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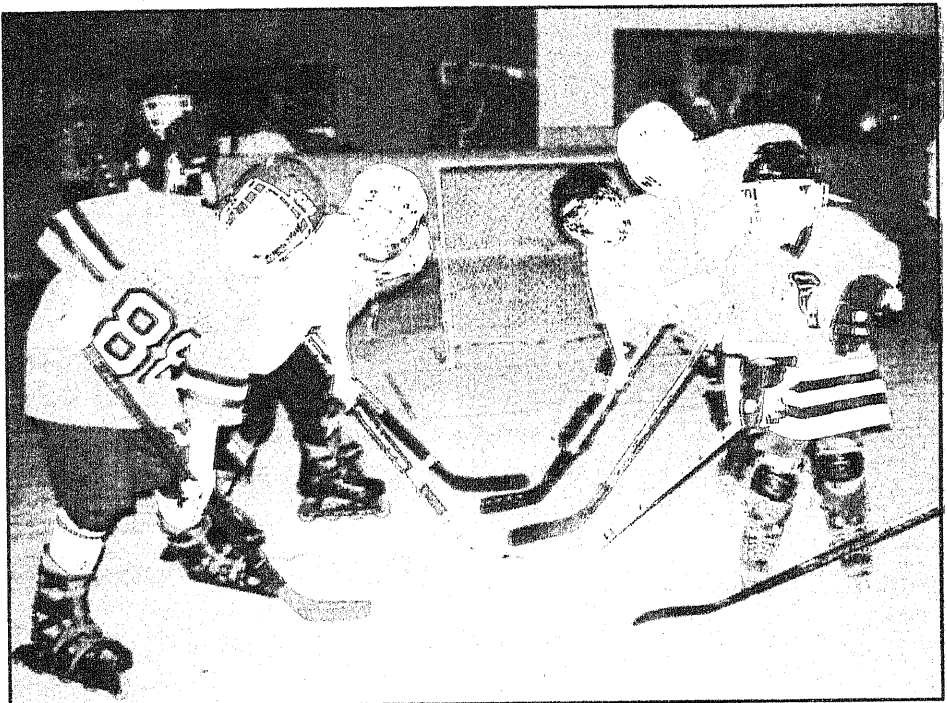
Indoor hockey fun in Caseville

DOZENS OF local young people have found a good way to spend some of these cold and icy days — they play indoor hockey in the new Western Thumb Roller Hockey League, every Saturday afternoon at the Caseville Roller Rink.

Using inline skates and mostly plastic equipment, nearly 40 kids ages 5 to 17 play a 10-week season, now through early April, according to organizer John Smith of Pigeon.

Young people from Caseville, Pigeon, Elkton and other area towns are participating.

KATHY MEYER PHOTO



Blade & Progress

NEWS ROUND

Co-op returns \$2.47 m

Cooperative Elevator Co. will pay patronage distribution totaling \$2.477 million on Feb. 28, to patrons as a refund for business conducted in the year ending June 30, 1994, the company has announced.

Forty percent (\$991,000) of this refund will be paid in cash with the \$1.48 million balance paid in the form of an allocated patronage refund. The distribution follows a \$976,000 back-year cash patronage distribution paid Aug. 15, 1994.

As a cooperative, the company refunds its net profit to members and other patrons based on their respective share of the company's total business volume, says CEO John Kohr of the Co-op's headquarters in Pigeon.

Cooperative Elevator Co. serves area farmers from plants in Akron, Elkton, Gagetown, Pigeon and Sebewaing.



MICHIGAN "by the numbers"

FEWER CIGARETTES: Here's one more reason higher taxes aren't always good — record numbers of out-of-state cigarettes are being brought into Michigan, to fight the state's 50¢-per-pack tax increase, says the National Coalition Against Crime and Tobacco Contraband.

The latest monthly report by the state Treasury Department says cigarette sales fell 35.3% in the recent month, for an overall decline of 31.9% in the first six months after the tax hike went into effect.

At \$7.50 per carton tax, Michigan has the highest cigarette tax in the nation. Sales in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and other states are up, in some cases by 16%, the group says...

Lakers hires architect to study elementary fix-up

Two months from now, the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School Board should have a clear idea of what it would cost to renovate its four elementary buildings.

The board last week hired the architectural firm of Toshach, Sobczak, Spence and Forsythe of Saginaw to closely examine each building and estimate the cost of renovating each one, to meet current and future building codes.

Those figures will be compared to the cost of building a centralized elementary school, Supt. Robert Drury says.

A survey of residents in the Laker District showed that while many are opposed to a central school, a nearly equal number are undecided about the issue, saying they need more information.

The Laker School Board also approved a proposed realignment of the Thumb C Conference. Moving teams into different divisions of the conference would help cut down on travel time between schools.

"We don't care who we play, we just want to play," Drury said. "And when you don't care who you play, a geographical more than historical alignment is better for the kids."

The main concern for the board was students having to leave early to travel to certain schools, or getting back to Lakers late at night.

The Board amended its budget figures for the year, showing more than \$7.226 million in revenues and more than \$7.15 million in expenditures. The surplus is more than expected because of higher-than-expected Fourth Friday enrollments in October and January.

Transportation Director Tom Armbruster updated the board

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\$50 million Sand Point project coming

By MARK RUMMEL

A planned residential development named "Pointe West Ltd." has been announced for the end of Sand Point near Caseville, which includes 92 waterfront building lots with an estimated total value of \$50 million.

David Clabuesch of Pigeon is managing partner for the project, and heads the investor's group planning the development. A lifelong area resident, he is also Huron County Probate Judge. Dean Henne of Pigeon is project

manager.

The plan includes more than 70 acres of prime land at the tip of Sand Point, featuring more than a mile of frontage.

Pointe West would have four subdivisions, including these three north and west of the current Crescent Beach Road:

- 32 lots on the sandy "island" at the tip of the point, to be called "Sunset;"

- 24 lots and a clubhouse in the center of the project, called "Whispering Pines;"

- 22 lots for later develop-

ment near the current Shore Drive access called the "Lost Channel," and

- 14 smaller lots in "Reflections," on the south side of Crescent Beach Road.

Even this amount of development still leaves about 30 acres unused inland, which would later be used for three eight-story buildings named "Tranquility," "Land's End" and the "Eagle's Nest" — which would offer sweeping views of Saginaw Bay, the Charity Islands and Wildfowl Bay, Clabuesch says.

Each building could offer about 32 condominium residences, for a final total of nearly 200 new Sand Point addresses.

"This will be a new type of residential project for the Thumb," Clabuesch says, "as a private, secure community."

"We're within 95 miles of 4 1/2 million people, and we're one hour from a regional world-class airport. This is far more reachable than other tourism destinations further north."

Lots are priced beginning at \$45,000. Most feature at least 100 feet of frontage and 150 feet of depth, and none are less than 12,000 sq. feet.

Top price for the most-desirable building sites will likely be \$200,000, Clabuesch says — and already some nearby lots on Shore Drive have sold for \$175,000 for 100 feet of beachfront.

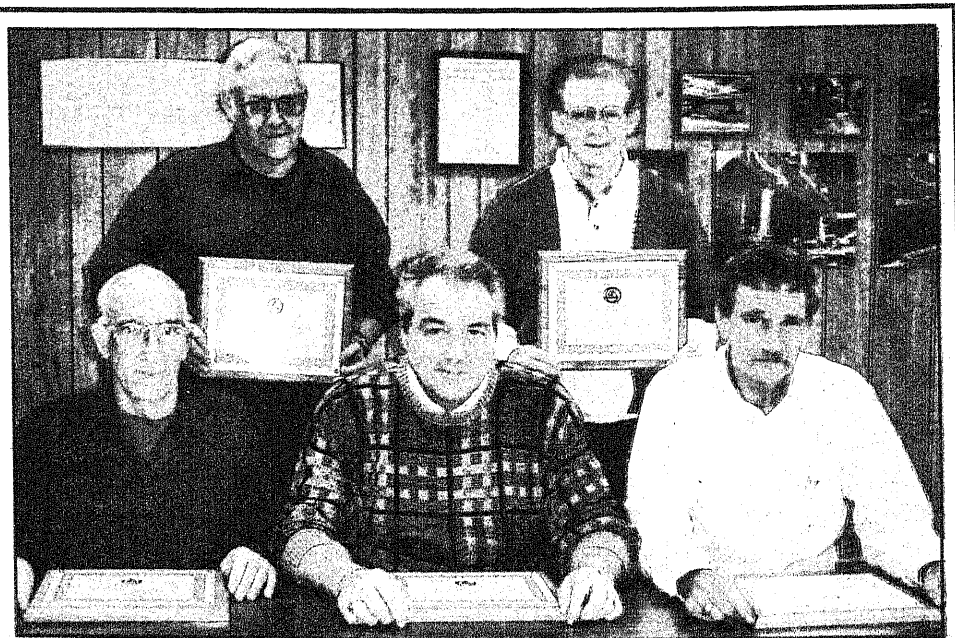
Clabuesch hopes to offer lots by June, and his group met last week with the Caseville Township Planning Commission to get final approval on the proposed project.

He plans 50-foot-wide roadways along the project, plus a six-foot walking trail on one side.

He says after local and state approval is given, rough road work will be done this summer, and installation of underground utilities will begin.

What makes Pointe West unique is that it will be the first planned residential community of its type in the

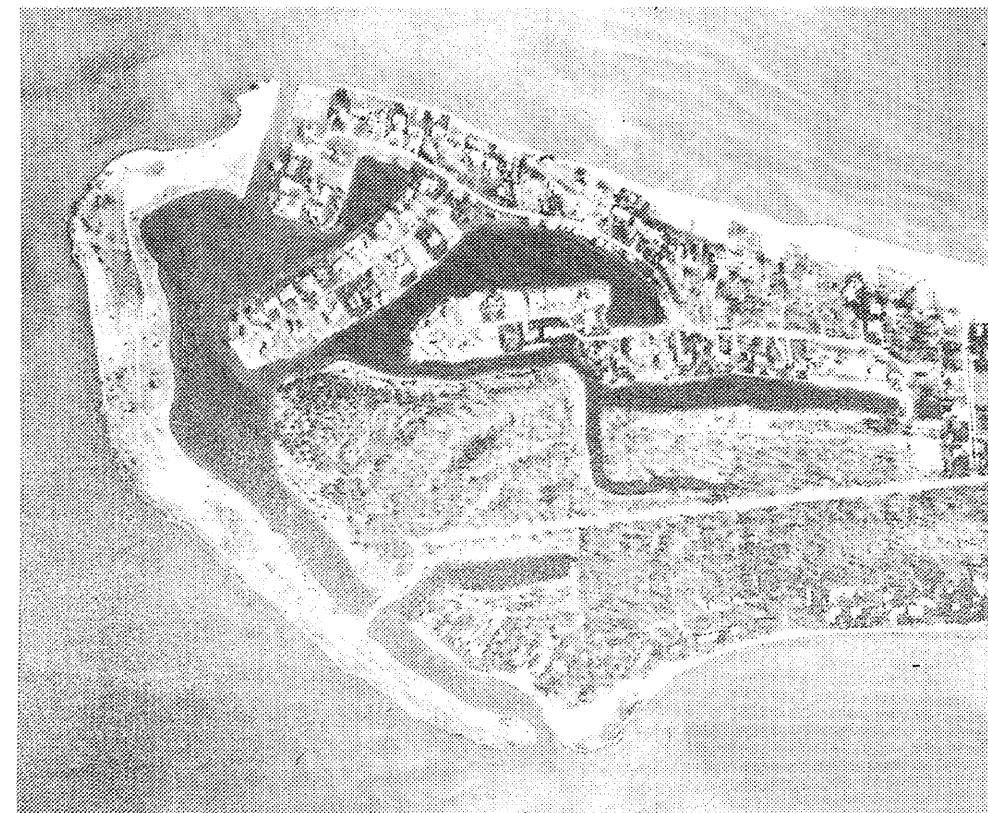
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6 AT ACTIVE-SEBEWAING WORK 205 YEARS: Six workers at the Active-Sebewaing plant were among 18 people honored recently in the new employee recognition program, honoring workers for their years of service, says Manager John Meininger. Seated from left are Anthony "Dick" Zaleski of Owendale, 45 years; Manager Meininger of Gagetown and Ralph Forman of Bay Port, each earning 35-year plaques. Standing are Dale Buehry of Case City and Jim Chalou of Bay Port, each 30 years. Last 30-year winner Richard Gaeth of Sebewaing not shown. WALT RUMMEL PHOTO

Clabuesch heads group developing Pointe West on Sand Point

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TIP OF SAND POINT FROM THE AIR: Above left, is the "Sunset" island area of Pointe West development, at far left. In middle bottom is the "Whispering Pines" area, then "Lost Channel" part is near center right edge. Shown just below Crescent Beach Road is "Reflections" development.

Thumb, patterned after successful communities such as the Heathers in Bloomfield Hills, King's Pointe in Auburn Hills and similar ones in Florida and elsewhere. All building placement, design and even exterior finishes must be approved by the future Pointe West Board of Directors. Every lot will have an approved dock and boat slip, he says.

"It is my hope to create a community that has the highest esthetic value possible; one that will be a significant contributing asset to Caseville Township and Huron County," Clabuesch says.

One new aspect of the project is the fact that the whole community will own all beachfront lands, from the water's edge to a high-water point, normally eight to 10 feet away.

"All residents will have access to all the beach, for walking and jogging," he says. No fences or other obstacles can be erected, which also allows

greater access for fire and police.

This project has come around again for the Clabuesch Family.

David Clabuesch's grandfather, the late Ernest Clabuesch, led a group which bought much of the then-vacant Sand Point in 1914 for \$2,995. That group even named Crescent Beach Road, which now brings seasonal and year-round residents to more than 1,000 homes and cottages.

Ernest Clabuesch sold residential lots for many years, and the group sold the remaining parts of the end of the point to the late Lewis Eastlick of Sebawaing in the 1950s. Now, David Clabuesch has bought it back from Eastlick's son Gordon, over the past four years.

Work will begin on the furthest west piece, "Sunset" first, he estimates. Then, "Lost Island" properties will also be offered.

Clabuesch says traffic management on Crescent Beach

Road is a main concern to him, since the ultimate development of 200 more building sites could raise the already-crowded road's capacity by 20%.

He would like to see Crescent Beach Road made one-way driving out Sand Point west, and a new eastern road coming inland south of the present M-25 - Crescent Beach intersection, using existing roads.

"Clearly, one of the concerns present residents have is traffic flow, but I believe this can be solved safely and reasonably," he says.

Clabuesch says each of the

200 ultimate properties could average \$250,000 in value, for the \$50 million total price tag.

"We have to decide what kind of growth we want in our communities," he says. "We need tourism help and true support, not mere lip service."

"Hopefully, the investment of time and money being made will be rewarded with cooperation and foresight of other community representatives, both of Caseville Township and the Huron County Road Commission."

"We have a public school system that works, low crime

rate and have something to offer purchasers."

Pointe West Ltd. has an address of P.O. Box 200, Crescent Beach Road, Pigeon, 48755.

Clabuesch plans to make further announcements in coming weeks, as more developments occur.

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Really a cool dip!

Six brave persons jumped into the icy waters of Wildfowl Bay this past Saturday and Sunday, during the third annual Caseville Shanty Days celebration, sponsored by the Caseville Chamber of Commerce.

HERE, two brave guys are "frozen" in action, just before they hit the four-foot deep water.

For more Shanty Days information, see Page 23.

MARK RUMMEL PHOTO



Caseville Police merger concept dies

By AMY HEIDEN

Officers wearing the uniform of the Caseville Police Department will continue to patrol the village's streets, since the Village Council turned thumbs down on plans to merge its department with Caseville Township's police force.

Acting on the advice of Village Attorney Richard Trowhill of Bad Axe, Police Committee Chairman Richard Kundinger last week recommended to Council that any plans for merger or contracting for services with Huron County Sheriff's Department be scrapped.

"Our attorney told us that our village charter would have to be amended, we'd have to have public hearings and the people would have to vote on changing the charter," Kundinger said. "The whole section in the charter dealing with police protection would have to be changed."

"Rather than have the headaches, I recommended we cease and desist any talk of merger with the township or the Sheriff's Department, and maintain our own police department."

Caseville Township Supervisor Joseph Cilc, who met with village officials last week to discuss a possible merger, reminded Council that no one connected with the township approached Caseville officials.

"There are rumors going around that we wanted to merge, and that's not true," Cilc said. "They came to us, not the other way around."

Caseville residents were given a chance to speak at the meeting, and all opposed a merger, saying response time would be compromised.

Council voted 4-1 against any merger plans, but budget cuts may be coming for Caseville's two-man department.

The village is grappling with its budget, and is looking for places to chop spending. The final budget hasn't been set, but some of Police Chief Thomas Shedd's 12 part-time officers may get pink slips. Those officers work fewer hours than one full-time officer does in a year, Shedd said.

"I have sympathy for the council," Shedd said. "They have cuts to make and they have to decide. I hope they won't make cuts that will compromise the safety of the citizens."

One cut that may be made that was briefly discussed at last night's meeting was moving the police department back to the village hall. Currently, Shedd's office is separate from the village hall and provides a more secure area to take residents who deal with the police.

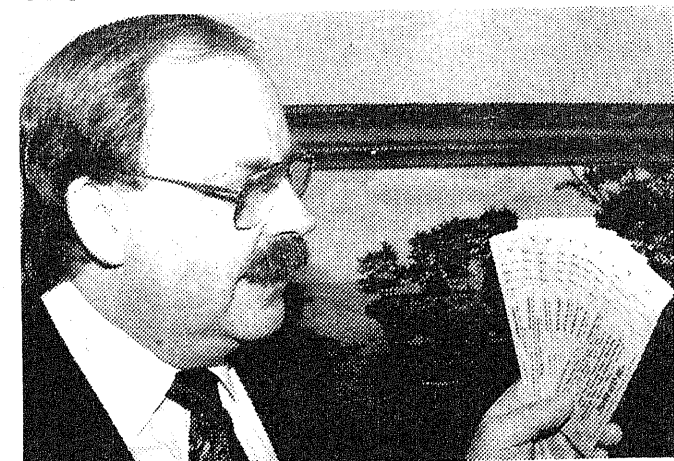
Moving Shedd's office back to the village hall would mean less storage space for files, and less confidentiality for the public, Shedd said.

"The office now provides for some privacy since so many people aren't coming in and out," he said. "The walls in the village hall are tissue-thin and that makes some people nervous when they are making a report." Leasing the current police department office costs about \$5,000 a year.

In other business, Caseville Police Officer John Cunnell received a commendation for his efforts in saving two lives from a Jan. 12 fire, and resident John Guster received a civilian award for his efforts in assisting in life-saving efforts in that same fire.

Council also hired Laurie Schoenfeldt for a clerical position. She will work 28 hours per week at \$7.13 per hour. She will assist Village Controller Pam Damore, who is also acting as village manager until a new one can be hired to replace former manager Gary Kuckel, whose contract was not renewed last fall.

Lots of sweet tickets!



SEBEWAING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Secretary Warren Juengel shows some of the tickets now available for the "300 Club Raffle" to benefit Michigan Sugar Festival fireworks. Drawings start this Friday, Feb. 24 and run for 18 weeks, with weekly prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25. He and other Sebawaing Chamber members have tickets for sale, but hurry — only 300 can be sold. You need not be present to win the weekly prizes, drawn at 4 p.m. Fridays at the Sebawaing Village Office. DUANE GUENTHER PHOTO

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on the new Busstops computer program, which will help officials plan the most efficient bus routes.

Armbruster also said that state law is changing Jan. 1, 1996, so that schools will not be allowed to transport students in vans. The Laker district uses its vans to take a small number of athletes to games or other school events, instead of paying a driver and using a full-size bus.

While some districts' vans may not be in top shape, Drury said the district has the Michigan State Police inspect its vans each year for safety violations.

"Having to use a bus to carry five students could be very costly," Drury said. — By AMY HEIDEN

USA oks league change

The USA Board of Education put its stamp of approval on proposed realignment of the Thumb "C" Athletic League. The league constitution provides a clause which allows member schools to submit realignment possibilities on odd-number years. The realignment is being presented on the premise that it will ease transportation problems which exist in the present set-up.

The new alignment would send Cros-Lex and Marlette to the American Division, and Mayville, Reese, and USA to the National Division.

Many area athletic directors are in favor of the change, saying that schools would then be more territorial and long standing rivalries would become league contests. Others, still smarting from decades of hard feelings, see the realignment as a type of takeover from schools new to the Thumb C Conference.

While both USA and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School Boards are in favor, they still need to be joined by eight other member schools for the resolution to pass. According to an unofficial poll, it looks as though schools are not going to ratify, leaving the league as is for another couple years.

In other action, the USA Board accepted the resignation of Carol Sattler as varsity softball coach. — By DUANE GUENTHER

Court proceedings

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

■ Paulette M. Burch, 42 of Grayling, pled guilty to improper/no license plate on vehicle, following a recent incident in Caseville; ordered to pay \$75 fines and costs;

■ Sean E. Carr, 22 of Port Austin, pled guilty to no license in possession; \$70 fines and costs;

■ Lynn A. Danison, 30 of Owendale, pled guilty to refusal to obey traffic order; ordered to serve 30 days in Huron County Jail;

■ Joseph J. Dougan, 22 of Pigeon, pled guilty to seeking \$100 under false pretenses; \$100 fines and costs;

■ Joshua A. Gaeth, 19 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to theft, less than \$100; 10 days in jail and \$250 fines and costs;

■ Daniel E. Haag, 19 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to theft, less than \$100; three days in jail, \$225 fines and costs and ordered to repay \$124.62 in restitution;

■ Wade A. Kohl, 19 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to theft, less than \$100; three days in jail and \$225 fines and costs;

■ Edward L. Lacourse, 41 of Port Austin, pled guilty to driving while license suspended; \$200 fines and costs;

■ Ian W. McPhee, 20 of Kincaid, pled guilty to no license in possession; \$70 fines and costs;

■ Mitchell A. Rasmussen, 19 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to theft, less than \$100; one day in jail and \$100 fines and costs;

■ Casey M. Riskey, 20 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to theft, less than \$100; 10 days in jail, \$200 fines and costs and ordered to repay \$74.62 in restitution;

■ Burton A. Smith, 41 of Elkton, pled guilty to theft, less than \$100; \$350 fines and costs;

■ Kim M. Tredler, 19 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to theft, less than \$100; 15 days in jail, ordered to repay \$124.62 in restitution and \$100 fines and costs;

■ Brian K. Greene, 31 of Pigeon, pled guilty to violating domestic violence statute; \$130 fines and costs;

■ Frank J. LaFontaine, 47 of Caseville, fined \$100 for violating domestic violence statute, later dismissed;

■ Dennis S. Pantelis, 40 of Caseville, pled guilty to no license in possession; \$125 fines and costs;

■ David Volmer, no age of Pigeon, found guilty as charged for improper size load and truck not qualified for load; \$120 fines and costs.

Elkton oks \$362,570 budget

Villages all over the state are finalizing their budget figures for the 1995-96 fiscal year, and the Village of Elkton is no exception.

After a public hearing, Village Council last week approved a budget calling for \$346,176 in revenues and \$362,570 in expenditures from the general fund. The deficit will be drawn from the village's fund balance, according to Village Clerk Janet Santos.

Council also named its election inspectors for the March 13 election. Named were Fran Hellig, Janet Hydorn, Annabelle Knechtel and Janet Rokicki. June Kimmel is the alternate inspector.

Trustees Sid Hurlburt, David Fisher and Marty Baker are all

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Stocks, market prices

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

COMPANY	SYMBOL	EXCH.	LAST WEEK	MONDAY	CHANGE
Independent Bank Corp.	IBCP	OTC	23 1/2	24	+ 1/2
K Mart Corp.	KM	NYS	14	14	—
Wal Mart Stores, Inc.	WMT	NYS	23 3/4	23 1/2	-1/4
Walbro Corp.	WALB	OTC	18	18	—
First of America Bank	FOA	NYS	32 1/2	32 1/2	—
Capital Cities/ABC, Inc.	CCB	NYS	86 1/4	84 5/8	-1 3/8
McDonald's Corp.	MCD	NYS	33 3/4	32 5/8	-1 1/8
Ford Motor Co.	F	NYS	25 3/4	26 1/4	+ 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	C	NYS	46 1/8	45 5/8	- 3/4
General Motors Inc.	GM	NYS	40 1/4	41	+ 1/2

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

COMMODITY	OLD CROP	NEW CROP	LAST WEEK
Wheat, bu.	3.11	3.00	3.11
Corn, bu.	2.07	2.26	2.09
Oats "A variety," bu.	1.35	—	1.35
Oats "B variety," bu.	1.15	—	1.15
Soybeans, bu.	5.25	5.46	5.28
Navy Beans, cwt.	29.50	—	29.50

THANKS...

to all the parents, community supporters and volunteers who helped make our 1995 Laker Junior High Spaghetti Supper such a success!

Over 1,475 dinners were served, with all proceeds benefiting our upcoming Junior High trips.

Thanks! Thanks!

Watch for our 20th Anniversary Spaghetti Supper in '96!

Haist Flowers & Gifts of Pigeon

Laker Junior High School sincerely appreciates your donations and creative decorating which transformed our gymnasium into an Italian eatery during our recent successful Spaghetti Supper. Your generosity and support are overwhelming.

Laker Students say "Thanks"!!!

DESK-CLEARING: ■ Here's a new language you may not be familiar with — computer emotions. Actually, they're called "emoticons" (emote-ic-ns), and are to be viewed from the right side of the page. (That means turn the page upwards, from the right side!)

Anyway, thanks to Caseville native (and Newsweekly alumna) Tamie (Dell) Cook for sharing these smiles with us:

- :-) Smile
- :-) Wink
- :D Laughing
- :(Frowning
- {()} Hugs
- :-[Pout
- :-* Kiss
- :O Yell (looks like Mr. Bill from Saturday Night Live) and finally
- :-p Sticking our your tongue.

As Tamie reminds, "they're all made with your keyboard... and a turn of the head!" Thanks for sharing 'em, MandaP...

■ Taco Bell is apparently the first fast-food chain to cross the "low fat border," as they introduce several menu items... which taste the same as regular items, but have half the fat and 20% fewer calories.

These "Border Lights" items will change the way America eats, the company says — and they include a Taco, Taco Supreme, Soft Taco and Soft Taco Supreme. Soon to come are Bean Burritos and Burrito Supremes, aimed at the health-conscious 35-45 age group.

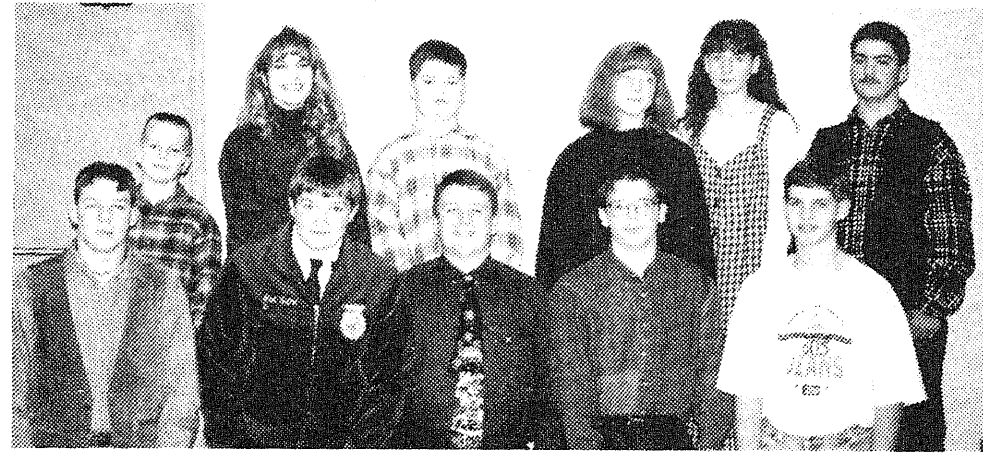
For instance, as regular Taco has 180 calories and 11 grams of fat, versus 140 and five in the light version. They do it with leaner beef, fat-free or light cheeses, fat-free sour cream and more...

■ What's in a town name? Try guessing the most common community name in the U.S. Give up? It's Midway, as there are 207 Midways in our country, says the Interior Department.

Next among cities, towns and villages are Fairview (192 communities), Oak Grove (150), Five Points (145) and Pleasant Hill (113)...

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WISH I'D SAID THAT: "Inflation is bad when you've got to leave your VCR as a downpayment... to get it fixed! (anon.)"

Here are Sugar Beet Prestige, Premier growers for 1994



1994 PREMIER GROWER award winners at the 4-HFFA Sugar Beet Project Awards banquet, Dec. 5 at Immanuel Lutheran School of Sebewaing, are, front row from left, Nick Haag, Mark Reithel, David Lutz, Nathan Gruhn and Joe Fritz. Second row: Jeff Schulze, Sarah Zagata, Jonathan Schulze, Carrie Maust, Kendra Haag and Nathaniel Schulze.



RECEIVING AWARDS for 1994 PRESTIGE GROWERS are John Stoeckle, Kyle Fiebig, Darcy Haag and Adam Herford. PHOTOS FURNISHED

Pigeon Library Corner

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Hills and Crossroads" will be the theme on at the Pigeon District Library's Story Hour

on Tuesday, Feb. 28 with stories "Over the Green Hills" and "At the Crossroads." Story Hour consists of stories, games, flannelgraphs, songs, fingerplays and creative movement, for independent listeners age three to five. Sessions are held at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

FREE MOVIE THIS SATURDAY

"Andre" will be the free movie feature this Saturday, Feb. 25 at 12:30 p.m. in the A.V. room of the library. Youngsters under age five must be escorted.

LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours during the winter months are: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9 to 5; Thursday, 9 to 6; Saturday, 9 to 3 and closed on Wednesdays.

VISIT SHIPSHEWANA

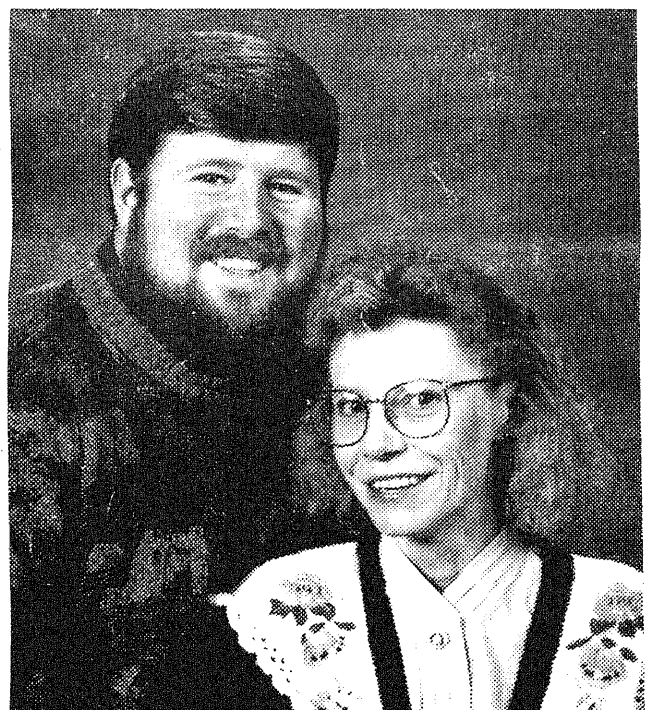
Join the Shippshewana tour in the heart of Indiana Amish Country on May 2 and 3.

The trip will include round trip motor coach transportation from the Pigeon District Library at 6:30 a.m., and visits to Lolly's Fabric & Quilt Shop, a giant flea market, Antique Auction, Yoder's General Store, the Bag Factory, the Christmas House and many more shops.

Overnight lodging will be at Essenhaus Country Inn and an Amish-style dinner will be served at Das Dutschman Essenhaus Restaurant.

Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 15. Total payment must be made at the time of registration. For more information, call 453-2341.

Engaged!



Puvalowski - Armbruster

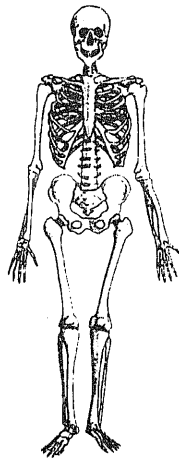
David Armbruster of Pigeon and Debra Puvalowski of Ruth announced their engagement. The bride-elect is the daughter of Bernard and Betty Puvalowski of Ruth and the late Mary Ann Puvalowski. She is employed at Huron County Farm Bureau, Inc., Bad Axe. The prospective groom is the son of Frances Armbruster of Pigeon and the late Robert Armbruster. He is a self-employed farmer. A Nov. 25 wedding is planned.

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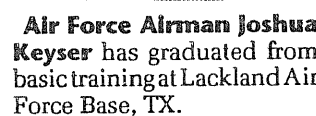
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Achievements



Jerome Talaski of Elkton was recently named to the President's List at Delta College for the 1994 Fall Semester.

Amy Powell of Owendale was named to the Vice-President's List at Delta College for the fall semester. To be named to the President's List a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average, and for the Vice-President's List, must maintain a GPA between 3.7 and 3.9.



Air Force Airman Joshua Keyser has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Keyser is the son of Dennis and Janie Keyser of Unionville.

Philip Francomb of Sebewaing has achieved high academic honors with a G.P.A. 3.25-3.99 for Northern Michigan University's winter semester which ended Dec. 16 at the Marquette school. He is the son of Mrs. Frank Francomb of Sebewaing.

Two Western Thumb students attending **Michigan Tech University**, Houghton, have achieved placement on the fall quarter Dean's List: **Tricia Elston**, a Pigeon junior, in Mechanical Engineering with a 4.00, and **Jennifer Beringer**, a Sebewaing senior, in Engineering Technology.

to church, community and family as a volunteer. Truemmer was recognized at the LCFS Auxiliary's annual convention in October.

Several Western Thumb residents have earned degrees from **Saginaw Valley State University**, in December's Commencement exercises. They include: **PIGEON: GERALD WATSON**, BA in History Education cum laude; **CHRISTINE WINEMAN**, MSN in Nursing Education; **GAGETOWN: JULIE WARACK**, MAT in Classroom Teaching, secondary; **UNIONVILLE: JACKIE BERTSCH**, BBA in Accounting, summa cum laude; **HARVEY FISCHER**, BA in Criminal Justice and Stuart Hahn, BBA in Finance.

They are among 348 persons earning degrees at the conclusion of the Fall, 1994 semester.

Army Pvt. **Misty Edwards** has been assigned duty at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga. Edwards, an aircraft power plant repairer, is the daughter of Rose and Ernest Edwards of Akron and is a 1993 graduate of USA High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Stephanie Gill** has arrived at Altus Air Force Base, Altus, OK. Gill, an information management specialist, is the

daughter of Frank and Dorothy Hoese of Sebewaing. Gill is a 1989 graduate of USA High School.

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes several students from the Western Thumb who placed in the top 10% of their classes. Honored students include: **JANET UFFORD** of Caseville, a sophomore; **WENDY OSENTOSKI**, a sophomore and **DAWN SWARTZENDRUBER**, a senior, both of Pigeon.

Stacy Kundinger, a senior at USA High School, will be a freshman at Northwood

University, Midland, this fall. She is recipient of the Presidential Scholarship for this 1995-96 academic year. It is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years. She is the daughter of Marvin and Linda Kundinger of Unionville.

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Western Thumb Sports Report

USA wins twice in week

By DUANE GUENTHER

The Patriots blew out to a 17-8 first quarter lead and then hung on to defeat the Crosswell-Lexington Pioneers 76-69 in a non-conference basketball tilt last Tuesday. USA opened the game with a full court press which seemed to catch the Pioneers off guard, and push them into a turnover situation.

The Patriots began the second quarter with quick buckets by Shaun Gremel and Tim Beringer, and soon the score was 25-14.

The Pioneers capitalized on two full-court passes for easy buckets, but the Patriots were not to be denied.

A 3-pointer by Jesse Karls, a couple of buckets by Brian Hofmeister and two free-throws by Matt Kuhl extended the lead to 37-22 with 1:23 left in the first half.

The Patriots led 43-28 at the half, for a continued 15-point lead.

The second half started a little sloppy for both teams. Deciding to run with each other, each team experienced a letdown — and the USA lead was cut to 10.

A quick time out and some words from Coach John Manninen provided a Pat shot in the arm, and Hofmeister responded with a couple of tough buckets in close, while Bob Arnold nailed a short jumper to put the Patriots back in command 53-37.

A 3-pointer by Cros-Lex near the end of the quarter brought the Patriots to within 17, as the third stanza ended 57-40. The fourth quarter turned into a scoring fest with both teams contributing to a 48-point total. The final buzzer sounded with USA sealing the win 76-69 and the Patriots had another win.

Matt Kuhl led the way with 20 points. He was followed by Jesse Karls and Brian Hofmeister, each with 14. Shaun Gremel rounded out those in double figures with 10 points, and played a whole of a floor game for Coach Manninen. Jason VanDerMaas, a senior guard for Cros-Lex lead all scorers with 22 points.

The USA JVs continued with their winning ways by defeating Cros-Lex 64-50.

The Jr. Pats were led by Shaun Gainforth with 24 points and 12 rebounds, and Danny Sweetman who had 17 points and 12 rebounds.

USA defeats Deckerville

It was a good week for the Patriots, as they defeated Deckerville Friday night 73-46, for their second win in the week.

Both USA and the Eagles had won Tuesday night, and the Pats held a slim 9-5 edge in the low-scoring first quarter.

Scoring picked up considerably in the second, with Shaun Gremel leading the balanced scoring attack. USA

racked up 19 points, with a 28-20 halftime edge.

Turning point of the game came early in the third, when Coach John Manninen's Pats came out pressing, and ran off a string of buckets before the Eagles knew what hit them. USA led 53-38 as the fourth quarter began.

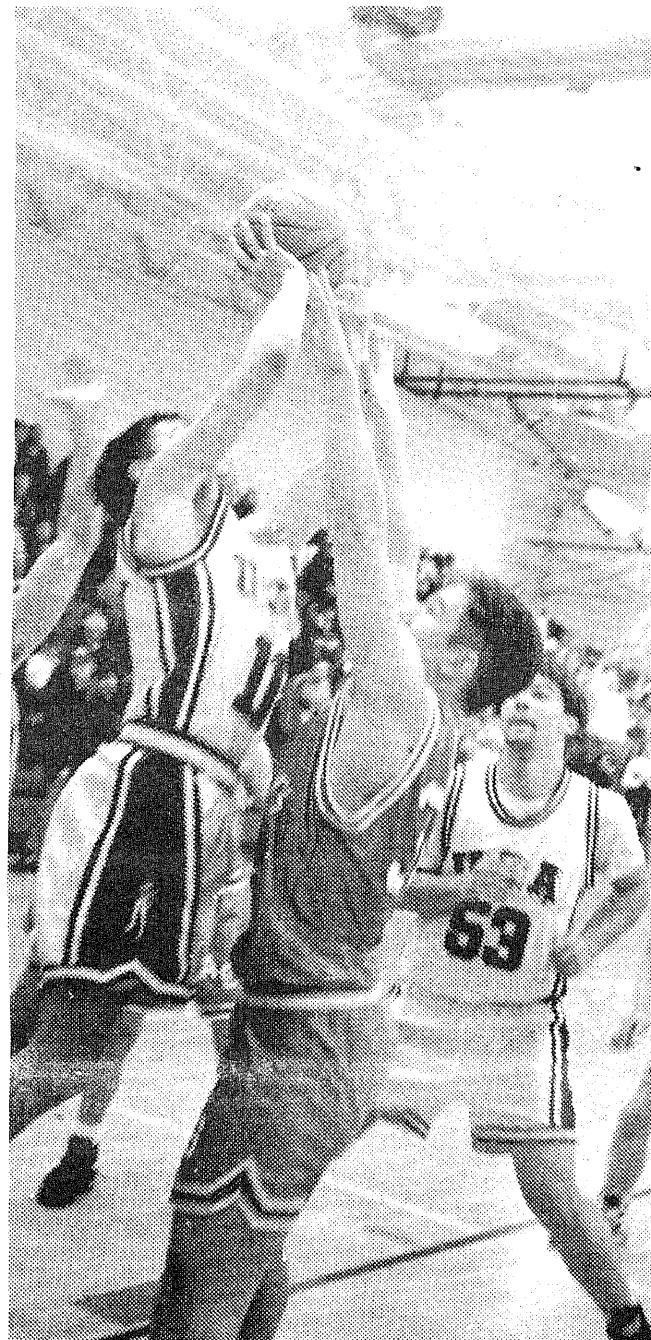
Manninen went to his bench early, and even they outscored the Eagles 22-8 in the stanza, for the 73-46 win.

Aaron Eurich led the Pats with 13, followed by Jason Cleveland and Brian Hofmeister with 12 each. Seven other Pats scored.

Hofmeister continued with his excellent board work, pulling down 14 rebounds, and Gremel played a super floor game.

USA gears up for a tough Harbor Beach and Ubyl invasion this week. Although the Reese Rockets seem to hold the league title, both USA and Harbor Beach are fighting for second place.

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MATT KUHL (11) grabs a rebound, in a recent Patriot game. The team won twice this week. AARON GROTH PHOTO



CASEVILLE'S JASON SEARS (21) shoots for Coach Mike Remar's Eagles, in Friday's game. KATHY MEYER PHOTOS

Eagles lose twice

The Owen-Cage Bulldogs avenged an earlier loss to the Caseville Eagles by surviving a nip-and-tuck overtime period, winning 48-47.

Caseville used an 11-6 fourth quarter run to tie the Dogs at the final buzzer. But O-C had just enough at the end to seal the win.

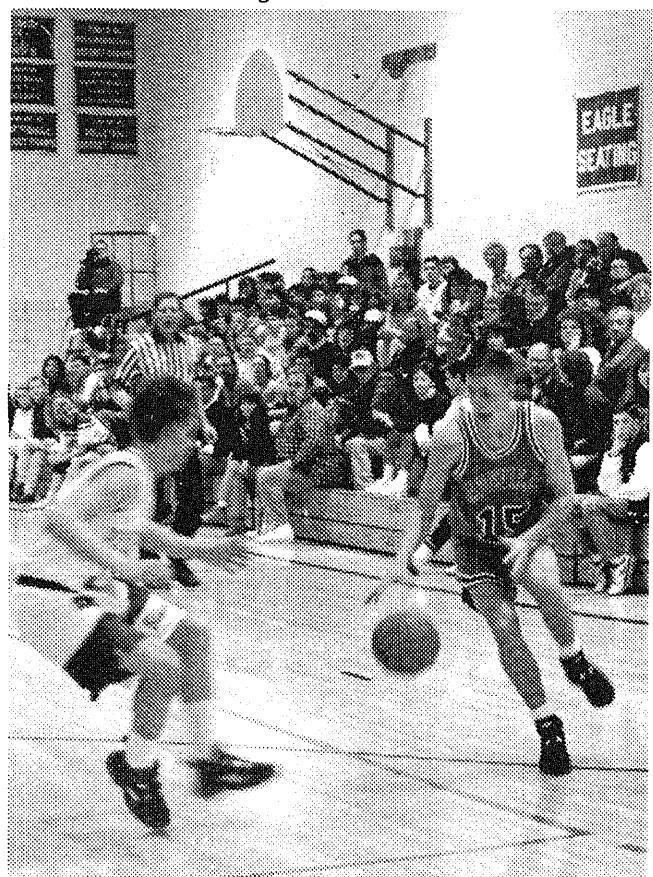
Jason Sears led the Eagles with 14 points, including four

treys. Doug Smith scored 13, and Nick Bednore added 10, including two triples.

On Friday, the Eagles lost to the North Huron Warriors 60-42.

Bednore led the Eagles with 15 points, while Sears notched 12.

The Eagles finish their regular season with a road trip to North Central Thumb leader Kingston on Friday.



ALLAN McLEAN dribbles around a defender, in a recent Caseville basketball game.

Lady Pats split pair

By DUANE GUENTHER

The Patriot volleyball team split a pair of league games last week by first beating Harbor Beach on Monday and then losing to Ubyl Thursday.

On Monday, the Patriots fell behind early and never seemed to regain their composure as the Pirates won the first game 15-6.

However, the Patriots picked up a little in the second game and pulled out a thriller 15-13 to even the games at one apiece.

The third game was a repeat of the second and both teams battled furiously until the Patriots prevailed 18-16 to go up 2 to 1.

The third game must have taken its toll on the Pirates as the USA had an easy time winning the 4th by a score of 15-4, to end the match 3 to 1 in USA's favor.

Linda Davila led the attack for the Patriots with 11 kills, followed by Terri Schulz who finished with 9. Melanie Spannagel served 5 aces, and Heather Lentner and Laura Sokol shored up the defense

with 18 and 16 digs respectively.

Thursday night was a different matter as Ubyl turned the tables on USA by beating them 3 to 1.

Ubyl was off and running in the first game and ended up on top 15-10. The Patriots responded by taking the second with a score of 15-9, but that's where it ended.

Ubyl jumped on the Pats early in the third and hung

on to defeat them 15-9 and then took the fourth and final game by a score of 15-10.

The win on Monday and the loss on Thursday kept the Patriots at .500 with five wins and five losses in the American Division of the Thumb C.

Heather Lentner had 11 kills on offense with Jodie Kemp adding 9. Linda Davila had 9 digs to lead the defensive portion of the statistics.

Immanuel's grandparents

Valentine's Day held a special meaning for more than 120 area grandparents this year, as they got to share it with some of their favorite people — their grandchildren.

Students of Immanuel Lutheran School in Sebawaing invited their grandparents for a day of food and fun.

It began with coffee and rolls provided by the local AAL Branch and then the guests divided up to take part in spelling contests, Valentine's

Day bingo, plays, puppet skits, songs and other entertainment.

Classrooms were visited, a special lunch was provided and the winning grandparents from the morning contests were presented with flower prizes.

It had been eight years since Immanuel's last grandparents day, and by the smiling faces observed, it would be welcomed on a yearly basis, organizers said.

Lakers drop 2 games

By AMY HEIDEN

Last week started with four teams tied for first in the Thumb C National Division, but a week's worth of play sorted things out a bit.

Cass City and Marlette stayed tied, while the Lakers and Bad Axe dropped into a tie for second with identical 4-4 records. By the end of this week, a new conference champ will be crowned, as teams head into district play.

The Lakers fell into second with two losses for the week.

They met TCC American Division leaders Reese for the second time, and while the result was the same, the score was much closer, with Reese on top 50-53.

This time the Lakers made the Rockets work for their win, leading 38-37 going into the final period.

Each team gained an advantage throughout the period, but a three-point play by Reese's Mike Hein gave the Rockets the lead for good.

The Lakers were led by Heath Krohn with 17 points, while Jeremy Brakenberry had 11 and Seth Maust scored nine.

On Friday, the Lakers traveled to Marlette only to see the Red Raiders avenge an earlier loss, 54-50.

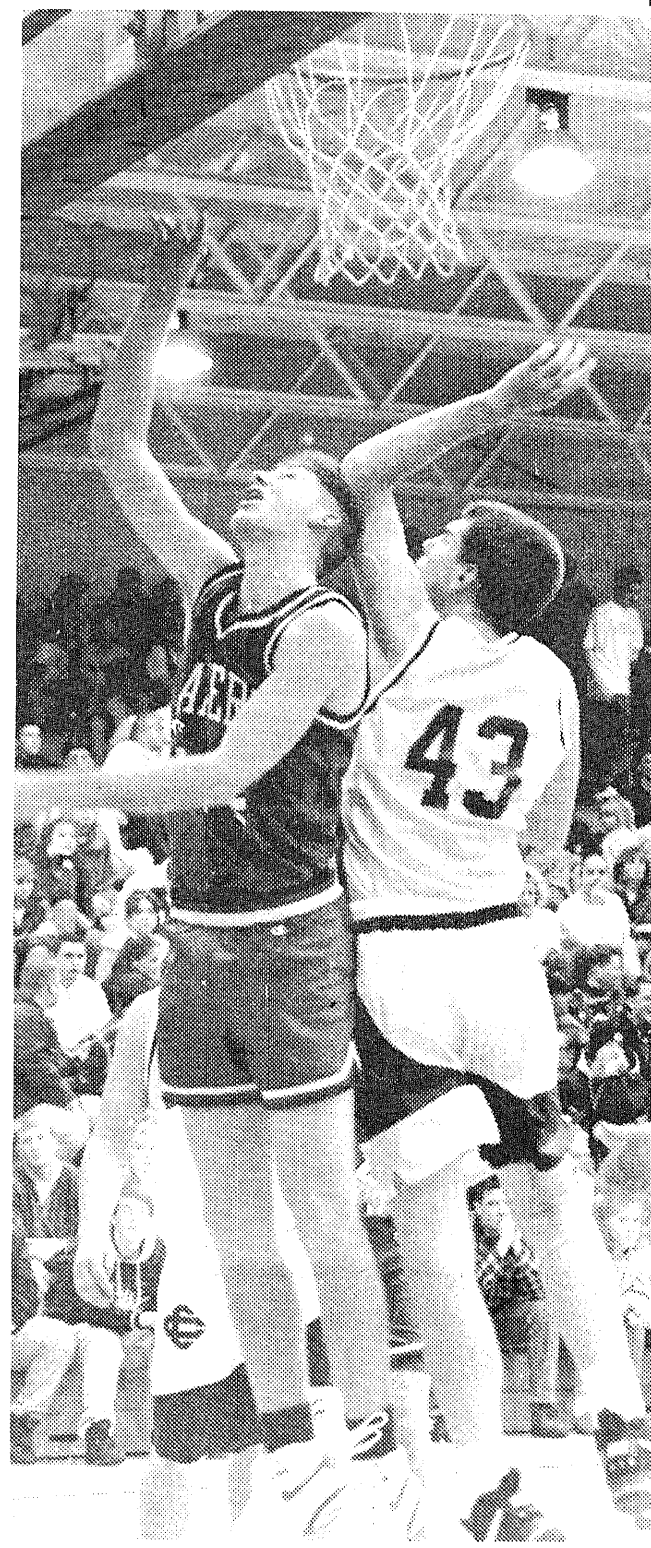
The Lakers were playing without leading scorer Maust, while the Raiders' leading scorer Rich Malby was back on hand. He didn't play in the earlier loss to the Lakers.

The home team enjoyed a 30-18 lead at the half, but the Lakers refused to quit and started chipping into that lead.

By the time the clock had clicked down to 10 seconds left, the Raiders had only a two-point lead and the Lakers had possession.

But the Raiders got the steal and the layup to win the game by four.

Krohn again led the Lakers with 14 points, while Zac King had 12 and Pete Beachy



LAKERS' PETE BEACHY and Cass City's Scott Iwankevich battle for a rebound, in last week's game.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Clean-up time...



REPAIRS: Layher Jewelers Inc. store in Downtown Sebawaing underwent some major repairs last week, after a broken water pipe in the ceiling decided to shower the showroom. Damage estimates are still being made.

— DUANE GUENTHER PHOTO

scored 10.

The Lakers host TCC National foes Bay City All Saints on Tuesday and Bad Axe on Friday for their final game of the regular season.

District play at Harbor Beach begins on March 6.

JUNIOR VARSITY: The Laker JV team lost to Reese 46-53, with Tim Russell scoring 14 points and Rick Rokicki nine.

On Friday, they lost to Marlette 44-37, with Rokicki getting 11 points and Clint Braun scoring nine.



LAKER HIGH SCHOOL Blood Drive Coordinator Lindsey Krueger puts up a sign, reminding students and the public of the Red Cross Bloodmobile at Laker High this Monday, Feb. 27. Students may donate 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the public is welcomed 1:30 to 6:15 p.m. that day.

Hosting Bad Axe Thursday

Lady Lakers with 34 wins

This past weekend, the Laker Volleyball Team participated at the St. Louis Invitational. While there were only nine teams, six are currently ranked in the top ten in the state rankings.

The Lakers opened the morning by playing host St. Louis. The Lakers had little trouble in game one, winning 15-1. In game two, St. Louis turned the tables and the Lakers lost 77-15. The Lakers' next opponent in pool play was Class A Owosso.

The Lakers won both games, 15-12 and 15-6. This pool record of 3-1 was good enough for Lakers to take first place in pool play, and gave them top seeding in the power pool round.

The first opponent in power pool was Class B powerhouse Pinconning. The Lakers were competitive, but lost both games 8-15 and 10-15.

Next opponent in power pool was Pewamo-Westphalia. In the closest match of the day, the teams split, with the Lakers losing game one, 18-20, and winning game two, 16-14.

In the semi-finals, the Lakers again faced Pewamo-Westphalia. This time, the Lakers were on the short end of both games of the match, losing 9-15 and 3-15.

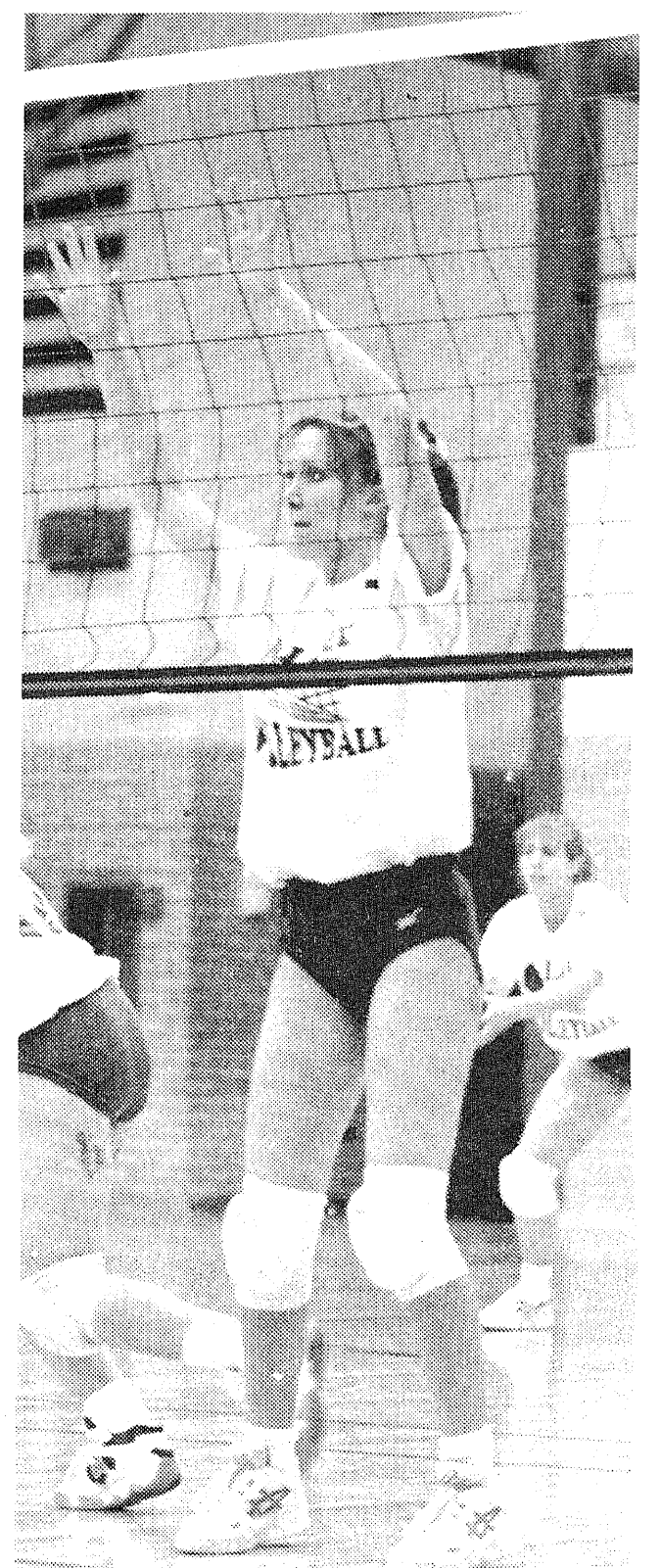
Highlights for the day included Betsy Drury with 50 kills, 16 setting assists, three serving aces and 19 blocks. Julie Esch had 22 kills, 31 attack receptions and 10 blocks. Nicole Kolar had three kills, 35 attack receptions and three aces.

Michelle Bolda had six kills, 34 setting assists and two aces. Kristen Damm had seven kills and six blocks. Angie Weidman had 24 kills and 31 blocks. Jody Herbert had 14 attack receptions and two aces. Casey McLellan had four kills, 42 attack receptions and 13 blocks. Sarah Krebs had two kills and 14 blocks. Rebecca Kolar had one block.

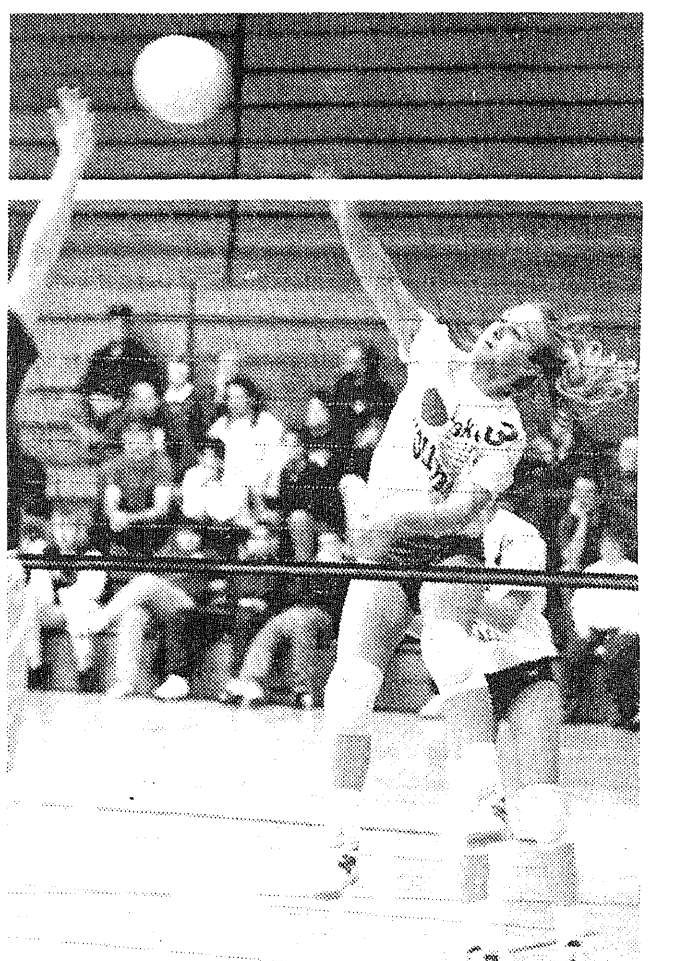
The Lakers are currently possessing 34 wins, 12 losses and five splits in their season record.

This week, the Lakers host league rival Bad Axe on Thursday. At that match, the Lakers will try to post a perfect 10-0 record in conference play, and keep their unbeaten home stand alive.

This Saturday, the Lakers host nine other teams in the Laker Invitational. This is the last match before district play the following Saturday.



SARAH KREBS prepares for an opponent's serve, in a recent Laker volleyball game. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO



JULIE ESCH returns the ball, in a recent Laker game.

Caseville's Gunsell, Guster earn bravery awards

By AMY HEIDEN
Often people do things by instinct, without thinking first about the risks. But thanks to two Caseville men who acted on their instincts without thinking first, two lives were saved.

Caseville police officer John Gunsell, a 13-year veteran, and resident John Guster acted quickly and saved the lives of Carol Sue Kelso and Jimmie Ray McElmurry in January, when the house they were living in caught fire.

Both Gunsell and Guster received commendations from the Caseville Village Council last week, on the recommendation of Caseville Police Chief Thomas Shedd.

On the night of Jan. 12, a call was dispatched to Caseville firefighters about a fire on Pine Street. Gunsell was on duty and when he arrived minutes after the call, he found two young boys and an adult outside the house. He heard someone scream that Kelso was in the house.

Gunsell found Kelso in the rear apartment, and with smoke coming into the room and fire in the ceiling, he and Guster helped Kelso, who is handicapped, out of the house.

Kelso told him her son was

still in the house, and after a search, Gunsell found the man and carried him out.

After requesting ambulances and arranging for State Police assistance, Gunsell, who is also a firefighter with the Caseville Township Fire Department, helped fight the fire.

"Gunsell went beyond the normal call for duty when he entered the burning building, knowing full well the dangers that were present," said Chief Shedd in his recommendation letter.

"(He knew) if he did not enter the building that the persons inside would not survive the fire.

"Officer Gunsell and with the assistance of John Guster are responsible for saving the life of Carol Kelso."



John Gunsell and John Guster. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

USA's VIP Program:

Local boy needs a special friend

There's a boy in USA Elementary School who needs a Special Friend — could it be you?

At the February meeting of the USA VIPs, Carole Miklovic stressed the need for a male VIP for the youngster.

Any male who can give a half hour a week to being a Volunteer In Partnership should call Miklovic 674-8718.

Some of the projects that have been done by VIPs and Special Friends are the building of a wren house, making a wooden map of the State of Michigan clasp for a string tie.

They've also made popcorn strings and pine cones with peanut butter and bird seed for feeding the birds at the Nature Center at the Elementary School, assembling a dragster, tying knots — "the ideas are limitless," volunteer leaders say.

Recent activities include a gingerbread house made by the class of one of the Special Friends and supervised by their VIP, ice fishing, time spent at the Nature Walk in Sebewaing, a trip to Huckleberry Railroad, having a Special Friend to dinner.

The activity can take place outside the school after school hours if permission is granted by the parent.

National VIP Week is in

Sebewaing Historians meet Mar. 2

Sebewaing Historical Society's club year is approaching its third meeting on Thursday, March 2, with a general update of projects shown with slides and drawings, according to President Dave Eberlein.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at 20 N. Center Street.

Projects that will be shown and discussed include the Hahn House on the Society's downtown historic triangle of land, the old Sebewaing Township Hall adjoining the triangle, the Esterline Building and the monument to the old Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church.

"It's a matter of where we've been, where we are and where we're going," Eberlein said. The April meeting topic will be Indian lore and stories. Society meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month.

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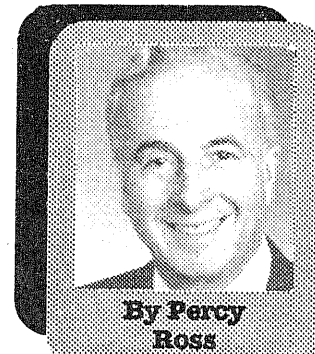
That which drives the homeless buggy

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I'm writing for the unfortunate homeless. I'm hoping you can supply our area with a couple cases of insect repellent. Just the thought of a night in the Florida woods without it makes me shiver.

Your help could also help prevent certain diseases that come from insect bites and they are plenty. There are local places called Sharing Centers that would be the best places for distribution.

If you decide to help, please contact me and I'll put you in touch with them. Please, Mr. Ross, help these people have a few nights of bite-free sleep. — Mr. C. B., Grant, FL



By Percy Ross

it's all relevant to circumstances.

This certainly isn't going to solve the nation's problem with the homeless, but the check I'm sending you will provide a few people with a few halfway restful night's sleep.

DEAR MR. B.:
Out of all the things the homeless need, like food, clothing and shelter, the need for insect repellent would rate right up there with aftershave lotion.

But when it comes to sleeping outside in a heavily wooded area with a thick insect population, repellent would be a #1 priority. I guess

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DEAR MR. ROSS:

I'm a girl scout leader for my daughter and her friends. At a seminar I recently attended for police officers, I came across the information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

This great program is sponsored by the Polaroid Corp. It's called Project KidCare.

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My girl scouts, ages 12 and 13 will be responsible for setting up a time for the event, ordering the supplies, advertising, and running the event when the time comes. Of course I'll be there to help with anything they may not be able to handle, but I feel that this is within their capacity to do.

I've spoken to many clubs in the area and at this time they can't help with the financing. You see, where we live there are three major strikes by companies going on. As of this time, over 4,000 men and women are out of work.

So, Mr. Ross, I come hat in hand to you. If you could answer this request, you will be helping many and in a crisis, this may be the thing that saves a young person's life. — Mrs. J. D., Troop #44, Decatur, IL

DEAR READERS:
When trying to find a miss-

ing child, a picture is worth a thousand words." That's the slogan Project KidCare is using and one I'm sure many parents who have had a child missing can attest to.

I'm thrilled to have a part in helping Mrs. D.'s troop #44 hold this event and am forwarding my \$250. And, I encourage other troop leaders, teachers and parents to take Mrs. D.'s lead and hold a similar event in your community. To obtain information phone 800-552-0711, ext. 22. \$\$\$\$\$

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I have my problems but don't need your money. I want to thank you though for setting such a fine example. A third grade teacher/friend of mine gives more to her pupils than most and goes without herself.

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My View From Here:

Making plans to earn funds for guide dog Yasha

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is Caseville resident Toni Watterworth's serialized story about getting her assistance dog Yasha — and all the steps needed, from fund-raising to transportation to Jud, N.D., for training, to make it a reality.)

By TONI WATTERWORTH

While all the arrangements were being made for the luncheon/card party, bake sale and raffle, we held a Garage Sale that Memorial Weekend of 1993.

Many people donated items to sell, as well as baked goods made just to sell at the sale. It was a lot of work to set everything up each day, price all the items, advertise on the radio and in newspapers and clean up each evening.

When it was over, we packed everything we thought might sell at the next garage sale and stored it.

The next one was held after the luncheon/card party, when we went through the same process, only after that one, we donated what was left to some friends for an upcoming garage sale (they had donated lots of time and energy to help me in my fund-raising).

I'm completely burned out on garage sales now, donating anything I don't need anymore to other worthy causes. It's too much of a strain, both physically and mentally.

I did find out how generous some people can be, though. A man who had a tragedy of his own to deal with put what change he had in a collection canister I had put out in the garage sale. A lady who had lost her job wrote to tell me she couldn't come to the garage sale, so she sent \$2.00 instead.

After getting a printing company to donate cards to raise money for Yasha, I went door-to-door at businesses, asking them to sell these cards and hang them for \$1.00 each for a donation. Some places

helped me by doing this — others didn't.

A friend who helped design the cards also helped make canisters to collect donations for my cause.

I then went door-to-door at businesses, having people come out where I couldn't get my Amigo (electric wheelchair) in, requesting that the businesses set out a canister where anyone who wanted to could donate. Some places helped me, others didn't for various reasons.

A dinner dance was held at Hersel's on the Bay here in Caseville in August. I then had tickets and advertisements printed. Tickets for this event were much more difficult to sell, as there were so many other things going on at the same time.

The type of fund-raiser it was required dress that we had to purchase, since we don't often attend affairs like this.

It was fun and the food was good. We even auctioned off an antique carousel horse after the dinner! The employees had even gotten together to give me an envelope with \$66.00 they had donated themselves!

During all of these events, I went to several groups to find a non-profit organization to help sponsor a raffle.

A travel agency had donated a trip for two to Atlantic City, a friend donated an afghan

with two matching pillows and the owner of the Caseville Water Slide donated 50 tokens, so I had some nice prizes for it.

Scheurer Hospital Administrator Dwight Gascho came through with a license from the state using Scheurer Hospital as a sponsor, since the benefit was to aid my medical condition.

Selling the tickets Scheurer Hospital had printed for me was my next project. I tried to sell them everywhere I went, but found out there were rules against it at a lot of places.

We had the drawing for this raffle at the end of September, surprising and making three people very happy!

To wind up the fund-raising, I had to go back to all the businesses that had canisters, cards and money to collect. There were so many I

forgot one who had collected \$6.00 for me in a canister. (To be continued)

TONI WATTERWORTH is a Caseville resident who views the world from her unique perspective, her wheelchair. She welcomes your comments, by writing: THE NEWSWEEKLY 236 N. Center St., Sebawaing 48759 or THE NEWSWEEKLY 7232 E. Michigan Ave. Pigeon, 48755

60 Seconds Pleasing God

"We beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as you have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more." 1 Thessalonians 4:1

What are you working for, or living for? To retire? To graduate? To marry?

We all have targets and dreams. Most of us have some goal for which we're striving.

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A retired business giant, interviewed for a magazine article a few years ago, admitted each morning his beginning prayer was asking God to "lead him in what You want me to do" and to "bless those efforts."

That's what Paul was writing to the Thessalonians in the 4th chapter of his Second Epistle. Briefly, Paul admonished his listeners to live each day to please Him, who loved them and gave Himself for them, to find daily joy in committing every day to the Lord and letting Him lead every step of the way.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, I commit every day to you, following Your leading every step of the way, trusting in Your forgiveness for every misstep. Amen.

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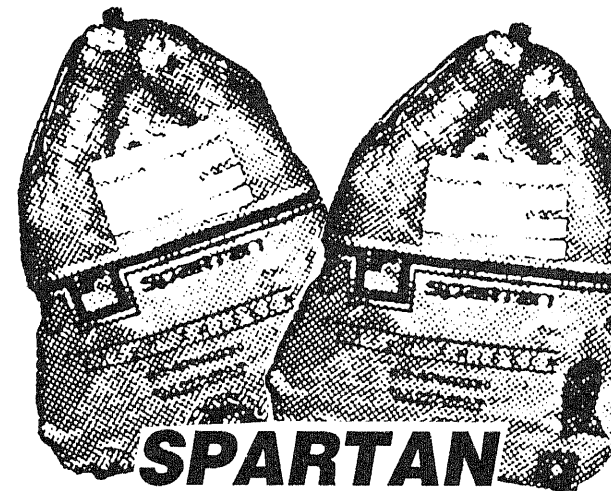
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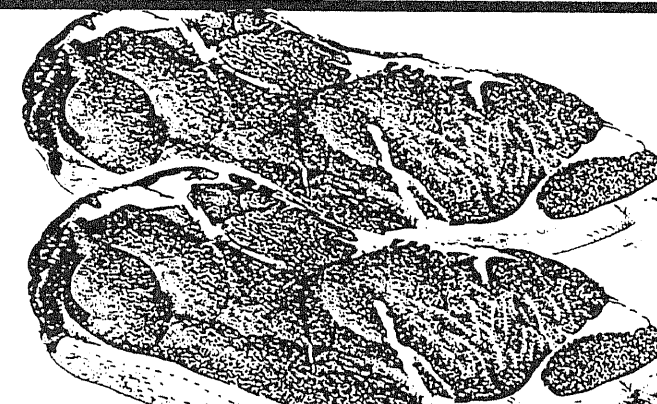
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1 tsp Spartan salt
1 tsp Spartan sugar
1/4 tsp Spartan pepper
3 chicken bouillon cubes or 3 tps instant chicken bouillon
4 medium carrots, cut into 1/2-inch slices
4 medium stalks celery, cut into 1/2-inch slices
2 cups uncooked Spartan thin egg noodles

Remove any excess fat from chicken. Place chicken, giblets (except liver) and neck in Dutch oven. Add remaining ingredients except noodles. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer until thickest pieces of chicken are done, about 45 minutes.

Cook noodles as directed on package. Remove chicken from broth; cool chicken 10 minutes. Skim fat from broth; strain broth. Remove chicken from bones and skin; cut chicken into bite-size pieces. Add chicken and noodles to broth; heat until hot, about 5 minutes.

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Down Memory Lane

From The Pages Of The Sebawaing Blade

70 YEARS AGO
FEB. 26, 1925
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30 YEARS AGO
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Julene Hessler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hessler, an eighth grade student at St. Peter Lutheran School, Bach, was the winner of the second annual Thumb Area Lutheran School Spelling Bee held at Pigeon on Feb. 12.

20 YEARS AGO
FEB. 27, 1975
About \$75 worth of frozen food was stolen from the kitchen of Immanuel Lutheran School, Sebawaing, last Friday.

From The Pages Of The Unionville Crescent

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**60 YEARS AGO
MARCH 1, 1935**

Mr. and Mrs. George Ackerman, Elkton, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on March 2 with an open house. A total of 124 quilts of all kinds were on display by Jephthah chapter, OES at the Masonic Temple, Pigeon, on Friday. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Fred Licht, Mrs. William Schaffer, Mrs. S.H. Cochran and Mrs. Edward Wise, Bay Port.

**50 YEARS AGO
MARCH 2, 1945**

The books of Pigeon District Library were moved this week from the town hall to the new library building on Nitz Street. The building, formerly the Huron Creamery Co. dairy bar, has been remodeled and redecorated. Paul Ziel, Owendale, purchased the 110-acre farm in Oliver Twp. east of Pigeon from the Turner Estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kohl, Bay Port, purchased the farm formerly known as the Moses Herford farm in Oliver Twp. from Irvin Reibling.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niebel received word from their son, S1-C Ralph Niebel, that he has taken part in the invasion of the Philippines and has also been in the Hawaiian Islands, the Marshall, Solomons, Carolina and Marianas and in New Guinea.

Mrs. Betty Forester, Elkton, has been notified by the war dept. that her husband, Pfc. Otto Forster, was seriously wounded in action in Germany on Feb. 13.

Sixty attended the father and son banquet Thursday evening at Hayes Methodist Church. William Smith was toastmaster and on the program were Wayne Anderson, Allen Gwinn, G.W. Newman,

William Baur, Walter Bedford, Douglas Gettel, Charles Leipprandt, Howard Bedford and a father and son chorus.

**40 YEARS AGO
MARCH 3, 1955**

Honor students of the graduating class of Elkton Community Schools have been announced by Orville H. Snider, principal. They are Miss Janet Thiel, valedictorian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCormick, salutatorian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick.

Annual Pigeon High School athletic banquet, sponsored jointly by local Lions and Rotary Clubs next Tuesday evening, will be open this year to women with special invitations extended to mothers and sisters of athletes. Banquet committee members are Howard Damm, Bob Kirkpatrick, Kennet McKay and Supt. Russel Tyndall.

**30 YEARS AGO
MARCH 4, 1965**

The building recently occupied by Mandie's Restaurant on S. Main St., Pigeon, and formerly owned by Henry and Alvira Siewert, has been sold to Polewach Stores, Inc. and will become part of the Pigeon store.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rothfuss, Winsor Twp. will observe their golden anniversary on March 10. They had four children, three of whom are living, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gottlieb Yackle, Pigeon, was honored on his 90th birthday at an open house in the fellowship hall of Pigeon Methodist Church and 125 attended.

**20 YEARS AGO
MARCH 6, 1975**

Pigeon Senior Citizens will celebrate the 10th anniversary of their organization at their weekly meeting at Pigeon VFW Hall on March 12, according to Chris Rasmussen, president.

Marian Gettel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gettel, Pigeon, has been selected for membership in the American Musical Ambassadors Band which will tour several European countries next July 24-Aug. 13. She is a member of Laker High School band.

Bruce Protzman, Chandler Twp., was recognized by the Huron Soil Conservation District as their conservation cooperator of the year for soil and water conservation practices on his 300-acre dairy farm.

Eduardo Couto, Pigeon Rotary exchange student from Brazil and John MacAlpine, Bay Port, have concluded foreign affairs training sessions in Bay City. Their drivers were Asel Collins, James Swartzendruber, James Ballard and Joe Maust, Jr.

Mrs. Clare Swartzendruber was chosen Mrs. Federation at the meeting of Pigeon Junior Womens Club at the home of Mrs. Norman Nelson.

**10 YEARS AGO
FEB. 27, 1985**

Caseville Elementary School celebrated Dress-Up Day last Thursday, honoring the "Honest Abe Lincoln" and "Never Tell a Lie George Washington."

A Reflection of Life in Scheurer Hospital Long-Term Unit will now be viewed through a new full-length mirror, gifted by Cross Lutheran School chapel do-

nations. Teacher Cindy Engelhard presented the mirror to unit workers while preschoolers looked on. Preschooler Matthew Schaefer visited his great-grand-

father Floyd "Chib" Langley, a resident of the Long-Term Unit at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

In their opening competition of the year, Laker High

Forensics team placed sixth in the 28-school competition at Esesville Garber. Finalists were Lisa Gaskill, Gina Gaskill, Robert Bannick, Rhonda Baur and Angie Herford.

Elkton youth to go hungry...

Several youth from the Elkton Missionary Church youth group will go without food for 30 hours on Feb. 24-25 to raise money for famine-fighting programs and to experience hunger first-hand.

The event, known as the 30-Hour Famine, is part of an international effort sponsored by World Vision, a Christian relief and development organization with 5,500 projects in more than 97 nations, including the U.S.

More than 300,000 teenagers in the U.S. and Canada have signed up for the event, which organizers hope will raise at least \$2 million to help attack hunger around the world.

Participants are asking family, friends and neighbors

to sponsor them as the go without food for 30 hours to identify with those who are hungry. Through videos and other materials, participants also learn about hunger and what they can do about it.

Brent Kriesch, Elkton Missionary Church youth pastor, is asking friends of these youth to be generous when asked to sponsor their efforts. "This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to actually

do something about the problem of hunger around the world," Kriesch said.

Anyone interested in sponsoring participants in this group can call Kriesch at 375-2597.

The group will also be doing a door-to-door food drive on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10-11 a.m. in Elkton. Residents are asked to have cans ready to donate to the local food pantry.

6 USA 4th graders earn Special Olympic honors

Six USA Elementary fourth graders recently traveled to Sugar Loaf Mountain Resort, near Traverse City, representing their school in the 1995 Michigan Winter Special Olympics.

The students, with teacher/coach Dave Good, spent four days competing with 900 other students in these unique winter games, and came home with fistfuls of medals and ribbons.



USA 4TH GRADE Special Olympians, are, front row from left, Steven Maurer, Tarah Gokey, Robert Ondrajka. Back, Danny Brusati, Billy Kuhoup, Brandon Elston, Coach Dave Good.

Sebewaing Senior Meal-Site menu

Sebewaing Senior Meal-Site, 970 Union St., welcomes all Seniors, 60 years and older and their spouses. It is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

For reservations call the Meal-Site at 883-9411 between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.

ACTIVITIES: Euchre: Monday & Friday, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
Tax Service: Wednesday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENU: Wednesday, Feb. 22: Ovan Roast Pork, roasted potatoes, salad, wheat rolls, citrus fruit cup.
Friday, Feb. 24: Chicken Ala King, rice squash, carrot curls/green peppers, roll, fruit gelatin.
Monday, Feb. 27: Vegetable Lasagna, oriental blend vegetables, tossed salad w/dressing, Italian bread, pineapple tidbits.
Tuesday, Feb. 28: Pork Chop Suzy w/rice, green beans, carrot/raisin salad, dinner roll, vanilla pudding.



Andrew is first '95 baby in Western Thumb...

THE WESTERN THUMB'S New Year's Newborn has finally arrived!

Andrew Paul Kemp, infant son of Tracy and Paul Kemp of Sebewaing, was welcomed into the world at 9:24 a.m. Jan. 25, to become the winner of The Newsweekly's annual First Baby of the Year Contest. His prize is a \$50 Saving Bond.

Andrew weighed in at 9 lbs., 6oz., and stands 21 inches tall. He is pictured with his mother and father as well as eight-year-old sister Joanna and five-year-old brother Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are Marie and Bob Cartwright of Unionville. Paternal grandparents are Norma and John Kemp of Sebewaing.

Maternal great-grandmother is Evangeline Marietta. Paternal Great-Grandmother is Lula Kemp. Paternal Great-Grandparents are Norman and Maxine Rasch.

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Winter is the time to tie one on

It sure was a chilly morning, such a one as February is notorious for.

Ice fishing was out of the question, the wind would kill you before you could spud a hole. There was a basement to clean, I spat at the thought, but headed down the stairs begrudgingly.

"B-Dry" had been here and the inside perimeter of my 25-year-old basement walls sported freshly-troweled cement.

To prepare for their coming, I had to pack my belongings in boxes and then cart them upstairs to be stored in the garage, or I could pile them neatly in the center of the room and cover the pile with plastic. I chose the latter.

Now, with the enthusiasm of a 10-year-old finishing his Brussel sprouts, I began the task of reassembling the disassembled.

The first box I removed was an empty peach crate in which my son, during college days, kept his record collection. Today, it made a good seat.

I removed a second box from the pile and when I sat it down a tiny feather puffed from a crack and floated slowly to the floor. I immediately forgot about the rest of the pile.

The second box contained a myriad of fur and feathers collected over several years for the purpose of tying fishing flies. I am constantly adding to the box whenever I run into some raw material I think is interesting.

But no matter how many flies I tie, and, either lose or give away, I never make much of a dent in this mass of fly tying paraphernalia.

While anytime is a good time to tie fishing flies, winter is an especially good time. And, it sure beats cleaning a basement.

Before long, I had my vise attached to the edge of a plywood, lap table and was deeply engrossed in produc-

Then I got cocky and read a few books. Those writers convinced me that most trout have PhD's in insect selectivity, and unless a fly fisherman carries several dozen patterns he may get caught on a stream full of fish without the proper offering.

Armed with this new information, I began to tie flies. I started with nymphs and streamers, they were the easiest, and then graduated to bivisibles and no-hackles. I copied all the old patterns, and even created a few new ones I dreamed up.

My fly box runneth over. I was proud when changing flies in the presence of fishing companions, and was sure they envied my spectacular collection.

But, as time passed by, it became only a collection. A collection of flies that looked pretty but didn't necessarily catch more fish.

As I grew older and wiser, I began to understand what that Baptist preacher was all about. He was a game hog, no doubt of that, but he could catch fish, and he did it with very few flies.

Armed with the information gathered from a couple of decades of fly fishing and matured to the point where I didn't have to impress anyone, I slowly began to develop a tiny box of fishing flies which would see me through a season's angling.

No doubt, it would be much cheaper to buy my flies. The little streamside shop where I hang out has thousands of each of the several hundred patterns on hand. The owner must have read the same books I did.

But, like reloading shells, building your own muzz-loading rifle, or any of the

many other, do-it-yourself, recreational pastimes in which sportsmen indulge, it extends the season and it's a lot of fun.

Fly tying is no different — and perhaps it may be one of the easiest and cheapest hobbies you can undertake.

To get started you will need a vise to hold the hook, a bobbin to store the tying thread, a pair of hackle pliers to hold and wind mini feathers, a tiny pair of scissors to cut wings and snip thread, and a dubbing needle to spruce up the fly's body.

Like most other hobbies, you can soon buy a ton of equipment you don't need and can do without.

Try and fight that off for a while and learn to tie the old-fashioned way with a limited number of tools. It will pay off in the long run.

You get started by placing a hook in the vise. Next, using your bobbin, wind a base of thread along the shank and leave the thread at the bend of the hook.

Tie on a couple of veins from a pheasant's tail feather for the tail of the fly.

Next, with the bobbin hanging down from the hook, spin some loose fur on the thread. You accomplish this by taking a small bit of fur between your thumb and index finger and rubbing it back and forth over the thread.

When the thread looks thick enough, wind it over the hook's shank several turns building the body of the fly as you go.

Cut some matching wings from the feathers of a duck's breast, this is the toughest part and needs plenty of practice to do it right.

Some tiers skip this portion until they become proficient.

Finally, tie on the tip of a hackle and with the pliers, wind it around the eye of the hook several times and tie it off with a bulge of thread that

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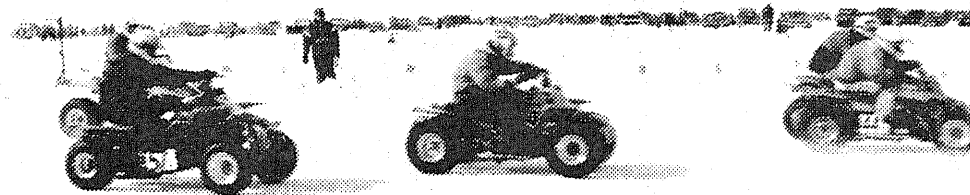
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BELOW, dozens of kids enjoyed the children's games Saturday noon, under one of the big tents.

Deer-baiting draws big local crowd

By DUANE GUENTHER

If you wanted to get a seat in Delta College's lecture theater for last Thursday's DNR public hearing on deer baiting — you had to arrive at least an hour early.

The meeting, one of six held state-wide but the closest to the Thumb Area, was set to hear testimony on residents' views of deer hunting regulations in general.

But, other than a few comments on the proposed hunting and fishing license increases, practically all of the comments from the overflow crowd were on the topic of deer baiting.

The issue has been heating up for some time as the practice has grown in leaps and bounds. The selling of deer bait has become a booming business, officials say, as hunters spend an estimated \$50 million on bait each year. That includes more than \$4 million for sugar beets and \$3.5 million for carrots.

But, last year's shooting death of a bear hunter over a baiting dispute may well have set the stage for the series of meetings.

Although baiting deer has been legal since the Game Act of 1929, the wide-spread use of bait has not occurred until the mid 1980s — and then, the practice was mostly limited to private land.

However, a recent survey shows more than half of all deer hunters use bait to entice the deer, and the practice has now become widespread on public land.

As more hunters rely on bait, especially on public land, more confrontations among hunters occur. And it is these clashes, along with the ethical and economic reasoning, that has caused growing division among hunters.

According to Burgoyne, 50% of the writers supported baiting as it is today, 38% wanted the practice banned, and 12% felt the quantity of bait used should be limited.

The public hearings will conclude March 1.

The hearing was just that. Chaired by soon-to-retire Natural Resource Commissioner Rufus Anderson, the panel of commission members included Larry DeVuyt and Keith Charles, as well as Chief of Wildlife George Burgoyne and DNR Director Rollie Harms.

Each presenter was allowed three minutes with no debate or rebuttal from the panel members.

During the first 2 1/2 hours of the meeting, a straw count revealed that 27 hunters favored leaving the baiting question as is, 16 speakers wanted baiting to stop all together, five were non-committal and three favored limiting baiting.

Prior to the meeting, the Wildlife Division received 1,351 letters since the baiting ban had been proposed.



WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB DONATES: The Sebawaing Women's Civic Club has donated this year's receipts from the "Christmas Home Tour" to the Sebawaing Historical Society, the Sebawaing Township Library and the Lake Huron Community Arts Council. Receiving their checks from Mary Englehardt, representative of the Women's Civic Club are Dave Eberlein, of the Sebawaing Historical Society, Fay Wichert, of the Sebawaing Township Library, and Marlene Martin, of the Lake Huron Community Arts Council. DUANE GUENTHER PHOTO

Thumb Club news

ST PETER'S LADIES AID, Bach

A Valentine motif welcomed members of St. Peter Ladies Aid to the home of Lorene Reich for their Feb. 2 meeting.

In the absence of the president, the meeting was conducted by Aletha Leinweber who called on the various committees for their reports.

Thirty-eight basement folding chairs were recovered by Marilyn Seibel and her committee.

During the social hour Arthur Nitz and Erma Rummel entertained the ladies with a musical skit, "There's a Hole in My Bucket" sung in German.

Idea Stung and Nancy Nast won prizes. Reich served refreshments in keeping with the holiday theme some of which had been made by the co-hostess, Inez Nitz, who was unable to be present.

ST. PAUL LADIES' AID, Unionville

The January meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Ladies Aid,

Unionville, was called to order by President Dorothy Gremel and opened with singing of the hymn "With the Lord Begin Thy Task." Roll call showed 15 members present.

Devotions on a New Commitment for the New Year from Corinthians was read by Alberta Gaeth.

The Cradle Roll reported 23 are enrolled.

Fruit plates will be taken to shut-ins during February.

A committee was appointed to look into new altar cloths. Donation to The Lutheran

Hour will be increased. Ladies Aid will have a table at the Car and Share Craft Bazaar April 1.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Fifty was played with Emma Beitz and Eleanor Breitmeyer on the social committee. Prizes were won by Pastor Allen, Alice Gremel and Nelda Gaeth.

Hostess committee Betty Luther and Ann Lehner served lunch.

You can watch Professional Rodeo stars perform or the Detroit Pistons play basketball against other NBA teams at the Palace of Auburn Hills, if you're the lucky person chosen to win FREE tickets — just by stopping in at The Newsweekly Offices in Sebawaing and Pigeon this week:

1. Win FREE TICKETS to the 17th annual Longhorn World Championship Rodeo this Saturday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m., at the Palace of Auburn Hills. We have ONE SET OF FOUR (4) free tickets and ONE PAIR OF TWO (2) free tickets at our Sebawaing Office and ONE SET OF FOUR (4) free tickets and ONE PAIR OF TWO (2) free tickets at our Pigeon Office. Stop in after 1 p.m. today (Tuesday, Feb. 21).

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USA-FFA team wins districts

The USA-FFA team journeyed to Mayville High School Thursday, Feb. 2, to compete in the District Leadership Contests. These contests are the first step in a competition which advances first, to regionals and finally to the State Convention.

Areas of the competition includes Parliamentary Procedure, Ag Forum, Greenhand Conduct of Meetings as team events, while individuals compete in Public Speaking, Job Interview and Extemporaneous Speaking.

The teams and individuals are then judged with a Gold or a Silver Rating. The Gold Rating teams and individuals will advance to Regional competition.

The Regionals were held Thursday, Feb. 16 at Alma High School, and the State Convention is March 6-8.

USA-FFA members who won their Districts with Gold awards, to advance to Regionals are:

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Jenny Robinson, topic: water pollution.

JOB INTERVIEW: Samantha Fritz, Angie Reige.
EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING: Ray DeMaerture topic: environmental concerns.

GREENHAND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS: Jeff Schulz, Josh Kuhl, Amber Goebel, Rod Robinson, Mike Leurs, Pam Lutz, Rusty Bloomer.
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:

DURE TEAM earned a Silver award, and are Sarah Zagata, Nate Brandenburg, Matt Kain, Josh Smith, Jason Prime, Brian Hornbacher, Travis Fletcher.
Carl Kieser is FFA Advisor.



JENNY ROBINSON, left, and KIM BOESCH, right, of USA-FFA conduct a State Agriscience Project on growing fast plants in different types of growing medias, and the filtering of light through various colors of lighting controls. PHOTOS FURNISHED



SHAUN GREMEL of USA-FFA analyzes his corn crop as part of his supervised agricultural experience program. The skills will help him as he prepares for a career in agriculture and agribusiness.

'Last Chance Dance' Friday night

AT YONE WHO remembers dances at the former Sebawaing High School gym in the 1950s and '60s will get one more chance to enjoy that type of event, when the USA FFA Alumni present the "Last Chance Dance" this Friday, Feb. 24.

It runs 9 p.m. to midnight, after the USA High School's CCing Home basketball game. Neil Gaeth's Sebawaing Sound System provides oldies music, and refreshments are included. Tickets are available at the door.

HERE, Sebawaing High alumna Diane Schulz, Lorine and Mike Zagata and Warren Reithel wear appropriate Sebawaing "Indians" clothes and varsity jackets, as they stand in the old gym. It has been sold to a developer, to be converted into senior apartments. Proceeds go to USA-FFA Alumni activities, in support of USA-FFA programs. DUANE GUENTHER PHOTO



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LAKER JUNIOR HIGH TEAM at regionals won Greenhand Conduct of Meeting honors, front row from left, Justin Bruce, Ryan Schuette, Becky Pauly, Aaron Mallais. Standing, Beth Herford, Carrie Schuette and Kevin Trost. Missing were Chad Sturm, Stephanie Braun, Brandon Herford and Beth Ann Tate.



PUBLIC SPEAKING winners in regionals were Chris Heckroth and Rebecca Kolar.

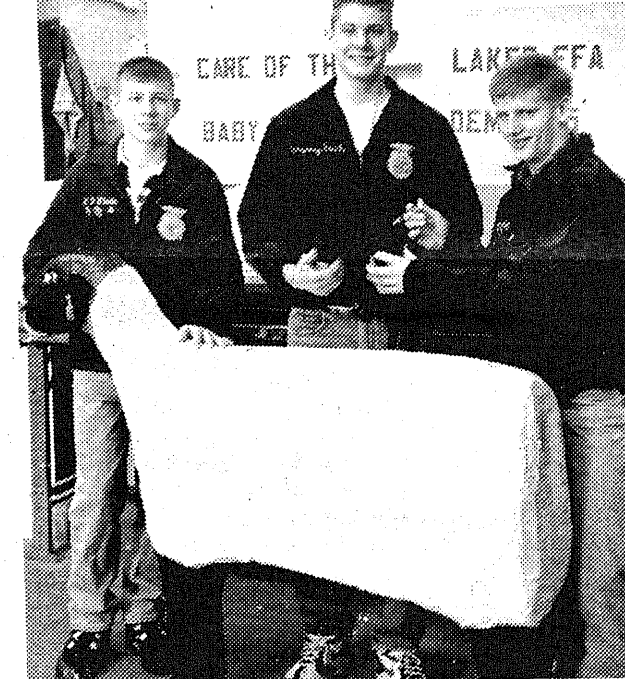
Laker Regional winners!

Earning gold awards in Regional FFA competition Thursday night for the Laker High FFA Program are the individuals and teams shown here.

Advisor is Don Wheeler.



GREENHAND CONDUCT OF MEETING regional winners are, front row from left, Angie Roestel, Kami Shaw, Tina Elenbaum, Erin Parsch. Standing, Travis Elenbaum, Ryan Shaw, Brian Collison, Scott Anderson, Matt Voss.



GOLD WINNERS in DEMONSTRATION TEAM are J.D. Wheeler, Eric Gardy and Joel Tate.



STATE BAND MEMBER is Susan McIntosh, junior.



STATE BAND MEMBER is Brian Clark, also trying out for the National FFA Band.

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A SIMPLE "THANK-YOU" cannot be enough expression to say what's in our hearts. All those family members, friends and acquaintances who gave us their floral gifts, memorials, nourishing food, cards and especially their time. God bless the staff at Tendercare, Caro Community Hospital, Pastor Michael Norton, Sherree Goebel, organist; Hope Haley, special soloist; Warren Juengel staff and the ladies of Trinity United Methodist for the meal. The family of LeEtta Lupp.

I WISH TO THANK all who sent cards, flowers, telephone calls to me while at Ann Arbor for surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Matthew Arneson for his visits and calls and to all our families for their care. William Ballagh.

THANK YOU to my family for their love and concern and to my friends for cards, flowers, visits, phone calls, gifts and food while I was in St. Lukes Hospital and since I got home. Thanks also to Pastor King and Pastor and Mae Ann Orth for their visits. I will always remember your kindness. Arlene Fritz.

ITS BEEN ONE YEAR since our loved one has passed. We only have happy memories that will last and last. Somethings don't always turn out the way we plan. Heartache is a bitter medicine that each one of us must swallow. Its been difficult. Sheri (Jake) Elenbaum is sadly missed. We only wish he was still here. We know he is with the Lord in his heavenly place. Sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and family.

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The Newsweekly's Thumb Area CALENDAR

Monday nights - Practice with local Adelines

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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 - AYSO Soccer registration

Registration deadline for AYSO soccer, at Bill Weitzel's Farm Bureau Insurance office in Pigeon, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Details: 375-2407 or 453-3334.

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.

Sunday, Feb. 26 - CBV Winter Open House

Tours, a spaghetti dinner and entertainment by "One Accord" are on the day's agenda at Country Bay Village's Winter Open House in Pigeon. Reservations by Friday, Feb. 24. Details: 453-2188.

Monday, Feb. 27 - Retirement Planning Seminar

The seminar is 6:30 p.m. at Lamplighter Restaurant, M-25, Sebewaing. Call 883-9232 to pre-register now. Sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood.

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.

Sunday, March 5 - Flint Chorus sings in Mayville

Golden Years Senior Citizens of Mayville host a dinner/concert at 1 p.m. at the Mayville Seniors' Clubhouse. Featured are the Flint Male Chorus, singing at 2 p.m. after the 1 p.m. meal. Details: Clayton Burley, 517-823-2045.

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.

REMINDER: Save your beverage/pop cans for donations at drop-off points to be announced! Details: Dennis Kunding, 883-2563.

CALENDAR DEADLINE: THURSDAY at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15 - Laker District delay

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

Thursday, March 16 - Student leadership meeting

Tuscola County's student councils will participate in a day-long student leadership forum at the Tuscola Area Skill Center, Caro, beginning at 8:30 a.m. USA and Akron-Fairgrove High student council members will be involved.

Sat.-Sun., May 27-28 - Arts & Crafts at P.A.

Port Austin KOA & Resort seeks exhibitors for its Arts & Crafts Show, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Details: Mary Babcock 517-738-8538, or SASE to Fine Arts & Crafts, 2327 Grindstone Rd., Port Austin, 48467.

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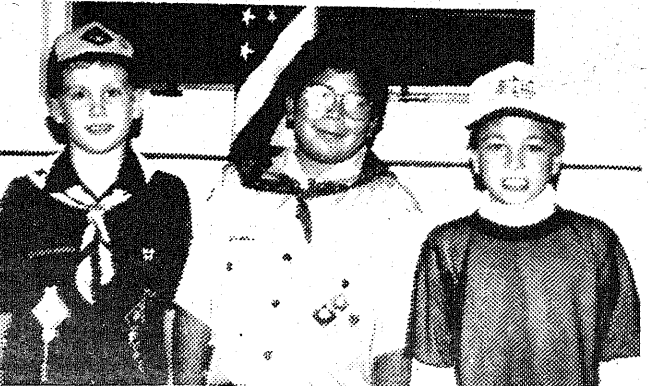
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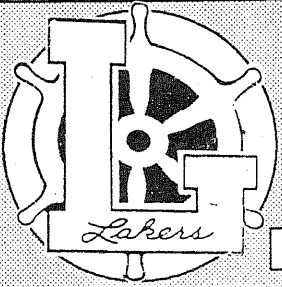


TOP SELLERS of December Popcorn Sales of Sebewaing Cub Scout Pack 3584 are, from left, Braden Jahr, Second place; Patrick Gregory, Third place, and Troy Genow, First place.



TOP SELLERS of December Magna-Frames Sales of Sebewaing Cub Scout Pack 3584 are, from left Sean Squires, Second place; Robert Saenz, First place, and Brad Gruehn, Third place.

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ARCHITECTS STUDY ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS

By Robert Drury

Laker Schools' Superintendent

The Laker Board of Education, along with members of the administrative staff, interviewed three architectural firms on Feb. 1.

The purpose of the interviews was to select a firm to conduct a feasibility study on the possible renovation of our four elementary buildings. The three architectural firms that were selected to interview are currently doing construction work in the upper Thumb of Michigan.

At the regular monthly meeting last week, our board passed a resolution to hire the architectural firm of Toshach, Sobczak, Spence and Forsythe of Saginaw to complete this study. This firm is currently working with Cass City Public Schools. They assisted the Cass City Board of Education in conducting a renovation study of their current middle school. After a thorough study, it was decided that new construction was more cost-effective than renovating the existing building.

Our board of education has requested that this architectural firm, which I will refer to as T,S,S,F, complete a study that will analyze the costs associated with building renovation.

When we speak of building renovation, we must take into account the exterior walls and windows, roofs, heating systems, electrical and plumbing systems, interior walls, floors, doors and ceilings, playground, parking and sidewalk areas, and all necessary building code and handicap requirements. We also need to study what new technology must be built into our classroom areas to provide our students with state-of-the-art educational opportunities.

This study will be more time-consuming than most, as we must have the information for all four of our existing buildings.

There are four disadvantages associated with renovation versus new construction:

- Many times renovation is just as costly, if not more costly, than new construction;

- Much of the work associated with renovation can only take place when the building is unoccupied. Thus, with work only being done during the three summer months, the time necessary for renovation can stretch over a few years;

- Renovation does not get us to the ideal education program. Ideally, housing all elementary students under one roof provides educational advantages such as better utilization of staff, more extensive technology offerings and

the reduction of maintenance costs associated with being in a new building;

- We are asking the architectural firm to make suggestions based upon the theory that these renovations must be extensive enough to make our buildings functional for the next 20 to 25 years. This time period has been picked because that is the time necessary to pay off any bond issue associated with renovation or new construction costs. The feasibility study will determine whether any amount of renovation will give an additional 20 to 25 years of life to our existing buildings.

Conversely, the disadvantages of a new central elementary school is that it will remove elementary education from the villages and place it in the vicinity of our secondary complex. In addition, our board of education, along with community help, must find alternative uses for our existing structures, should they no longer be used for education.

Some alternative uses have been discussed informally within two of the villages. We are continuing to pursue as much input as possible on this subject.

The last item that we are asking T,S,S,F to provide is a general idea as to the cost of new

construction, taking into account land acquisition, site improvements, construction, and equipping a new building. We have a ballpark figure that we used in the fact sheet that accompanied the community survey. We feel that for comparison purposes, we will need a more accurate figure to be used in making our decision as to which way to proceed.

T,S,S,F has indicated that they will have a completed feasibility study on renovation within 60 days. At that time I will share those figures and information with anyone who is interested. We will again seek community input before a decision is made on which way to proceed.

The only thing that is clear at this point in time, is that the work necessary to do the needed roof replacements, parking lot repaving, technology updates and bathroom, boiler and classroom renovation, is much more extensive and expensive than our general fund budget can handle.

If we are to do any work at all, it will take a special millage to generate the kind of money that is necessary.



CONGRATULATIONS, DEB PUDELL!

Laker High School Chemistry and Algebra Teacher Deb Pudell has been accepted in the TRAC program, to use her environmental chemistry background this summer in New Mexico. See details in the Principal's Report on Laker Wave Page 2.

SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR STUDENTS...

We live in a world where we are inundated with information about today's youth being violent, undisciplined, greedy and disrespectful. (You need look no further than your television or newspapers.)

It is easy to understand why many youngsters today feel terribly misunderstood by the general public. The fact is that most kids today are no different than you and I were. They are concerned about their futures, their families, and their communities. The Gallup Organization recently conducted a National Youth Survey which speaks to many of these issues.

This survey asked youngsters from the 6th grade through the 12th grade who they felt their most important role models were. They responded with parents being most important, followed by teachers and then religious leaders. Role models such as professional athletes, musicians and actors/actresses, were considered much less important. (Maybe we have a greater influence on our children than we think.)

This survey also found youngsters to be socially conscious. When asked to rate social goals for the U.S., the majority of youngsters found the reduction of crime, support of education, and helping the homeless to be top priorities. (Maybe youngsters aren't as self-centered as they are so often thought to be.)

Our young people are also optimistic. When asked how sure they were about having a promising future and being able to control their lives, over 90% were sure that their future would be both promising and controllable. All youngsters surveyed felt that they would be better off financially, or at least the same financially, as their parents.

The work characteristics ranked highest by

students were helping others, having people respect and look up to them, and improving their community. (Perhaps our youth are more altruistic than we give them credit for.)

Of course, we cannot judge an entire generation based on one survey, any more than we can judge them based on media coverage alone. However, I tend to believe the survey's conclusion that our young people are socially conscientious, have honorable goals, respect their elders, and are generally optimistic.

I choose to believe this because the vast majority of the children I work with every day have these characteristics. They are a joy to be around!!!

GREAT JOB, MATT!



Super job, Matt Keefer! Matt was recognized by the MHSAA as an outstanding scholar. Along with that recognition he has earned a \$1,000 scholarship and will be recognized at the State basketball finals with other athlete/scholars who have won the scholarships. We are proud of you, Matt!



1. NO THANKS. 2. COLD SHOULDER. 3. STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.

What do these phrases mean? Sixth grade students Jackie Steele, Kevin Thiel, Emily Sneller and Jill Wiederhold are among those who know those words are some of the ways to say "no." This year, Laker Junior High sixth graders participated in the D.A.R.E. Program (Drug Awareness Resistance Education), taught by the Huron County Sheriff's Department.

Sgt. Allen Engler taught the students for 17 weeks on different topics. Some topics dealt with: ways to say no, self-esteem, the effects of drug and alcohol on your body and learning how to get along with others.

During one of the sessions, two high school seniors came in to talk to the students about alternative activities you can do instead of drinking and taking drugs.

The program was well-liked by the sixth graders. They received certificates and t-shirts for participating in the program. Top students in each hour received medals for being the most responsible and who had a positive influence.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE IS AT LAKER HIGH SCHOOL, MONDAY, FEB. 27 - 11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. FOR STUDENTS, AND 1:30 - 6:15 P.M. FOR PUBLIC

LAKER HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

By Lisa DiCamillo

I would like to start out my principal's report with a "thank you" to the Band Boosters for organizing the Soup and Sandwich supper and to all the people who supported the activity! The boosters earned approximately \$1,500. The money will be used for instrument purchases, scholarships, awards and other band projects. We appreciate our students, parents and community members who support the arts.

The Laker community was also treated to more fine arts on Friday, February 3, when the **One Act Play** thespians served dinner and performed the One Act Play - "Cotton Patch Gospel". One hundred-fifty theatre-goers viewed the play, listened to musical selections and enjoyed a great dinner.

Those same students took their production to Midland on Saturday, February 11, for regional competition. Mr. Terrill and the students earned a 3rd place and an overall rating of II in the regional competition. Special recognition awards were presented to Sara White, Kim Gascho, Jacob Blakney, Steve Corion and Jon Hel-muth. Congratulations to the cast, crew, musicians and the director, Mr. Terrill, for a job well done.

Congratulations are in order to **Ms. Deb Pudell, Laker High School chemistry and algebra teacher.** Ms. Pudell has been accepted to the TRAC program which is sponsored by Associated Western Universities and the US Department of Energy. For 2 months this summer, Ms. Pudell will be stationed at Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico where she will join other teachers who will use their environmental chemistry backgrounds to research ways to improve landfills.

This is an honor for one of our teachers to be recognized for her research skills. Ms. Pudell will also bring these experiences back to Laker students next year.

We are busy planning the **Monday, March 6 Inservice Day.** The NCA Co-chairs: Mrs. Rhonda Phelps and Mr. Rusty Robinson and steering committee members, Mr. Dennis Gaskill, Mr. Kevin Klaeren and Mr. Dale Griffin, are working on securing NCA staff development specialist Nikki Armento to help our staff shape our NCA/School Improvement Goals.

Ms. Armento will focus on the specific interventions and assessments for each goal we have established for our new 5-year cycle. We are looking forward to our inservice day as we plan for future Laker High students.



Jason Fritz and Justin Chiotti were Laker High School's representatives to the Huron County School-to-Work DACUM which was held Monday and Tuesday, January 30-31. The purpose of the DACUM was to begin to understand the relationship between work and school from the perspective of a teenager. We appreciate Jason and Justin's work on those 2 days, and thank them for their involvement.

LAKER HIGH COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Sue Frederiksen

It's that time of year when the juniors planning to attend college need to prepare to take the **American College Test (ACT).**

The ACT will be administered here at Laker High School on Saturday, April 8. The deadline to apply for this test date is March 10. As April 8 is also the first day of spring break, many students may already have plans to seek warmer weather somewhere down south. If this is the case, they should sign up for the Saturday, June 10, test date which can be taken at Cass City High School.

The ACT is just one instrument used by colleges and universities to help determine who will be accepted to their school. Test scores from the ACT are also used to determine eligibility to receive the Michigan Competitive Scholarship Award. If a student scores a composite of 22, and establishes family financial need, they can receive up to \$1,200 a year in financial aid.

Located in the counseling office is a computer program to prepare students to take the

ACT. We also have practice booklets with answer keys in each of the 4 areas tested. Students are welcome to check out this information to help prepare for the upcoming test.

Sophomore appointments are currently in progress. As each of the sophomores come into the counseling office we discuss their overall academic progress, we look at the classes they wish to take in the future, we explore the possibility of taking classes at the Huron Technical Center, and we discuss what is kept in their portfolios and how they need to keep updating the information in the portfolio.

Scheduling for next year is already being discussed. Within the next month we hope to be able to get an idea from students as to the classes they plan on taking. Sophomores will be visiting the Huron Technical Center next month to explore the possibility of taking classes their next year.

Overall, as you can see, we are keeping busy and working hard to prepare all students for a better future.

ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Dave Wojcicki

Our world is moving forward more quickly than ever. Many adults are finding they do not have the needed skills to compete in the changing workplace and are finding they must return to school and re-train.

Pressure is put on the "purse strings" of our country to care for the elderly who are living longer and, hopefully, productive lives. Recreational time is, generally, at a low point because of more hours at work by our populous.

All of these factors, plus others, are putting pressure on our society. Adults are feeling this pressure as are our children. One would believe adults are more capable of handling the stressors placed upon them by our changing society. Children, generally, may not be as capable. Societal changes are affecting them also, as we are asking them to do so many things at an earlier point in their life.

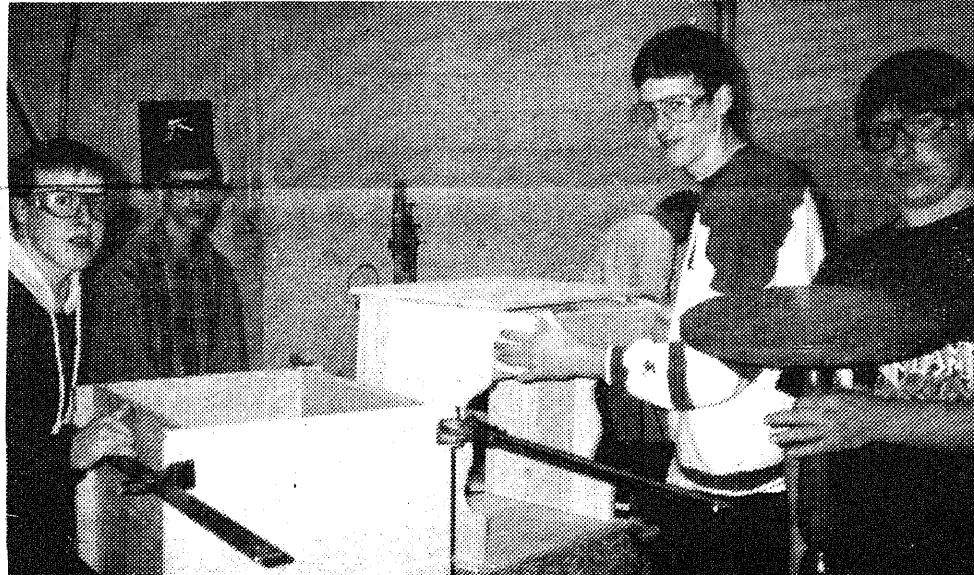
Many times, children may misbehave because of different stressors occurring in their life. The key for parents is to try to identify those stressors and keep communication lines open. Keeping those lines open are tricky because much of the time it may seem to the child/

teenager that you are "butting in". A couple of suggestions when attempting to keep those lines open are: 1) write a note to them instead of verbally going to them; 2) talk with them on their turf: at the piano, while shooting baskets, or while helping them with their homework.

The following is a list of situational stressors that may cause stress for children. Remember, identifying the possible cause is very important in trying to alleviate the issue concerned.

1. Beginning or changing schools
2. Serious illness or death of a parent
3. Serious illness or disfigurement of the child
4. Beginning to date
5. Birth or death of a sibling
6. Living with a step-parent
7. Pregnancy of a sister
8. Breaking up with a boy/girl friend
9. Increase in arguments between parents
10. Jail sentence of a parent
11. Involvement with drugs/alcohol
12. Unwed pregnancy
13. Separation or divorce of parents
14. Suspension or failure of a year in school
15. Rejection for an extracurricular activity
16. Teenage marriage

TRADE CLASS IS ENJOYED BY MANY LAKER STUDENTS



By Sue Frederiksen

During the school day **Mr. Gary** teaches in the areas of industrial arts, cabinet making, and mechanical drawing. To learn more about his class I had the opportunity to visit both the cabinet making and mechanical drawing classes. I was very impressed by what I saw.

Students have the opportunity to work on individual projects or to help other students out when help is needed. A choice is made in beginning cabinet making as to making either a night stand, pedestal, or a wall shelf. As students become more experienced they have the opportunity to make many other wood craft items.

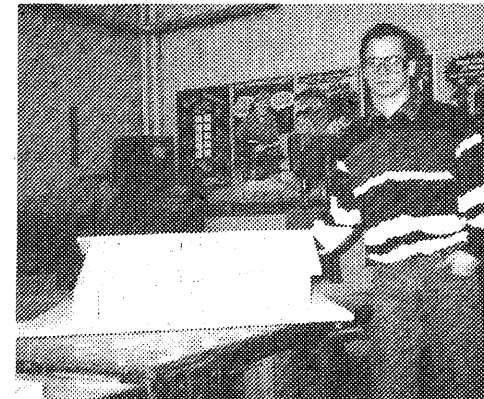
Pete Beachy, a sophomore in the class, states that he enjoys the class because he has the opportunity to do different things during the hour. He gets to choose what part of his project he is working on for the day, and he doesn't have to sit in his seat all hour.

Another student, **Jason Schulz**, enjoys the class because it gives him the opportunity to work with his hands. He takes pride in working with wood and seeing the finished product.

In the mechanical drawing class, students get to experience projects like drawing up the floor plans of a house and actually building a scale model of it.

Jason Fritz commented on how he drew up 7 different floor plans before he began building his house. He has found that he enjoys designing houses. When asked how he became interested in this class, Jason stated that his grandmother saw his talent in drawing and encouraged him to explore this field when he entered high school. Jason checked the class out his freshman year and is looking at making it his career choice.

Louis Guerrero, a senior in mechanical drawing, states that he enjoys the class because it gives him the opportunity to work independently. It



took Louis about 2 weeks to draw up his floor plan, and he is currently working on his scale version of the house. Although Louis is not planning on using his drawing skills for a career, he has received a lot of personal pleasure out of working on this project.

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, MARCH 6 - TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

Around the Elementary Centers

By Pete Batzer, Principal

Pigeon and Bay Port Elementary Report

\$50.00 BOND WINNERS!

The second marking period, \$50.00 bond winners were drawn for both Bay Port and Pigeon Elementaries at recent award assemblies. Each marking period, the Bay Port State Bank provides any student making the honor roll with the opportunity to sign-up to win the bond. This marking period's lucky winners were **Mike Voss** and **Jon LePage**.

'I BEAT THE MEAP!'

Each year, fourth and fifth grade students take the MEAP test. Fourth graders are tested over Reading and Math, while fifth graders are tested over Science.

The school recognizes those students who "beat the MEAP" by presenting them with a t-shirt. In order to be part of this group of students, the fourth graders must receive satisfactory scores in both the Reading and Math tests, while the fifth graders must pass the 30 objectives of the Science test.

FOURTH GRADE: Adam Armbruster, Megan Bechler, Kayd Bouck, Chris Clabuesch, Dieter Eichler, Alissa Forman, Amanda Gonzales, Josh LePage, Jennifer Sturm, Brenda Thiel, Josh Thiel, Angela Voelker, Jacklyn Walsh, Kara Weitzel, Karianne Yackie, Kelly Bach, Brad Damm, Jessica Harmon, Brian Higdon, Matthew Sneller, Kacie Schuette, Julie Swartzendruber, Shari Yoder.

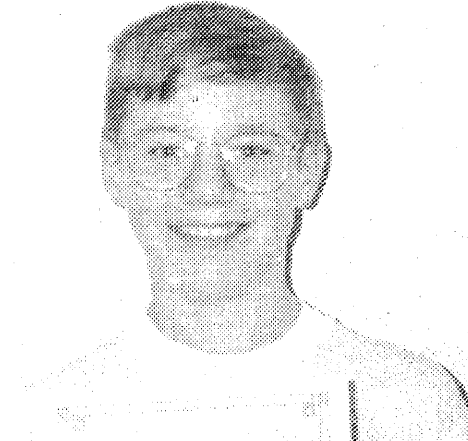
FIFTH GRADE: Jason Dietzel, Jody McKenzie, Tiffany Steinman, Brenna Tereck, Bret Zagorski, Bridget Gunden, Ben Haag.

FIFTH GRADE BASKETBALL

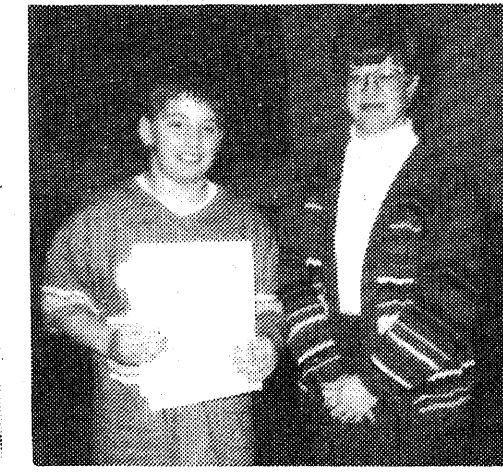
The fifth grade basketball season continues for our Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port students. The end of the season will be marked by the second annual Basketball Tournament and Carnival, sponsored by the Pigeon PTC on Saturday, March 11 at Laker High School. Carnival and basketball games will begin at 10 a.m.

SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

Through their hard work, the following students have earned a place on the second marking period Honor Roll. In order to receive this designation, students must receive all A's and B's on their report cards.



Mike Voss



Jon LePage



Those students who were able to earn all A's on their report card also receive an "A Team" t-shirt and a pin for each marking period this is achieved. All A's is indicated with an asterisk. Congratulations, and keep up the good work!

FIFTH GRADE: Zach Allen, Bridget Gunden, Ben Haag, Kim Ratije, Mike Voss, Cole Armbruster, Jason-Joel Avalos, Jessica Born, Shawn Damm, Becky Diebel, Jason Dietzel, Kristin Dubs, Tessa Flores, Kyle Gascho, Kathleen Gonzales, Karissa Gunsell, Matt Jacobs, Nicole Kosenko, Jeremy Kreh, David Kuch, Andrew McAlpine, Ryan McBride, Cally McCain, Jody McKenzie, Jon Miller, Ryan



Radtke, Tiffany Steinman, Kyle Yackie, Bret Zagorski.

FOURTH GRADE: Cheri Chastain, Brad Damm, Megan Danks, Jason Dunn, Brenda Gaeth, Meagan Koch, Kacie Schuette, Matthew Sneller, Shari Yoder, Adam Armbruster, Megan Bechler, Chris Clabuesch, Dieter Eichler, Alissa Forman, Amanda Gonzales, Willis Hengy, Josh LePage, Jon LePage, Brenda Thiel, Jennifer Sturm, Angela Voelker, Jacky Walsh, Kara Weitzel, Karianne Yackie.

THIRD GRADE: Kellie Chaloui, Adam Damm, Chad Davis, Nick Foss, Tara Haag, Kiel Henne, James Jackson, Aaron Mosack, Nicole Rowe, Marcus Sting, Tyan Thede, Christina Warren, Bryan Anderson, Ashley Clabuesch, Becky Dubs, Troy Leipprandt, Lauren McCormick, Joel Miller, Eric Pitts, Andrew Rowe, Derek Shetler, Jessica Thich, Theresa Torres, Kayla Werner.

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Developmental Kindergarten: **Erin Steele**
Kindergarten: **Aaron Thede & Tasha Rozema**

1st Grade: **Corina Gonzales & Jackie Harder**

2nd Grade: **Chris Heintz & Amanda Chiotti**

3rd Grade: **Nicole Rowe & Lauren McCormick**

4th Grade: **Amanda Gonzales & Julie Swartzendruber**
5th Grade: **Jeremy Kreh, Zach Allen & Ryan McBride**

BAY PORT CARNIVAL

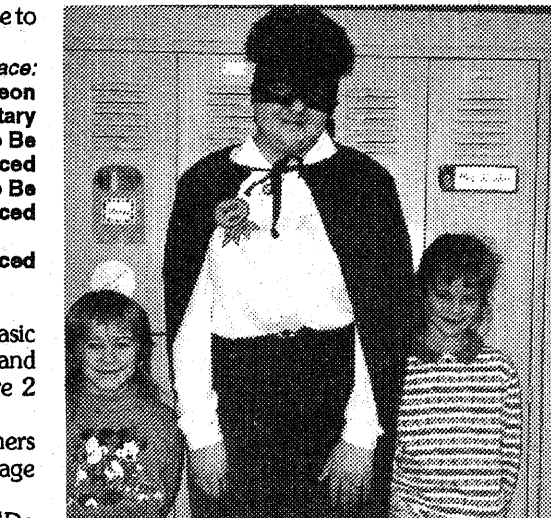
The annual Bay Port Carnival was held on Feb. 4 at Bay Port Elementary. Attendance was very good, even though the winter weather did not cooperate.

Once again, the enthusiasm and support shown by workers and participants made this event enjoyable and successful. Thank you to everyone who made this year's carnival a huge success!

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Kindergarten Round-up is set for Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

Children must be five years of age before Dec. 1, 1995 in order to register. Parents will need to bring their child's immunization record, birth certificate and social security card to the Laker High School cafeteria.



Zero the Hero recently visited Elkton Elementary. Zero celebrates the 100th day of school with the kindergarten classes. Kayla Ashmore, left, and Amanda Dubey, right, are pictured with Zero.

ELKTON ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

By Ben Phillips, Principal

MEGASKILLS PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES BEING OFFERED

MegaSkills Workshops for families and teachers of elementary school children started February 7, 1995, at Pigeon Elementary.

This new, effective program to build student achievement is being offered for the first time in this area.

The workshops, based on the best-selling book, MegaSkills, by Dorothy Rich, are designed to help families help children learn in school and beyond.

MegaSkills are the basic values, attitudes and behaviors that determine children's achievement. They include: confidence, motivation, effort, responsibility, initiative, perseverance, caring, teamwork, common sense and problem solving.

The workshops will show families how to stimulate children's in-school and out-of-school learning through easy, enjoyable home activities.

There will be 5 workshops in the series with the first held from 7-8 at Pigeon Elementary on February 7. Parents may attend one session or all 5.

The titles of the workshops, dates, and place to be held are as follows:

Title, Date: Place:
Effort & Responsibility, March 7 Pigeon

Initiative & Perseverance, March 21 To Be Announced

Caring & Teamwork, April 4 To Be Announced

Common Sense & Problem Solving, April 25 To Be Announced

POSITIVE PARENTING

1. Teach your children early in life to use basic good manners. "Please", "Thank You", and "I'm sorry", can be taught as early as before 2 years of age.

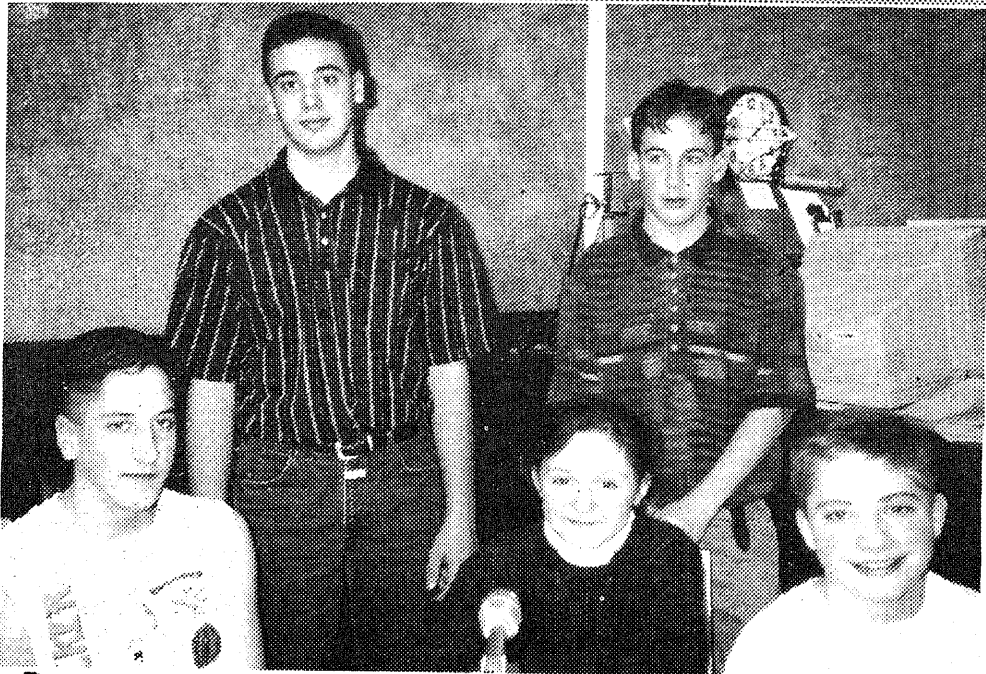
2. Encourage your children to be good listeners - to make eye contact and display body language to show they understand what's being said.

3. Teach your children the golden rule - "Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you."

4. Help your children feel comfortable in group situations and around people.

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ON THE AIR WITH LJH!



Five outstanding Laker Junior High students: Eric Deming, Rory Duffey, Wanda Hebert, Jonathan Herzog, and Jason Swartzendruber were responsible for an original radio broadcasting advertisement. The 5 helped in composing the ad for the Laker Junior High Spaghetti Dinner February 16, 1995, and were responsible for its delivery to radio listeners throughout Huron County.

They taped the ad at radio station WLEW in Bad Axe. After the taping, the personnel from WLEW led the students on a tour of the facility.

Emphasis was placed on computer technology and knowledge as the radio equipment and programming are done through IBM compatible computers. This was great news to the Laker Junior High students as our own IBM compatible computer and CD-ROM are now set up in the Junior High Library for student use.

We would like to thank everyone at WLEW for their expertise and assistance. A special thanks to all the students who participated for doing such a fine job!

ELKTON ELEMENTARY Continued from Wave Page 3

5. Teach your children to ask others, "What do you think?"
6. Stress the importance of being tactful.
7. Help your children to praise others.
8. Encourage your children to value good, positive social relationships.
9. Teach your children to share, give and be considerate of others.
10. Provide a family environment that allows a child to admit, "I made a mistake".
11. Point out why gossiping and telling "tall tales" can hurt others.

The benefits of good human relations are a 2-way street - for both positive children, and positive parents!

—taken from the Power of Positive Students International Foundation Newsletter

HONOR ROLL & A-TEAM MEMBERS

The following students were on the Honor Roll for the 2nd marking period of this school year. A * denotes the A-team members.

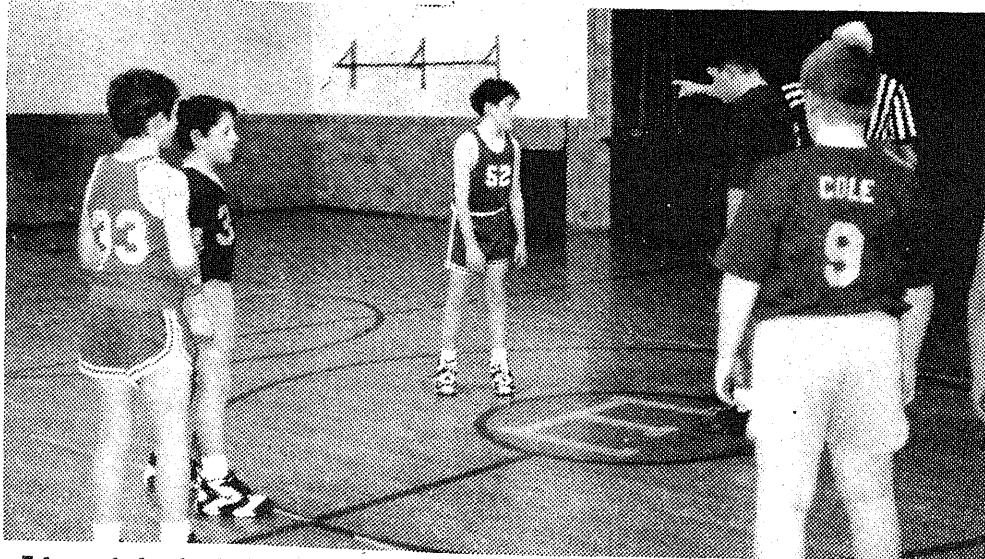
Gordon Beedle, Krystel Birchfield, David Bismack, Tim Bruce, Kayleigh Champagne, Rebecca Christner, Kari Ciesielski, Kayla Clark, *Chris Creguer, Jeff Dubs, Charles Fagone, Brian Forster, *Kelly Fritz, Chad Gardner, *Morgan Gottschalk, *David Gross, Chris Heiden, Joshua Heilig, Luke Herford, *Tara Herford, Lee Ann Hildreth, Troy Hildreth, Diana Humphrey, Katie Ignash, Kellee Ignash, *Sara Jimkoski, Quinn Kilgus, Troy Kilgus, *Kristen Kreh, Rusty Krohn, Angel Kula, Crystal Kula, *Brandi Langley, An-



Elkton 3rd grade student Danielle Tibbits is the winner of the 2nd 9-week \$50 Savings Bond drawing, which is given by the Bay Port State Bank.

thony Lesoski, Ryan Manial, *Chris Mauch, *Robbie McFarland, Krista Miller, Ryan Osantoski, Chad Peyerk, David Reibling, Natalie Reynolds, Jessica Rokicki, Adam Rosenthal, Kyle Russell, *Matthew Santos, Anthony Schember, Jason Shaw, Jessica Talarek, *Nicole Thompson, *Danielle Tibbits, Rebecca Tibbits, Traci Tyler, Adrian Walden, *Michael Weiderhold, *Dan Weidman, Tim Wheeler, Kim Wiederhold, Eric Wissner, John Zaleski, *Ashley Ziel, Brandon Zinger.

CONGRATULATIONS!



5th grade basketball is in full swing. Pictured is Elkton 5th grader, Kyle Russell, as he sinks a free throw.

LAKER JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

By Dick Pauly

At the time when the Holiday Season has been placed to rest and a new marking period has started, we expect things to moderate and take on a serene and quiet facade. Not so, at an active and bustling Laker Junior High School.

Primary and most important to all of us at the Junior High is the continued academic progress and success of our students. The daily and weekly progress is being monitored and assessed. Parents and guardians can expect the third **Progress Report** of the year to be sent out via mail on February 27.

I recommend that any concerns from these reports be directed to the Junior High office. Together, we will discuss all questions, make recommended referrals and tackle any pending needs that may arise.

On a lighter and of secondary importance are the many extra-curricular activities that are finishing or in the planning stages. We have just completed our boys basketball season which has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience for the 7th and 8th grade players and their family and friends.

We really appreciate the support our program receives from our school district, coaches, faculty, parents, cheerleaders and community. This special support helps to make all our programs a significant and healthy experience for our students.

We are happy to announce our **academic track program** is beginning to take shape. Mrs. Dickens is putting together a fine program. The students are meeting with coaches and preparing for our upcoming season.

The first Junior High volleyball game is only 1 week away. Our first match is scheduled for February 27.

The following students should be congratulated for 1st Semester Perfect Attendance: 6th Grade: Melissa Bresky, Matt Bruce, Trisha Clark, Jeremy Deming, Matthew Deming, Gary Fagone,

Melissa Fritz, KC Gaeth, Jordon Gruehn, Gary Haley, Wanda Hebert, Travis Lee, Aaron Licht, Carly McCormick, Cory McLean, Michael McQueen, Larry Mousseau, Shawn Orlik, Robert Radtke, Melany Tice, Keith Voelker. 7th Grade: Joe Beedle, Brian Champagne, Julie Champagne, Kristine Gettel, Eric Heintz, Christopher Otto, Melissa Pitts, Matthew Reibling, Stephanie Siewert, Selena Wood. 8th Grade: Crystal Bresky, Debi Cherry, Candice Deming, Jason Diebel, Sharon Hebert, Beth Herford, Nick Kleinfeld, Charles Krohn, Melanie Rathje, Matthew Schaefer, Amanda Schember, Jason Swartzendruber, Jeff Wiederhold, Jeffrey Zarnke.

The best dinner program of the year was last Thursday, February 16. The LJH School's annual Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. As you know, the proceeds from this year's gala event help defray costs of our 3 class trips. A delicious menu of spaghetti, coleslaw, homemade garlic bread, homemade desserts, coffee and milk was enjoyed by everyone.

Many thanks go out to our staff, students, parents and community members who helped make this our best year ever.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school or home.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 27 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- February 27 Jr. High Volleyball at USA
- March 2 Jr. High Volleyball vs Bad Axe 8th Away/7th Home
- March 6 In-Service Day- No School for Students
- March 6 Jr. High Volleyball vs Cass City, Home
- March 7 Academic Track, Bad Axe
- March 9 Jr. High Volleyball vs Bad Axe 8th Away/7th Home
- March 13 Jr. High Volleyball at Cass City
- March 14 Academic Track, USA

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS TAKE SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST



On January 28, the following students gave up a Saturday morning to take the SAT test which is normally not taken until the junior year of high school.

Front row, Wanda Hebert, Heather Creguer, Hollie Rathje, Jessica Weidman, Kim Langley. Back row, Garret Buehler, Charles Krohn, Eric Deming and Jeff Zarnke. Not shown but taking the test was Sarah Rummel.

These students were invited to take this test because of scores of 95% or higher on math and/or verbal sections of grade level standardized tests. The students may be eligible for a number of gifted and talented summer programs offered by the Huron Technological Center, and several colleges and universities.

LAKERS STRIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE... EVERY DAY