.

Do you have old photos?

The Newsweekly likes to share historic photos with our readers, when space allows. Please bring your old photos of general interest (with identification) to The Newsweekly Offices in Sebawaing or Pigeon. Thank you!

Achievements



CUB SCOUTS EARN AWARDS: Six members of Elkton Cub Scouts Pack 3545 received the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award a Cub Scout can earn, at their annual Blue and Gold banquet last week.

Jeff Dubs, Troy Kilgus, Chris Heiden, Kyle Russell, David Bismack and Chad Gardner each were presented the award by Cubmaster David Bismack and Den Leader Gerald Dubs, then participated in a cross-over ceremony to the Boy Scouts.

Two more Cub Scouts, Rusty Krohn and Ryan Graves, also participated in the cross-over ceremony. Each Scout had to earn a number of activity badges for the award, as well as participate in various Cub and Boy Scout activities.

Here are the Arrow of Light recipients: front, from left: Chris Heiden, Jeff Dubs, Troy Kilgus. In the back is Den Leader Gerald Dubs, Kyle Russell, David Bismack and Chad Gardner.



Jesse Martinez, son of Irene Martinez of Unionville, has been promoted to the rank of L/Cpl. in the United States Marine Corps.

L/Cpl. Martinez recently completed the Firefighting Crash and Rescue course at Naval Air Station in Millington, Tenn and will be serving a one-year tour of duty in Okinawa, Japan.

Tara Koch, an eighth grader at Immanuel Lutheran School in Sebawaing, won the 1995 Lawrence Technological University/Detroit News - Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee competition held at Immanuel Lutheran School.

She defeated class champions Ronni Brown, Karl Harbuck and Ashley Ewald.

"We congratulate all who participated in the spelling competition and wish Tara good luck as she represents Immanuel in the upcoming Regional competition," said Principal Richard Cohrs.

The bee is open to any Immanuel student in grades five through eight across the state of Michigan.

If a student should win at the school, regional and state levels, he or she would represent Michigan in the National Title Bee in Washington, D.C. the week of May 28-June 3.

Debby Christner of Pigeon, and **Jennifer Henne** of Bay Port, students at Grand Valley State University, were named to the Dean's List for the fall 1994 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student had to maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Several local students have been named to the Quarter Honor Roll at **Valley Lutheran High School**, Saginaw, according to Principal David Krause.

To be on the roll, students must earn a 3.75 or better GPA and 3.5 or better for the semester roll. Named to both honor rolls

are these local students:
9th grade - **MICHAEL VOLZ**
11th grade - **KRISTIN BOLZMAN, JENNIFER DEEG**

Army Spec. **Penny Bucholz** has been decorated with the U.S. Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded for outstanding achievement in the performance of duties on behalf of the Army.

Bucholz is presently stationed at Katterbach Kaserne, in Ansbach, Germany. She is the daughter of Beverly and Richard Wise of Pigeon and is a 1989 graduate of Laker High School.

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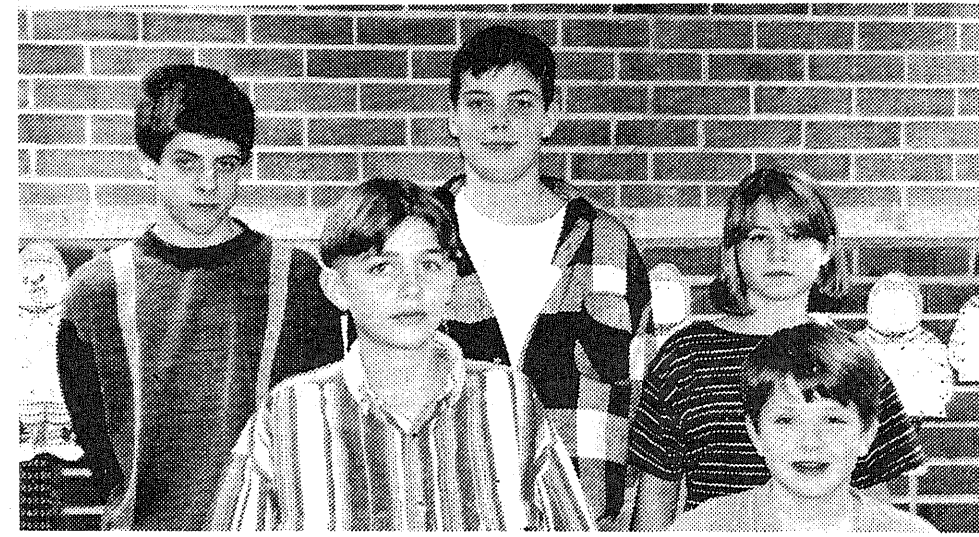


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Lisowski, Kraft win C'ville bees



HERE ARE THE WINNERS in the recent Caseville Public School Spelling Bee: front, from left, Matthew Kraft and Christopher Plonta. In the back are Ryan Guster, Matthew Bednerek and Katie Lisowski.

Katie Lisowski was named the Junior High Champion and **Matthew Kraft** the Elementary School Champion in the annual Caseville School Spelling Bee held Jan. 27.

The bee, sponsored by Lawrence Technological University and the Detroit News, included fifth through eighth graders.

Each class held a first round in their individual rooms, and the final school round was held in the auditorium with the top spellers in each grade participating.

FIFTH GRADE semi-final winners were Heather Soper, Sarah Kreager, Kerry Lisowski, Phillip Wilson, Joy Perry, Luke Reynolds, Christopher Plonta, Benjamin Hill, Meaghan Shedd, Brooke Strozski and Andrew Meyer.

SIXTH GRADE participants were Andrew Stirrett, Matthew Kraft, Nicole Gaide, Michael Goslee, Mary Bedford, Jennifer Duffy, Michelle Osentoski, Katherine Fineran, Michael McLean and Chad Haag.

Christopher Plonta was the fifth grade winner and elementary school runner-up.

Participants in the Junior High bee were:

SEVENTH GRADERS Ryan Guster, David Adams, Jerad Mausi, Jessica Willenberg, Matthew Patterson, Lynda Brooks, Amanda Shoup and Anthony Hewlett.

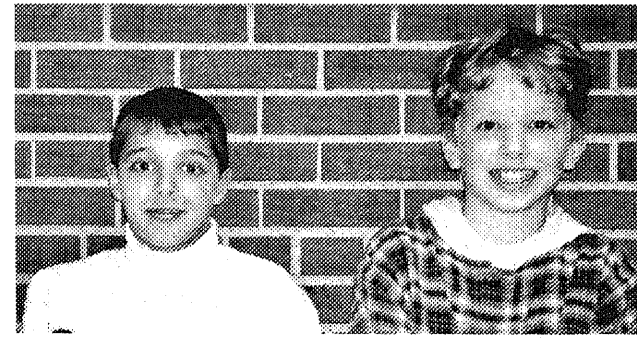
EIGHTH GRADE winners were

Amber Stirrett, Danielle Lenar, Nathan Gaide, Katherine Lisowski, Jennifer Green, Matthew Bednerek, Bradley Buczynski, Sarah Ruth and Alicia Woolford. The junior high school run-

ner-up was Matthew Bednerek, and the seventh grade winner was Ryan Guster.

Top spellers Lisowski and Kraft will participate in the Regional Spelling Bee in early March.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO



WINNERS: **Craig Osentoski**, left, and **Benjamin Hill** were the top winners in Caseville School's "When I Grow Up" speech contest.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Benjamin Hill and **Craig Osentoski** were the top winners in Caseville School's "When I Grow Up" speech contest, sponsored by McDonald's Restaurants.

Students in grades four and five were asked to give an oral presentation on their dream profession for the future and how they intend to achieve it.

Each student had to identify with a role model in their chosen profession.

The students researched their dream profession, and

gave an oral presentation of three minutes or less. The winners proceeded to a semi-final round later this month in the Saginaw area.

FOURTH GRADE participants included Bridget Kreager, Ashley Quinn, Danielle Nicholl, Craig Osentoski, Leanne Stempowski, Jessie Poisson, Andrea Moore, Alice Fisher, Crystal Church and James Goslee.

FIFTH GRADE participants included Quincy Harrison, Luke Reynolds, Amanda Woolford, Phillip Wilson, Sherree Halalay, Ben Hill, Kerry Lisowski, Heather Soper, Elizabeth Willenberg, Sarah Kreager and Thomas Lixie.

Laker Band students need help for world music trips

By **AMY HEIDEN**

It's said that music is a universal language, that it transcends cultural barriers to speak to everyone.

If that's true, then five Laker High School musicians will be speaking that universal language this summer, as they travel around the globe to play for audiences in a variety of countries.

Sophomore Jennifer Diebel and juniors Bryan Clark and Janelle Wiederhold were selected for the Michigan Lions All-State Band and will be performing in the Lions International Convention Parade in Seoul, Korea on July 4. They will also perform in concert in Seoul, Beijing, China, and Honolulu, Hawaii.

Then there's Samantha Corrian, a Laker sophomore, who's been chosen to participate in the Spirit of America National Honor Band.

That band will tour and perform in Luxembourg, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Holland and Belgium, as well as the diplomatic community and an

audience of thousands on the Fourth of July in Geneva, Switzerland.

And **Jeremy Wissner**, who made history of sorts when he was one of the few junior high students ever selected for the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Symphony Band. He was selected from among 300 students who auditioned for the band.

The Blue Laker band will perform in Germany, Belgium, Holland and Denmark this summer.

All were selected on their musical talents and they'll be representing their school and communities—and their country—on their travels.

But to do that, they need funds, something that their families may be able to squeeze out of their budgets.

Laker Band Director Russell Robinson says each student needs to raise more than \$3,000 each to finance their trips with their respective bands.

The students have been writing letters and working with fundraisers to try to help them raise the money, but more is

still needed, he says.

"With so much negativism being published about today's youth, this is a tremendous vote of confidence for the outstanding youth people in our society that will contribute successfully to their communities throughout their lives," Robinson says.

Donations are being accepted for the "travel abroad" fund, and all money donated will be divided equally among all five students, unless the donor specifically requests the donation go specifically for a certain student.

Donations can be mailed to "Laker High School Travel Abroad Fund," c/o Gail Richmond, Laker High School, 6136 Pigeon Road, Pigeon, MI 48755.

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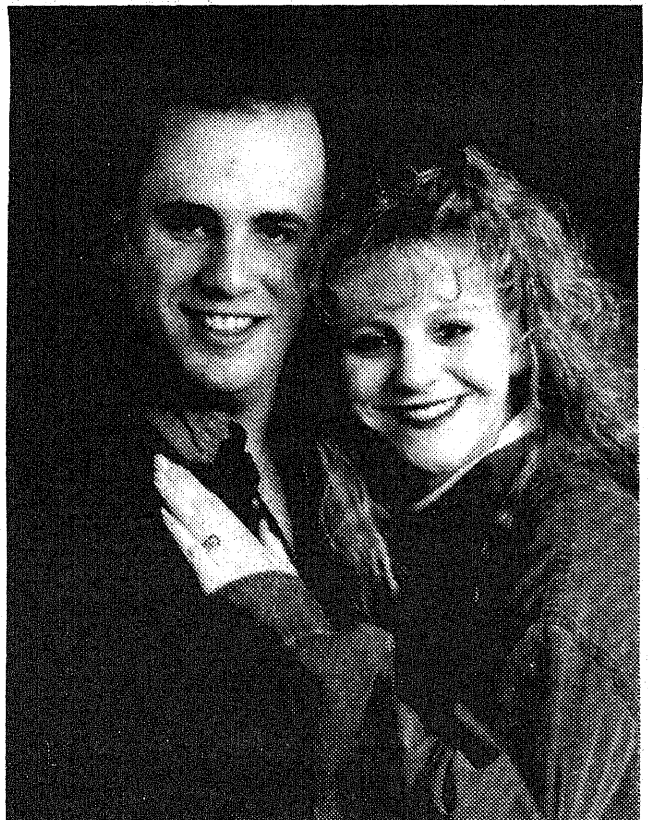
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LAKER BAND STUDENTS Bryan Clark, Samantha Corrian, Jennifer Diebel, Janelle Wiederhold and Jeremy Wissner will all be traveling musicians this summer, with different bands.

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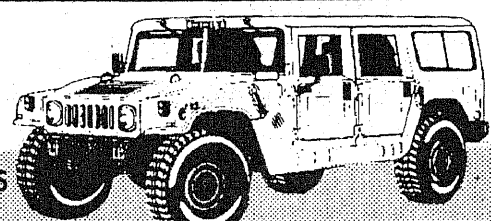
Ahrens - Herman

Jeff and Judy Ahrens of Sebawaing announce the engagement of their daughter Mandy to Dale Herman, son of Marcy and Charles Fox of Sebawaing and Larry Herman of Unionville.

The bride-elect is a student at St. Clair County Community College, Bad Axe, and is employed at Subway, Sebawaing. The groom-elect is employed at Sebawaing Industries. An April 22 wedding is planned by the couple.

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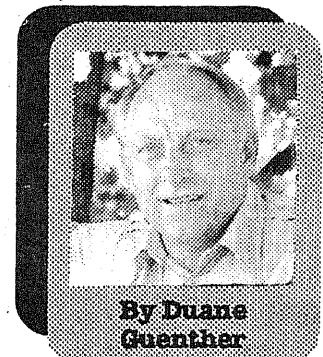
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Cold snap...

It hit sometime in the night. I had been warned around 11:15 p.m., but the monotonous drone of the weather lady had not penetrated my drowsy state of mind. Any projected nighttime temperatures she may have rattled off had gone in one ear and out the other.



By Duane Guenther

But, at 3 a.m. I didn't need a cutie with a degree in meteorology to tell me it had turned cold — I could feel it in my bones.

I rose, fighting the urge to stay snuggled in the wool comforter, and marched into the living room to check the woodstove. Lifting the lid and staring into the glowing bed of red coals I marveled at this remnant from another era.

Left behind in a wave of technological advances and energy efficient furnaces, the woodstove has all but been relegated to antiquity, but not at my house.

Its wrap-around warmth heats my tiny ranch with little effort and upkeep, and, at a fraction of the cost.

I add several chunks of hard, dry maple which I know will hold the fire well into the morning.

Before heading back to bed I pause at the front window. Winter is in all its glory tonight. The earth has thrown off its cover of clouds and now lies still beneath a star-studded sky.

Today it is a choice. Die at the hands of this two-legged predator, or die from the cold. They choose to take their chances with me.

I retreat to the safety of a giant spruce. Although appearing thick from the

kitchen window, it offers almost no protection from the cruel, biting winds.

However, a set of tracks, faintly visible in spots protected from the wind, tells me a rabbit, or rabbits spent the night at this haven. The tracks head across the road towards a ditch, tangled with brush.

There will be seedlings there, providing winter nourishment for the bunnies. This spring I will be able to measure the depth of the snow by the girdled rings they leave behind.

I turn my attention back to the feeder and am surprised to find a couple of fox squirrels sharing sunflower seeds with a horde of house wrens. No one pays much attention to the other.

The seeds are plentiful and they seem to sense the importance of not wasting precious energy squabbling over the fare.

There are chickadees along with the wrens, and pine siskins, too. One male cardinal stands out most as his red coat clashes with the gray snow.

I see no doves, perhaps they

have all gone south, for if not, I fear they will not make it. They seem to be the most susceptible. That's the reason they have so many babies.

Later in the day I spot numerous pheasants alongside the road. They are looking for spilled grain or a few small pebbles for their crop. They seem tentative and I soon see the reason overhead.

A large redtail soars above. He, too, is looking for food along the roadside, and it isn't grain.

Nearby, a barred owl skims across a plowed field. The cold must be deep to drag this night hunter into competition with the redtail.

I see Mars, halfway up the southern horizon, winking and blinking as its reflected light is diffused by the upper atmosphere. Leo is in the east, Gemini guards the west, and Hydra snakes itself up from just below the tree line.

All is still, and as the Christmas poem suggests, not a creature is stirring. Insulated by wood and spun glass I cannot truly appreciate the significance of life on a very cold winter night. But, while I bask in my heated cocoon, thousands upon thousands of my furred and feathered friends are fighting a life and death struggle to survive.

And many, the weakest of the species, will not see the dawn break into a new day.

With the morning comes a surprise. Mother Nature must

be angry, for usually when the temperature drops radically the air is still.

But today she sends a blistering northwester skipping across the frozen hummocks.

At 6 a.m. my window thermometer—a classy little LCD model a thoughtful daughter and son-in-law from the far north stuck in my Christmas stocking—registers -9 degrees. And with the wind, the morning radiation sets the chill at -35 degrees.

When I head to the bird feeders the pines that support them are groaning in distress.

The sap has frozen in their veins and the howling winds have managed to snap off an appendage or two which tumble before the onslaught like the weeds in an Arizona ghost town.

I spot my feathered friends nestled in the lee side of the pine's trunk—feathers pumped up to create that necessary dead air space needed for survival.

Speaking of survival, today, Darwin's theory comes smashing home.

For as soon as the feeders are filled, and an extra pail purposely scattered on the ground, the birds descend regardless of the human in the vicinity. Food is foremost on the birds' minds this morning; fuel for this tiny feathered furnace. Gone is the skittishness of sunny days.

I turn the truck around at the dead end. The heater is on full blast, the remnants of a heavy breakfast tug at my

stomach, and I slowly retrace my route to the warmth provided by cast iron and dry maple.

I suddenly feel very insignificant, very unprepared, very naked to do battle with this sudden cold snap.....

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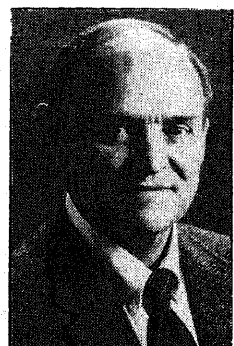
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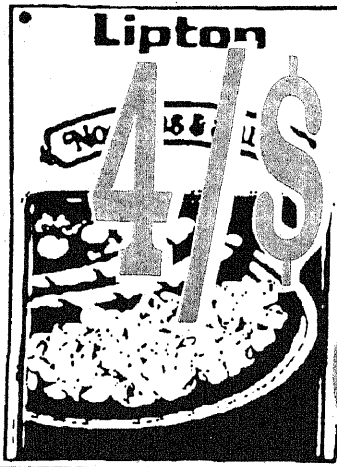
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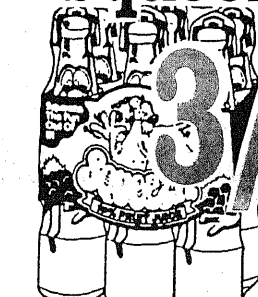
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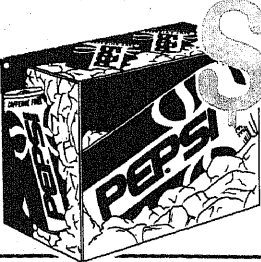
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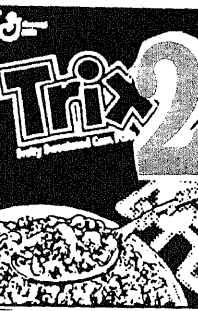
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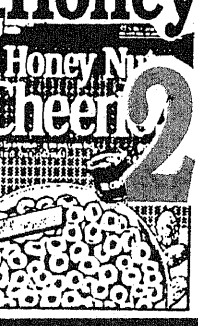
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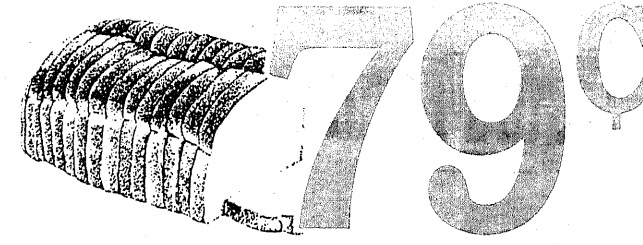
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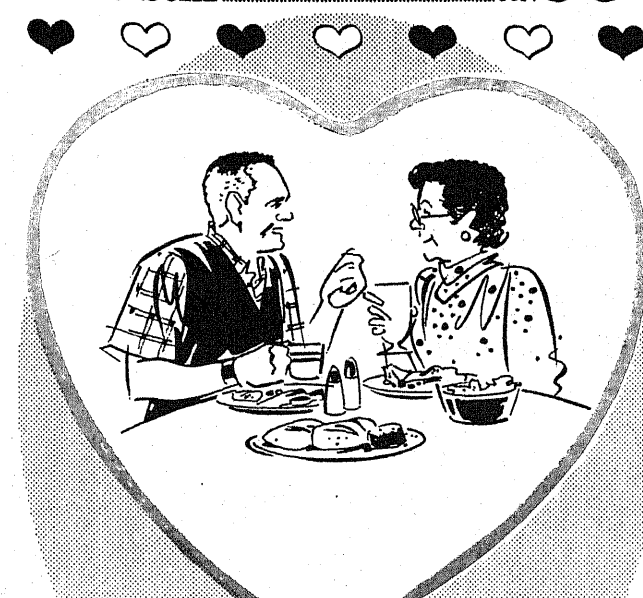
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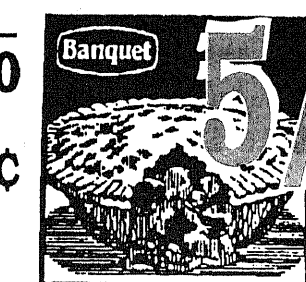


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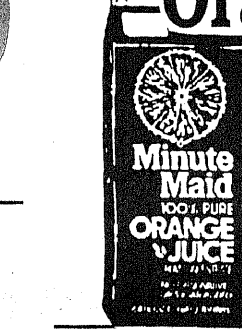
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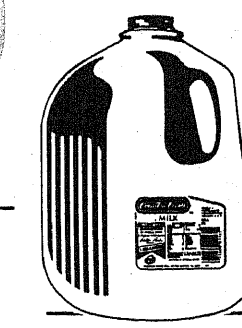
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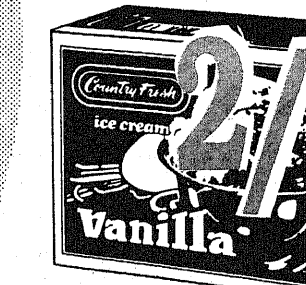
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Bake medium potatoes about 60 minutes at 400°F, until soft when pinched.

You may keep potatoes warm by keeping them in an oven at 180°F for up to an hour.

For microwaving - pierce potato with fork and place in microwave oven on rack or paper towel.

Microwave on high power 4 to 6 minutes, turning once. After removing from oven, let stand 2 minutes. Baking time can vary.

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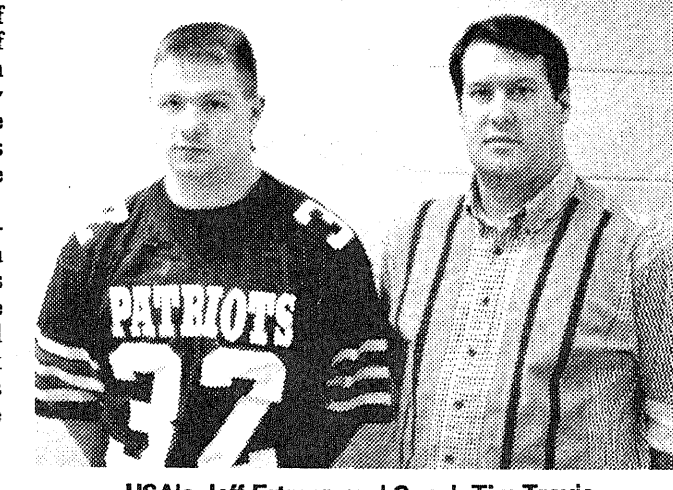
USA's Jeff Ertman to play in All-Star Game this summer

By DUANE GUENTHER

For most graduating high school seniors, the football season ended with the state tournaments in mid-November—but that didn't apply to Jeff Ertman of USA.

He has been selected to participate in the annual East-West All Star Football Game at Spartan Stadium on the MSU campus on Saturday, July 29.

Ertman is the first football player in USA history to receive this honor, officials say. He was nominated by his coach Tim Travis and selected by a panel of high school football coaches.



USA's Jeff Ertman and Coach Tim Travis.

Ertman has all the credentials to be a member of such an elite squad. During this year's football season he rushed for 1,172 yards and scored 99 points. He won 1st team All Conference honors on both offense and defense in the Thumb C balloting.

He was a member of the All Tuscola County squad, 1st Team Saginaw News, and 1st Team All State in the Detroit Free Press polls.

After graduation, Ertman plans to further his education in the field of agri-business and conservation. He hopes to attend either Ferris State University or Eastern Michigan University and play football at the college level.

He is the son of Gary and Val Ertman of Unionville.

It's a boy!

Erik and SanDee (Briesmeister) of Caseville proudly announced the birth of their son **Michael Christian** on Saturday, Jan. 21, 1995 at Saginaw General Hospital.

Michael weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Martia Anderson of Saginaw, and David Saari of Grand Rapids. Maternal grandparents are Frank and Mariane Briesmeister of Caseville.

Michael was welcomed home by his big brother Matthew.

'Dial M' for PACP play

When it's cold outside, what could be more fun than curling up with a good mystery? That's just what Port Austin Community Players have in store for you this winter with their drama "Dial M for Murder."

This mystery thriller is sure to intrigue you as you settle in for an evening of entertainment, PACP organizers invite.

Under direction of Eric Thuemmel, the cast and crew have begun preparation for this classic tale. The case consists of many familiar faces as well as new ones.

Filling the roles of Tony and Margo Wendice are veteran performer Ron Kirkpatrick and newcomer Julie Lerash. Captain Lesgate is played by Mike Belote.

Tom Murdock plays the role of friend Max Halliday. **This whodunit** will unfold before your eyes, weekends now through Sunday, Feb. 19.

"Dial M for Murder" promises to provide much needed mid-winter entertainment, cast and crew say.

Reservations are now being taken by calling the theatre at 738-5217.

Sebewaing Chamber plans 300 raffle

The Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring its 300-Club Raffle, beginning Feb. 24, to raise money for the Sugar Festival fireworks display.

The raffle will run for 18 weeks, with prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 each week. Tickets are available from Ron Bolzman and Warren Juengle.



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The Newsweekly's Thumb Area CALENDAR

Tues., Feb. 14/Fri., Feb. 17 - Soccer sign-up

Western Thumb American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) will register all interested boys and girls ages 5 to 18 Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Laker High School, Pigeon, and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Caseville School. Details: 856-4915 or 856-2038.

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.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - Weed control meeting

Huron County/MSU Extension Office hosts a weed control meeting at 9:30 p.m. at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe. Topics include: herbicide resistance in weeds and crops, surface water quality, farmstead assessment updating and on-farm record keeping. Register by Feb. 10, by calling 269-9949.

Thursday, Feb. 16 - "Unified 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.

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 18 & 19 - Caseville Shanty Days

Ice races of all kinds will be the highlight of this weekend's family entertainment, sponsored by the Caseville Chamber of Commerce. See Pages 6 & 7 for a full schedule of events.

Sundays, Feb. 19 & 26 - Piano Duet Benefit Concerts

Pam Dubey of Pigeon and Mindy Sutherland of Caro will be guest artists at two concerts to benefit Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ. The first one is this Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Laker Auditorium, Pigeon, and the second one is Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. at Vassar High School. Details: 517-453-3239.

Monday, Feb. 20 - Laker Athletic Boosters meet

The Laker Athletic Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Laker High School. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Monday, Feb. 20 - No school in Laker District

Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District has no school today, for teacher in-service time.

Monday, Feb. 20 - Unionville Village Council meets

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

Monday, Feb. 20 - Columbia Township Board meets

Will meet at 7 p.m. at Township Library. (Every third Monday)

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Parkinson's support meeting

Parkinson's Caregiver & Support Group meets at 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Hills & Dales General Hospital, Cass City. Guest speakers from Social Services will be Crag Lundstedt and Carole Kata, speaking on "Change in Laws for Nursing Home Stay." Details: Nancy at 872-4053 or Jean at 872-2121.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 - USA Athletic Boosters Meeting

USA Athletic Boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All parents of athletes are urged to attend.

Swine meeting Feb. 17

Will your hog operation survive in 1995? Are you striving to lower your cost of production and looking for new ideas? Are potential nuisance complaints a concern to you? Need new ideas to improve herd health or manage your business better? Swine producers are invited to attend an Extension Swine Update on Friday, Feb. 17 from 9:30 to 3:30 at the Westpark Inn in Sandusky. Michigan State University and Extension field staff will discuss the latest trends in the industry and how producers can remain competitive.

Subway to open in Caro

Caro Subway Sandwiches and Salads will be opening at 884 S. State Street in Caro Feb. 15.

Subway restaurants offer made-to-order six-inch and foot-long submarine sandwiches, served on Italian or wheat bread baked fresh daily in the restaurants.

In addition to the hot and cold subs, the Caro Subway will be serving fresh made-to-order salads.

People's Oil and Gas Company, owner of the new restaurant, has two other Subway locations at Cass City and Vassar attached to their Shell convenience stores, the People's Choice Markets.

Thursday, Feb. 23 - Huron County Picnic planned

35th Annual Michigan Huron County Picnic at Palmetto Mobile Home Clubhouse, Bus. Rte. 41, Palmetto FL. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Potluck buffet lunch at noon. Bring dish to pass and table service.

Thursday, Feb. 23 - TOPS Open House

Caseville Chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will hold a free open house at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall for men, women and teens. Details: 856-4705 or 856-2371.

Friday, Feb. 24 - Priest/author book-signing

Father Lawrence Ventline will be signing his latest book, "Stormy, Stilling Stories: Confessions of a Parish Priest" from 5-6 p.m. at Community Book Store in Pigeon.

Friday, Feb. 24 - Last Chance Dance at Sebewaing

USA-FFA Alumni present this "Last Chance Dance" in the old Sebewaing High Gym from 9 p.m. to midnight, for the final opportunity to dance in that sold facility. Oldies music by Neil Gaeth's Sebewaing Sound System. Tickets at door or from any USA-FFA Alumni member, to support USA-FFA.

Saturday, Feb. 25 - Michigan Day Annual Potluck

Michigan Day Annual Potluck begins 12:30 p.m. at Moose Hall, 614 Alabama Ave., Deland, FL

Saturday, Feb. 25 - Candlelight ski run

Sleeper State Park, Caseville, will host a candlelight ski run to which the public is invited. The run begins at dusk.

Monday, Feb. 27 - Healthy Heart Seminar

Scheurer Hospital of Pigeon offers the seminar at 7 p.m. at the hospital. R.N. Sue Greenfield will speak. Free, but please register by calling 453-3223.

Thursday, March 9 - Sugar Festival Fireworks

A 7 p.m. informational meeting is planned for any persons interested in helping or with ideas for raising funds for the Michigan Sugar Festival fireworks display. It's hoped to make 1995's even more spectacular than '94. Details: Dennis Kunder, 883-2563.

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Dear Readers:

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It's the scope and impact of all forms of business here in Mid-Michigan, as explained by nearly 60 companies here, in The Newsweekly's second annual "PROGRESS IN THE THUMB '95" special edition. And it's our biggest (and best) edition yet!

Once again, we're extremely proud to present this special section, which features local companies telling their own stories — for your information.

This paid advertising section has kept our staff busy during the past six weeks, and it helps explain some of the activities, programs and people of leading businesses here in the Thumb. We've found it fascinating to produce... and we're sure you'll find it just as fascinating to read.

Once again, we're making hundreds of extra copies of "PROGRESS IN THE THUMB '95" available to participating businesses, local schools, Chambers of Commerce and other groups, to help define the diversity of companies, agencies and other leading organizations here in the Western Thumb.

Special thanks go to Newsweekly Marketing Manager **Sally Rummel**, who wrote nearly all these stories, and who coordinated its production. Thanks, too, to Advertising Manager **Lorraine Kuhl**, Sales Rep. **Pamela Howard**, plus Production staffers **Vicki Winter**, **Pamela McIlhargie**, **Robin Gaeth** and **Tresa Boesch** for their efforts.

Learn all about your Western Thumb Area, in "PROGRESS IN THE THUMB '95" from your friends and neighbors here at The Newsweekly!

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Bay Shore Camp to expand — Outreach Facilities and Programs to Grow! - 450 N. Miller St., Sebawaing

Preparing for its 85th year of camping ministry, **Bay Shore Camp** of Sebawaing is gearing up for a full slate of summertime camping programs and special events for Thumb area children, youth and families. "Even when we don't have kids here, we're busy," reports Director **Lew Tibbits**, a camp veteran of 15 years. "There's always something to do in the buildings, on the grounds or program jobs. It just never slows down."

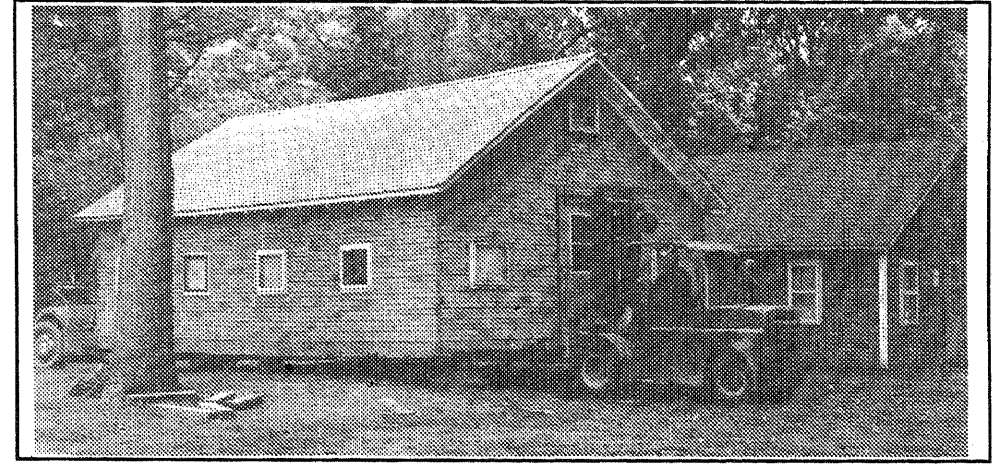
Facility improvements too numerous to list have transformed a sprawling collection of dilapidated buildings to one of the most popular Christian camping centers in the Thumb. Climbing attendance figures bear witness to the camp's rebirth as an effective ministry.

Most recent improvements include construction of a spacious multi-purpose Youth Center, and replacing several old rustic cabins. The new cabins are "duplex" designs, with double housing capacity of the older buildings. Each side of the duplex

Bay Shore Camp 1995 Season

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| '95 Kick-off Rally | April 22 |
| Father-Son Catfish Tourney | May 5-6 |
| 55 & UPward! Weekend | May 19-20 |
| Family Fun Days | June 9-10 |
| Primary Camp I (grades 3&4) | June 14-17 |
| Co-ed Basketball Camp (gr. 6&7) | June 18-23 |
| Co-ed Basketball Camp (gr. 8-10) | June 18-23 |
| Co-ed Soccer Camp (gr. 4-7) | June 25-30 |
| Junior High Camp (gr. 7-8) | July 2-8 |
| Junior Music Camp (gr. 4-7) | July 9-15 |
| Senior Music Camp (gr. 8-12) | July 16-22 |
| Co-ed Tennis Camp (gr. 5-8) | July 18-21 |
| Senior High Camp (gr. 9-12) | July 23-29 |
| Family Assembly | July 29-Aug. 6 |
| Beef/Pork BBQ begins Assembly | July 29 |
| Missionary Day | Aug. 3 |
| Junior Camp (gr. 5-6) | Aug. 6-11 |
| Primary Camp 2 (gr. 3-4) | Aug. 13-16 |
| Singles Retreat Weekend | Sept. 8-10 |
| 16th Annual Benefit Auction | Sept. 16 |
| Senior High Retreat | Sept. 23-24 |

features bathroom, shower and heating system for cold-weather months. **The investment** in heating and plumbing systems is a significant indication of Bay Shore's intention to work toward year-round operation.



Several rustic cabins were "picked up and moved" to make way for new duplexes.

"That's the trend in the camping industry," acknowledges Tibbits. There just isn't enough time during the summer months to serve every group and every camper who wants to attend.

Ministry is a year-round job, and camping ministry is a unique outreach. Getting away from a routine environ-

ment gives people time and opportunity to think about what's really important in life. We can do that in any season if we have facilities to support it. **For a brochure** or information on any Bay Shore Camp children's, youth or family program or special event, call the camp office at 517-883-2501.

Active Industries, Inc. - 81 Drettmann Drive, Elkton - Phone 517-375-2201

Quality parts, low cost, robotic technology and teamwork between company and union management working closely together in making decisions to benefit all employees. In short, that's **Active Industries, Inc.** in Elkton.

Active is a sheet metal stamping and assembly plant that provides major automotive parts for the Chrysler Corp., Ford Motor Co. and General Motors.

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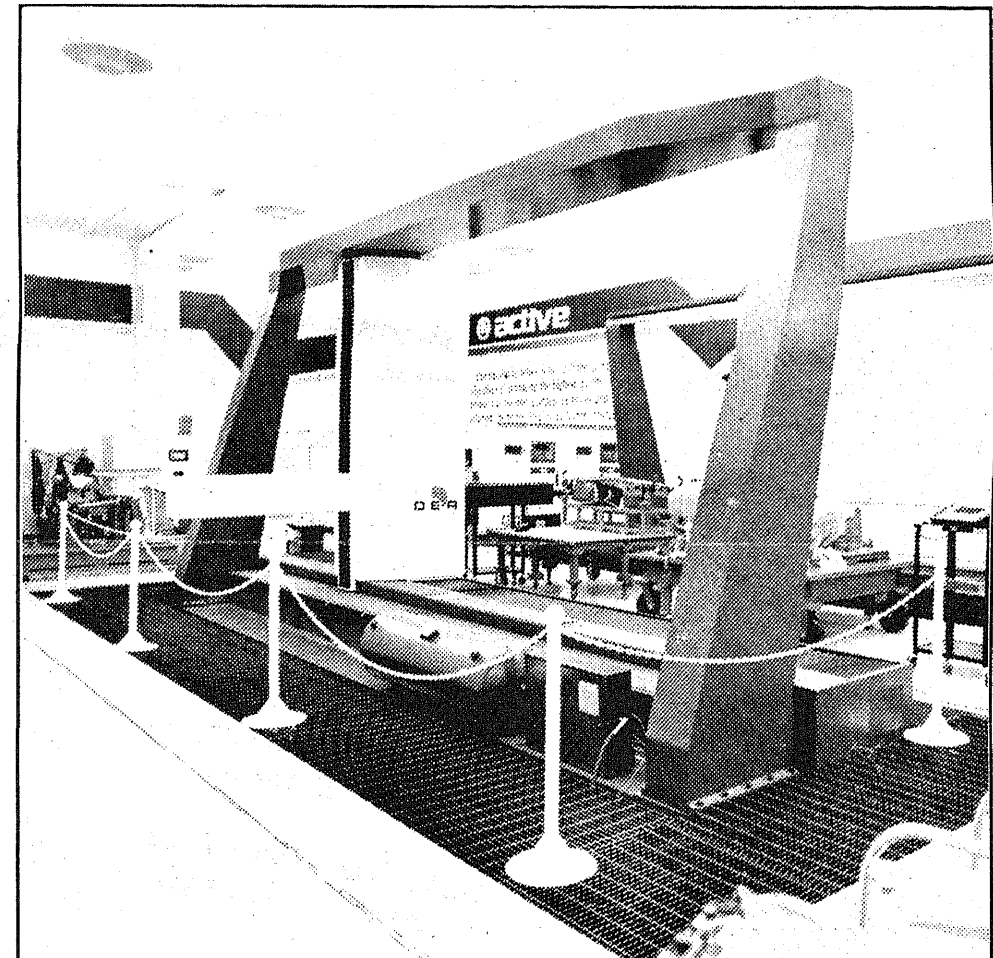
Active Industries, Inc. was founded in 1946 right after World War II by **Henry Drettmann**, owner of Active Tool & Manufacturing in Detroit.

As a boy in Germany at that time, Drettmann's family knew hunger, and as he grew up, he determined he would never be hungry again - so he purchased the Bach and Bartholomy Farms near Bach.

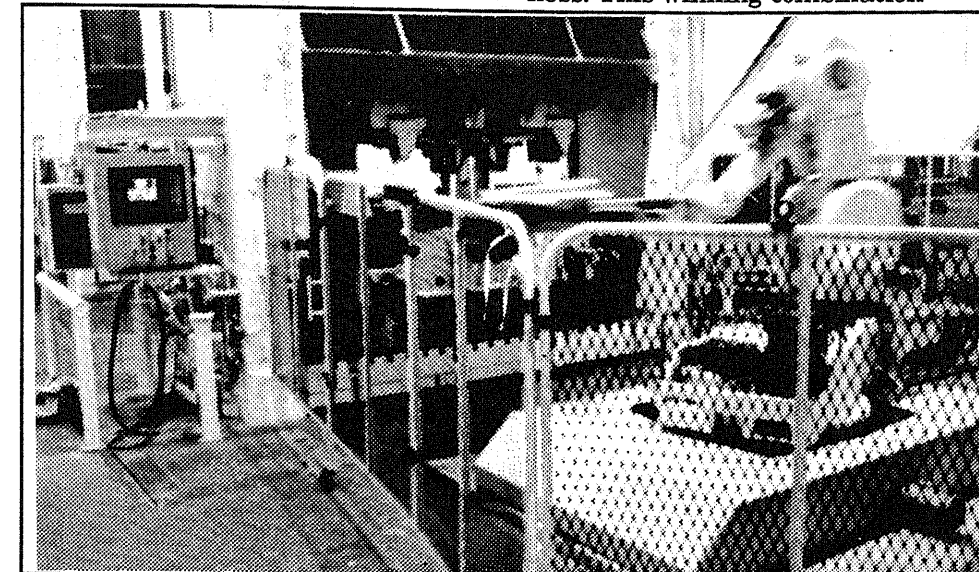
Needing farm equipment, he became friends with a machinery dealer in Elkton named Riley Quinn, who persuaded Drettmann to provide jobs for youths in Elkton so they could remain in their community. Quinn assisted Drettmann in obtaining two lots at the southeast edge of Elkton to open his factory and the rest... is history.

Almost half a century later, many of Active's employees are long-time residents of this area. Active-Elkton employees and machines work together in harmony, utilizing up-to-date technology to bring about products of increased quality for our customers.

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equals success — and jobs — at Active. That is one of the reasons Active-Elkton has grown considerably in the last few years, from 350 workers to 720 today.

The plant is becoming more people-oriented in daily operations, moving toward self-managed teams and more employee empowerment.

Active has hired a full-time training director - a Total Quality Management Coordinator - to assist in hiring and training these technical employees. Because of changing demands in business today, we're encouraging people to improve their

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A supplier of industrial oven systems world-wide, Moco Thermal Industries employs 68 at its Caseville plant and another 30-plus employees at company headquarters in Romulus - right near Detroit Metro Airport.

The company first known as Michigan Oven was founded in Detroit in 1949 and in 1952 they purchased Walsh Sheet Metal of Caseville. In 1985, the company added 40,000 square ft. to enable them to manufacture furnaces for Surface Combustion, which was part of the Midland Ross Corp. Moco Thermal was purchased in 1987 by the present owners. Now Moco Thermal does fabrication work for local manufacturers in addition to constructing industrial ovens.

Moco Thermal holds contracts with many well-known corporations, in-

cluding GM, Ford, Gayston, Ball Metal Containers and has recently provided three ovens for Kerr Home Canning Lids.

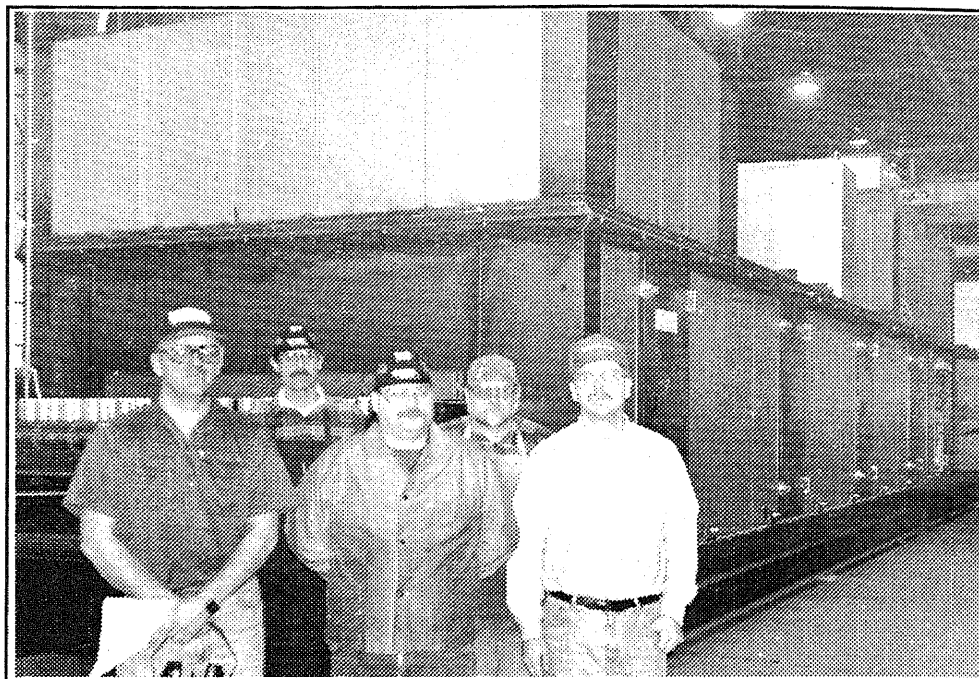
The company is presently in the final stages of constructing an 80 ft. oven for an industrial customer in Mexico. (See related photo).

In looking towards the future, company **President Curt Petterson** is kicking off a joint venture with an Italian firm - to make specialized ovens for enameling magnet wire.

This will add a new product line for Moco Thermal and will keep production lines even busier at the Caseville plant.

Petterson also expects Moco Thermal to concentrate its efforts on smaller, more individualized "batch" ovens for industrial use.

Heading up the Caseville plant of Moco Thermal are **William Gorang**, acting plant manager; **Don Krueger**, vice president of operations and plant foreman **Mike Karle**, **William Sturm**, **Chuck Mauch** and **Jim Bruce**.



Finishing the inside of a bake oven - one that cures the varnish coating inside beverage cans - are Sam Guster, David Briesmeister, Pat Farver, Tim Samczyk and Brent Patterson.

Houthoofd Builders - 6263 M-25, Akron - Phone 517-691-5590

While exact angles and perfect measurements are the cornerstones of constructing a new home, it's the flexibility and attention to the customers' needs and wants that makes **Houthoofd Builders** a leader in home construction.

Whether building a custom-designed home, a modular home or remodeling an existing home, Houthoofd Builders owners **Erwin and Dorothy Houthoofd** and sons **Rod and Lary** - all licensed builders - deal with their customers with honesty, flexibility, professionalism and provide quick follow-up of customer requests. They also serve the customer with advice on financing, lot development and selection, the design of the home, kitchen and/or bath.

Equally important as the customer is the quality of materials that Houthoofd Builders selects to use in the construction process.

The builders constantly maintain on-the-job quality control, keep good



From left, front row, Erwin Houthoofd, Dorothy Houthoofd, Rod Houthoofd. Back row, Lary Houthoofd, Brandon Zehr, Kent Bush, Guy Blondin.

supplier relations and use only licensed and qualified subcontractors to complete the work.

Founded in 1947 by Erwin Hout-

hoofd, Houthoofd Builders has almost five decades of experience in the construction industry, having begun as a roofing and siding contractor. By

the end of the 1950s, Erwin Houthoofd was both remodeling and building houses and had firmly established himself as a quality builder in the market area of eastern Michigan. In the 1970s, he expanded into the modular home industry, in which he and his building family have become well-known and respected.

Family-owned and operated, the Houthoofd's attention to detail has earned them top sales for the General Housing Corporation modular homes the last four years and their professional memberships in the Michigan Home Builders Association and the National Kitchen and Bath Association keep them abreast of current market trends.

Perhaps most important of all, Houthoofd Builders genuinely care about serving the community and surrounding areas in which they've lived and worked for many years.

Dinkel - Juengel Funeral Home, Inc. - 538 S. Beck St., Sebawaing - Phone 517-883-3143

Easing the burden of families who have lost a loved one is what motivates the **Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Inc.**, of Sebawaing to provide thoughtful, professional service.

Having been born and raised in Sebawaing, **Funeral Director/Owner Warren Juengel** knows the families he serves, making him even more aware and sensitive to their needs.

Juengel graduated from Sebawaing High School in 1965, attended Delta College, and graduated from the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science in 1968. He was employed in a large funeral home in Saginaw before returning to his hometown after purchasing the Dinkel Funeral Home in 1979.

As peoples' attitudes about death and dying have changed over the years, so has Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Inc., offering peace of mind with pre-need funeral planning and Forethought Life Insurance, and helping the grieving process by offering post-funeral counseling.

Built in 1957, the funeral home is handicapped accessible and has under-

gone two expansions - all to accommodate the needs of families in a more comfortable setting. A larger selection room was added and the chapel was expanded an additional one-third. The second expansion added a foyer, lounge entrance and a more spacious office in which to meet with families.

On the professional side, Juengel is a member of the Thumb, Michigan and National Funeral Directors Associations and the Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Sebawaing Rotary and Lions Clubs, Lake Huron Arts Council, Sebawaing Community Band and serves Immanuel Lutheran Church as an elder.

Juengel's work as a Certified Disaster Coordinator for the states of Michigan, Ohio and Missouri often takes him out of town on emergency calls.

While dealing with families he has grown up with in Sebawaing adds a unique perspective from many "big city" funeral directors, Juengel feels he can provide a real service with compassionate care to local families.



Warren Juengel at his desk at Dinkel - Juengel Funeral Home, Inc., of Sebawaing.

Harron Cablevision of Michigan - 6900 Main St., Caseville - Phone 1-800-772-7548

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Owned by the Harron Family of Frazer, PA, Harron Cablevision is locally managed by **Gen. Manager Don Pascarella**,

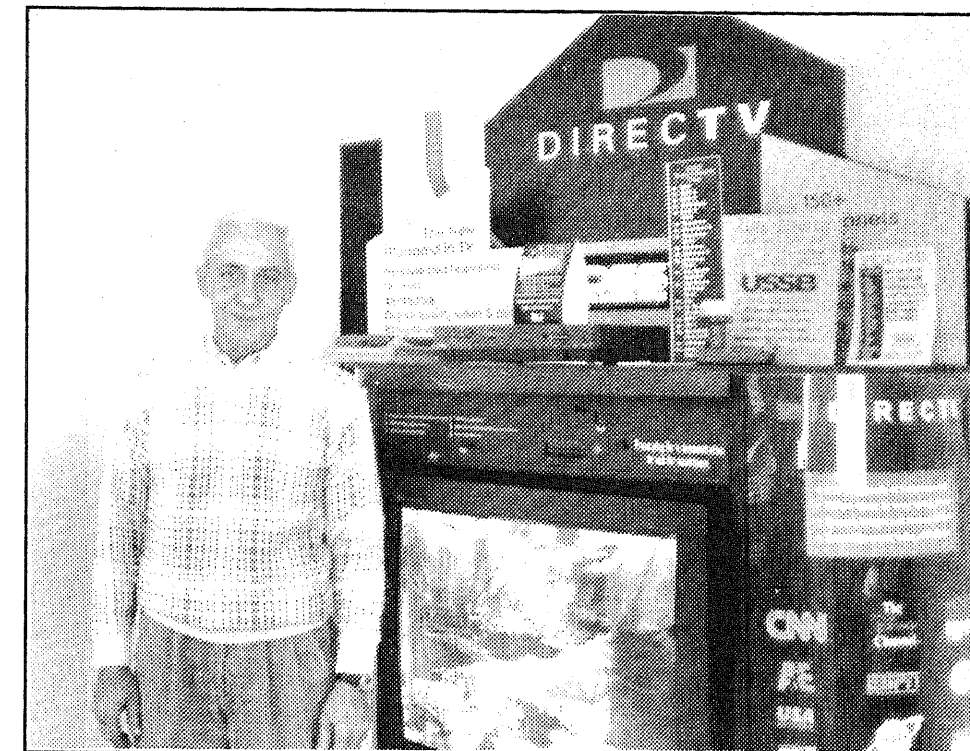
who is proud of the customer-orientation of the 17 employees who work from both the Caseville and Sandusky offices.

"We are committed to our customers and try to provide the most customer service oriented operation possible," says Pascarella. "All of our employees should be recognized for the hard work and determination they have given to Harron."

"We are also the leader in communications technology, looking in the future for continued growth, cable expansion and increased fiber optic technology."

In addition to active participation in both the Caseville and Sebawaing Chambers of Commerce, Pascarella also admits to a passion for communication through books and education. He was recently invited to appear at a Senate Sub-Committee Hearing in Washington D.C. to provide a presentation in support of continued funding for public libraries.

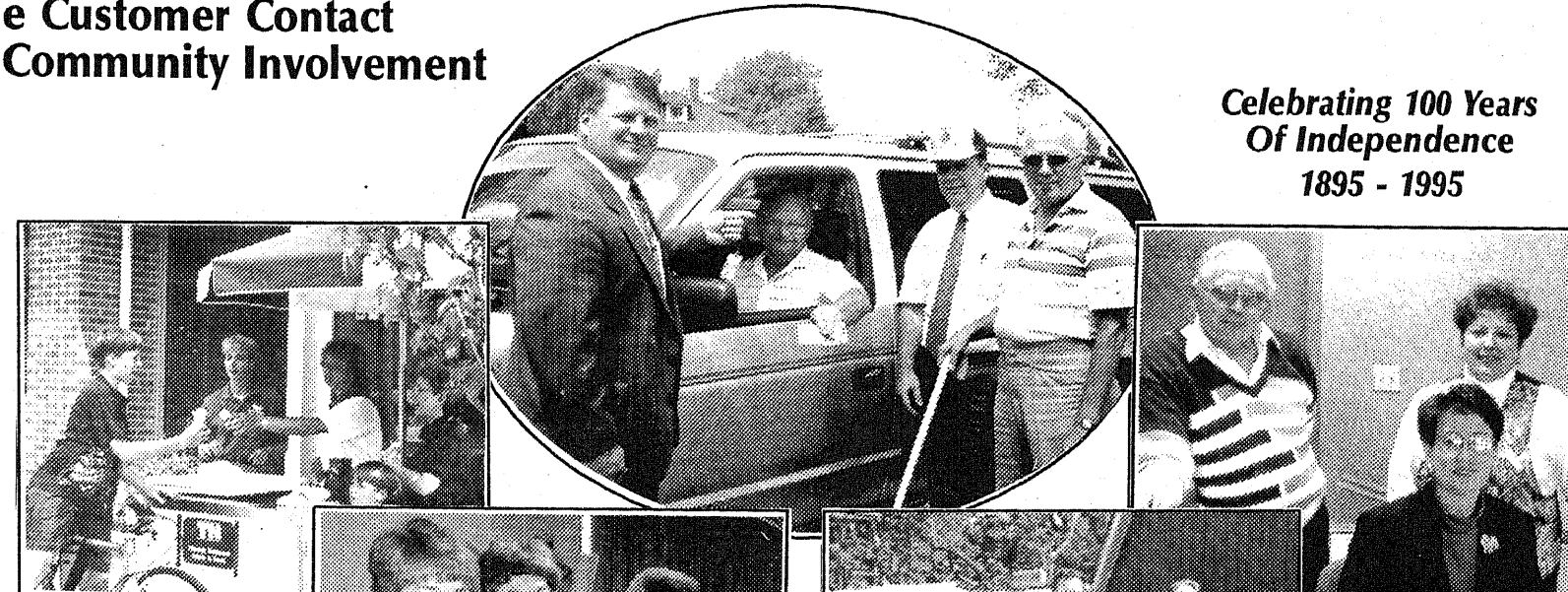
Harron Cablevision prides itself on its on-time customer service and after hours service. For after-hours assistance, customers are invited to call 1-800-421-4012.



Harron's General Manager Don Pascarella with the new Direct TV display.

Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. - Serving the Thumb 100 Years from Pigeon, Caseville & Cass City

Close Customer Contact and Community Involvement



Celebrating 100 Years Of Independence 1895 - 1995

Close Customer Contact and Community Involvement - Key competitive advantages

The faces of our personnel are familiar to our customers and vice versa. We're familiar with local residents and know the needs of our local communities. Retaining local management underscores our commitment to the Thumb area.

Our tag line, "We're Hometown People That You Know" promotes our bank by promoting our community and we feel strongly about community re-investment.

Forty-three of our employees belong to more than 100 non-profit and civic organizations and committees. Community service keeps us in touch with local priorities, enabling us to make better decisions as we work with local businesses and groups to meet community financial needs.

We Want To Be Your "Local" Bank of First Choice

It is our desire to be all things to all people and we are always striving to bring our customers the best financial services available.

We focus on the specific banking needs of the individuals and businesses in the communities we serve.

Not surprisingly, given our location, agribusiness is one of our key markets and we're proud to be known as one of the largest agricultural lenders in the state of Michigan.

You'll love the flexibility of our mortgage loan programs. Amortizations from one to 20 years. Our new "Open End Home Equity Credit Line" is just another one of our many mortgage products available to our customers.

We offer a wide variety of savings and checking accounts, including special accounts geared for Seniors and Students.

From savings plans to structuring a loan program that's just right for you, our team of financial experts is here to help you.

Celebrating 100 Years of Independence 1895 to 1995

We look forward to serving the Thumb area as your "Hometown" bank. We believe it is our customers and the communities we serve who have kept us locally owned and operated for 100 years.

Thumb National Bank & Trust
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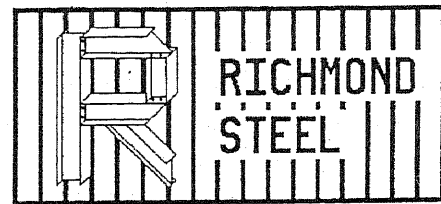
Richmond Steel, Inc. - 7080 Hartley St., Pigeon - Phone 517-453-3336

When growing up on a family farm, Ken and Mike Richmond of Pigeon and Lex Miller of Bad Axe each learned lessons that had nothing to do with the actual growing of crops.

They learned about the mechanics of farm machinery and fixing and repairing equipment. They also became very adept at fabricating needed parts and equipment out of steel.

This trio has turned these talents into Richmond Steel, Inc., and have moved into their new business home at the east end of the former Pigeon Manufacturing, Inc. building on Hartley St., Pigeon.

Working by the motto, "no job is too large or too small," Richmond Steel's specialty is steel fabrication for agricultural or industrial needs.



The owners keep a large inventory of steel piping, channel, square tubing, and hot and cold rolled metal, as well as metal sheeting, in their shop and estimate that most of the time when a customer comes in, they've got what they need in stock. If not, it's easily ordered by telephone and Richmond Steel is willing to work hard to locate that custom item.

Richmond Steel will also build specialty items, like round-bale feeders, trailers, semi trailer trolleys, steel gates - even basketball equipment.

"If it's important to a customer, we'll do what we can to get it to that customer," says Mike Richmond, a six-year veteran in the steel business.

While he is the accounting/business mind of Richmond Steel, he has already had a number of years of experience fabricating gates for the Huron Expo Center and making equipment for area dairy farmers. He is currently attending Saginaw Valley State University to complete his accounting/marketing/management degree.

Ken Richmond is the engineer of the

group, having graduated from Ferris State University in Heavy Equipment Service. He builds prototypes for customers, engineers products and is the master of design for Richmond Steel.

When it comes to producing the work that needs to get done, Lex Miller is the guy to do it.

Richmond Steel is also geared towards

equipment repair. They can repair all makes and kinds of farm equipment or "anything that has to do with steel."

The trio look forward to working with area farmers, local manufacturers or individuals who want "services of steel." Just call Richmond Steel, Inc., at 517-453-3336 and check out their services and supplies.



Richmond Steel's Mike Richmond and Lex Miller show their new sign.

TEAM ONE Credit Union - Watch for our new location! - Elkton, Phone 517-375-2221

1995 is a banner year for TEAM ONE! ... It marks our 60th Anniversary Year, dating back to 1935 when TEAM ONE Credit Union began as a way to provide "teamwork" between a professional financial staff and Saginaw teachers. We've come a long way since then, now open to all employees, retirees and members of the many public and private companies and groups within TEAM ONE's chartered field of membership.

... And it marks the opening date of our new Elkton office, slated for opening in late-February or early-March, moving from our present location at 4970 Railroad Street to our new address at 120 Mullen St.

The new TEAM ONE location in Elkton will mean much more than just a change of address. We'll offer drive-thru banking, enhanced customer services in our new, more spacious lobby, faster, speedier services by computer and payroll direct services - you won't even have to go inside the doors of our bank unless you want to (We know you'll want

to, though, because of the friendly faces you'll find there!).

And of course, we will continue to offer the same member benefits that made you glad to join the TEAM ONE Credit Union in the first place:

■ SAVINGS ACCOUNTS: From tuition

savings to vacation dreaming, Christmas Clubs to IRAs, you can earn above-average dividends that will make your savings grow;

■ LOANS: If a new car or home improvement project is on your "wish list," talk to one of our loan officers for

details on how to turn your "wishes" into reality;

■ REAL ESTATE LOANS: Our 10-year fixed and home-equity loans are among our most sought-after services in the TEAM ONE Mortgage Department. You'll appreciate our competitive rates and low closing costs.

Do you want to find out more about being a TEAM ONE member?

As a member, you share in the ownership of the credit union, and once you join, you may remain a member for life, no matter where you live or work. Membership is also open to all relatives of primary members, according to SuzAnne Bivens, branch manager of the Elkton TEAM ONE office. For more details, let us explain our benefits to you in person. Stop in or call 517-375-2221.

And watch for our new Elkton location. We'll be very pleased to show you around.

TEAM ONE is also ready to serve you at 1230 Cleaver Rd. in Caro, 625 Sandusky Rd. in Sandusky, with our headquarters at 520 Hayden in Saginaw.



Here's the Elkton TEAM ONE Credit Union team, front from left, SuzAnne Bivens, Sheryl Jahn and Bev Souva; Back row, Michelle Lenz, Debbie Weidman and Colleen Bouck.

Larry K. Aagesen, D.D.S., M.S., P.C. - 118 N. Hanselman, Bad Axe, Phone 517-269-6811

Dr. Larry Aagesen, D.D.S., M.S., P.C. has a special reason to "put smiles on faces" of hundreds of local children and adults here in the Upper Thumb - it's his job!

Dr. Aagesen, a Licensed Specialist in Orthodontics, helps people develop their full potential, when it comes to smiles and proper dental and orthodontic health.

Whether you're a youngster with teeth needing straightening or orthodontic care, a teen-ager requiring braces or an adult with T.M.J. symptoms, Dr. Aagesen and his staff are here to serve you every week, from his newly-expanded office at 118 N. Hanselman Street, one block north of M-142 in Downton Bad Axe. His 24-hour phone number is (517) 269-6811.

Dr. Aagesen maintains an orthodontic practice at 1000 W. University, Suite 200, Rochester, MI

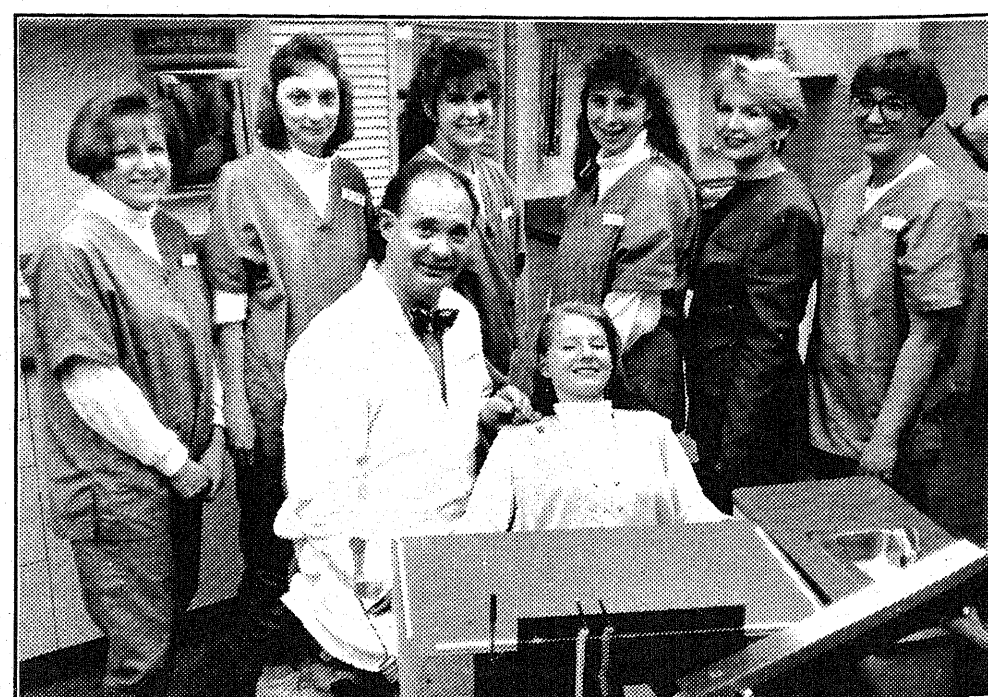
48307-1875. The phone number there is (313) 651-8860 and the fax number is (313) 651-9344.

What if you have several children, needing braces or other specialized care all at once?

The friendly staff will be happy to discuss the many convenient payment plans available, to fit your needs and your budget.

Dr. Larry Aagesen is a member of AOA, MOA, MDA and also the Northern Thumb District Dental Society, offering you professional care that's affordable. Let us help you solve your needs.

Dr. Aagesen and his staff are pleased to offer free orthodontic examinations during the month of March. Call 517-269-6811 for details.



Dr. Larry Aagesen is ready to examine patient Sarah Kaufman, while staff members are ready to assist: standing from left are Cathy Meredith, Theresa Polega, Cheryl Cook, Karl Essenschlager, Geri Kaufman and Denise Hewens.

Cooperative Elevator Co. - Serving the Thumb from Akron, Elkton, Gagetown, Pigeon and Sebawaing

Our goal in 1995 is the same as it was back in 1915 - to increase the net income of our area farmers, with whom we work in partnership.

How we accomplish this goal has changed over the years, and is changing as we work toward the 21st Century.

What do we think will keep us successful in the technologically demanding world of the future?

• FLEXIBILITY: We must be open to new ideas and be willing to change our way of thinking.

• INNOVATION: What we did yesterday isn't really as important as what we are doing today and tomorrow.

• RELATIONSHIPS: In order to continue to be successful, we have to refine and expand existing links between food producers and processors.

1915 to 1995

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Years

of the Cooperative

• SIZE AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES: We must recognize activities which can best be performed collectively vs. individually, increasing the size of our Cooperative so we can be better positioned to meet this challenge.

• INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Our goal is to bring this rapidly-changing technology to every facet of our business.

• QUALITY & DEPENDABILITY: We will improve our processes to exceed the quality standards demanded by the market.

Our Mission:
To Improve The Net Worth of Farmer Patrons

HERE IS OUR EMPLOYEE TEAM WORKING TO CREATE VALUE FOR YOUR FARM:

AGRONOMY CONSULTANTS - Karen Csanyi (office), John A. Kohr, Dustin Seley, John Schulz, Bill Zimmer.

AKRON PLANT - Ron Will, George Fry, Jr., Todd Hessler, Franz Wilding.

ELKTON & ELKTON TERMINAL GRAIN - Ronald Wolfram, John Jaworski, Roy Beachy, Randy Dubs, Susan Gottschalk, Chris Schuette, Gilbert Sprague, Allen Fisher.

ELKTON SPECIALTY GRAIN - Alan Licht.

ELKTON TERMINAL BEAN - Ron D. Dubs, Jim Cregeur, Angie Rockefeller, Robert Morley, Doug Schember, Alex Cucinello, Chad Pobanz, Richard Nowaczyk.

FEED CONSULTANTS - Daniel Bates, Bradley Polega.

FEED MILL - Gerald Muentener, Jr., James Hockmuth, Richard Drabek, Joseph Pawlak, James Sherwood, Michael Gremel.

GAGETOWN PLANT - Paul Burdon, Diane Lowe, Walter Swiatyn.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS - Barry Albrecht, Cynthia Hagle, John McKnight.

MARKETING DEPARTMENT - Ted Leipprandt, Beverly Ashmun, Michelle Fortsch, Chuck Squires, Christine Gettel, Carole Henry, Mike Janowicz.

MILLWRIGHT AND MAINTENANCE

NANCE - E. Sue Duprey, Bill Fader, Keith King, Barbara Peck, Virgil I. Peplinski, Virgil T. Peplinski, Rick Mallory, Kenneth Richmond, Don Santhany, Keith Walker, Daniel Walz, Tim Roestel.

OFFICE AND ACCOUNTING - Patricia Anderson, Renee Anderson, Jean Fritz, Sharon Ignash, Melvin Kuhl (safety director), Dana Mielke, Lucille Ziel.

PETROLEUM/TIRE DIVISION - David Ignash, Gene Champagne, Bruce Kingsbury, Todd Rockefeller, Timothy Sielaff.

PIGEON BEAN PLANT - Dennis Dubs, Roy Langley, Roger Weidman.

PIGEON COLORED BEAN PLANT - Todd Wisenbaugh, Robert Blome, Richard Buchholz, Ronald Deming, Jim Dubs, Judith Gaeth, Allen Gies, Darrell Negaard, Joy Sprague.

PIGEON FERTILIZER PLANT - Randy Haag, Robert Damm, Luke Orth.

PIGEON GRAIN PLANT - Thomas Drabek, Kevin Roestel, Douglas Smith.

SEBWAING PLANT - Mark Krauss, Amy Gruehn, Larry Latimer, Kenneth Licht, John Schaaf, James Smith, Matthew Bumhoffer, Lee Bolzman.

SEED PLANT - Ronald F. Dubs, David Dunn.



Members of the Board of Directors of Cooperative Elevator Co. are, standing from left, Dan Baranski, Rod Christner, Randy Baur and Dennis Schuette. Seated are Secretary Dave Sting, Chairman Harold Gremel and Vice Chairman Terry Sturm.



Members of the Management Team of Cooperative Elevator Co. are, standing from left, Bill Boyle-Finance, Mike Eisengruber-Beans and Ned Zagorski-Operations. Seated are Burt Keefer-Feed & Grain, John Kohr-CEO and Wes Edington-Agronomy.



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Bathcrest East - Kevin & Mary Sting - 111 S. Unionville Rd., Bay Port - 517-656-2611

Scrub-a-dub-dub, your family can enjoy a like-new tub, thanks to a professional resurfacing technique skillfully performed by your bathtub professionals — **Bathcrest East**.

Owners **Kevin and Mary Sting** can transform your old, worn, bathtub, shower or ceramic tile into a sparkling "new" bathroom, at a much more affordable price than replacing your fixtures.

Bathcrest brings it back to life with an innovative process which has a porcelain-like finish that bonds to bathroom fixtures. With this process, customers can save 80% of conventional bathtub replacement.

Glazecote™, which has the same proponents found in the U.S. Space Shuttle, meets the U.S. and Canadian standards set for new bathtubs. And Bathcrest offers a range of decorator colors to match all major plumbing lines, plus a five year warranty — five times longer than the warranty offered by most original manufacturers!

Bathcrest East is a locally owned

franchise of Bathcrest, Inc., an international company that has been revitalizing bathtubs for over 17 years in hotels, motels, apartments, government housing and of course, residential housing.

Bathcrest East also offers solid brass bath plumbing accessories and is a distributor for Swirl-way® Whirlpool Baths.

Owners **Kevin and Mary** belong to the Saginaw Home Builders Association, and will be offering counter top resurfacing in the future.

Come see us at these two upcoming Builders Home Shows

Feb. 17-19 Bay City Mall
March 3-5 SVSU Ryder Center

"If your bathtub is not becoming to you, then you should be coming to us!"



MARCUS and LAURA scrub-a-dub-dub in a newly-resurfaced Bathcrest tub, from Bathcrest East! This technique can help turn your worn tub into a sparkling new one, quickly and easily. For more information, call **Kevin and Mary Sting** at Bathcrest East at 517-656-2611.

Community Book Store - 7484 Michigan Ave., Pigeon - Phone 1-800-426-6552

They are farmers, they are housewives, they are accountants, they are administrators, they are nurses, and they are laborers.

They make up the 25 partners who own and operate the **Community Book Store** of Pigeon.

They are people who understand the need for quality books, Bibles, cassettes, CDs and gifts.

"Our goal is to provide the best selection possible of Christ-centered literature, music and gift products.

And through these products, enable our customers to discover more of Jesus Christ - God's answer to Man's Problems," says **Eugene Gascho**, who is one of the partners as well as manager.

"There are so many wonderful resources available today for young parents, for teens, for those going through difficult times, for churches, for businesses, for anyone."

Everything in the store - from its 475 video rental library, to its toys for kids, to its greeting cards, is selected to inform and inspire and ultimately draw one to a deeper relationship with God.



Here are the **Community Book Store** Staff members, Partners and their spouses, as they gathered together for their recent annual meeting.

Starting in 1977 with a group of four, the business now includes a "partner" group of 25 who share this common vision of bettering their community. Pigeon and the "Thumb Area" is a wonderful place to live and work, but it, too, has its share of life's problems. The partners contend that a foundation in the Christian faith will provide the keys to living and full and rewarding life, even in the midst of difficulty.

Having a staff in the store to guide people to the right resources is crucial. The current staff are pic-

tured along with the partners, who gathered for an "after Christmas" party just a couple weeks ago.

Being able to help a customer find a certain song or book from their store inventory is important, but the store also specializes in ordering from literally hundreds of publishers and suppliers.

Sometimes it takes a bit of detective work to find the right items because often customers will come in with very little information about the product they want. The sales counselors often get requests for a book with only a word or two of the title.

Computers in-store have solved much of the work by easily locating titles and publisher information and even placing the orders electronically. This results in quick ordering - customers can receive many special orders within two to three days.

The customers served by the Community Book Store come from all across Huron County and the northern parts of Sanilac and Tuscola Counties. About 80 churches also keep active accounts at the store and use it to find church supplies and curriculums.

Eugene says, "Serving is what it's all about. Through our service we hope to attract people, to not only our store but also to a faith in God.

That's how we hope to measure our success.

The people behind Community Book Store pictured above are listed here, not in a particular order:

STAFF:

Eugene Gascho, manager
Floris Wertz, sales counselor
Joyce Keim, sales counselor
Gladys Maust, sales counselor
Kim Leipprandt, bookkeeping
Angie McCormick, recorded music
Marlene Shetler, decor
Jeremy & Kyle Gascho, "helpers"

PARTNERS:

Dale & Debbie Ackerman
Pat & Kurt Anderson
Don & Barb Faupel
Dwight & Mary Ann Gascho
Eugene & Suzanne Gascho
Ed & Shirley Holtzhouse
Sharon Hostetter
Bob & Karen Martin
Calvin & Gladys Maust
Ken & Connie Smeader
Wayne & Gerry Swartzendruber
Eldon & Peggy Voelker
Merlin & Pat Yoder



Community Book Store staff members and partners work hard every day to offer quality books, CDs, tapes and videos sought by local residents.

Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home - 7436 Paul Street, Pigeon, 517-453-2324

The **Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home** is continuing the 95th year of thoughtful, comforting care that began when W.A. Schriber first opened Schriber Furniture and Undertaking on South Main Street, Pigeon, in 1900.

Other long-time names became familiar to families over the years — Bates, Shetler, Winkel, Bussema.

Now **scott and Sue Meyersieck** have been associated with the funeral home since 1979, re-naming it the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, with scott as its manager when they purchased it in 1990.

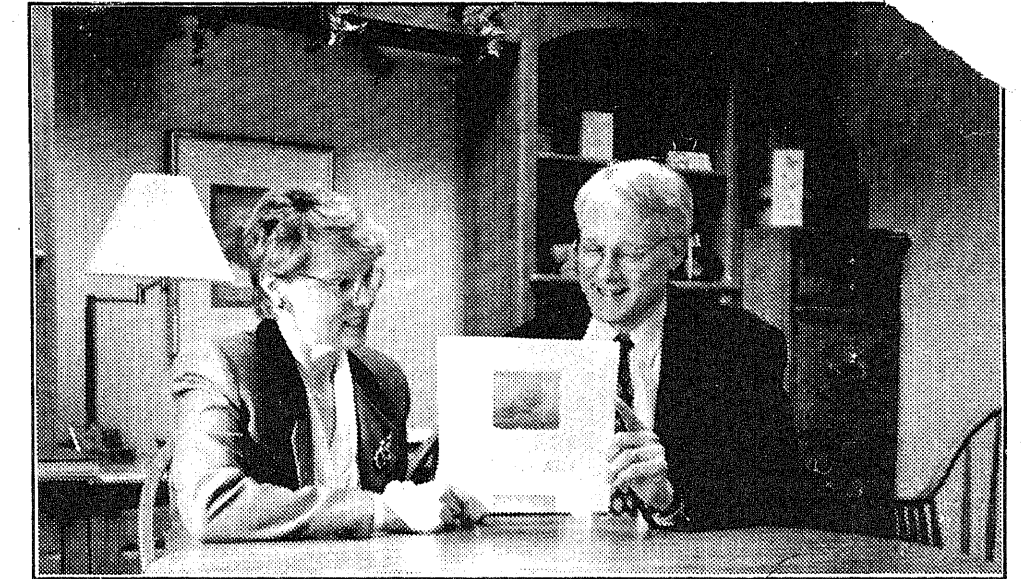
There have been many changes made in the past 15 years, always with the thought of family comfort and peace of mind at the forefront of planning.

In addition to updating the decor of the main visiting area three years ago, the Meyersiecks undertook a major expansion in 1993, adding a family conference room, handicap-accessible entrances and restrooms, and a family area. Now families can meet and make decisions within surroundings that are

comfortable and relaxing, and individuals who need a quiet time can be afforded the privacy they may need, apart from the area of visitation.

Even more important than the physical improvements that have been made over the years is the familiarity that a long-time association in the area brings. Knowing and caring about families adds to the commitment the Meyersiecks have in bringing a personal, yet still professional touch in dealing with people's grief.

And service to families is always the number one priority. scott Meyersieck is a member of the International Order of the Golden Rule, Thumb Area Funeral Directors' Association, the Michigan Funeral Directors' Association, where he is currently a District Director on the Board of Directors, as well as active in a number of local organizations, including the Caseville Kiwanis Club, Pigeon Rotary Club, Salem United Methodist Church, and an officer on the Scheurer Hospital Board.



Sue and scott Meyersieck in the new family conference room.

He and Sue are also both licensed to provide FORETHOUGHT and Key Life funeral planning, in addition to M.F.D.A. Master Escrow Plan, ensuring that a person's final wishes are

carried out when they die. **The Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home** is proud to be a part of the Western Thumb business community and a nurturer of local families.

Bay Port State Bank - Bay Port and Pigeon - 517-656-2231 and 517-453-2225

A long, proud history with an eye focused directly on the future is what keeps **Bay Port State Bank** steady on a continued course of growth.

Add to that a strong emphasis on community banking, fulfilling the local needs of customers in the areas of depositing, borrowing or investing - and the time has come for Bay Port State Bank.

With the roots of Bay Port State Bank reaching back to the time it was known as W.H. Wallace and Co. over 100 years ago, the roots of the present still run deep.

Housed in its current Bay Port location since the 1960s and opening a branch office in Pigeon in 1982, Bay Port State Bank is rooted in both communities and committed to community development, both in its lending policies and the attitudes of its employees.

Bay Port State Bank employees sit on

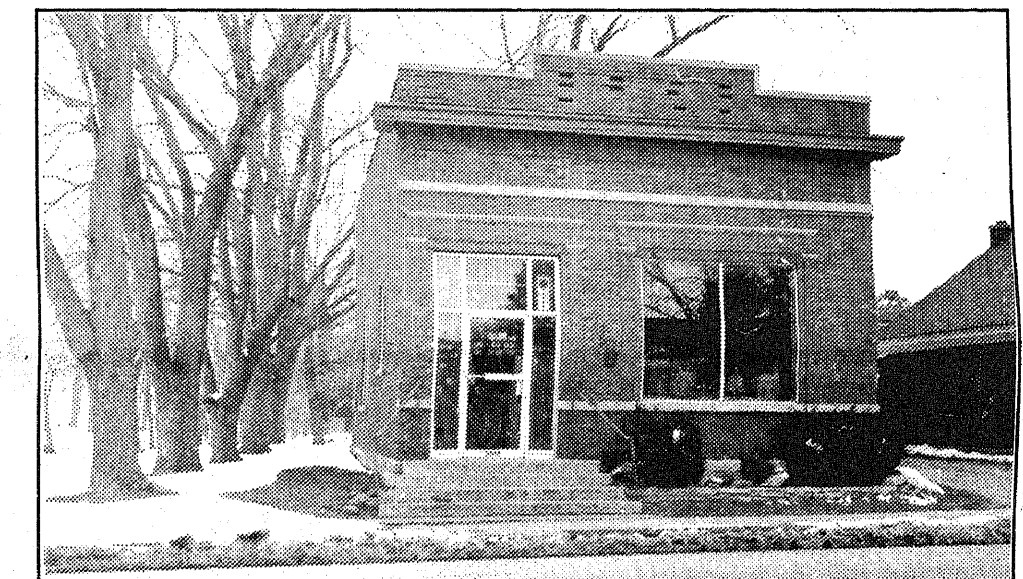
many boards and committees that are influential in the Western Thumb area communities they serve. The management team encourages community involvement and is dedicated to good citizenship and community investment.

Headed by a new management team led by **President/CEO Harold Robinson** - brought in during 1992, Bay Port State Bank is dedicated to serving the Thumb as a local bank for many years to come.

With plans to grow and expand into additional areas, the bank plans to offer complete banking services in both Huron and Tuscola Counties.

The new banking service "**Main Street Banking**," gives customers a hometown emphasis and shows the bank's dedication to maintaining a locally-owned community bank.

Bay Port State Bank's mission statement says it all in just a few words:



The original Bay Port State Bank building is still standing...

Bay Port State Bank shall be a leader in banking services; Focused on the people and communities of its service area; In a caring and professional manner; While providing a quality working environment for employees; Always mindful of the need to increase shareholder value.

Bay Port State Bank - Board of Directors

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Attention Farmers!

Bay Port State Bank is now offering the...
MAIN STREET OPERATING LINE

to our checking account customers at the New York prime rate (currently at 9%) plus .25%!

Main Street Banking meets all your financing needs.

See Bob or Pam at our Pigeon office to apply for a Main Street Operating Line today!



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Country Bay Village - 161 Country Bay Village Drive, Pigeon - 517-453-2188 or 1-800-453-2188

People. People are what make the difference at the Western Thumb's newest senior living complex - **Country Bay Village**.

With the first residents having moved in during May, 1994, Country Bay Village has become home to over 30 senior residents, most of whom have been able to maintain their active, independent lifestyles with the help of a caring, young-at-heart staff.

With 30 congregate units connected to a central dining area, Country Bay Village has a social atmosphere reminiscent of a college dorm, but with the privacy and independence afforded to mature adults who have earned this lifestyle.

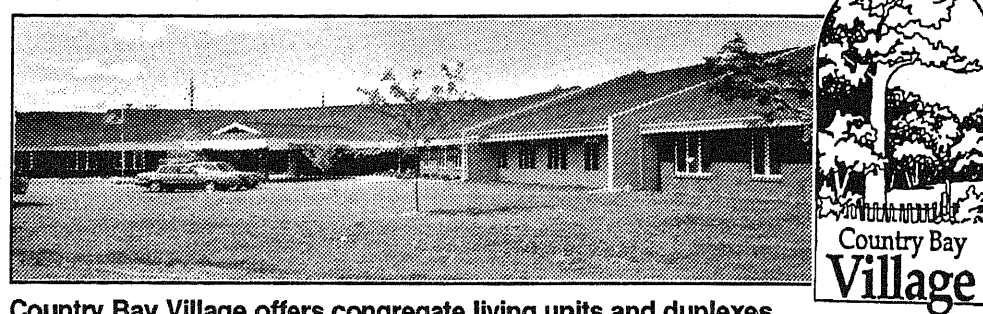
An exercise room, hobby areas, gardening opportunities allow residents a chance to continue their life-long hobbies - and in some cases,

begin new ones. One bedroom standard, one bedroom deluxe and two bedroom suites give seniors a variety of apartment sizes to choose from.

Duplex units, built as needed independently of the congregate building, are inviting to seniors who still want to maintain their own residence, but with the assistance of lawn maintenance, snow removal and other convenient services that make it easier for them to enjoy their retirement years.

Of course, they are always welcome to dine in the Country Bay Village dining room, where hours of sociable time are enjoyed before and after home-prepared meals.

With Country Bay Village's convenient location adjacent to Scheurer Hospital, residents and their families can be confident that medical help is just seconds away - adding to their sense of security and peace of mind.



Country Bay Village offers congregate living units and duplexes.

And shopping, dining, banking and postal necessities are just minutes away in Downtown Pigeon, home of "the good life in a small town."

It all makes for a quality lifestyle not to be matched in the Western

Thumb. Manager Linda Sobczak or any of her staff are always happy to show visitors around and will be happy to set up a time to talk to you. If you're interested, just call (517) 453-2188 or toll-free at 1-800-453-2188.

For more information on the quality lifestyle for seniors available at Country Bay Village, please contact:

Country Bay Village - Attn: Linda Sobczak, Manager
161 Country Bay Village Drive
Pigeon, MI 48755

Scheurer Family Pharmacy - 168 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon - Phone 517-453-2535

Friendly service and care for the health of their customers is what keeps people coming back to the **Scheurer Family Pharmacy**, now completing its second year of operation in the Barth Medical Arts Building adjacent to Scheurer Hospital.

Keeping medicines at an affordable price and dispensing advice along with the actual prescriptions make the pharmacy an attractive destination for people concerned with their own health and confused about complex insurance billing questions.

While most pharmacies don't provide this service, Scheurer Family Pharmacy will bill Medicare for a patient's covered services, such as blood sugar testing, strips for glycometers and other similar items.

"Let us help you by telling us your own personal situation," encourages **Pharmacist/Manager Wes Knecht**. "Helping customers through the maze of insurance complexities is just one way

our pharmacy can make customers feel at home here."

Scheurer Family Pharmacy also shows its concern for the health of its customers by offering nutritional supplements, sugar-free candy and a variety of home health care items. Of course, there's also a nice selection of greeting cards, candies, stationery items, gifts, etc.

Customers are always amazed at just how much they can find at the Scheurer Family Pharmacy - it's always convenient to pick up extra items one needs when going there for a prescription.

Scheurer Family Pharmacy is a member of the Thumb Pharmacist Association, the Michigan Pharmacist Association and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. An active member of the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce, the Scheurer Family Pharmacy strives to be a friendly face and an active participant in its home-town community.



The "friendly faces" that will greet you at Scheurer Family Pharmacy include front row, P.C.T. Jennifer Crisman, Pharmacist Bridget Salgat, Pharmacy Technician Ellen Pardue; back row, Pharmacist/Manager Wes Knecht, Barb Toner and Tim Lowthian, director of pharmacy for Scheurer Hospital. Not photographed here is Deb Swartzendruber.

Dr. Scott Redwantz, D.D.S. - 6982 Main St., Caseville - Phone (517) 856-4096

Dr. Scott Redwantz, D.D.S., is all smiles, as he takes a look at the eight months he has enjoyed as Caseville's dentist.

Having purchased the dental practice of Dr. Delmar Eichler, who passed away in May, 1994, Dr. Redwantz has brought to Caseville the art of Gentle Dentistry - taking the time to listen and put his patients at ease.

The easy-going, comfortable atmosphere in Dr. Redwantz's office gives his patients a chance to relax while he offers the latest dental practices and services available. He believes in the early detection of Periodontal Disease and treats it in his office. He also offers a variety of cosmetic improvements to your smile.

He also stands behind his dental work, guaranteeing fillings for two years and crowns and bridges for five years.

Dr. Redwantz also works to provide most of the necessary dental services right in his Caseville office, rather than referring patients elsewhere, unless it's necessary.

He also wants to be a supporter and friend of the Caseville community, where he resides with his wife, Amy and their one-year old daughter Kelsey.

Amy works with him at Caseville Family Dentistry as office manager, while other staff members include a receptionist, two assistants and three dental hygienists.

A member of the Caseville Kiwanis Club, Academy of General Dentistry, American Dental Association and Michigan Dental Association, Dr. Redwantz also takes the time to enjoy the beauty of the woods and shoreline that surround him, enjoying our beautiful area.



Shown at Dr. Scott Redwantz' Caseville practice are, front from left, hygienists Shari Quinn and Michelle Schmitzer, assistant Judy Zagorski and receptionist Maxine Walsh. In back are assistant Nancy Redwantz, Dr. Scott Redwantz and hygienist Amy Redwantz. Missing is hygienist Elaine Clancy.

He is a 1990 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, having earned his bachelor's degree at Saginaw Valley

State University. A native of Munger, he graduated from Reese High School. Stop in for quality care soon.

Scheurer Hospital - 170 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon - 517-453-3223

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Scheurer Hospital is Proud of the growth of our Medical Staff, as we continue to offer quality health care in our 50th year. We are

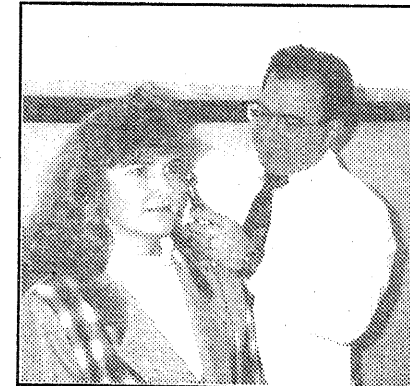
pleased to introduce to you here, the people who bring you the quality care, in all areas of specialty. Scheurer Hospital is also proud

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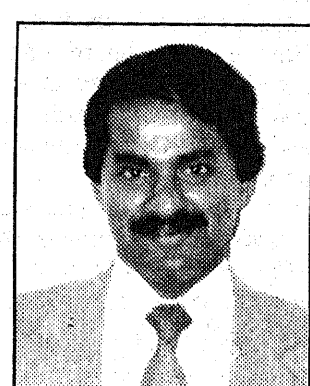
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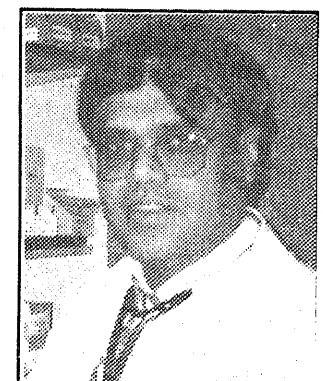
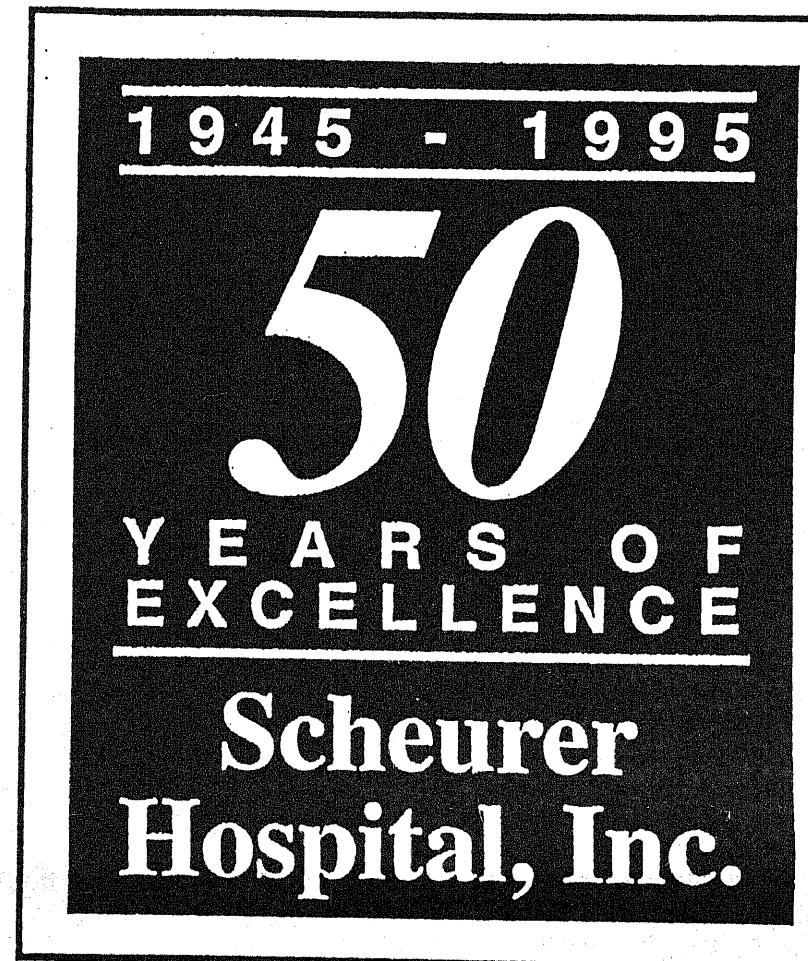
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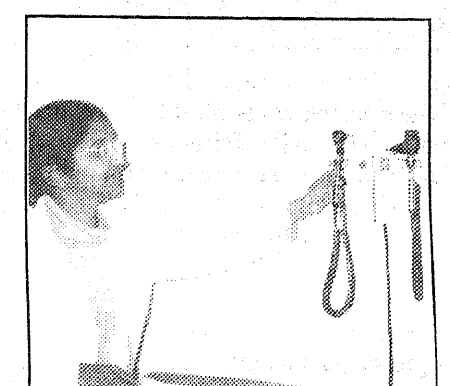
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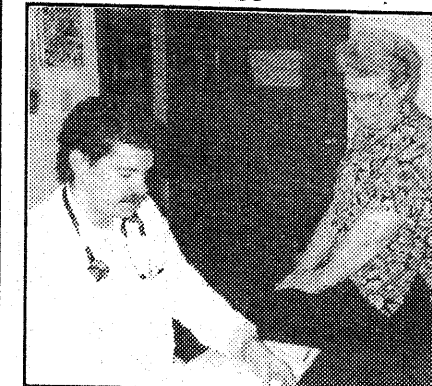
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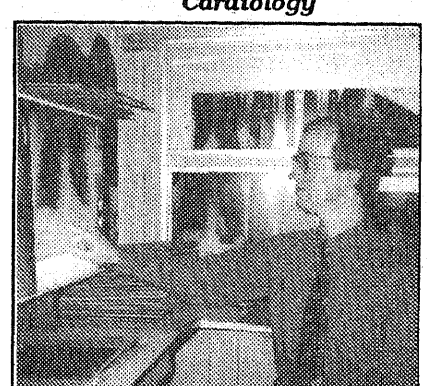
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Watch For More 50th Anniversary Highlights This Year!



170 N. Caseville Road • Pigeon, Michigan

Peoples Oil & Gas / Peoples Choice Market - Downtown Pigeon - Phone 517-453-2114

New nametags didn't even have to be ordered, when long-time employe **Patti Machowicz** took over the management position of her namesake, newly-retired **Peoples Choice Market Manager Patti McCormick** recently.

Both Patti's know how to cross their "i's" and dot their "t's" and lots of other things didn't change, either - like dedication to the job, a commitment to detail and the ability to learn and keep-up with the ever-changing technology of running a 24-hour

a day convenience store business.

Owned by brothers **Ron McCormick** and **Bruce McCormick**, originally associated with Quinn Shell in Caseville since 1973, the **Pigeon location** of Peoples Choice Market has been open for nine years - a natural extension of **Peoples Oil & Gas**, which has offered quality **Shell Products** as a dealer for over 70 years.

The store offers the sale of retail Shell Gasoline and related products, snacks, deli sandwiches, beer-wine-pop, laundromat and car wash - **all open 24 hours a day.**

In just a few short years, the McCormicks have opened five convenience stores in other communities in Huron and parts of Tuscola Counties and have just added another new dimension to their retail mix - **SUBWAY shops** in four of their locations including Vassar, Cass City, Caro and Sebawaing, Sandusky will be opening a SUBWAY in the spring, owners say. And they are ever watchful for other viable locations for both convenience stores and SUBWAY shops.

In addition to selling the #1 most popular gas in credit card sales - Shell - the McCormicks credit their market strength with the dedication of their 125 employes in five convenience store and three SUBWAY locations, including Peoples Oil & Gas Office Manager **Al Pittenger**, supervisor of SUBWAYS and the convenience stores **Kathy Hofmeister**, and each individual manager of the Peoples Choice Market convenience stores and SUBWAY shops.

"Friendly service with a smile and a helpful attitude goes a long way in bringing customers back," says Pigeon Manager **Patti Machowicz**, who was a recipient many times of the Peoples Choice Market, Pigeon, "Employee of the Month" and "Employee of the Year" Award.

Both McCormick brothers are active in the Michigan Petroleum Association, **Ron** as a board of director and **Bruce** serving on the insurance committee.

Is there a Peoples Choice Market or SUBWAY in your community's future? Chances are, the McCormicks brothers are checking it out...



Retiring Manager Patti McCormick congratulates new Manager Patti Machowicz.

CellularONE Lake Huron - 1536 W. Caro Rd., Caro - Phone 517-673-1666

It's wintertime, and some "snowbirds" head south. **CellularONE Lake Huron** customers don't need to worry about receiving important calls while they travel through the United States in search of warmer temperatures.

With **Nationwide Automatic Call Delivery** to 2600 major cities throughout the U.S. and Canada, CellularONE Lake Huron customers are easily reached without need of an access number. The caller simply dials the local CellularONE Lake Huron cellular number and the call is delivered quickly and easily.

The service described above is provided by CellularONE Lake Huron. They serve the entire area of Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties. CellularONE Lake Huron is located in Caro, with agents in Bad Axe, Sandusky, Caro and Ubyly.

Experienced sales staff are also available to meet with you. Customers vary from farmers to business people, police officers to lawyers, doctors to educators, service companies and schools, to the average consumer, who just wants to feel more safe and secure.

The **CellularONE system** utilizes an Ericsson system, which is the very highest quality equipment available in

cellular communications. Because of its superior functioning capabilities, CellularONE Lake Huron customers receive the highest quality service.

In addition to system quality, customer service is paramount at CellularONE Lake Huron. Customer service is available at the cellular user's fingertips, just by dialing *611, which is a free call. A 24-hour live answering service will also assist the caller on weekends and after normal business hours throughout the week.

And even though 911 Emergency Service may not yet be available in all cities and towns throughout Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties, it is available on the cellular phone. By dialing 911, you immediately reach the local sheriff's office.

In an effort to further assist our customers, CellularONE Lake Huron's boaters can dial *CG and reach the local Coast Guard anywhere north of Detroit throughout the Great Lakes.

"One of the stereotyped impressions we worked hard to explain to people is that the cellular phone is not a status symbol or a toy," says **Ben Varney**, general manager of CellularONE Lake Huron.



Front row from left, **Dennis Crookedacre**, Account Rep.; **Sandy Lippowiths**, Financial Assistant; **Katherine Daniels**, Marketing Specialist; **Tom Rider**, Financial Manager. Back row, **Luanne Story**, Office Administrator; **Benjamin Varney**, Vice President/General Manager; **Ruby Kaisler**, Billing; **Carol Kubacki**, Operations Engineer and **Marsie Elizondo**, Tech. Support. Missing: **Deb McBride**, Account Rep.

"Cellular phones are helping users manage time and productivity."

Cellular users who rely on their phones for business find that cellular use cuts down on wasted time and actually

improves the bottomline.

CellularONE has representatives ready and willing to answer any questions regarding cellular service. Call 1-800-624-8766 or 517-673-1666.

Huron Transit Corp.-Thumb Area Transit - Phone 517-269-2121 or 1-800-322-1125

Thumb Area Transit is #1 in transportation in Huron County.

If you're one of the hundreds of school children who catch a ride every day, or a mentally impaired person who depends upon T.A.T. for transportation to and from Thumb Industries or Community Mental Health Services, or if you are a senior citizen who depends upon bus transportation, then you know all about Thumb Area Transit.

You know that T.A.T. bus drivers know how to smile and often brighten someone's day by something as simple as an encouraging word - or by decorating their bus for a seasonal holiday or event.

What you may not know is that T.A.T. was established in 1981, and maintains a fleet of 24 buses and three mini-vans, to provide transportation for the residents of Huron County.

T.A.T. is a non-profit corporation operated by the county, and offers public and specialized transportation services throughout the county, serving five area school districts,

children who attend parochial schools, and operates in a demand-response mode Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Another fact that may surprise you is that Huron County uses T.A.T. transportation services for more weddings in a month, than most county transportation services use in a year! According to **T.A.T. Director Dave Babcock**, brides like the convenience of having their wedding parties with family and friends transported all together from the wedding to the reception, then back again.

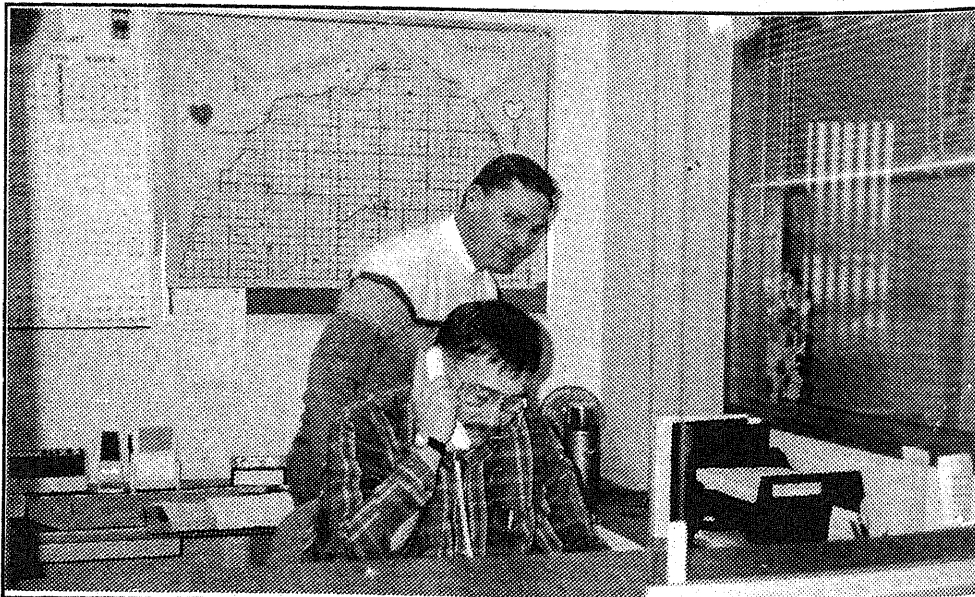
Babcock sees a bright future for the services of T.A.T. in Huron County. He would like to see buses transport patients who need dialysis or cancer treatments out of county and also foresees the need for a four-county authority to provide transportation intra-county in Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer Counties.

Operating with an annual budget of almost \$900,000, T.A.T. receives 37%

of its budget from state funds, 49.5% from local funds and 13.2% from federal funds. A millage fund of .2% was passed in 1993 and continues through 1998, resulting in \$150,000

per year for Huron County Transit.

Transit Director **Babcock** is always happy to show people around the T.A.T. office, located at 1513 Bad Axe Rd. in Bad Axe.



T.A.T. Director Dave Babcock with Art Manzer on the dispatch phone.

Wolverine Auto Brokers / Wooly's One-Stop - M-25 & Caseville Road, Caseville

Dan Braden is an auto-aholic. He thinks, breathes and sleeps automobiles.

But he doesn't have your stereotypical "used car salesman" personality. What **Dan Braden** has on his lot just off M-25 in Caseville doesn't need much of a hard sell.

He's considered "an expert" on previously-owned automobiles, and while you won't find many "\$5,000 specials" on the **Wolverine Auto** lot, what you will find are good, fair prices on late model, one owner vehicles - most of which still have factory warranties.

"We take pride in the fact that our cars are in like-new condition," explains **Braden**.

Years of experience in automotive sales have proven to **Braden** many times over that people want dependability, quality and integrity in a previously-owned vehicle - and while price is definitely a factor, it's not usually the only factor - especially when a **Wolverine** customer sees the consistent quality of the vehicles **Braden** offers for sale on his lot.

Open since 1989, **Wolverine Auto Brokers** is a relative newcomer in Western Thumb car sales. **Wolverine** has already become competitive in the marketplace for those consumers who want a good, dependable vehicle, but

suffer from "sticker shock" when they go to a new car dealership. They know they can get a quality vehicle for less, and most people will think they're driving a brand new car fresh out of the factory.

Full-service auto repair also takes a front-seat priority at **Wolverine**, keeping two full-time certified mechanics busy with tires, brakes, shocks and exhaust.

Boasting over half a century of experience among **Braden** and his service technicians, he knows there's nothing wrong with your car or truck that he and his crew haven't fixed before.

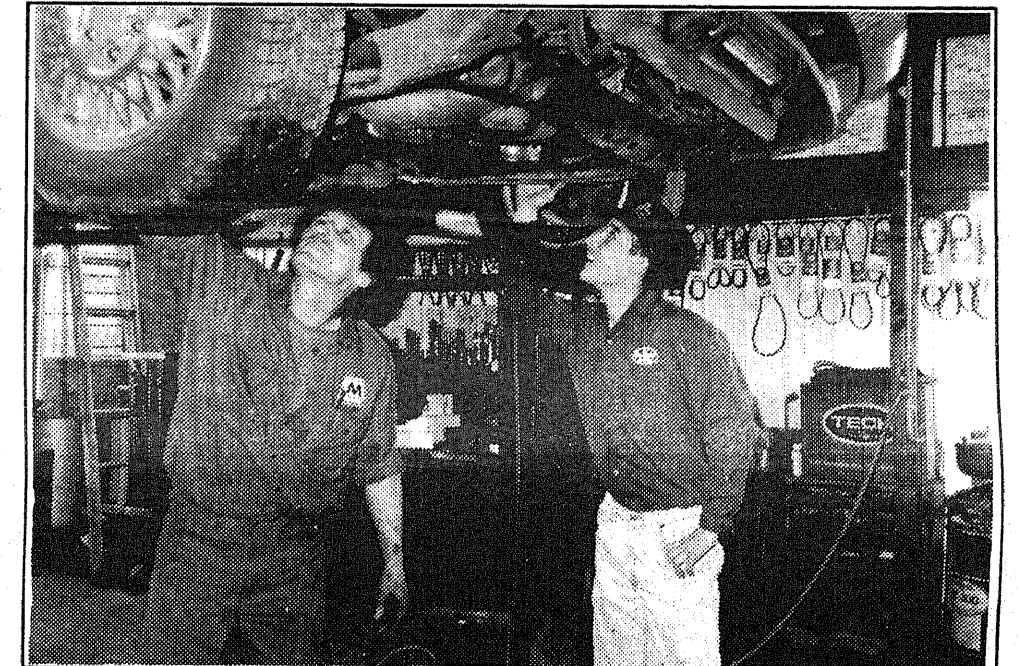
Newly-opened on the "Wolverine Corner" (M-25 and Caseville Rd.) is **Wooly's One-Stop Party Store**, where customers can fill up with **Marathon** diesel and kerosene products at both full and self-serve pumps, and can "fill up" inside with snacks, cold beer and wine, sandwiches, and of course, take a rental video home with them.

It's all here for you at **Wolverine Auto Brokers** in Caseville, where you can fit yourself up with, fill up or fix up a car.

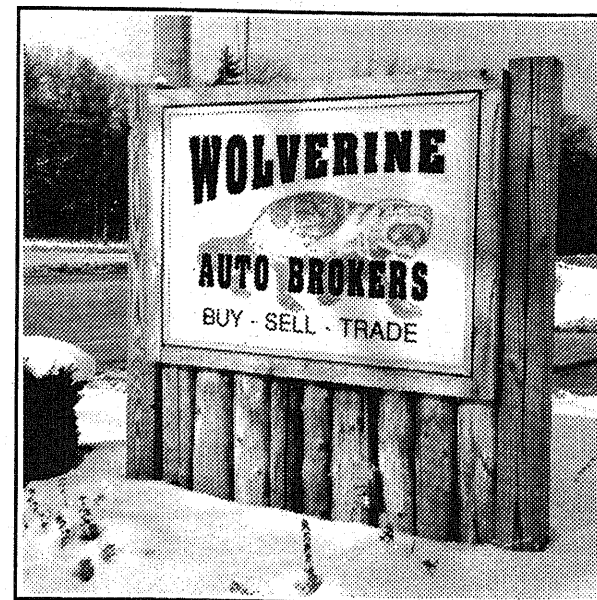
By the way, **Braden** is so sure you'll want a low-cost, low-mileage car that he wants you to stop by - just to "look" - that's what keeps people driving that extra mile to Caseville!



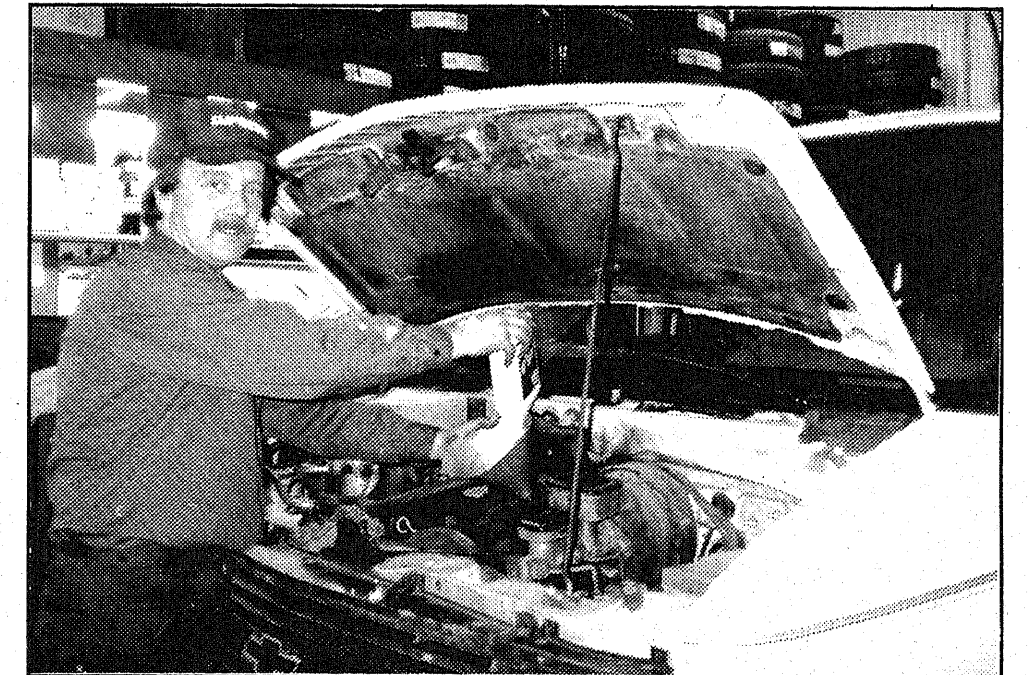
CARS, CARS & MORE CARS! **Wolverine Auto Brokers** Owner **Dan Braden** can match your vehicle needs with one of the many like-new cars, vans or trucks on his lot, at the corner of M-25 and Caseville Road, Caseville.



SERVICE, SERVICE, SERVICE! **Wolverine Auto's** Service Department specializes in full-service auto repair, including tires, brakes, shocks and exhausts. Two certified mechanics, **Randy Maurer** and **Mark McCrimmon**, each have over 20 years' mechanical experience. ABOVE, **Randy Maurer** at work, while **Mark Samborski** assists. BELOW, **Mark McCrimmon** at work under the hood.



Quality...
Integrity...
Plus Products
You Know
and Trust!



WOLVERINE Auto Brokers / **Wooly's ONE-STOP**
Sales 517-856-2486 • Service 856-3684 / (Formerly Caseville Marathon) 517-856-3526

Pigeon Telephone Company - 7585 Pigeon Rd., Pigeon - Phone 517-453-4321

Pigeon Telephone Company brings its more than 1,100 customers in the Pigeon Area the very latest and best in communications services — AND a personal touch of knowing customers by name.

From the very largest businesses with multi-phone systems, to the home with basic services, Pigeon Telephone Company strives to bring technology and services together.

Fully computerized, digital switching and specialized calling services — Pigeon Telephone Company's customers have enjoyed these services for eight years.

Pigeon Telephone Company was the first in Huron County to convert to fully digital switching and buried cable plant.

Pigeon Telephone Company is proud of its beginnings in 1908. People in the Village of Pigeon formed a telephone company. Farmers constructed their telephone lines that joined them to their neighbors. The last of the



Judy Niebel of Pigeon Telephone Company shows just a few of the many styles and types of telephones offered for sale, to Pigeon Telephone customers as well as the public.

"farmer" lines joined "central," making one company serving the whole territory, in 1953. Presently, the company covers 72 square miles and serves 1,300 access lines in the

Pigeon Area.

Pigeon Telephone Company made the turn onto the information superhighway when it ordered its first digital switches in 1979. Now 14 years later, the company looks forward to a future that combines service and technology.

While most Michigan residents are served by large corporate telecommunications businesses, Pigeon residents are served by a locally owned and operated independent telephone company. Local ownership provides a close and stable telephone and communications service to residents of the area.

Customers pay their bills at the local business office located on Pigeon's west side at 7585 Pigeon Rd. Service and repair vehicles are dispatched from the central switching office located Downtown on Nitz St.

Pigeon Telephone Company's people are Pigeon people who live and work in the area that they serve. The company is strongly committed to making a contribution

to the economic base of the rural community where it is located.

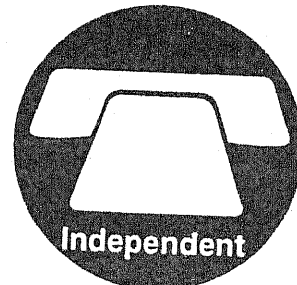
Pigeon Telephone Company is committed to cooperation as a part of its business involvement. The company works with many partners in its efforts to secure the best in telecommunications services for small town and rural America.

Nationally, Pigeon Telephone is a part of OPASTCO (Organization for the Protection and Advancement of the Small Telephone Company), Independent Telephone Pioneers and United States Telephone Association.

In Michigan, the company works with Michigan Exchange Carriers Association and Telephone Association of Michigan, both located in Lansing. Through its association with American Digital Switching of Melbourne, FL, Pigeon Telephone works to maintain the quality of digital switching in rural telephone companies.

Pigeon Telephone Company was proud to be involved in the recent renovation of the Village of Pigeon's streetscape. One of the invisible added features of the charming redo of the downtown area is the installation of underground ports that can carry fiber optics to every business location.

The next step in communications - computer and information linkages to farms, towns, cities, schools, businesses, government - is already underway in the Pigeon Area, where advances in technology and friendly service work side by side to link the world with Rural America.



Chad Loeffler of Pigeon Telephone Co. inspects some switching equipment.

Pigeon River Mercantile & Wool Co. - 40 S. Main St., Pigeon - Phone 517-453-2311

Pigeon River Mercantile & Wool Co. brings a new flavor in retailing to Downtown Pigeon.

Now in its third year, The Mercantile has become established as Huron County's premier location for fine quilting fabrics, cross-stitch supplies and varied country merchandise.

The Mercantile is located in the former dimstore building on Main Street and owners Wanda and Ed Eichler totally renovated the building - restoring the antique pressed tin ceiling, adding several little nooks and an open stairway to provide future access to the second floor.

Much of the love that went into opening this building again came about from the Eichler's desire to help support the business community of Pigeon, which has undergone rapid change in recent years.

Opened on Election Day, 1992, the shop has grown now to include a second display room with cross-stitch and other needle art supplies. An authorized **Elna sewing machine dealership** - the Thumb and Tri-City area's only one - was added in October, 1993 and classes are offered regularly for beginner to advanced sewers and quilters.

Over 1200 bolts of 100% cotton fabrics are the mainstay of The Mercantile's product line, attracting quilters and sewers from all across the county, as well as visitors from the city who come up to their shoreline cottages on weekends and in the summer. Patterns, books and notions, country gift items and toys also add to The Mercantile's offerings.

Old-fashioned and wonderfully warm custom-covered wool comforters are another unique feature of the shop. Customers can choose their comforter coverings from the fabrics in the shop and know that their comforter will be made right in Downtown Pigeon - many with wool batts spun from the wool of sheep from Graywood Farm, the country home of the Eichlers.

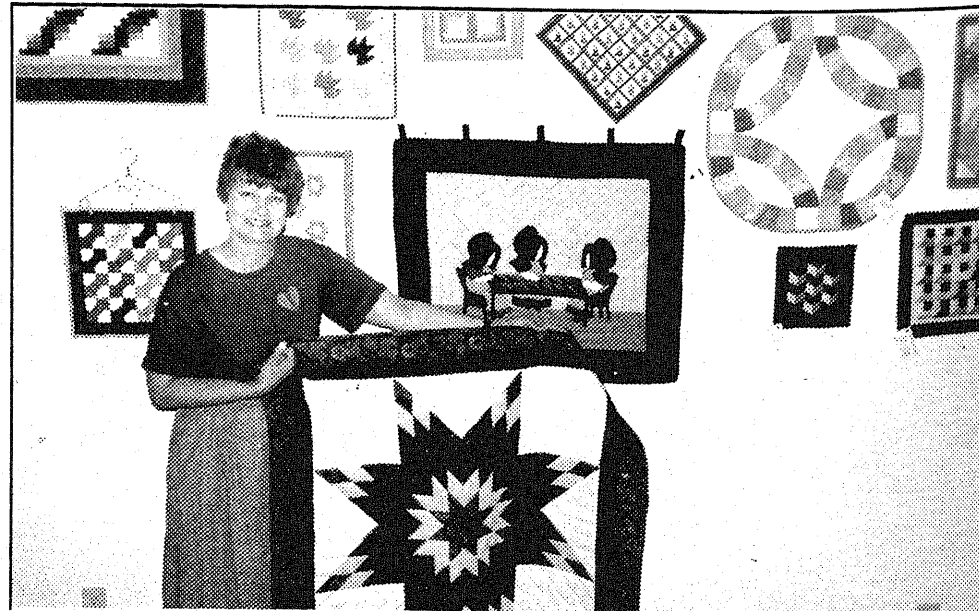
The Eichlers try in other ways to promote locally-grown agricultural products, such as wool and dry beans - and animals, too, as they bring baby lambs in front of The Mercantile on Easter weekend (if the ewes cooperate!) and a cow in front of the store in June in recognition of June Dairy Month.

The Eichlers also opened **Winsor Gallery** in the former Diener's Furniture building downtown this past summer and

on selected holiday weekends - featuring a gathering of quilts and also a folk art gift gallery crafted from artisans in developing countries. It's another way the Eichlers are trying to positively promote

rural economic health in the community of Pigeon, while joining hands with others across the globe.

The Mercantile's winter hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 to 5:30 p.m.



Wanda Eichler shows offerings at Winsor Gallery and the Mercantile.

Main Street Cafe' & Bakery - 15 S. Main St., Pigeon - 453-3663 (453-FOOD)

On a quaint, historic street in Downtown Pigeon, diners looking for a bite to eat can stop at a delightful little restaurant, **Main Street Cafe and Bakery**.

Owners **Neal and Ed Eichler** and their kitchen and dining room staff invite you to stop by for a snack or a meal.

Main Street serves breakfast, lunch and dinner every day. Three lunch specials are featured Monday through Friday, as are three homemade soups.

Dinner specials include Mexican dishes on Tuesday evenings and Chinese cooking on Thursdays.

The regular menu is always available and includes the feature of the house, the "Main Street Sandwich," thinly sliced turkey served between veggie bread with a hint of dijon.

Friday night diners enjoy the Sea-food Buffet or the perch plate special. On Sundays, a breakfast buffet attracts many guests to Main Street.

Main Street Bakery features fresh baked goods daily. From doughnuts



Here are Main Street's Head Waitress Brenda Good and Manager Lori Haag. In addition to home-cooked meals all day long and special weekly buffets, Main Street is known for fresh baked goods, specially geared toward holidays.

and crullers to cookies and breads, Main Street Bakery has a full line of baked delights, often geared toward special holidays and events.

Main Street Bakery is ready to take your order for birthday, anniversary, shower and special occasion cakes and goodies, too.

Main Street Cafe is available for private parties and gatherings. Up to 60 people can be served in the dining room and a full party menu is served.

Whether you stop by for a cup of Main Street's special blend coffee and a piece of pie, or for a full meal, you'll enjoy the food and hometown atmosphere at Main Street Cafe and Bakery in Pigeon.



Thumb Cellular - Serving Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties - Phone 1-800-443-5057

Thumb Cellular has become the "Talk of the Thumb," and more and more people are talking... on their cellular phones. The ability to "keep in touch" from almost anywhere makes the rural areas in the Thumb seem not quite so rural.

Thumb Cellular continues to provide the best cellular service with the lowest monthly service plans and prices on equipment in the Thumb. Cellular service is expanded and equipment is updated as needs arise and new technology becomes available.

In 1994, Thumb Cellular added two new cell sites with towers located near Marlette and Crosswell, bringing the total to seven. Other sites are located in Harbor Beach, Caro, Carsonville, Vassar and Elkton. Future expansion in 1995 will include additional cell sites to increase service coverage.

Automatic Call Delivery is now available to most of lower Michigan. National Call Delivery will be available this year. Customers will then be able to receive calls throughout the United States and Canada, without turning on additional features or using an access code. Callers will reach you simply by dialing your mobile number.

In the not-too-distant future, customers will have the ability to use their phones anywhere in the world, using satellites and be able to send data at speeds equal to that of landline phone systems.

Thumb Cellular now has the ability to provide the equipment and services for mobile offices. Fax and computer hook-ups are available so that your vehicle can also be used as your office. Custom calling features such as call waiting, conference calling, voice mail, pagers and paging service add to the convenience of cellular.

Proactive customer service is a priority at Thumb Cellular. The knowledgeable staff, under the direction of **Paul Picklo**, general manager, will respond quickly to your questions and concerns. Thumb Cellular will soon be surveying customers to stay in contact and be sure that future plans include their input.

Chris Natzel, sales manager, and **Ron Johnston**, account executive, are available to meet with you at your convenience. **Cathy Gross**, billing and collections specialist and **Tammy Holdwick**, secretary, will answer all of your billing questions. **Tracey Schenk**, customer



Thumb Cellular staff serving you are, front row from left, Tammy Holdwick and Ron Johnston; middle, Tracey Schenk, Laura Polega and Chris Natzel; back, Paul Picklo, Catherine Gross and Mike Gremel.

service representative, assists customers and "roamers" with questions about the use of their phone and optional features. **Laura Polega**, our newest addition, is our customer service representative and sales assistant at the Caro office. **Mike Gremel** installs permanent phones and antennas, solves reception problems for customers and maintains equipment at our cell sites.

Anyone interested in a cellular phone is welcome to try a demonstration phone free-of-charge. Customers have the option of choosing a phone which is permanently mounted in a vehicle, transportable or hand-held.

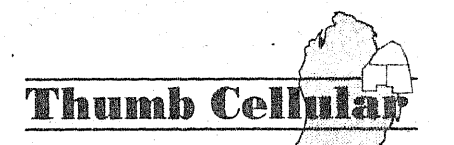
Free phone and antenna checks are available anytime. Thumb Cellular Expos are held each year at convenient locations. Cellular information sessions are held throughout the day. This is a good opportunity to keep "up-to-date" on roaming, features, billing, coverage, equipment and what is planned for the future. Demonstrations and phone inspections are available all day long. Door prizes, specials and refreshments add to the festivities.

Thumb Cellular has an ongoing commitment to support the community. You will see the staff and donated equipment at many community events and festivals.

SafeTalk, a national cellular-safety program for high schools. They provide cellular phones for driver education vehicles at all of the high schools in the Thumb, as well as free airtime, teacher training and materials. Students learn how to use cellular phones responsibly.

Thumb Cellular has been the designated exclusive wireline cellular service in the area for more than three years. Thumb Cellular has two offices, one on Main Street in Pigeon and one in Caro, on Caro Rd. (M-81) near Dairy Queen.

Authorized agents include: **Richard's TV and Larry Galde at Caro Financial Services** in Caro, **Gettel Motors** in Sebawaing, **Keys Radio** in Sandusky, **Thumb Radio & TV, Puvulowski's Radio Shack and Metro 25 Tire** in Bad Axe, **Cook GM Super Store** in Vassar, **Lexington True Value Hardware and Mariette Western Auto**.



1-800-443-5057

Through the recent holiday promotion, more than 140 items were donated to the Toys for Tots program in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties.

Thumb Cellular also sponsors



Catherine Gross, Credit/Collection Specialist, and Mike Sutherland, Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Huron County Department of Social Services, are proud of Thumb Cellular's "Toys For Tots" Program.

Sunny Acres Nursing Center - 2762 Pigeon Rd., Bad Axe - Phone 517-269-9138

When **Patricia and Donald Patterson** and their son **Michael** talk about the 30 residents of **Sunny Acres Nursing Center** in Bad Axe, they speak about them as if they're talking about family members.

They also have the same kind words about their employes, who Pat Patterson feels are a very dedicated group. "Those who take care of the elderly are special people," she says. "They give over and above the routine care required."

Serving as licensed nursing home administrator, Patterson says that the state surveyors even commented on their report about how much love they saw given to Sunny Acres residents.

That love and care for the elderly has had a chance to blossom over the last 30 years, since 1965 when the first of three generations of the Munro and Helen Schultz family put their dream of a nursing facility for Huron County into reality. On Dec. 21, 1965, Sunny Acres admitted its first seven residents, with the Schultz's at the helm

and daughter Patricia working as supervisor of nurses. With the original staff of 13, it took almost a year to fill all 30 beds. Now there is a staff of over 40 and the Pattersons own the facility, with their son Michael serving as business manager and assistant administrator.

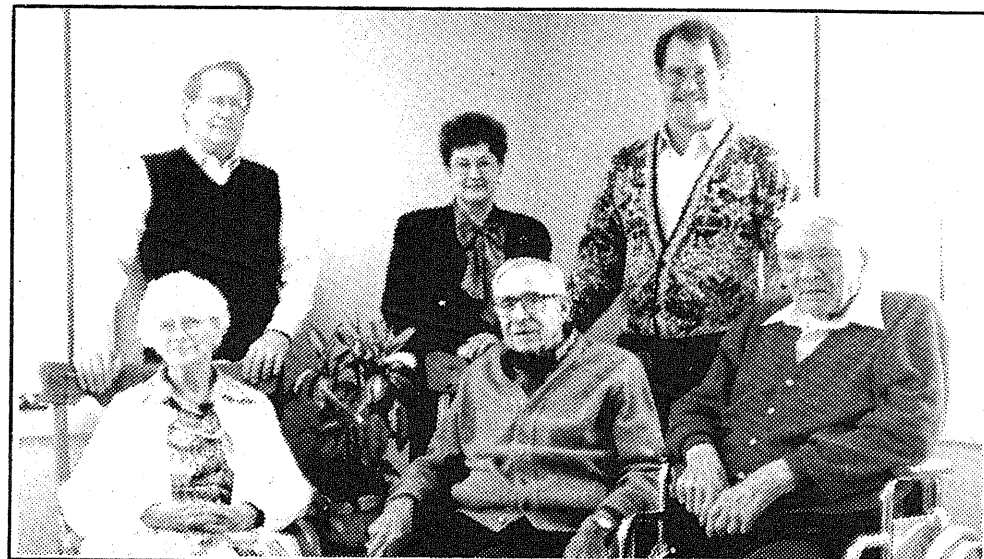
Personal service, homecooked meals, licensed nurses, certified nursing assistants on staff 24 hours a day - this is the hallmark of loving care given to each elderly resident.

Just ask the residents themselves, as these samples show . . .

Elsie Jahr says, "We have good food here and the people are nice."
Waldo Leipprandt says, "I like going to the restaurant (one of the many outings, in good weather.) The food here is good and we have a good laundry system. I like living here."

"I like the exercises we do everyday," says **Anna Clabuesch** with a laugh. "It keeps these tired legs moving."

The staff and residents' concern for each other is especially evident when a



Residents **Anna Clabuesch, Waldo Leipprandt** and **Willis Leipprandt**, in front, with Sunny Acres Owners **Donald, Patricia** and **Michael Patterson**, back row.

resident is ill. When someone needs to be hospitalized, there's always someone calling the hospital on a daily basis to check on the person's progress. That's the type of family atmosphere

that prevails at Sunny Acres.

With so much to celebrate for the last three decades, Sunny Acres will be announcing some special 30th Anniversary activities in the next few months.

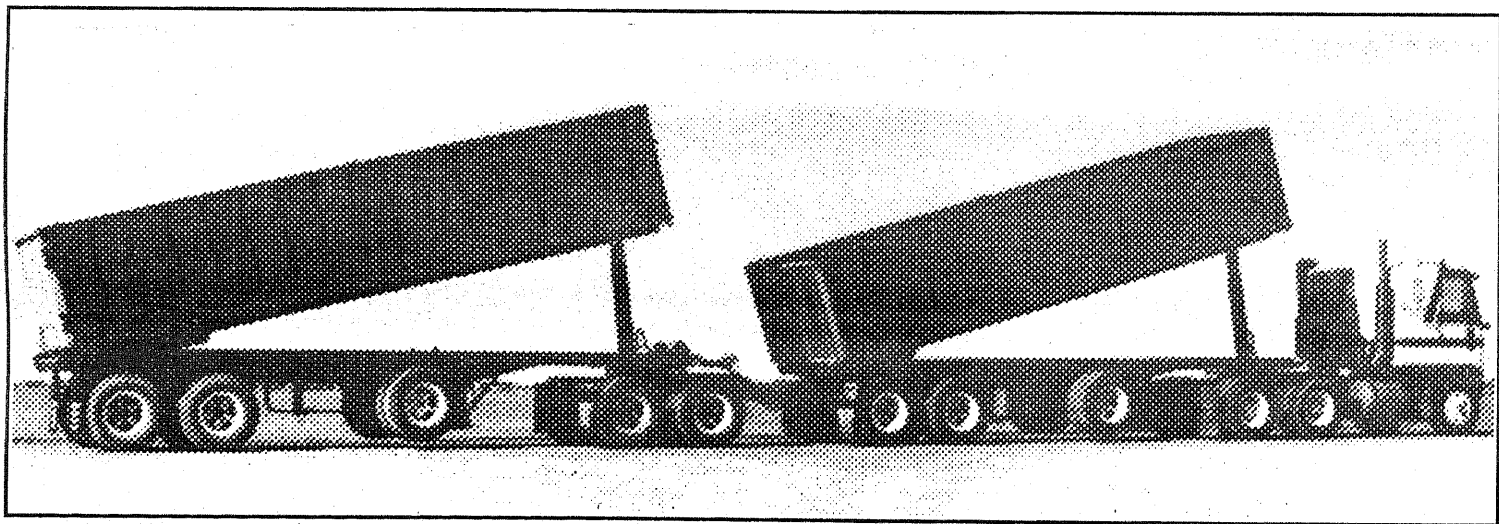
Thumb Truck Equipment - 8305 Geiger Rd., Pigeon, Phone 517-453-3133

People young and old were amazed in the middle of the parade, when a huge red truck stopped and the hydraulic hoist began to rise until it was as high as the roofs of the buildings along the parade route.

Perhaps the parade-goers would be surprised to know that a Pigeon man had designed such an amazing trailer with hydraulic hoist.

"Quality workmanship using quality materials" has been the motto and practice of **Budd Elenbaum** and his business, **Thumb Truck Equipment** - now celebrating 40 years.

What started out as Budd's Welding in 1955 has grown into a family business with sons **Daryl and John** and 17 employes in several departments. Budd Elenbaum saw a need of area farmers



Now in its 40th year, Thumb Truck Equipment has built some BIG truck boxes, like this set of doubles!

over four decades ago and was one of the first in the county to design and build tandem trucks with dump boxes and hydraulic hoists.

Living by their motto of "excellent products, quality workmanship,

built to last using the best quality materials," the Elenbaums and the crew at Thumb Truck are known in all corners of Michigan, Northern Ohio and Indiana for their truck boxes, hoists and dump trailers, and the sale of used trucks.

Perhaps the most publicly known product associated with Thumb Truck Equipment is the "Humiliator," a machine for tractor pulling the Elenbaums built for advertising in 1968 that goes from rolling weights to sliding weights.

Since 1968, the Elenbaums have built 14 pulling sleds. Now known as "Thumb Sleds," the Elenbaums are currently running three of them in tractor pulls across the United States, and even as far away as California on the west coast, Maine on the east coast and outside the continental U.S. in Hawaii and Canada.

With employes hired to handle many of the "Thumb Sled" tractor pulling engagements, the Elenbaums now have more time to devote to their areas of expertise: **Budd Elenbaum** oversees the business. **Daryl Elenbaum** is sales manager and coordinator of new job quotes. **John Elenbaum** and **Eric Swartzendruber** are in the parts department, managing a complete line of truck and trailer

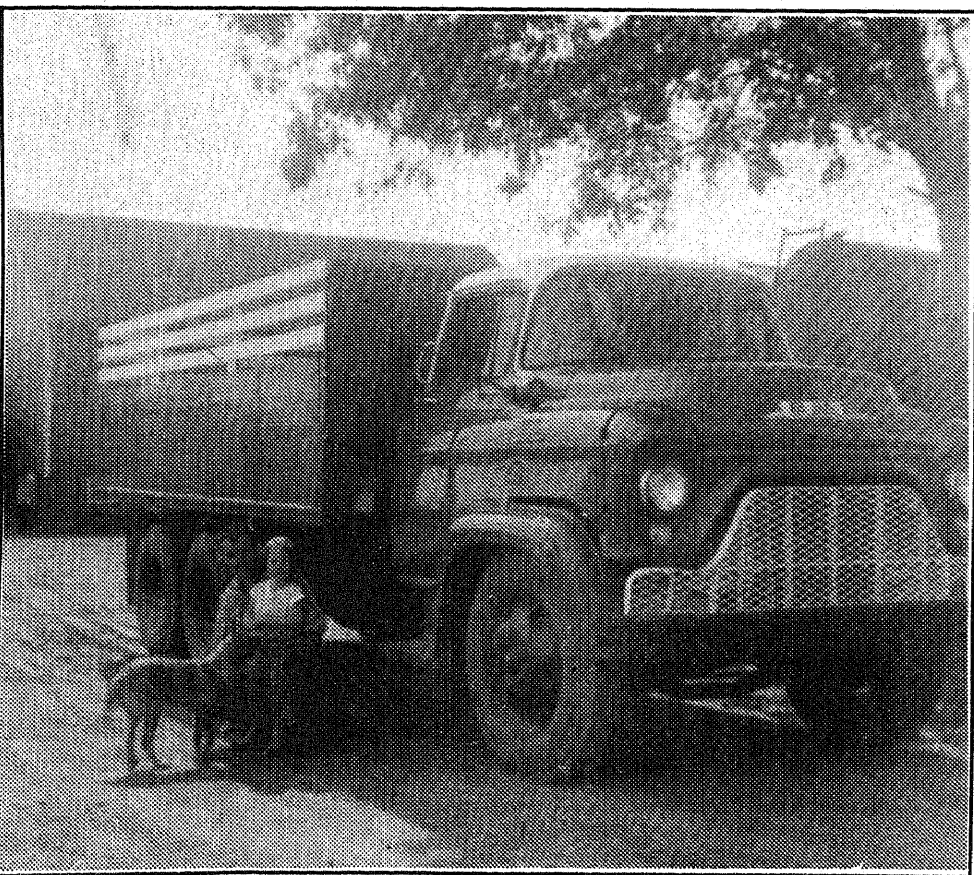
parts for all your needs. Working as service department manager is **Mike Romain**. **Steve Schulz** is the paint and body department.

In addition to having earned a solid reputation with farmers, Thumb Truck credits its successful business with their ability to provide custom orders for Monitor Sugar, Michigan Sugar, nursery trucks, woodchip trucks, hopper bottoms and tank trailers. They are especially proud of a specially ordered set of doubles they designed and built that will haul two tanks of steel chips weighing 26 tons in each tank.

They see their future in answering the need for custom-built, made-to-last truck features.

The Elenbaums are currently working on designing a new truck body that is lighter, stronger and rust-free, giving farmers a bigger payload and fewer repairs. They are also promoting the sale of gravel boxes and semi's, in addition to farm bodies and trailers.

Fulfilling a need, providing quality workmanship, providing products that last and continuous innovation . . . these are the "work ethics" that have kept Thumb Truck busy for the past 40 years and looking positively towards the next 40!



One truck of dozens built from 1955 to 1958 by Budd's Welding. It was one of the first trucks Budd designed and built with a tandem, box and hoist.

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Cheryl Canfield, D.O. - Edward Canfield, D.O. - 618 Unionville Rd., Sebewaing

Wellness and preventive health care are major health issues of the 1990s, but they're more than just clichés.

They are words to live by, and very much of part of the family practice of the husband and wife medical team of **Edward and Cheryl Canfield, D.O.**, both associated with **Bay Health Systems, Bay City.**

Dr. Cheryl Canfield and Dr. Edward Canfield don't mind seeing you when you're sick, but would rather see you BEFORE you become ill - working together on health education, preventive medicine and wellness to keep you as free from illness as possible. They also offer obstetrical services for women.

When sickness or accidents do strike, they are able to see you in their office located on M-25 in Sebewaing, open Monday through Friday, 8 to 5, with staff privileges at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

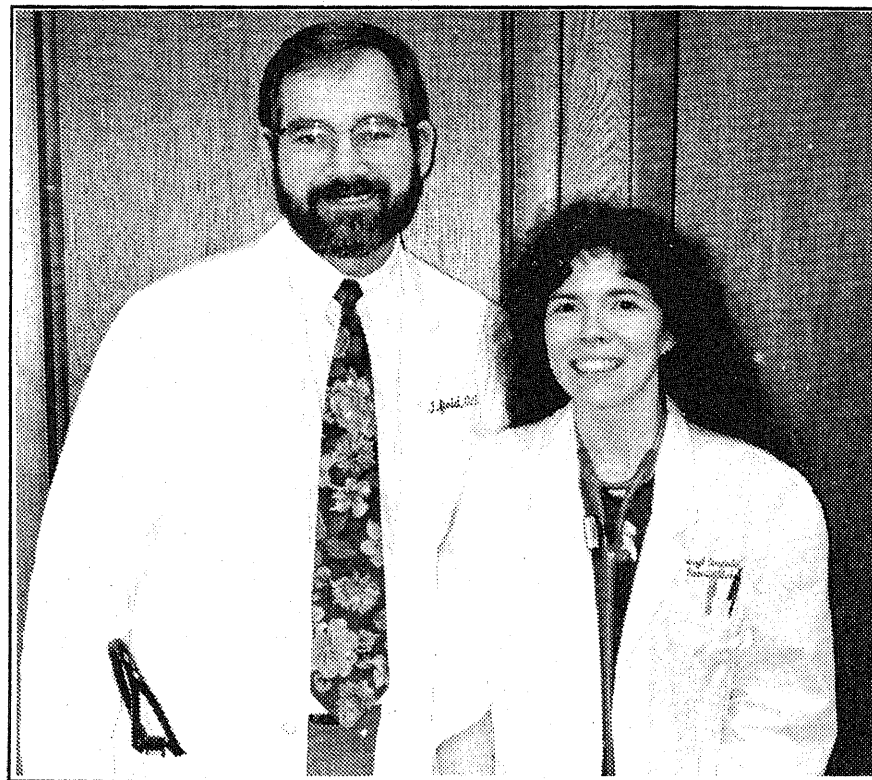
Both graduates of Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Canfields established their clinic in 1993 through Bay Health Systems, to serve the Unionville-Sebewaing area. **Yvonne McNeil** is Receptionist, **Loretta Armbruster** is R.N. and **Lynn Jahr** is L.P.N.

The Canfields have big plans this summer - expecting to build a new, 4500 sq. ft. building in which to house their medical practice.

The Canfields and their three children, **Korey**, eight, **Mary**, four and **Timothy**, two are pleased to call the Sebewaing/Unionville area "home."

They will accept new patients and invite you to become partners in your own health by contacting them at **517-883-9088.**

Dr. Edward Canfield and Dr. Cheryl Canfield are ready to serve you from their office in Sebewaing.



C.D. Sandblasting and Painting - 6581 Limerick Rd., Caseville - Phone 517-856-2644

Chris Deering and his staff at **C.D. Sandblasting** have the youthful enthusiasm and energy it takes to make a business grow as Deering's has since its founding in 1990.

But the work ethic he grew up with and is extending towards his customers came from the generation before him and is continuing on today.

C.D. Sandblasting uses high production equipment in their large, modern workshop, to accomplish big industrial sandblasting and painting jobs for equipment, heavy trucks, trailers and other miscellaneous jobs.

To their credit, the staff at C.D. Sandblasting has completed a wide variety of projects, including semi-trucks and trailers, train cars and other large pieces of industrial equipment.



C.D. Sandblasting and Painting is ready to work for YOU!

Chris Deering hopes to continue his company's growth, building a larger workshop to house their increased workload. He also looks

forward to strengthening their working relationship with large companies like the Cooperative Elevator Co., Farmers' Cooperative,

Detroit Edison, Osentoski Equipment and Moco Thermal.

Deering's staff is committed to quality work on every project they complete, and they use quality materials - primers and paint - for a job that will last a long time.

Deering applauds his employees, including **Felix Gonzales** who has been at C.D. Sandblasting for three years and has become a very capable painter with a strong desire to learn and work hard.

Deering credits his wife Andrea, on the business end, with much of the success of the business, keeping all company records organized and up-to-date.

C.D. Sandblasting is a business which obviously cares about its customers and also the employees, who help Deering make it all possible.

Call them at 517-856-2644 soon.

SEE & SEA - 8855 Unionville Rd., Sebewaing - 517-883-2755

Although it may seem like an "odd couple," two diverse inventories of video rentals and live bait and tackle actually complement each other well.

That's the word from **SEE & SEA** owner **Alan Osterhout**, who opened his video cassette rental and electronics business in 1984 and expanded into bait and tackle five years later.

"Our video customers can count on us to connect them with the movie of their choice, and our fishermen get an honest report and healthy bait."

Sounds like a winning combination and it sure has worked for **SEE & SEA** on South M-25, Sebewaing.

Long hours, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week (10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays) accommodate both video-watchers and sportsmen and general manager/video

expert **Pam Aumock** and counter people **Diane Gaeth** and **Lori Osterhout** guide customers in either/or both directions.

SEE & SEA is looking to expand its operations this spring with a larger building and owners hope to add an additional pond behind the store for more minnow storage.

With mottos like, "When our minnows are on your hook, our reputation is on the line," and "Our bait is guaranteed to catch fish or die trying," customers can tell that while **See & Sea** owners take customer satisfaction seriously, they know how to have a lot of fun doing it.

SEE & SEA owner **Alan Osterhout**, **Lori Osterhout** and the staff invite you to stop in soon.



Kemp Tiling Company, Inc. - 8125 Liken Road, Sebewaing - Phone 517-883-3708

Knowledge about good business practices often comes from the ground up.

That's the case at the **Kemp Tiling Company, Inc.**, of Sebewaing, where family members work hard for success in the farm tiling/excavation business.

Specializing in farm drain trenching, sanitary, storm sewers, water mains, excavation, ditch clean-out and site work, **Kemp Tiling** employs 10 full-time workers and adds

another five to seven employees during the company's busy season. Founded by **Edward H. Kemp** in 1956, the company has been owned by sons **John** and **Allen Kemp** since 1973.

Kemp Tiling prides itself on keeping current with trends, regulations and laws governing tiling and sitework, attending seminars offered by the DNR, Michigan Land Improvement Contractors Association, Michigan State University,



Shown here are, from left, David Kemp, Lon Kemp, Ed Kemp, Paul Kemp, Al Kemp and John Kemp of Kemp Tiling Co., Inc.

Bay Medical Center and local insurance companies. It's a way of protecting the sound reputation earned by the Kemps in almost 40 years of work in the tiling

industry. It would be hard to "dig up any dirt" on the Kemps, who work hard to maintain their successful family business.



Michigan Sugar Company & Area Sugarbeet Growers... The Sweet Team!

During the 1994 harvest, **Sebewaing area growers** delivered more than 650,000 tons of sugarbeets to Michigan Sugar Company for processing. For nearly 90 years, Michigan Sugar Company and its growers have cultivated a positive partnership, producing pure and natural Pioneer Sugar.

Together they invest in Sebewaing and area communities, making life a little sweeter.

The growers and company are proud to be part of the Michigan Sugar Festival.

In addition to financial and in-kind support, many of the growers and sugar plant employees volunteer their time to benefit the festival. These volunteers sell festival raffle buttons, help with the parade, work in food booths, play in the Farmers vs. Merchants softball game and much more.

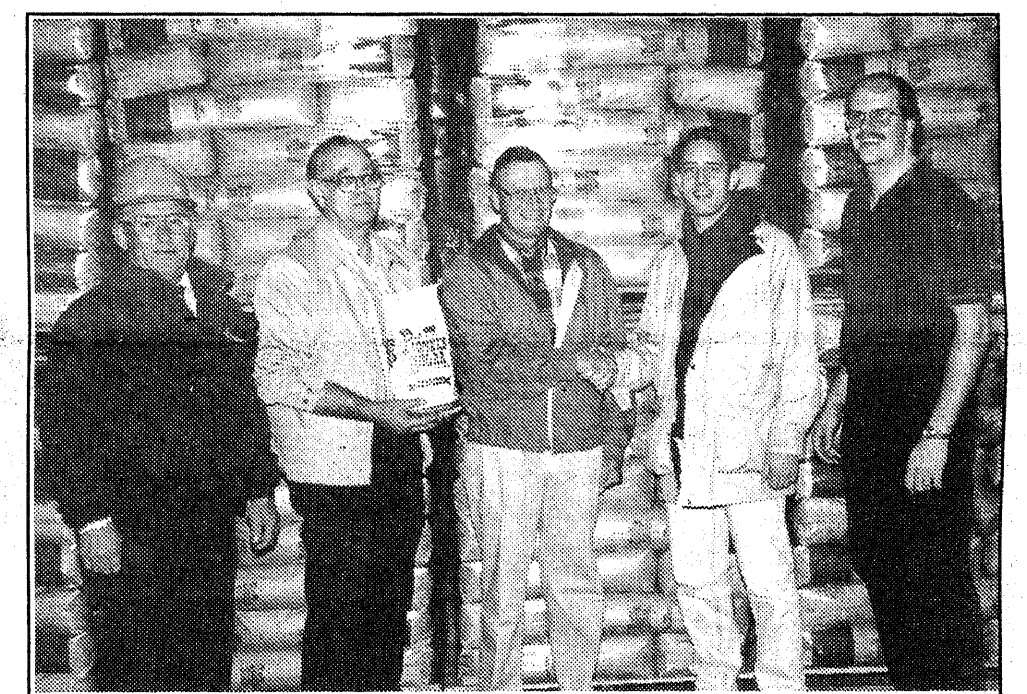
The growers serve FREE cotton candy to kids of all ages at their booth. The growers and company

also sponsor the 5 K Road Race/Walk-a-thon and the Michigan Sugar Queen competition.

Michigan Sugar Company and its growers support 4-H and Future Farmers of America by sponsoring the annual summer tour and awards banquet. The Sebewaing plant agriculturalists work with 4-H and FFA members who participate in the sugarbeet project.

Local students and schools have also benefited from the company's support. The **Albert Flegenheimer Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating senior, from a Michigan beet growing area, who has participated in a sugarbeet project through 4-H or Future Farmers of America and demonstrated academic excellence in school. In 1992, Sebewaing's own **Kristen Zagata** received the Albert Flegenheimer Memorial Scholarship.

The growers and company contribute to many community pro-



SWEETENING THE PIE, from left, are Michigan Sugar Company Agricultural Manager Richard Jacoby, Factory Manager Lawis Zemanek, Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association President Stanley Gettel, Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ Campus Life Director for the Akron/Fairgrove/Reese region Todd Cramer and Campus Life Director for the Laker/USA region Steve Fletcher.

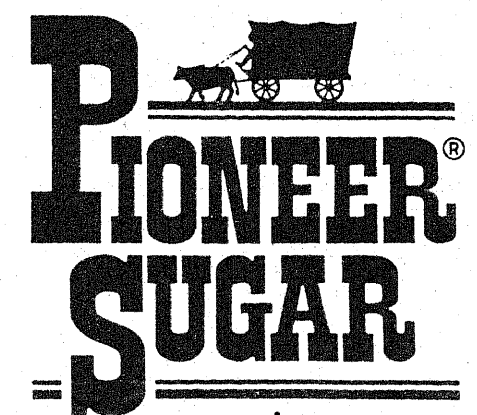
grams such as: the Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ, Bay Shore Camp, Sebewaing Township's Heartstart project, Huron County Child Abuse & Neglect Council, Lake Huron Boy Scouts, Huron Soil and Conservation Bureau, Pigeon Food Pantry, Huron County Caring & Sharing, the Sebewaing branch of Ducks Unlimited and Farming Safely in the Thumb Day Camp. In 1994, the USA Patriots and Reese Rockets football teams faced off in the first annual Pioneer Sugar Bowl, sponsored by the company and growers.

Michigan Sugar Company & its growers are proud to have been a sweet part of Sebewaing history since 1906. The company operates three other sugar processing facilities in the state: Caro, Carrollton and Crosswell.

The company's subsidiary, Great

Lakes Sugar Company, operates two Ohio facilities: Fremont and Findlay.

The sugar is marketed under the Pioneer Sugar, Peninsular and Great Lakes brand labels. Michigan Sugar Company is based in Saginaw and is a subsidiary of Savannah Foods and Industries, Inc., Savannah, GA.



WHILE HOME FROM COLLEGE, this man ran in the 1994 Michigan Sugar Festival Road Race. He won a Pioneer Sugar t-shirt in a drawing after the race. His parents were also there to cheer for him.

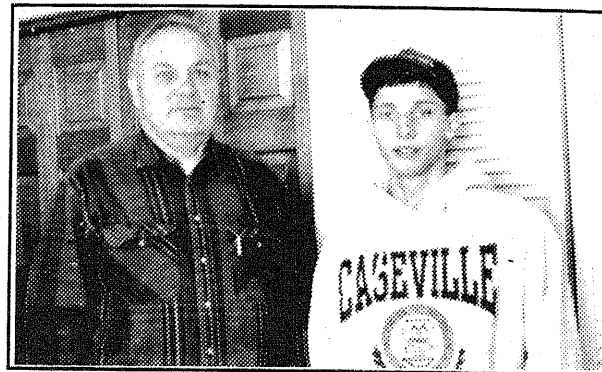
Pigeon Lumber & Supply Co. - 7311 Michigan Ave., Pigeon - Phone 517-453-2412

New, new, new. Innovative new products are continuously being introduced into the home improvement marketplace, and **Pigeon Lumber & Supply Company** is pleased to be at the forefront of this innovation. With a staff and carpenter crew dedicated to quality construction, Pigeon Lumber can confidently add new product lines, knowing that installation and use of these new products will be carried out professionally and consistently with Pigeon Lumber's high standards.

New Products . . . ServiceStar's new line of odor-free paint is a perfect blend of a quality latex base for interior and exterior use, that was designed to be responsive to a consumer need. Also new is our Custom Computer Color Matching System. Just bring in a swatch of solid color and we can match a color of paint to it! We have even matched paint to a rocking chair! . . . ThermaTru's new Fiber-Classic Entry Door System is the perfect front door for your home, provid-

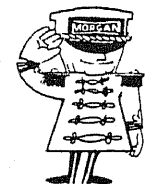
ing five times the insulation value of a wood door, guaranteed to never warp, split or crack, long-lasting oak grained fiberglass finish and designed with a patented door system designed, engineered and manufactured to work together. . . . Andersen DC Tilt-Wash Window has an exclusive wash assist design that tilts the window inward with the touch of a fingertip, locks the window in position for cleaning so it can't pop out or be damaged, is easy to operate and weather-tight, too. And, a new line of garage doors will be announced in the near future. . . . Penneville will have a new cabinet design to show you at **Pigeon Lumber's Home Improvement Show** set for **Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8** at the Pigeon VFW Hall.

New People . . . Pigeon Lumber & Supply Co. **Manager Don Dast** is pleased to introduce two new employees, Jerry Platko and co-op student Jim Purcell, both assisting customers at Pigeon Lumber's busy front counter.



Pigeon Lumber's new workers are Jerry Platko and Jim Purcell.

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Bay Port Fish Company - 1008 First Street, Bay Port - 656-2121 (Fish House: 656-2131)

The Bay Port Fish Company is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year — one of the oldest continuously-operating businesses in the Thumb.

It was in 1895 that **W.J. Orr** and **William H. Wallace**, in partnership with two Saginaw business leaders, **George B. Morley** and **Albert Harvey**, organized the firm. Bay Port Fish Company was incorporated originally for \$50,000.

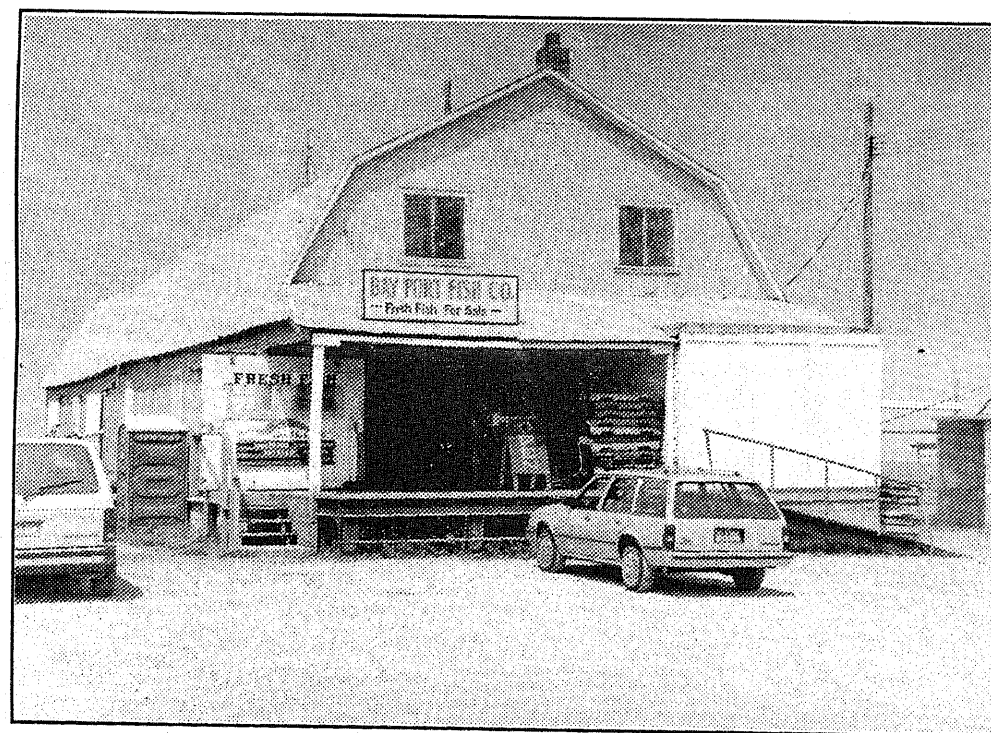
In 1915 the company purchased Little Charity Island for \$30,000, an important transaction because at that time the old riparian rights law was in effect. That law, which was later voided by the Michigan Legislature, gave exclusive rights for one mile into Saginaw Bay along any lands owned by fishing companies.

Those were heyday times for fishing companies when a day's catch might amount to half-a-dozen or more railroad cars of fresh fish, shipped to cities all over the Midwest and East. Those were the days when Bay Port gained fame as "the largest fresh-water fishing port in the world."

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

Herring and carp were the big tonnage fish in those years. The company's earliest date for shipping a freight carload of salted herring was on October 14, 1927. Herring was a low-priced fish, and most shipments went to coal mining cities and towns of the southeast.

Herring were shipped in 100-pound kegs of brine, with 200 kegs making a carload. Records show that in 1930, 100 kegs were shipped to Hagerstown, MD, for



Bay Port Fish Company is one of the oldest businesses in the entire Thumb.

\$4 per keg, freight prepaid. In those years, Saginaw Bay produced about 3 million pounds of herring annually.

In 1923 Bay Port Fish Company purchased Port Austin Fish Company, and Saginaw Bay Fish Company of Caseville three years later. Bay Port Fish bought the George Whitehouse Fishery of East Tawas which became Lake Huron Fish Company.

Then the riparian rights law was removed by the Legislature in 1925.

Historically, fish species have always varied in numbers, and shortly after World War II, the herring runs declined. The company's last shipments of salted herring were made in 1947-48.

GREAT FIRE, 50 YEARS AGO

At 7:30 p.m. on a frigid January 15, 1945, fire broke out on the

fish docks, destroying seven buildings and 115 nets of the Bay Port Fish Company — and only the office remained. In the same fire, a substantial portion of the neighboring Gillingham Fish Company was also destroyed.

The fisheries played a vital role in the economy of Bay Port and the entire Western Thumb, and many families depended on fishing for a livelihood. Consequently, the company owners asked **Otto J. Schmidt** of Bay Port, the company President, to rebuild the structures.

In 1949 Schmidt, together with **Henry Engelhard** of Bay Port — who had been employed by Bay Port Fish since 1927 — and **Mel Dutcher**, also a lifelong employee, purchased the boats, nets and physical equipment of the company. The other companies in the corporation were sold or liquidated.

Sixteen years later, in 1965, Schmidt sold his shares to Engelhard and Dutcher. Then, on January 1, 1973, Dutcher disposed of his stock to Engelhard and his wife, Edna.

Five years later, in the spring of 1978, the Engelhards, then in their late 60s, sold the business to three young men, **Forrest Williams** of Detroit, 26, his brother, **Tod Williams** of Harbor Springs, 28, and their partner, **Dennis Root** of Ithaca also 28.

What they lacked in fishing experience, they made up in enthusiasm and creativity because today's commercial fishing is so different from 30 to 50 years ago.

Today, many shipments are live catfish which go to the Chicago market, or to live ponds or pay-lakes. There are more whitefish than formerly and they are iced and shipped.

Vacuum-packed fish are a big item and are called "much better than frozen-in-water fish."

The cherished perch — still among the very favorites — are in much smaller supply. So the company is adapting there, too, becoming a leader in aquaculture — "fish farming" the tasty perch.

Today, there are only 27 licensed commercial fishing companies on Saginaw Bay, and most of those are small businesses, often only one person, with a small single boat and a line of hooks.

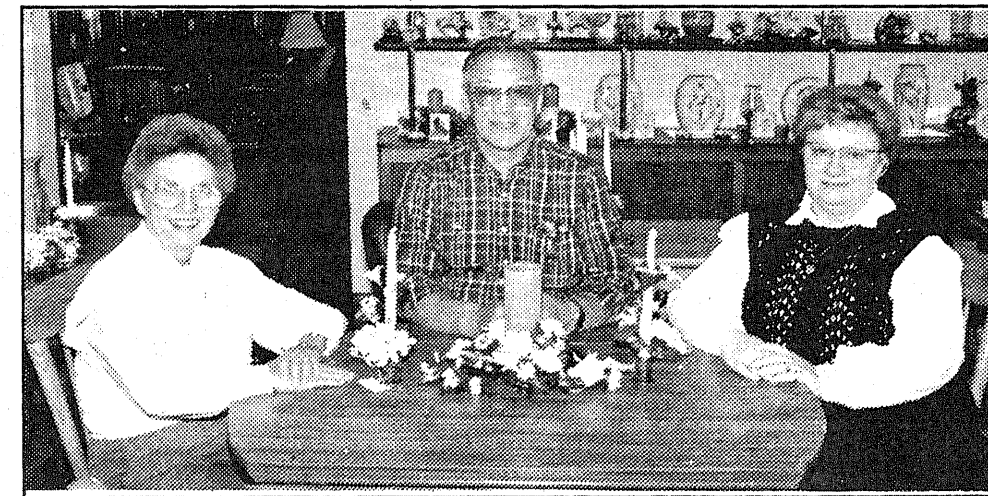
Bay Port Fish is probably the only one where boats loaded with fresh fish pull up to the dock, and customers drive up to the fishhouse in their cars and get their "flopping fresh fish," right off the boat.

Satow's Home of Fine Furnishings - 126 E. Main St., Sebawaing, MI - 883-3690

Carrying on the decorating traditions started in 1946 by her parents Erwin Satow and the late Hilda Satow, Betty Engelhardt has fashioned a home furnishings business that has kept customers coming back year after year to **Satow's Home of Fine Furnishings** in Downtown Sebawaing.

Betty Engelhardt is as comfortable in a customer's home helping her make decorating selections, as she is in her store, where she carries a complete line of home furnishings - from sofas to chairs, lamps to tables, dining room furniture to bedroom furniture. She also carries a full range of window coverings, including draperies, vertical blinds, mini-blinds, pleated shades, valances, etc.

One doesn't have to travel to the city to find brand names like La-Z-



You're always welcome to shop at Satow's Home of Fine Furnishings

Boy, Flexsteel, Bassett, Serta, Marshfield, Kirsch window coverings and Carole Custom draperies.

And what a customer gets for shopping locally at Satow's is SERVICE, from the moment a

customer comes in and is greeted either by Betty herself or by her long-time sales associate, Clarene Parsell . . . to the time Betty's husband Roy makes the at-home delivery and performs the neces-

sary services.

Then long after the sale, Satow's stands behind what it sells and pledges "service after the sale."

Betty Engelhardt is not only proud of the selection of furnishings she offers, but also of the competitive prices one finds on the tags throughout her store. In addition to keeping up with the latest home decorating trends, she also keeps up with the latest products and values that she can pass on to her customers.

"We work hard to bring you - our customer - the best value for your dollars, and we hope you'll look to us first and we all strive to support the small business community," says Betty Engelhardt.

"Give us a chance, you may be surprised by what we have to offer at Satow's Home of Fine Furnishings!"

Bonini's Steam Carpet Cleaning - 534 Beach St., Sebawaing - 517-883-3801

Rotary Jet Extraction & the "Bear" Are Here!

The most advanced carpet, upholstery and drapery cleaning services available in Michigan are located here in Sebawaing, only a phone call away.

Bonini's Steam Carpet Cleaning Services now has a ProChem Bearcat cleaning machine. Owner **Robert Bonini** says his is the first business in the state to have such a machine, which cleans with rotary jet extraction.

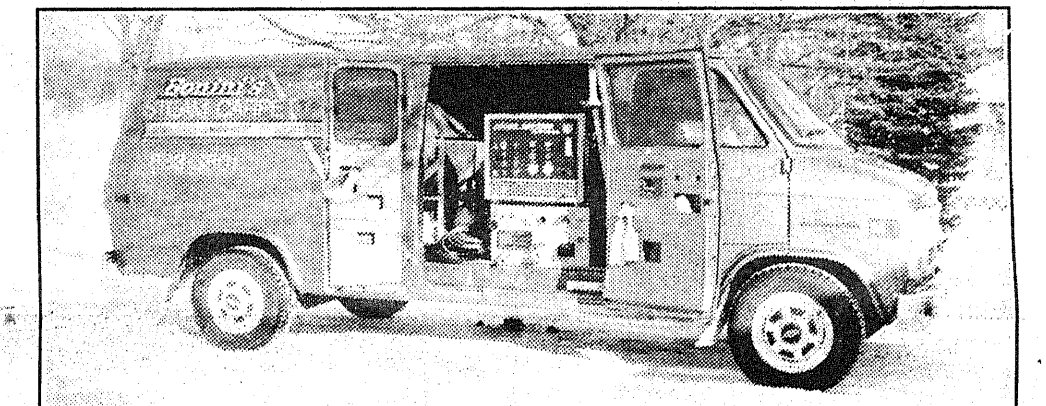
"The ProChem Bearcat has a Nissan industrial forklift engine that mounts in the truck," says Bonini, age 38. "Development of this machine was in the works for 10 years and it is the newest, most

advanced piece of cleaning equipment available on the market."

The ProChem Bearcat is a self-contained portable cleaning unit that uses a catalytic heat exchanger system to heat its cleaning solution and maintain its 230-degree temperature.

The system can be used to clean up to 600 feet away from the truck, enabling the cleaning of high-rise buildings with 23 to 24 stories.

The ProChem Bearcat will offer a more efficient cleaning method, because it has two cleaning wands so technicians can cover a larger area faster. While the \$16,000 machine is designed for large



Here's Bonini's truck, loaded with the ProChem Bearcat.

commercial jobs, it is affordable enough for home use, too.

Bonini plans to put it into his everyday home carpet cleaning operation, he adds, hopefully increasing productivity by up to 50%, to help keep up with the high demand for his services.

Bonini says as older carpets are replaced with the new Stainmaster carpeting, his business will see a huge increase because using rental machines or home shampooers voids all factory warranties on these new carpets.

DuPont requires Stainmaster Series carpet owners to have them cleaned once a year and retreated with its stain resistant chemicals by a licensed company — one like Bonini's which is licensed to reapply the DuPont Stainmaster chemicals.

A member of the Society of Cleaning Technicians, a world-wide organization that works closely with carpet and fabric mills, Bonini's Carpet Cleaning is well-known for its quality work, and is proud of the fact that 90% of his customers are repeat customers who want only competent and qualified technicians in their home.

Bonini is also a certified carpet cleaning technician, upholstery cleaning technician and journeyman cleaning technician through the International Institute of Carpet and Upholstery Certification.

The ProChem Bearcat, coupled

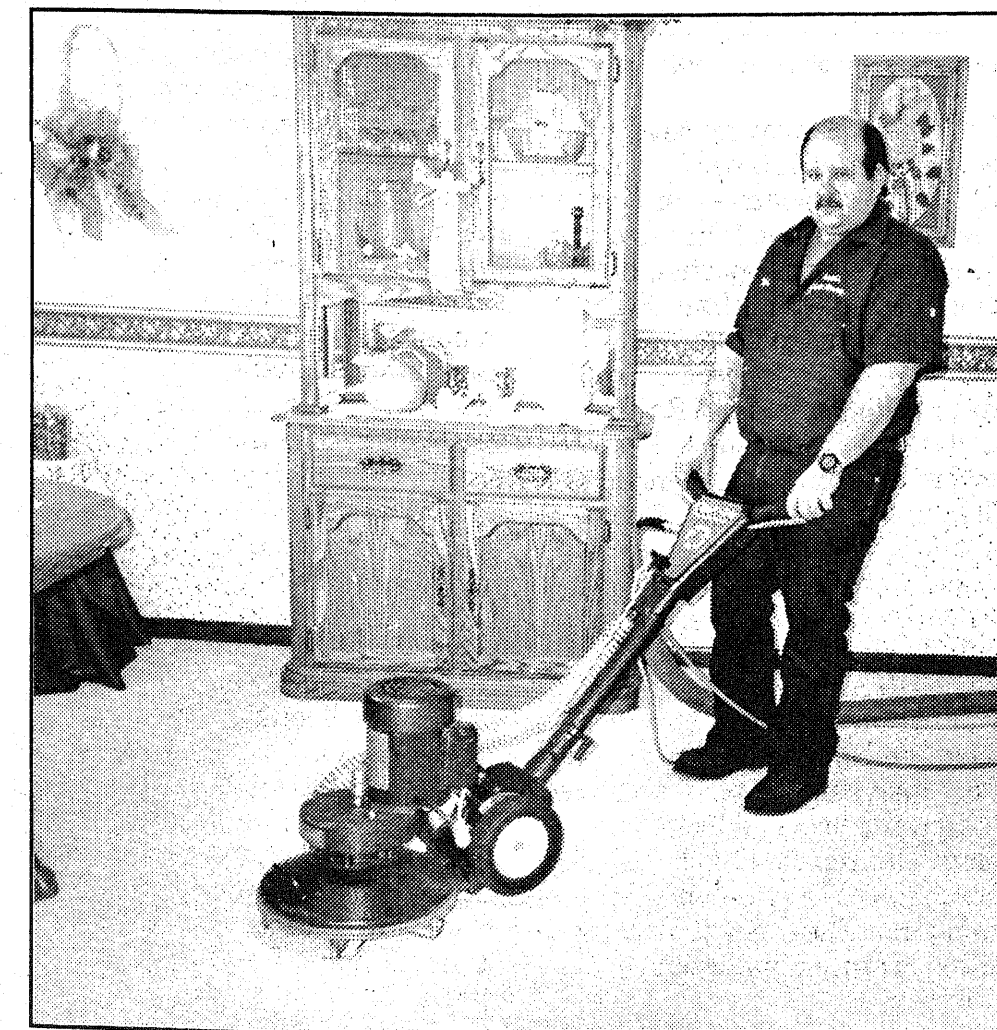
with the Hydra-Master Cmx20 Rotary Jet Extractor recently purchased by Bonini's, will out-clean anything else on the market today. Simply put, Rotary Jet Extraction is a high speed rotating cleaning unit, looking like a floor buffer, but it has five rotating steam heads that steam clean your carpet while extracting soil. Combining all the sides of each individual carpet fiber, this system restores the life and luster of your carpet.

Bonini's adds this state-of-the-art machine to his other services. He also offers on-site drapery cleaning and can wet or dry clean any furniture fabric.

Bonini says commercial cleaning is better than using canned carpet cleaners, which leave residue on the carpet. His system extracts 99% of the chemicals and the chemicals he uses are totally biodegradable and free-rising, reverting back to a natural PH balance when they're done cleaning. "And," he says, "we can remove just about any carpet stain."

"Germs and other bacteria that live in your carpet thrive on dead skin cells and other organic matter left behind by human and their pets," concludes Bonini, so regular cleaning is a must.

Bonini is on the road a lot with his cleaning business, but customers can leave a message 24 hours a day by calling **517-883-3801** or on his cellular phone at **550-0870**.



Bob Bonini at work with the ProChem Bearcat cleaning machine.

Herrington & Dings, Architects - 119 S. Heisterman St., Bad Axe Phone 517-269-6492

One of the first impressions a person has of a place of worship is its warmth and openness.

While people themselves have a lot to do with these qualities, many times it's the church building itself that brings out the sense of community and fellowship that people are looking for when they go to worship.

The local architectural design firm of **Herrington & Dings, Architects**, specializes in designing church renovations and additions that invite people to more actively involve themselves in worship.

Perhaps a church needs a more welcoming entrance and a more inviting place to linger after services. Maybe the congregation could be more involved in worship if the altar and sanctuary were centered, to seek out more active participation.

Whatever the needs of a congregation, **Architects Shelley Herrington, AIA, and Jed Dings, AIA**, both bring to their design work a level of experience in church projects and an attention to detail that keep them busy on more than a half dozen church projects each year throughout mid-Michigan.

The Bad Axe design firm is currently

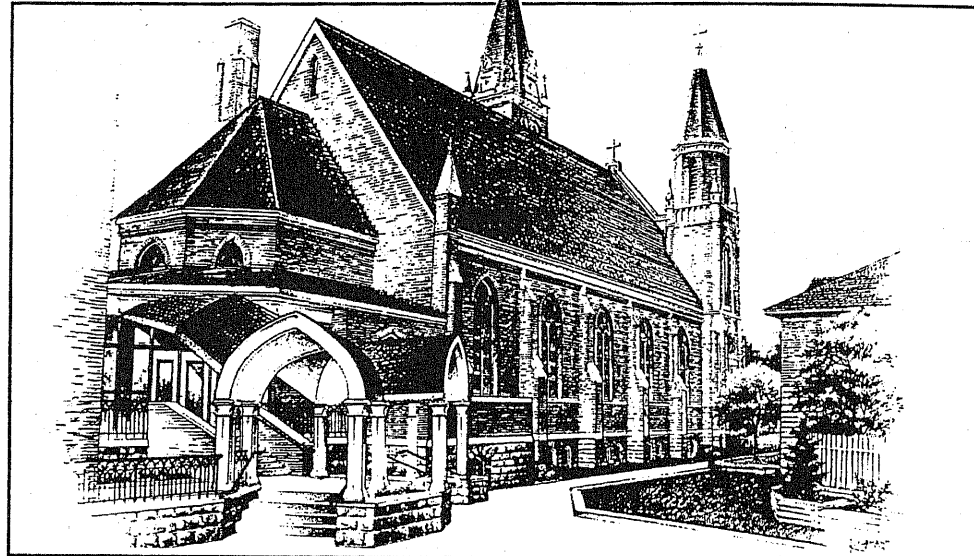
working on an expansion project for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School of Sebawaing and other projects have taken them to mid-Michigan sites like Holy Trinity in Bay City and Blessed Sacrament in Midland. Closer to home, Herrington & Dings completed the renovation on St. Michael's in Port Austin.

In addition to church renovations, Herrington & Dings, Architects, enjoys the unique challenge of designing baptismal fonts capable of both adult and infant immersion.

Both Herrington and Dings personally enjoy the challenges and excitement of working in partnership with churches. That commitment also extends into community service as Dings lends his design experience to the steering committee of the Christ-centered housing ministry of Habitat for Humanity, which has recently formed an Upper Thumb chapter.

Both Dings and Herrington have a number of professional affiliations, including the American Institute of Architects and the Michigan Society of Architects, in which Herrington serves as Saginaw Valley Chapter President-Elect.

Herrington is also a member of the Huron



Herrington & Dings, Architects, gave a new look to a new rear entry for St. Boniface Catholic Church in Bay City, as shown in this artist's rendering.

County Planning Commission and the Michigan Society of Planning Officials.

While the design firm works primarily on church projects, Herrington & Dings, AIA also has a number of unique, waterfront homes to their credit, including a

number on Sand Point and along the Saginaw Bay shoreline to Port Austin.

The firm employs Herrington and Dings as partners, plus one full-time draftsman, one part-time draftsman and two shared secretaries.

Concord Drug Store - 8866 Unionville Rd., in Luke's Shopping Plaza, Sebawaing - Phone 517-883-2530

Concord Drugs may be the new kid on the block in Sebawaing, but we've been around Michigan for a long time.

Concord Drugs has always been known in the Metro Detroit area for having Fast, Friendly Prescription service and the lowest prices in town.

Now we get to offer our new neighbors in Sebawaing our great service! Concord now occupies the former Hook's Drug Store, next door to Luke's Market.

Come in and see our Pharmacist, **Dallas Rabideau**, and you will see that he cares about you, our customer. He will take the time to give you information you need to know about your prescription, and to answer any questions on health issues that you may have. Dallas is a resident of the area and graduated from Ferris Pharmacy School.

Our Manager, **Chris Dutcher**, is in charge of your store needs. She is a long-time employe of the store and wants to make sure you feel comfortable at the new Concord location. She

is eager to meet all of you.

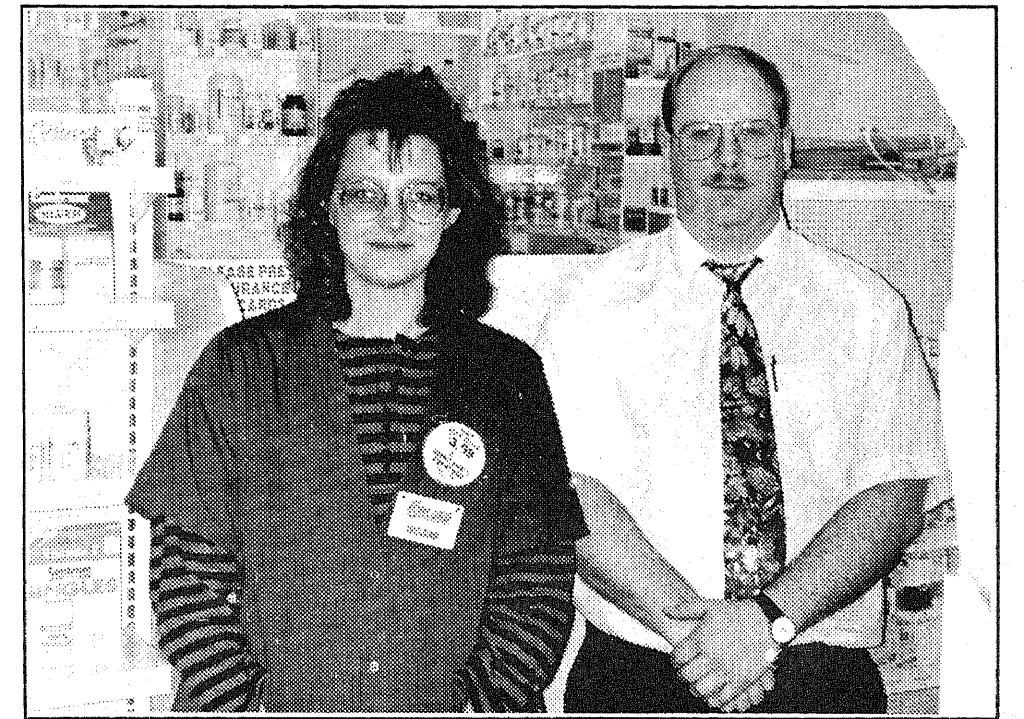
Watch as Concord remodels your store, to bring even more great values and new departments to satisfy all of your drug store needs. Our photo department is a must to visit. We offer double prints of any size roll, up to 36 exposures for ONLY \$3.99.

We have a NEW name, NEW attitude and NEW LOW PRICES! Every day we offer American Express MONEY ORDERS for only 29¢ fee (up to \$300.00) and most HEARING AID BATTERIES for \$3.49 each.

Concord also features ad specials to save you money! You won't have to drive long distances to get your drug store needs.

Concord is known for the variety of merchandise it carries. If you have a favorite that we do not carry, we will be glad to get those products for you.

We have new store hours to better serve you, too. The store is now open at 8 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m., except on Sundays, when the hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Meet Concord Drug's Sebawaing Store Manager Chris Dutcher and Registered Pharmacist Dallas Rabideau. They're ready to serve you!

Huron Memorial Hospital We've Expanded Our Facilities To Meet Your Family's Medical Needs

Walk through the doors of Huron Memorial Hospital, and you'll see a blend of technology and care to make the ideal health combination of the 90's.

HMH is proud of their new 15,000 sq. ft. Surgical Wing, which has some of the latest in medical advancements and surgical technology.

Larger Operating Rooms, 2 Minor Surgery Exam Rooms, a Pre-Operative Interview Room, and a new Ambulatory Surgery Area are just a few of the improvements made in our new Surgical Wing, completed in November 1994.

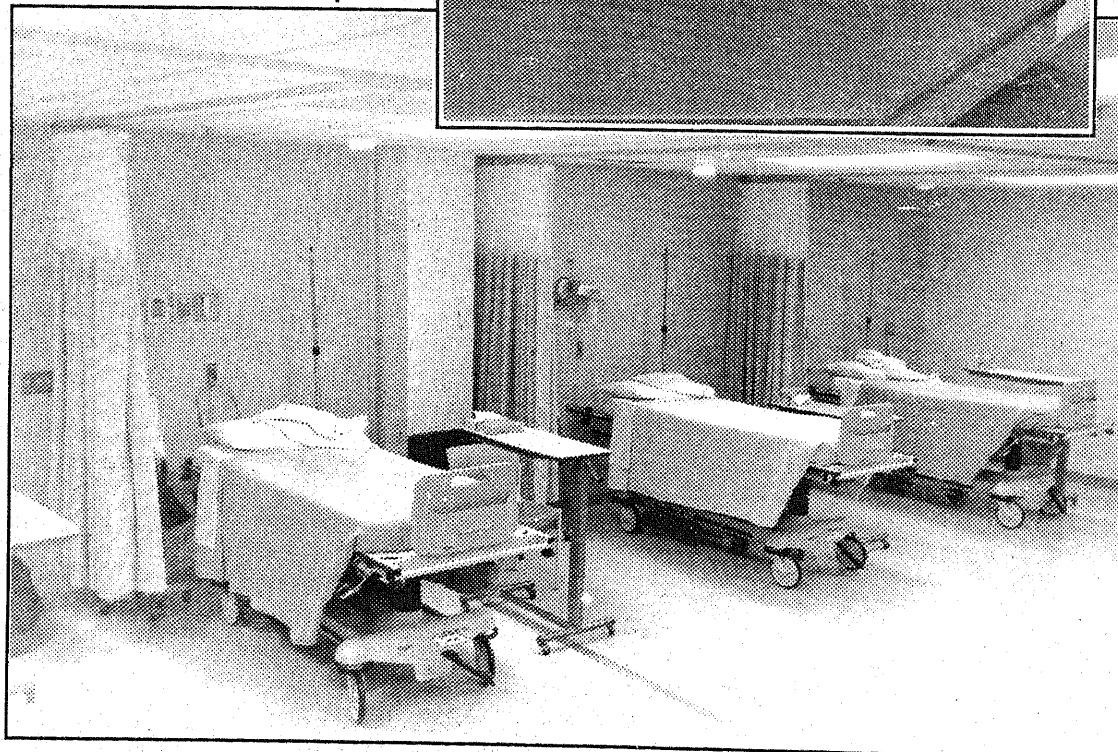
There is a separate Waiting Room for the family and friends of our surgical patients on the first floor with a Private Consultation Room for them to meet with the Physicians. This will be staffed by a Volunteer Surgical Hostess.

The needs of our patients continues to be our #1 priority.

Walk-In Clinic

Hours: Thursday & Friday
5:30 ~ 8:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
1:00 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Our new Ambulatory Surgery Dept. makes "same day" surgery more comfortable for our patients.



"Today's Medicine • It's As Close To You As We Are"

Huron Memorial Hospital

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Lutheran Brotherhood Financial Services - 8842 Unionville Rd., Sebawaing - 883-9232

Providing financial security and success for Thumb area Lutherans from age one month to 100 is the goal **Lutheran Brotherhood's Ray Sting and Kathleen Groth** have set for themselves.

Both Ray and Kathy are Registered Representatives and Fraternal Insurance Counselors.

Backed by one of the nation's largest and most respected fraternal benefit societies - Lutheran Brotherhood - both Ray and Kathy are proud to offer their customers a broad range of high quality financial products and services, including mutual funds, universal life insurance, variable products and long-term care insurance and disability income.

Their mission statement is simple and straight forward, reflecting the goals set forth in



Kathy Groth



Ray Sting

1917 when two Lutheran men in Minneapolis, MN decided the time was right to start a mutual aid society for Lutherans:

"To work together to provide financial security for members and to serve Lutherans, their congregations, institutions and

communities."

While their mission is simple and still reflects the religious philosophy of those early years, their ranking among other life insurers in the U.S. is impressive by anyone's standards. Lutheran Brotherhood is one of only 20 U.S. life insurers to receive the highest ratings possible for its claims-paying ability and financial strength from recognized insurance analysts, including the A.M. Best Co. (A++ Superior), Standard & Poor's Corp. (AAA) and Duff & Phelps (AAA).

Lutheran Brotherhood was the first fraternal benefit society in the U.S. to offer mutual funds, universal life insurance, variable products and long-term care insurance to its members. Its leading-edge laptop computer

network allows its 1,800 representatives - including Ray and Kathy - to better serve their members' needs through access to Lutheran Brotherhood's main-frame computer and corresponding client sales support and service systems. As a non-profit benefit society, \$49 million was returned to the Lutheran churches, schools and community at large in 1993.

"With the help of a qualified financial services professional, like Ray or Kathy, families can save and invest money for everything from a summer vacation... to college tuition... to retire," says Lutheran Brotherhood spokesperson. Lutheran Brotherhood Financial Services in Sebawaing has been open since April 1, 1993.

Buchholz Transport, Inc. - Serving Michigan from 7702 Stein Rd., Pigeon - Phone 517-453-3915

Whatever your trucking and transport needs are, **Buchholz Transport** is the diversified company which can move it promptly, correctly and within budget.

When you look over the list of items hauled regularly by Buchholz Transport, you'll see what we mean:

grain, bean containers, corn, gravel, sand, bulk fertilizers, liquid fertilizers, black dirt, trees, asphalt, sugar beets, decorative rock, scrap, crushed cargos, salt, dies and more.

Buchholz Transport is your efficient truck on the roads, usually seven days a week.

"Trucking is a very competitive business," says **Kevin Buchholz**, co-owner. "The world is changing, and trucking companies have to keep up, and move with the flow."

He recalls the order to move a nine-ton rock - and the Buchholz Team found a way to do it. By keeping in touch between the office base and all

trucks via cellular phone, much scheduling is done on a one-day basis, to serve customers best of all. "Service is very important. If it's good, the customers will call you back," the Buchholz Team knows.

Fifteen years ago, beet harvesting was done by trucks with 18-ton capacities. Now, some trucks can hold twice that weight, and the days of 48-ton-capacity trucks is here, too.

Buchholz Transport is probably best-known for the 24-hour sugar beet hauling it handles at the Sebawaing Factory of Michigan Sugar Company. That's a job Buchholz Transport handles proudly, and without missing a beet (or a delivery.)

Buchholz Transport can have up to 14 trucks on the road at a time, and that's where co-owner **Randy Buchholz** comes in, maintaining parts and the shop to keep the big rigs rolling. Buchholz Transport offers quality service that's dependable and

experienced. They have the ability to maintain schedules as ordered, and are proud of the repeat customers who keep coming back for more.

Now, as brothers Kevin and Randy are the second generation of the company begun in 1951 by their father **Raymond Buchholz** - they're proud that a THIRD genera-

tion of Buchholz workers is involved. Kevin's son Blaine helps out in greasing and maintenance, while Randy's son Jeff helps drive and in maintenance.

"We'll bend over backwards to serve and help our customers," the owners say. Call them at 453-3915 soon.



Third generation Buchholz Transport workers Blaine, left, greases, while Jeff drives, at right, at the Michigan Sugar Co. Sebawaing plant.

The NEW Gettel "Big Three" Auto Mall - South M-25, Sebawaing - Phone 517-883-2100

When you drive along M-25 in Sebawaing, you can't miss the huge showroom, outdoor car displays and brightly-colored signs that invite customers to shop at the **Gettel Auto Mall**.

That's because the Gettel Auto Mall has quite a story to tell, from its beginnings as a full-line GM dealer in 1973 - carrying Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, Oldsmobile and Geo - building over the years a reputation for customer satisfaction as its service department worked hard to back the sales records Gettel's was breaking on the showroom floor.

Owner **Jim Gettel** added Ford and Mercury products in 1993 and continued its unparalleled growth in 1994 with the addition of Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge cars, vans and trucks - now providing "one-stop car shopping" for customers who cross county lines to shop at the Thumb's premiere auto dealership.

From the day Gettel's first opened its



doors, they have been committed to building and maintaining the best service team money could buy. It has

been a success, judging from recent consumer surveys that show Gettel customers give Gettel's a 97 1/2%

approval rating. That's possible because of Gettel's full-service body shop, complete mechanical department and factory trained and certified service personnel who know and care about what they doing.

In addition to the Gettel "Big Three" Auto Mall in Sebawaing, the **Gettel Auto Network** includes four dealerships in Michigan and two in Florida. But no matter the size of the network, each dealership is built on the premise that made the original Gettel's successful from that first day in 1973:

"We want to provide America's best new and used cars, trucks and vans, and back our sales with the finest automotive service available today," says Manager **Dennis Harrington**. If you're in the market for something on wheels, you should check out Gettel's FIRST... and LAST, and take home a new set of wheels. Visit Gettel's yourself and find out what service and quality really mean.

Great Lakes Junior College - Bad Axe Campus, 150 Nugent Road - Phone 517-269-9288

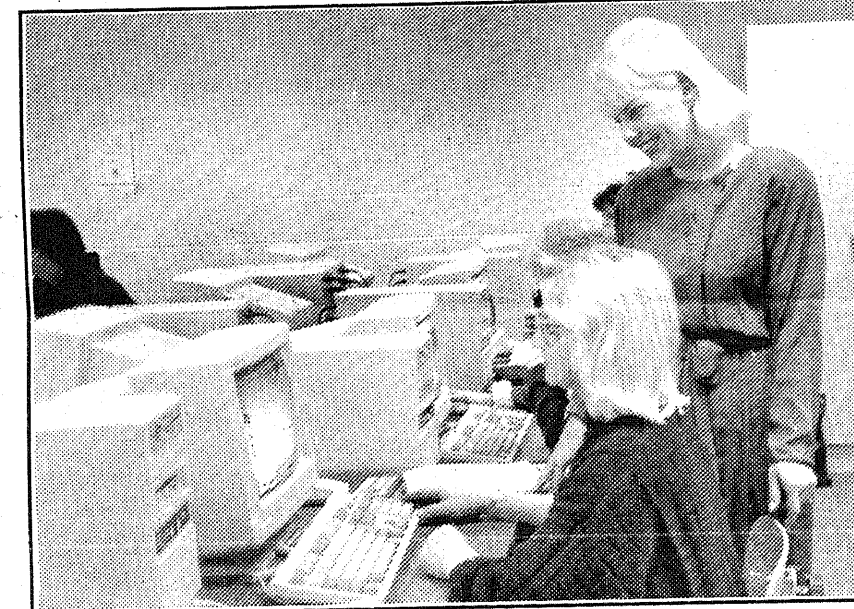
The world is changing every day, and more and more a solid education is the key to success.

Many people ask "Where can I go to get started in a career?" Whether you are interested in studying business, the medical field, or just taking a few classes to update your skills, **Great Lakes Junior College** welcomes the opportunity to serve you.

GLJC was founded in 1907 by Frederick Bliss. Within a few years, the College was recognized as one of Michigan's finest two-year business schools. Although much has changed over the College's 88-year history, the basic mission of the school - to provide communities and citizens with access to high-quality programs and services - has remained the same.

Great Lakes Junior College has grown to five campuses, including Bad Axe, Caro, Bay City, Saginaw and Midland, and is continually recognized as one of Michigan's finest private, not for profit, two-year institutions.

GLJC has been offering classes in Bad Axe since 1989, according to **Campus Director Richard Everts**. The campus,



GLJC student Sue Walsh and Enrollment Specialist Sally Drossos

located at 150 Nugent Road, provides students with a friendly, professional atmosphere in state-of-the-art facilities. Individual attention, small classes and a wide variety of careers to study are some of the reasons students choose GLJC.

Another reason is GLJC's Career and Employment Service. This service, free of charge to all students and alumni, includes career choice assistance, access to the Michigan Occupational Information System (MOIS), resume review,

interview and personal presentation techniques, and referrals to part-time, full-time, cooperative employment, as well as work-study and volunteer work experience.

GLJC is recognized as an excellent academic institution, not only locally but regionally, having received accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 1993. In addition to the "field specific training," students study general education courses such as communications, mathematics, personal and career strategies, as well as selections from humanities, social science and natural science. These courses provide a well-balanced education, giving students the advantage in today's job market.

Local businesses also turn to GLJC for assistance. Its library resources are open to the public and can provide updated information on any topic in the business world. Many businesses also take advantage of the on-site training GLJC offers for many fields.

For more information on what GLJC can do to help you with your individual needs, please call (517) 269-9288 and ask for **Sally Drossos**.

Sebawaing Chiropractic Center - 624 S. Unionville Rd., Sebawaing - 517-883-9090

Dr. Aaron Rackham, D.C. will get to the bottom of a patient's pain or discomfort, even if takes further tests and referrals, because he genuinely cares about the well-being of his patients.

That kind of care is what has brought about the success of the **Sebawaing Chiropractic Center**, which provides chiropractic care for the relief of back pain, headaches, sciatica and other conditions brought about by car accidents, personal injuries or any kinds of falls.

Many times the pain doesn't show up right away from these "post traumatic syndromes" and **Dr. Rackham** has treated patients successfully for pain - weeks, months and in some cases, years after the accident has taken place, because many times the ligament damage from a fall results in residual pain later.

While **Dr. Rackham** admits that the human body doesn't come with any

"guarantees," he guarantees that he will do all that he can to help a patient and will authorize an MRI, CAT Scan, bone scan or referral to a neurologist if he can't solve a patient's pain within a reasonable amount of time.

He is well-versed in the techniques employed by the chiropractic profession, and is pleased now to offer the services of a massage therapist - **Katie Kreager** - who works with most of the patients at no additional cost.

Dr. Rackham did his pre-graduate work at West Coast University in Los Angeles, CA and his graduate work at Cleveland Chiropractic College in Los Angeles, where he received his doctorate of chiropractic degree in 1992.

He and his family, wife **Michelle**, son **Justin**, six, daughter **Chelsea**, four, and a new addition expected in Sebawaing, are pleased to make their home in Sebawaing, and look forward to moving into a larger office this

summer. **Dr. Rackham** hopes to someday be involved with a health center in this

area, including a spa and fitness center so he can help promote health and fitness to people.



The friendly Sebawaing Chiropractic Center staff includes, from left, Katie Kreager, massage therapist, Dr. Aaron Rackham, Donna Vollmar, billing and public relations director, and Teresa Dinsmoore, receptionist.

Signature Bank - Bad Axe, Harbor Beach, Port Hope, Sebawaing and Ubly

Recognizing the importance of their home communities, the six offices of **Signature Bank**, headquartered in Bad Axe, take a proactive role in local Chambers of Commerce, service organizations, schools and community projects.

Signature Bank, which opened in 1970 under the name First National Bank of Bad Axe, also takes great pride in being locally owned and locally controlled, helping to enhance the quality of life in Bad Axe, Harbor Beach, Port Hope, Sebawaing, Ubly and surrounding towns.

Signature Bank has been recognized for its support of the Greater Huron County United Way and has earned a number of industry and community awards, including an "outstanding" rating on a recent compliance exam.

As a state bank, Signature

Bank offers full service banking, including checking, savings, retire-

ment and investment accounts, as well as loans for personal, business

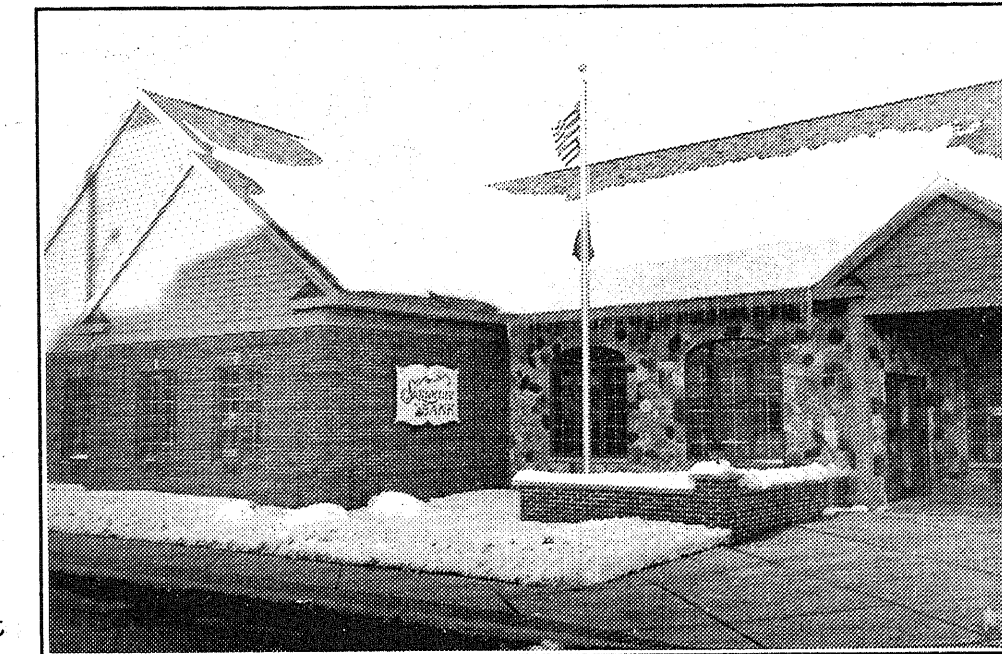
and agricultural purposes.

The Main Office of Signature Bank was opened in December, 1970. Branches were established at North Van Dyke in 1976, Harbor Beach in 1980, Sebawaing in 1983, Port Hope in 1993 and Ubly in January of this year.

Its primary market area is comprised of Huron County and the upper tiers of Sanilac and Tuscola Counties.

Eighty-five employees comprise the staff of Signature Bank, under the leadership of **President/CEO Thomas G. Ouellette**.

The future of Signature Bank, like its past, includes the continuation of friendly, courteous service, incorporating new technology, and introducing new products and services to keep pace with its customers' ever-changing financial needs.



Here's our new Main Office in Downtown Bad Axe, ready to serve you...

KC Financial Design Agency, L. L. C., Pigeon - 517-453-2222 (Carol) and 517-453-3366 (Kathy)

Serving the Thumb and surrounding areas, **KC Financial Design Agency, L.L.C.** is a partnership formed by **Carol Diener** and **Kathy Shaw**. Their office is located across the street from the Pigeon District Library.

MEET CAROL DIENER:

Carol earned her Life, Health, variable contracts and National Association of Security Dealers licenses in March, 1993. Having worked for many years in income tax preparation, in an attorney's office as legal secretary, as bookkeeper and secretary for a local auto dealership and with her husband, Dennis for the past 22 years at Diener Electric, Inc., Carol has a wealth of experience in dealing with financial issues and customer service.

MEET KATHY SHAW:

Kathy earned her Life and Health License in 1987 and as an independent agent until 1992, when she joined Combined Insurance Co. as a full-time service representative. She was promoted

to Sales Manager in 1993. She brings her same energy and customer service abilities to KC Financial Design Agency.

Kathy earned her National Association of Security Dealers license in July of 1994, extending her service into the securities market.

Wanting to maintain an independent status, Carol and Kathy represent several companies to be able to offer products to best fit their clients various needs. They hold their Registered Representative Security licenses with Capital Analysts Incorporated, a Broker Dealer, through which they have access to over 70 mutual fund families and other investment products (Capital Analysts Incorporated is located at 3 Radnor Corp. Center, Suite 420, Radnor, PA 19087. 610-995-1500).

For Carol and Kathy, being an insurance agent involves more than just offering and selling insurance products. It involves investment and retirement counseling, offering investments in over 70 of the top mutual fund companies in



KATHY SHAW CAROL DIENER

the market today, investments in variable and fixed annuities, long-term care products, IRAs, SEP/SARSEP and 401K plans, health and disability and income replacement products for both individual and group, Medicare Supplement, and College Saving Plus.

Carol and Kathy also offer a financial design service called Financial Profiles. A Financial Profile of a person or business will show the client exactly where they

are financially today, and help them plan to reach their future goals and dreams.

"Working with clients, we sometimes see potential problem areas relating to estate and trust planning, and it helps if we put them in touch with their attorneys or CPAs, to get the proper help before they run into unavoidable tax or estate problems," says Carol.

Education to keep pace with these ever-changing fields is an on-going project for Carol and Kathy. There is always something new to learn and discover.

"We are very excited about our product line," says Kathy. "As independent agents, we are able to offer a broader line to best fit our clients individual needs."

Future plans include seminars on Estate Planning, Long-Term Care, College Planning, Retirement Planning and Charitable Giving.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (by appointment). "We welcome you to stop by the office to say 'hello' and check on our products and services," invites Carol and Kathy.

Pigeon IGA - Serving the Thumb for 20 years from 15 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon - Phone 517-453-2800

Pigeon IGA is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year, and owners **Orville and Millie Schuette** are proud of the reputation their store has earned in their 20 years.

Through premium IGA food and general merchandise products, fresh and top-quality meats, produce and vegetables, fast and friendly service, a modern and efficient store - employing many of your friends and neighbors - **Pigeon IGA** continues to grow. All famous national brands are offered along the aisles, plus store brands and generic varieties are available too, to serve customers best.

Pigeon IGA is open seven days every week, to serve the Western Thumb. Hours are Mondays through Thursdays 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dis-

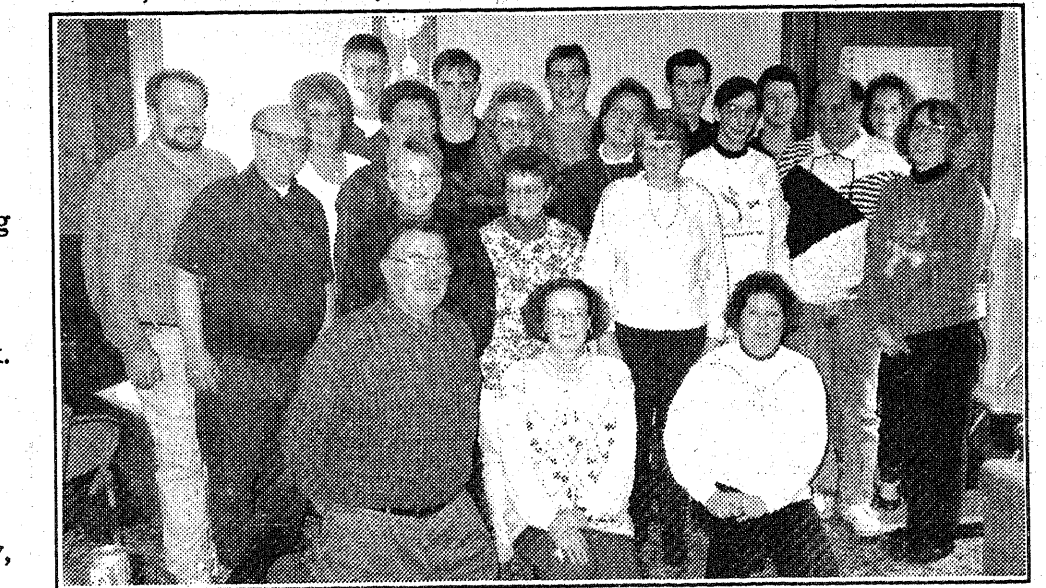
cover, Visa, MasterCard and Debit Cards are welcome, and even a Plain Paper FAX Service is offered - just call 453-3775.

The store is in the middle of its big 20th Anniversary Sale, and customers may register for more than 20 FREE PRIZES - including a Sunbeam Gas Grill, RCA 20" Color TV, GE VCR plus 10 \$20.00 Gift Certificates. Plus, many more prizes will be given away, thanking loyal customers for shopping at **Pigeon IGA**. Details are available in the store, or in **Pigeon IGA's** ad in **The Thumb** Blanket every week.

Here are 26 more reasons why **Pigeon IGA** wants to serve you - the staff and management! They include **Wes Armbruster**, **Mary Arnold**, **Mark Bouverette**, **Ryan Damm**, **Sharon Diebel**, **Kelli Dufty**, **Arlowene Dunn**, **Jason Forster**, **Jason Gorsenger**, **Jason Heiden**,

Camilla House, **Aaron Johnson**, **Kathy Karle**, **Ron Killinger**, **Mary Kropp**, **Missy McIlhargie**, **Bob Prange**, **Kathy Radomski**, **Steve Roeber**, **Orville Schuette**, **Millie**

Schuette, **Connie Schuette**, **Store Manager Todd Schuette**, **Adam Kropp**, **Cheryl Shoup** and **Marilyn Welshans**. Let them serve you, with 20 years of experience!



Here's the friendly staff of Pigeon IGA, ready to serve you seven days a week.

Osentoski Equipment, Inc. 425 S. Main St., Pigeon - Phone 517-453-2120

"In order to be successful, we must sell our goods at a profit, and still satisfy our customers. If we satisfy the customer but fail to get the profit, we will soon be out of business. If we get the profit but fail to satisfy the customer, we will soon be out of customers. The secret of doing both lies in the one word, 'SERVICE.' Service means doing something so valuable for the customer, that he is glad to pay the price that allows us to make a profit."

At **Osentoski Equipment**, it's our dedicated employes willing to go beyond the call of duty to meet our customers' needs, who provide the **SERVICE** that has made our business successful since 1954.

Louis Osentoski started the family business in Harbor Beach that year, purchased a second dealership in **Bad Axe in 1961**, expanded to **Pigeon in 1968**, then made a move outside of Huron County into **Marlette in 1989**.

We're very proud of the products we sell - like our **Case-IH** farm equipment, **Cub Cadet** lawn and garden equipment and **International Trucks** - but it's our employes who turn the sale and service of these products into our most important asset - **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION**.

When you buy a product or service from Osentoski's, take a look at the people who will be helping you. Together, we have over 100 years of combined experience in the agricultural equipment business.

MACHINERY TECHNICIANS Kurt and Duke Forster are responsible for assembly, starting out new equipment in the field, as well as servicing harvesting equipment.

SERVICE TECHNICIANS Luke Weber, Kevin Truemner and Warren Stoeckle work hard to keep our customers' tractors and trucks running and operating throughout the season.

SERVICE MANAGER Al Kuhn is busy

scheduling service work and utilizing our technicians and facilities in a manner that will produce high quality performance and good customer relations.

PARTS COUNTER TECHNICIANS

Wayne Simmons and Lee Gettel help our customers with over-the-counter parts needs and take care of Service Dept. parts needs.

PARTS MANAGER Gary Wills takes parts inventory control very seriously, making sure the right parts are available at the right time at the right price.

NEW AND USED EQUIPMENT SALES MANAGERS Darrell Rievert and Don Osentoski handle the sales and management end of the business.

OFFICE MANAGER Pat Chapin keeps all accounting records functioning, and keeps the paper flowing smoothly from all departments.

At Osentoski Equipment, we will soon introduce our new 2100 Series Combines with a revolutionary new operator environment, and there's more! From header to spreader, the 2100 series offers one productive advancement after another.

Our main goal in the future is for customers to do business with us because of the **QUALITY** of our products and **SERVICES** and the content of our **EMPLOYEES'** character, and not because of the **COLOR** of our products.

Our Motto: Sell the Best and Service the Rest



PARTS, SALES, OFFICE: Front, Gary Wills, Pat Chapin, Wayne Simmons; back, Lee Gettel, Darrell Rievert, Don Osentoski.



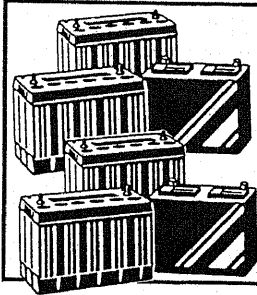
SERVICE DEPARTMENT: Front, Kevin Truemner, Bill "Duke" Forster, Luke Weber; back, Warren Stoeckle, Kurt Forster, Al Kuhn.



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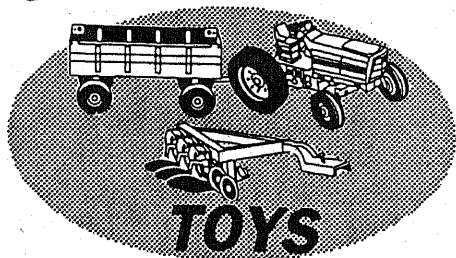


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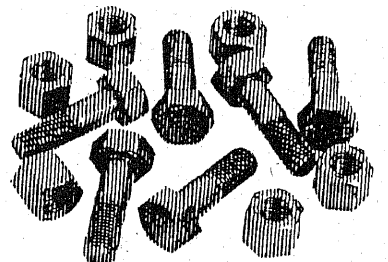
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