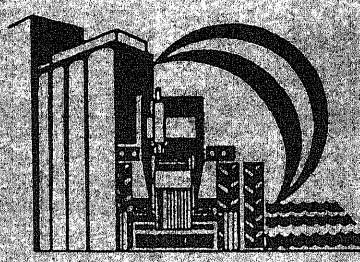


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These pheasants may call Huron their new home!

By DUANE GUENTHER

The DNR is looking for prime places to release a new strain of blackneck pheasants this spring, and according to Huron County Commissioner Bruce Kuhl, Huron and Tuscola Counties are high on the list.

The pheasant plants are the culmination of a Michigan/China pheasant transaction that began in December, 1983. At that time, through the "sister-state" trade relationship, both pheasants and pheasant eggs were presented as a gift, rather than an exchange, to the State of Michigan by the Province of Sichuan. Final arrangements for accepting the gift were made during Governor Blanchard's trade mission to China the next year.

Originally, 23 Blackneck Pheasants survived the trip from Cheng du, the capitol of Sichuan, and were delivered to the DNR Wildlife Facility in Mason. Soon after, a 3-man team of DNR and Michigan State University wildlife specialists, headed by DNR pheasant specialist Pete Squibb, arrived in China to supervise selection and transfer of 1,000+ pheasant eggs to the Mason Game Farm outside Lansing.

The eggs were collected by Sichuan residents, packed in preformed foam rubber layers, and placed inside 24-quart coolers to protect the eggs from external handling and also maintain a constant internal temperature during shipment.

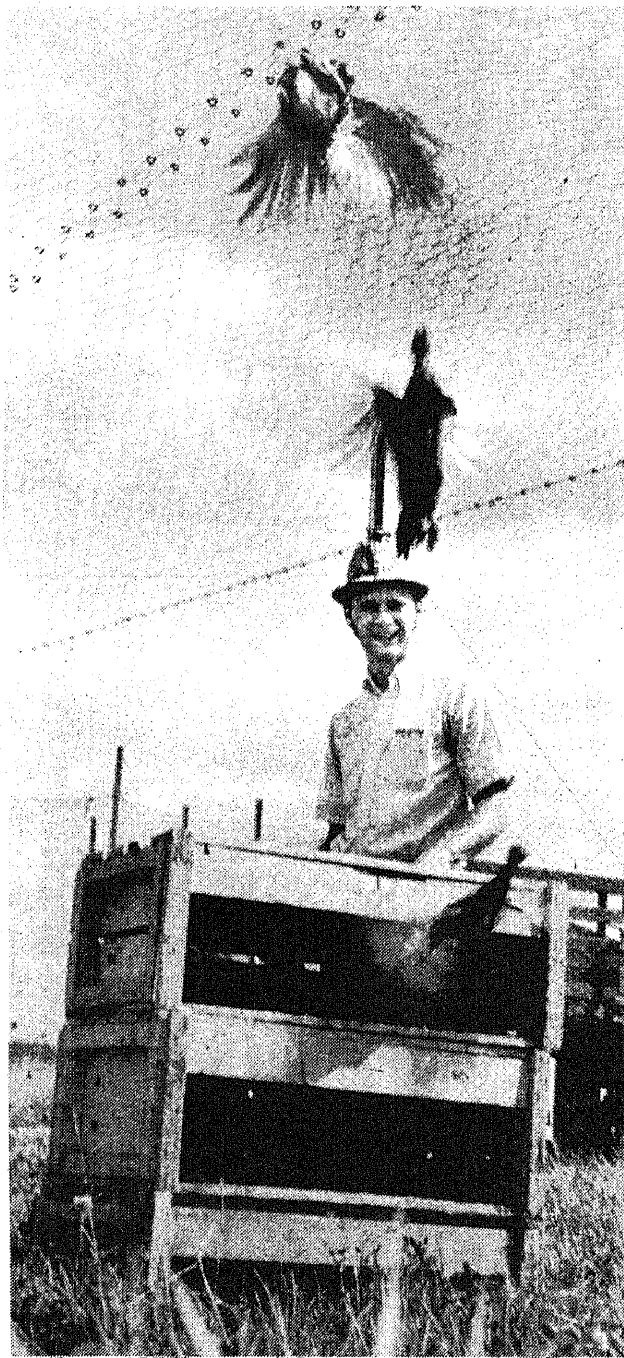
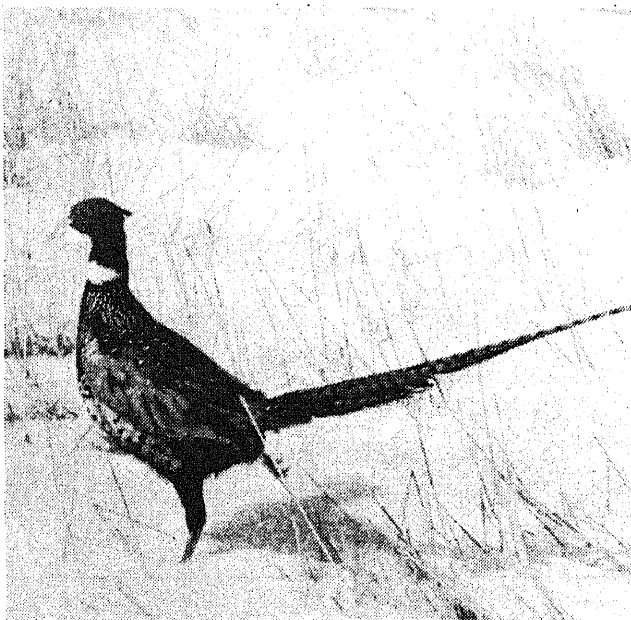
The eggs made the perilous journey via foot, vehicle, rail, and finally air with a limited mortality rate. Once they cleared the USDA's quarantine for disease, they arrived at the Mason facility, were hatched, and became the breeder flock for the anticipated release of their chicks this spring.

The Blackneck Pheasant is not the first Asian bird to be released in Michigan. Ninety-one years ago, in 1895, a similar transplant was carried out by private individuals with the Chinese Ringneck Pheasant, and results were astonishing. In less than 30 years, this specie had increased sufficiently to allow a hunting season, and pheasant hunting has been a fall tradition ever since.

However, recent improvement in technology, farming techniques, urbanization, and industrialization has left the Chinese Ringnecks in bad shape.

From its peak in the 40's and 50's, when 600,000 hunters bagged more than 1 million birds a year, pheasant hunting has declined to an annual harvest of less than 100,000 birds. It is hoped that the Blackneck Pheasant may be just the ticket to get pheasant hunting back to its old form.

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PHEASANTS COMING: Chinese Blackneck Pheasant chicks, hatched last June from egg shipments from Sichuan, China, may be released in the Thumb Area - requiring several years of "no hunting" to allow the birds to multiply.

These file photos of DNR Officer Tom Nederveld from 1971 show a similar release of Korean Pheasants.

Geiger, McCormick, Licht, Armbruster winners

David Geiger says he's "surprised but very happy" to be elected as the Republican candidate for Pigeon Village President, in Monday's Primary Election. He received 103 votes to 78

for John Schaefer and faces no printed ballot opposition in the March 10 General Election.

"I wanted it, definitely. I've got some ideas to run the town properly, with

Council's help," Geiger said Tuesday. He served one term as a Village Trustee, and replaces the outgoing Norris Diebel, who did not seek re-election.

Incumbent Council

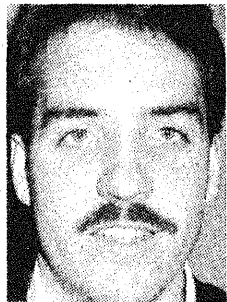
member Dave McCormick led the three winners Monday, receiving 127 votes. Former member Ken Licht was next with 113 votes, followed by incumbent Jim Armbruster with 110. The next three hopefuls included Mike Gehrs with 93 votes, Tim Tait with 57 and Lynn Brown with nine.

The remaining three candidates were unopposed. Top vote-getter in the village was Village Treasurer Janet Heckman, with 150, followed by Assessor Roy Lawrence with 143. Clerk Bob Brown, Jr., received 91.

About 32% of Pigeon's eligible voters cast ballots, as 189 of nearly 600 persons voted Monday.



Dave Geiger
 Village President nominee



Dave McCormick



Ken Licht



Jim Armbruster

Primary Election winners from among six candidates

'Talented dozen' named State Farmers from Lakers

Twelve members of the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port High School Future Farmers of America Chapter have been named to receive the State Farmer Award - 12 of just 188 presented statewide.

They are:

Chad Seley
 Matt Herford
 Jeff Krohn
 Dale Smithers
 Tim Schuette
 Dan Block

Paul Renn
 Michael Voelker
 Barry Maust
 Jeff Smith
 Troy Schuette
 Jim Deering

Learn more about this group - and FFA in general - beginning on Page 14 this week. Laker FFA Advisor is Don Wheeler.

SALUTE TO LOCAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA - OUR FUTURE "FEEDERS" - ON CENTER PAGES!



TWO GETTEL STORES, Gettel's Inc., of Sebawaing and Gettel Implement Company of Pigeon, were honored last week by John Deere Co., with the "Circle of Excellence Award" based on the largest percentage increase of consumer product sales that both stores achieved in 1985. The awards were presented by Jerry Wolford, of Caro, 2nd from right, Deere Company representative, to Ervin Haley of Pigeon, 2nd from left, and Lloyd Adam of Sebawaing, 3rd from left, representing their respective stores. At left is Mark Gettel, manager of the Pigeon store, and at right is Herb Gettel, manager of the Sebawaing store. The award was a statue with the John Deere emblem.

The Bay Port P.T.O. would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who contributed to the Bay Port Winter Carnival.

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If We Failed To Mention Your Name We Apologize

'Family Day' set at B-Ball tourney

This Saturday promises to be an enjoyable day for the entire family at the Pigeon P.T.O. annual Basketball Tournament.

The name is slightly misleading, however, because there will be lots more than sports during the day's events.

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the opening of the concession stand. On the menu will be orange juice, pop, hot dogs, chili, donuts and other refreshments.

Basketball action will start at 10 a.m. with the following schedule: 10-11 a.m., Elkton Girls vs. Pigeon Girls (LJH gym); 10-11 a.m., Bay Port Girls vs. Elkton Girls (LHS gym), 11 to 12, Bay Port Boys vs. Elkton Boys (LJH gym), 11 to 12, Elkton Boys vs. Pigeon Boys (LHS gym), 12 to 1, Girls Losing Teams (LHS gym), 1 p.m., players and cheerleaders receive certificate and raffle winners are drawn, 1:30-2:30, Boys Losing Teams (LHS gym), 2:30-3:30, Girls Championship Teams (LHS gym), 3:30-4:30, Boys Championship Teams (LHS gym).

Also planned during the day are a BakeWalk, with

cakes, pies, cookies, sweet roll, etc. being given away to lucky winners. Bingo will also be offered to those 18 years and older, with lots of prizes given away. Children's games will include a prizewalk, duck pond, guessing games and

clown make-up. When children tire of games, they can watch PRERE movies, which will be going on all day.

For more information, contact Sue Geiger at 453-3939 or Sue Meyersieck at 453-2574.

Area school lunch menus

Week of Feb. 24-28

CASEVILLE SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Ravioli or goulash, bread and butter, ala carte; hamburger.

TUESDAY: Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, bread and butter.

WEDNESDAY: Ham burgers or hot dogs and french fries.

THURSDAY: Sloppy joe or submarine sandwich, corn.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich or ham sandwich, scalloped potatoes.

LAKER SCHOOLS

Second choice all week: sloppy joe on bun, Pizza will be on the menu everyday at the junior high and high school.

MONDAY: Pizza boat.

TUESDAY: Lasagna.

WEDNESDAY: Cheesy pizza.

THURSDAY: Golden chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy.

FRIDAY: Chicken noodle soup with tuna sandwich or sloppy joe.

CROSS LUTHERAN MONDAY: Meatloaf, Baked potato, corn or peas, bread, milk.

TUESDAY: Fish sticks, pizzaburger, fries, peaches or pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Submarine sandwiches, fries, relishes, applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken with dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple, bread, milk.

FRIDAY: Spaghetti, lettuce salad, apricots or pears, bread, chocolate milk.

Club news

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

The weekly meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens was conducted Tuesday, Feb. 11 with 35 members attending.

Herniece Edt gave the table prayer. "America" was sung and the Pledge to the Flag given. A new song, "The Senior Citizen's Song" was sung, with copy provided by Bessie Furness.

The group was thanked for saving Campbell Soup labels, of which 175 were sent in last week. Credit is given to Mrs. Irene Hallitt for collecting 150 labels and sending them to the club with Alvina Walsh.

A cheer card was signed for Doris Kellerman, who has been absent for a long time.

Program Chairman Edna Wakefield entertained with several games and songs with the Valentine theme.

Ella Mae Hollingshead, Ray English, Clayton Gemmill and Buelah Motz took part in the play, "The Good Witch" and made "Cooperation Cookies," which were distributed to members along with candy hearts with mottoes printed on them.

Next week's program chairman will be Ardis Gemmill.

Members expressed a desire to see the "Snowbirds" return in the spring, and wish them warm and sunny weather while they are down south.

You're reading The Progress-Advance and we appreciate it.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT !!

It's a Print Extra AP Style

Truth, justice Presses -30- Now is the time for Stop the Galley

OBSERVATIONS BY PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM ! NAME DROPPING -- Ready for some talked-about folks? Ed and Arline Schmock have again sent us some interesting clippings from their Fort Myers (Fla.) Press. They note that beautiful southwest gulf area is "the fastest-growing spot in Florida," and their clippings show some of the "locals" don't appreciate such snowbirds!

One letter said, "While retirees may bring extra money into our economy, is it really worth the extra expense and aggravation they cause?"

Another mentioned that some REAL snowbirds (robins, actually) can get "berry tipsy" by gorging themselves on ripening berries of Brazilian pepper trees -- so they start acting drunk. The berries are toxic and burn the insides of the birds' mouths, sometimes killing them. Rest and water help the birds recuperate, the story says.

Ed and Arline say they look forward to the weekly arrival of their P-A from the Thumb. "Five or six couples here are interested in seeing your paper as soon as we get it. Our circulation of one copy gets lots of readers! Keep up the good work!" they tell us. We will, and thanks for writing, friends!

Hiroaki Tomioga holds a world's record. And YOU probably didn't even know it!

Tominaga out-ate New York's Oscar Rodriguez to capture the world's hot-dog eating contest at Nathan's Coney Island restaurant this week. The Japanese student wolfed down 10 1/2 franks and buns in 10 minutes, out-burping Rodriguez by one dog. Pass the onions -- and the antacid!

You probably don't know who Pat Parker of Saginaw is. I don't. But at least one local person does.

Ms. Parker is the new full-time manager of the Alpha Theatre Project, Inc., of Saginaw, which presents local comedy, drama and other live presentations through a Michigan Council for the Arts grant.

The Alpha Theatre people will be presenting the wonderful O. Henry story "The Ransom of Red Chief" this Friday, Feb. 21 at the truly sensational Temple Theatre in downtown Saginaw, with a 7:30 p.m. curtain. Those attending will be treated to a prelude on the Temple's "Golden Voiced" Barton Organ -- worth the admission by itself. For tickets, call 790-3199.

Ms. Parker, a Hemlock native, has worked with the largely-volunteer Alpha group for almost three years. She was a college roomie and "best woman" at P-A staffer Margaret Kra's wedding to hubby John too.

Best wishes (and break a leg), Pat Parker!

The Detroit News was officially taken over Tuesday by Gannett Company. Neither the News nor Detroit Free Press is making money, analysts say, but Sunday's News weighed in at 156 pages -- including 66 very profitable pages of classified ads.

Watch for a more fun News soon, featuring USA Today-like shorter stories. Plus, I bet the 20-cent News (and Free Press) will cost more soon, too! That's how Gannett operates... -- 30 --

ROCK & ROLL IS HERE -- Ten people and groups were inducted into the new "Rock & Roll Hall of Fame" recently. They include Elvis Presley, James Brown, Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, Fats Domino, Ray Charles, Little Richard, 'e Evely Brothers, Sam Cooke and Buddy Holly.

No exact site has yet been picked for this unique place, but Cleveland is in the forefront. Why not locate it here in Pigeon? All you'd need is about \$1 million... -- 30 --

BY THE WAY -- Some not-so-crazy people have talked in past years about building an outside, glass-lined elevator to provide views of the area from the Co-Op Elevator silo top in the center of Pigeon. The head house is 185 feet above ground and that's the tallest site in at least three counties (probably more).

I've been up there and you can see past the Charity Islands and across Saginaw Bay, plus 15 or more miles in every direction. Hmm... add a skytop restaurant and you'd have a first-class tourist attraction... -- 30 --

SARAH AND ANDY UPDATE -- Time again to talk about the two best reasons Sally and I work as hard as we do. Sarah Bananas Rummel turns five next week, and she's looking forward to a special party -- and a "five-head" instead of her present "four-head!" (Actually, former P-A owner George Hartman joked about the five-head of the present P-A Publisher 31-plus years ago!)

Anyway, pre-schooler Sarah is just finishing up a nice batch of chicken pox, which made her look like a dot-dot-dot game she likes so much. Sarah knows how to read a number of words, still LOVES coloring and drawing, enjoys helping Dad bake and Mom cook -- and can beat either of us at games of Sorry!, Candyland, Memory and hide-&seek! She's really a joy.

Her 1 1/2-year-old brother Andy is usually Sarah's opposite. He's stocky, roly-poly and LOVES eating (almost anything), while his sleek older sis is slightly more picky, dining-wise. Andy is ALWAYS busy, climbing, digging and "rearranging" our whole house.

He's working on about 10 words, but really doesn't care if he knows more. A good gesture and a (very) loud grunt gets his point across. Andy naps two hours most afternoons, and has a completely tucked-out Mom and Dad relaxing after his 7:30 p.m. bedtime...

To those nice people around us who (often) tell me they like these little family paragraphs, thanks. And to those who don't care to see them, bear with me. The last one of these appeared Oct. 16 -- that's four months ago! -- 30 --

WISH I'D SAID THAT -- "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." (Helen Keller)

LAS VEGAS FUN

Pigeon Chamber of Commerce President Mike LePage, left, sells a "lucky" ticket to Bob Armbruster of Pigeon, as ticket sales begin for the Chamber's first "Las Vegas Night" on St. Patrick's Day -- Monday, March 17.

The evening begins with a 6:30 p.m. Happy Hour, followed by all types of roulette, card and other games at 7:30 p.m., at the Pigeon VFW Hall. About 10:30 p.m. that night, \$1500 in prizes will be auctioned off to the persons who win the most "play money" that night, LePage says.

Tickets are available at several local businesses or from any Chamber member. Proceeds will go toward Community Beautification projects, he says.

RICH SWARTZENRUBER PHOTO



Elkton Chamber to meet Feb. 24

Members of the Elkton Chamber of Commerce are invited to a Kick-Off Dinner on Monday, Feb. 24 at The Hitching Post Inn.

Speaker will be Jon Krecun of the Frankenth Chamber of Commerce. Reservations must be in by Feb. 20. Call Shirley Cunningham at 375-2780 for more information.

Ginter retains Elkton post



Darlene Ginter

Incumbent Village Clerk Darlene Ginter won the right to again seek the post she now holds, in Monday's Primary Election in Elkton.

She defeated challenger Janet Santos 60-40, for the Republican nomination to the March 10 General Election. No ballot candidate appears for the Democratic nomination.

About 21% of the eligible Elkton voters cast ballots Monday. In all, 107 of about 500 votes were recorded.

No other Elkton candidates had opposition -- yet. Incumbent Village President Elmer Ropp won re-election with 82 votes. Assessor Phyllis Tamblin received 80 and Clerk Dennis Learman had 79.

The three Republican incumbent Council members were unopposed for the three seats. Barbara Thompson had 73 votes. Terry Heck received 67 and David Fisher 65.

The lone Democratic candidate, Neilan Hoffman, received three votes. He and the three Republicans will vie for three positions March 10.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

HURON AG VALUES DOWN 11%

Huron County Equalization Director Sandra Drews has announced tentative ratios and factors for seven classes of property in all townships and cities for 1986. The figures are to be applied against the "pure" 50% state equalized value figure used to determine property taxes.

Ratio figures greater than 50.00 result in factors less than 1.0, the multiplier applied against a property's SEV amount. Ag values have dropped by an average of nearly 11% county-wide, the figures show, with Port Austin Township the biggest loser at 21.5% down from last year.

Oliver Township's ag values are dropping about 11%, while residential lands are rising more than 14%. Most residential property figures have held steady or dropped slightly. Lake Township's residential values are up 9.85%, while Sebawaing's rise is 2.7%.

Western Thumb townships, with ratios and factors for agriculture and residential properties, are:

BROOKFIELD: ag 54.62 ratio and 91.541 factor, res 49.19 and 1.0;

CASEVILLE: ag 56.35 and 88730, res 45.89 and 1.08956; CHANDLER: ag 53.70 and 93117, res 49.63 and 1.0;

FAIR HAVEN: ag 52.65 and 94963, res 51.08 and 97886; GRANT: ag 55.01 and 90893, res 51.44 and 97201;

LAKE: ag 57.02 and 87683, res 45.52 and 1.09842; MCKINLEY: ag 56.19 and 88984, res 55.13 and 90695;

OLIVER: ag 56.11 and 89103, res 43.80 and 1.14155; SEBEWAING: ag 56.16 and .89031, res 48.66 and 1.02754, and

WINSOR: ag 55.20 and .90580, res 50.0 and 1.0. These tentative figures can be changed by actions of assessors, boards of review, Huron County Commissioners and the State Tax Commission, Drews points out.

HIGH WATER WORRIES... Lake Huron shoreline property owners who've been battling to save their homes from erosion will see all-time record high water levels this summer -- and more damages, says the state Department of Natural Resources.

Shoreline damage from storms is expected to be extensive due to the water height, and the state is advising homeowners to start planning now to move their endangered homes away from eroding lake bluffs.

The DNR is offering low-interest loans of up to \$25,000 to help move such homes, through its Emergency Home Moving Loan Program. Such plans were discussed with 80 homeowners last week at a DNR information meeting in Port Sanilac.

Construction of breakwalls and bulkheads should be a last resort, DNR spokesmen said, since they are expensive to build and require permits from both the DNR and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. More information is available through the DNR Office in Imlay City.

CAN'T STATE SET LEVELS? Why have Great Lakes water levels been so high in the past 20 years? DNR officials say above-average rainfall in 15 of the last 19 years is one reason. Lake Huron is nine inches higher now than it was last February, records indicate.

Lake levels usually rise in the spring when snow melts and the rainfall increases, and another eight to 10 inches could be measured this summer.

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As we see it editorially Big job ahead for Historical Society

Last week's decision by the Pigeon Village Council to approve a 99-year lease for the long-vacant train depot in the center of town puts the very large burden of responsibility directly onto the shoulders of the Pigeon Historical Society. Obviously, if the Society has its way, a museum will slowly spring into life on that site -- which would be a definite asset to the entire area.

The \$1 per year rent may be affordable and the growing interest in such a project is commendable, and we wish the Society best wishes toward its goal. But we should all remember it's a long, long road from a good concept to the reality of a workable museum -- and many, many dollars must be spent along the way.

Determining just where those dollars will come from, if anywhere, should be the immediate goal of all persons interested in this project. If you weren't certain before, the Pigeon Historical Society needs your help now! At present, the Society has 31 members. That's up considerably from past years since Pigeon's Diamond Jubilee celebration in 1978, when the original museum opened in the former First United Methodist Church parsonage on Michigan Avenue. Interest had fallen nearly to nothing in recent years, following that euphoric "high" of activity.

The Historical Society needs more hands, minds, checkbooks and hearts -- especially from younger people -- if the doors to this museum will ever open. The \$3200 now in the group's treasury can be spent on just ONE-TENTH of the building's needs, and the Society knows it. Members hope the combination of elbow grease and increased gifts will make the museum a reality.

Imagine the historical attractions such a museum could offer! Agricultural tools from long ago and old-time fashions or store items could be displayed. Hundreds of old photos and maps are available, too, as are more personal items which families will be willing to lend to a bona-fide museum.

But we cannot lose sight of the great -- and continuing -- need for money, money, money. It's known as the root of all evil because it's at the base of almost everything, good and bad. Besides massive amounts of money, the Historical Society will need much of the aforementioned donated labor, too.

That's where your help is needed. That train depot has a great deal of its own history, as it has silently witnessed the birth and expansion of a town from its rail crossroads. Doughboys left for World War I from that place, and most returned to outstretched family hands waiting at the depot.

We hope one of two improvements occurs, relating to that vacant building. Hopefully, the Historical Society can set an attainable fundraising goal for restoration through its April 20 reed organ concert and other funding methods. If not, we trust the Society will gracefully relinquish its right to the building, in a timely manner, so other plans may be tried. At least two for-profit groups were eyeing the vacant building.

A Pigeon Historical Museum would be a wonderful asset to the entire area. It could be the repository for many artifacts recalling this era for future generations. Best wishes to the Historical Society members in their pursuit. Their ideas and dreams deserve realization! And remember, they need YOUR help!



ROSES and THORNS

By MARK KARLS TV Evangelists: Financial Bottom Line

The reason I chose money as the opening topic in considering TV evangelists is that money is the primary focus of conversation when this subject is discussed.

I personally have a very difficult time discussing money in the ministry. I have never yet met a person who was turned off to Christianity because of Jesus Christ. The turn-off inevitably comes because of people who call themselves Christians acting very un-Christianlike, and money has a major role in that scenario.

About a year ago a gentleman who lives in another state informed me he gives \$25 per Sunday to his home church and quickly added the words, "That's a pretty good gift."

Up until that time I was not much interested in what people gave to various ministries. As a pastor I believe it is none of my business what people give to my church -- that is between each person and God. There are two strategic reasons why my knowing what people give would ruin this church. First, it would stifle my ministry -- low givers would withdraw from me out of guilt and high givers would overburden me with special expectations. And second, Jesus is very clear in the Sermon on the Mount that a person would lose his or her spiritual reward if people found out how much was given (Matthew 6:1-4). What one gives is definitely not for me to know.

But I was caught by surprise with this gentleman's unsolicited confession of giving \$25 per Sunday to his home church. What caught my deep attention was the added phrase, "That's a pretty good gift." In addition, a short time after that experience I overheard several people comment on what a good giver this gentleman must be to his local church.

The whole gist of this situation got me to thinking. I said nothing to either the gentleman or to the others who commented on him... and I will say nothing here as to whether I believe \$25 per Sunday to be a "pretty good gift" or not. That is none of my business.

but it is my business to teach in the area where I believe I have been called to teach, have done my homework and have something of credibility to say. And one such area I have been "called" to comment on is giving to ministries.

The Biblical norm for giving to ministries is 10% of net income (Leviticus 27:30-33, Numbers 18:21-29 and elsewhere). This was a command, not a suggestion. Other offerings (sin offerings, etc.) were over and above the 10%. This norm was never rescinded by New Testament theology. But New Testament theology moved from the law to the heart -- from having to do something to wanting to do something. Hence, I will never tell anyone that he or she should give 10% of income to any ministry.

Moreover, a percentage of income can be deceiving. Ten percent of a \$100,000 income is five times as much as 20% of a \$10,000 income -- plus the remaining 90% of the larger income

that the giver has left to live on is nine times the entire lower income. I believe Jesus made the record very clear when he several times gave parables and teachings that to whom much is given much MORE will be required (Luke 12:48 and elsewhere).

Hence, I perceive the 10% norm to be the minimal percentage for low incomes. And higher incomes should be looking at far more than 10%. Ron Sider (a perceptive Mennonite who wrote "Rich Christians in An Age of Hunger") was very Scriptural in his idea of a sliding percentage scale for giving. I would not preach the specifics that he did, because the percentage of income is again between each giver and the Lord.

But Sider gets us thinking by proposing 10% of the first \$10,000 income, 20% of the second \$10,000 of income etc., so that 100% of everything over \$90,000 goes for various secular and religious ministries.

I mentioned Sider's scale before in this column. But where does this all fit in with TV evangelists? Research in our United Methodist denomination has shown that the national average giving is 2% of income for church members. Our local finance committee has found this to be true here by dividing the annual budget by the number of households in the church and comparing that with a community average household income of somewhere around \$20,000 (some in our community are on poverty, some make six figures and many households have two or more incomes contributing to the household income).

Two and one-half percent is a far cry from the 10% Biblical minimum and our church realizes much more work needs to be done in financial education and I am thrilled with the work that we are doing.

but all of this is to say that there is plentiful resource to support TV evangelism as well as local ministry. My personal thinking (strictly my own thinking, so take it for what it is worth) is that half of the 10% gift should go locally and half elsewhere. TV evangelists are correct when they say you give where you are fed (we do that in restaurants). But you do not dine out until your own house is financially sound, and Scripture calls those who do not take care of the home first as worse than unbelievers (1 Timothy 5:8).

With this, then I have no problems with people giving to other ministries, even when their own home church is financially hurting -- if they individually are carrying their share in the home church. Why should local church members give everything locally just because others are not holding up their end? Hence, I have no questions when visiting member homes and seeing momentos from various ministries for large gifts given, when our church ended the year in the red

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RECOLLECTIONS OF By-Gone Days
By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:
Back in 1918, we had a terrible flu epidemic. Many people are still living who remember it, but unless you are at least 70, you can only tell what people told you.

World War I was going on and they claim soldiers brought it back from Europe. My Grandpa was quite old at the time and he couldn't remember anything else that was as bad.

But he did say they had a disease called the gripe. Almost everybody got it. It was something worse than a cold and people were weak and could hardly walk, but the doctors could handle it.

But they just didn't know what to do with that influenza they had then. And if it turned to pneumonia, it was quite fatal unless you were very strong.

We lost a little girl in our grade at school. I remember having it myself. About the only thing that really helped was whiskey or really strong wine -- and of course hardly anybody had any of that.

I remember my Dad coming home and telling who had it and who had died from it. A lot of boys died in the Army with it and their parents used to go to the camps to take them home.

Our school was out for a long time. When we got back, we were all so weak from having the flu that we behaved pretty well for a while!

Once in a while, there's a flu going around and a lot of people get it. Some get flu shots in the fall and they get so sick from the shots that they'd just as soon have the flu!

There has been some going around lately and I very seldom get anything, but last

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BOOKS COME ALIVE: Fourth graders in Kathi Weidman's Elkton Elementary classroom brought characters to life during biography book reports last week. Pictured above, Abe Lincoln (Missy Prill) tells classmates and teacher his life story (nearby on his Feb. 12 birthday).
Other characters studied included Helen Keller, Anne Sullivan, Susan Anthony and Louis Pasteur, along with contemporary celebrities Alan Shepherd, Olivia Newton John, Cher, Roger Staubach, Allen Trammel and Kirk Gibson.



READY TO REPORT: Dressed for their book reports are, from left, Tracy Macdowall as George Washington, Tim Young as Jim McMahon, Tony Rockefeller as Christopher Columbus and Kerri Fisher as Annie Oakley.
RICH SWARTZENRUBER PHOTOS

Thumb club news

CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB
Ninety-eight members were present at the American Legion Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 11 for the business meeting and Valentine Party of the Caseville Retirement Club.

President Frank Janes asked members to greet their neighbors, then led in The Lord's Prayer before lunch. The business meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag, followed by an introduction of two new members, Louise Bovarsaw and Leo McIlhargie. Thanks were given to Alice Dean, Shirley Ritchie and Ann David for the "earlybird" goodies.

Jeanie Owens gave her secretary's report and Virginia Kreig's treasurer's report, both which were approved. Their efforts were applauded by President Frank Janes.

Tony Zacheretti, chairman of the Advisory Board, reported on the Feb. 25 potluck and the Easter potluck on March 25. The club will furnish turkey as the main dish. John Kavalak was elected chairman of the Perch Festival Parade Float Entry, and volunteer members are needed by April 1.

President and Mrs. Janes held a drawing for five Valentine door prizes. Birthdays celebrated were Tony Neal, Flavin Chapin, Bernard Sieland and Ellen Lawson. Marking an anniversary were Viola and

Walt Hill. Special thanks was given to Chuck and Betty Pudney for all the music and entertainment for the year.

President Janes reported that all members who were in the hospital are now at home. He also thanked all for help on the Valentine party, especially the member who donated decorated cups of Valentine candy.

The meeting adjourned for cards and games, followed by the party. The club furnished the snacks, ham and turkey and side dishes for the later meal.

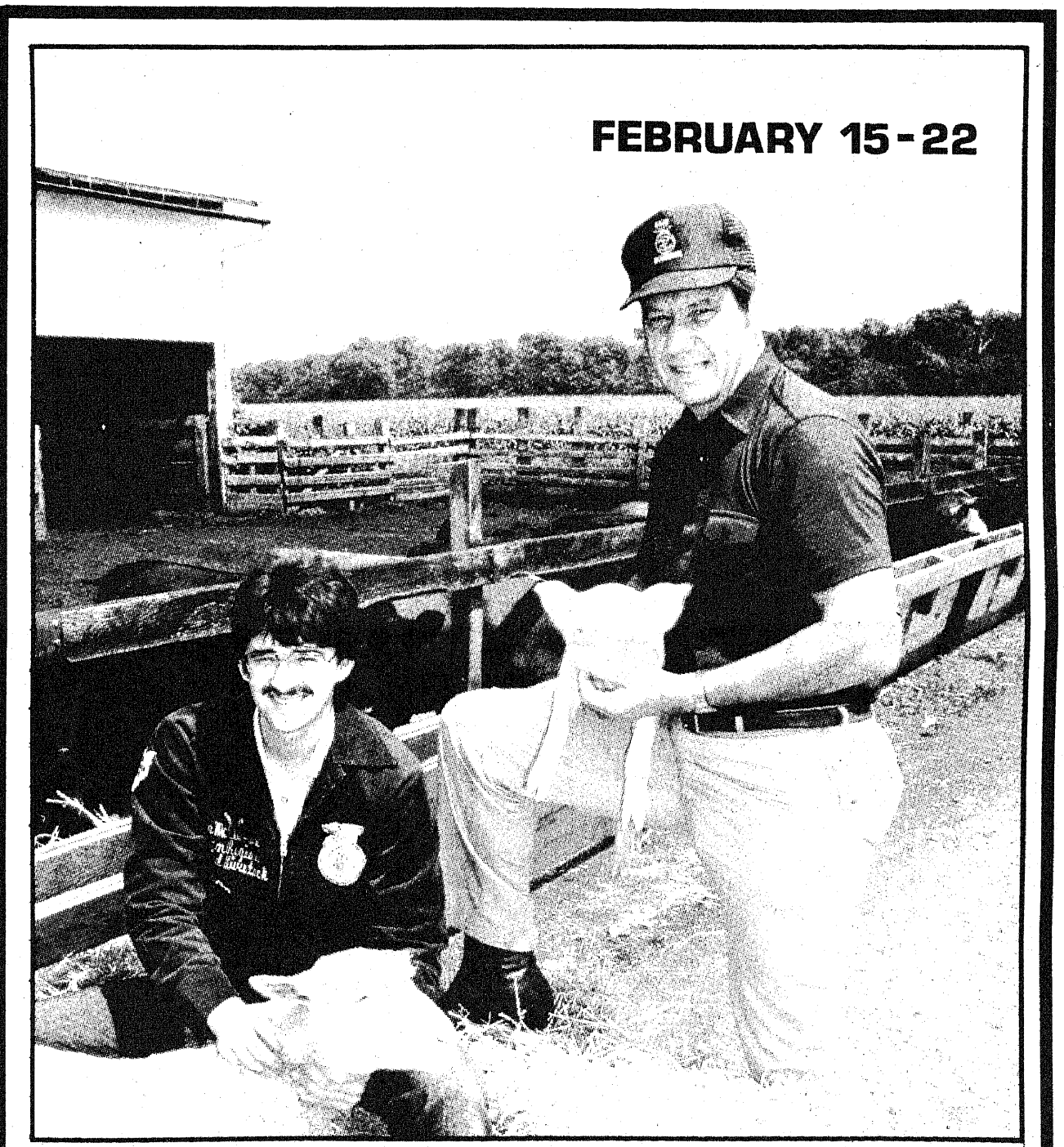
Bingo winner was Ann David. Euchre winners were Andy Lakatos, Marge Heckman, Tony Zacheretti and Muriel Bondy. Pinochle winners were Cassie Koepke, Marie Paljonowski and Hazel Oldford.

President Janes introduced Howard Bedford, saxophone player, with Betty Pudney on the organ and Chuck Pudney providing vocals and drums.

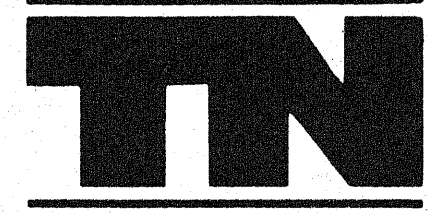
At 5 p.m. Father "Ben" Skornia of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church dropped in to complain of the noise he could hear from the Caseville group! The truth of the matter, he said, was that he really came for the dinner, and then led the group in prayer before the meal.

Father Ben is an honorary member and said he wanted to take advantage of that fact.

After the meal, the music led everyone to the dance floor.



We're proud to honor the bright young people who make up our Future Farmers. Their dedication to learning and doing has been a big asset to this community. Their commitment to the future has played an important role in our growth and progress. As we celebrate F.F.A. Week, we'd also like to say "thanks" to this great organization, for the excellent jobs they do.



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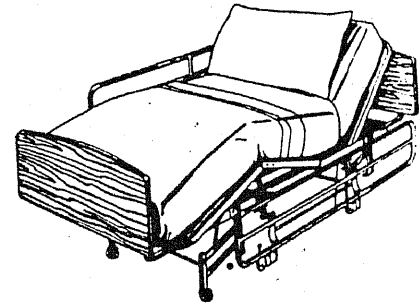
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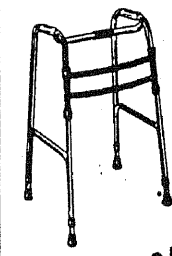
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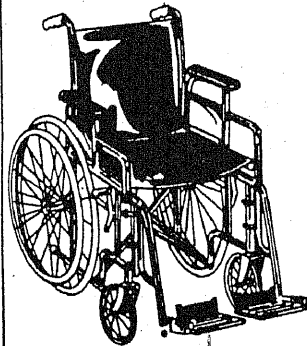
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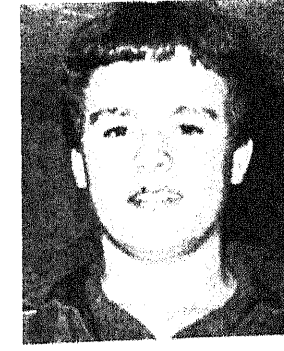
We're asking YOU...

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION, ASKED BY OVIDIA ALARCON:
What is your favorite TV show, and why?



The Bill Cosby Show, because it's humorous and makes me laugh.

Gregg Benda
PINNEBOG



McGyver, because it's an action-filled show with a scientific touch.

Brian Maust
BAY PORT



Miami Vice. All you have to say is Don Johnson! (Without a shirt!)

Dena Barnhart
CASEVILLE



Three's Company. Three friends get along real well and when they do fight, they always work things out.

Mari Smith
PIGEON



Miami Vice, because of Don Johnson. He's a babe and I like the music that's on it, too!

Jenny Whaley
PIGEON



I don't watch much TV, but I like the Cosby Show and Hill Street Blues. They deal with real-life situations and the human condition. I also watch Dan Rather.

Gerald Hershey
PIGEON

Rural ROUND-UP

A weekly briefing of news and information of interest to Thumb Farmers

Top o' the week...

NO SEED CORN: Pioneer Seed Corn won't be grown in the Thumb Area this year, ending summer employment for several hundred high school students and reducing farm income for area seed growers.

Pioneer Eastern Division Plant Manager Barry Grant says he doesn't expect seed corn to be needed from this area, due to excellent yields last year. Also, lower demand for seed this year reduces the need for more additional seed growing this season.

About 1300 acres were planted in seed corn last year, from Cass City through Pigeon to Caseville areas. Hundreds of students are hired each summer to de-tassel corn for seed production. Corn grown here is planted elsewhere to maintain genetic strength.

ACCURACY: Two Elton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" High School Future Farmers of America members are among six county first-place winners in the annual Accurate Acre competition announced last week.

Scott Krohn was named Huron County's best young wheat manager, based on accuracy of record-keeping and management, as well as crop quality and yield. Kel Hill was named the first county winner in the land lab category, for students who do not farm their own land but wish to participate. Hill maintained records of the Laker FFA land.

The two earned Accurate Acre jackets for their prizes, announced during last Thursday's banquet at Laker High. About 500 persons attended.

Other Laker students who received hats and jackets as chapter winners were Dean Deering in soybeans, Ray Erner in corn, Roger Renn in oats and Troy Schuette in navy beans.

The Accurate Acre com-

petition is sponsored by 12 area agri-businesses, including Agri Sales, Co-Operative Elevator Co., Elton Co-op Farm Produce Co., Farm Credit Services, Kemp Tiling and Metzger Spraying Service from this area.

RUNNERS UP: A Bad Axe couple has been chosen as first-runners up in the 1986 Outstanding Young Dairy Couple competition sponsored by Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Leslie and Margo Roth represented District 9 (Huron and Tuscola) and are members of the MMPA Bad Axe Local. They milk about 125 cows and farm 540 acres. State winners announced last week are Gary and Marta Carmichael of Ewart. They'll receive their award at the MMPA Annual Delegate Meeting in East Lansing March 15.

BUY OUT: Dairy producers have until March 7 to register their bids in the whole herd buyout program, a portion of the 1985 Farm Bill. Participants must either sell for slaughter or export all female dairy cattle in which they have a financial interest.

Then, no female cattle will be allowed on their farms in the next five years, as the facility cannot be used for milk production.

Four payment plans are possible during the five-year period, experts say.

The Huron County ASCS Office at 46 Westland Drive, Bad Axe, has more information on the program. ASCS

Director Jimmy LaVoie says, "Don't base your decision on what your neighbor, milk hauler or anyone else tells you. The ASCS Office has the details."

Two workshops sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service offer details on the herd buyout program. They're planned next Monday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Brown City VFW Hall, Brown City, or next Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. at the Sandusky Farm Bureau Building.

For details, call 313-648-2515. MSU marketing experts and Sanilac County officials will lead the discussion.

Thumb Grain MARKETS

at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18
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White Wheat...bu. \$3.15
(Up 9 cents from last week's \$3.06)
March Wheat Futures: 3.20 1/2
NEW CROP: 2.35

Corn...bu. 2.19
(Down 4 cents from last week's 2.23)
March Corn Futures: 2.28 1/2
NEW CROP: 1.81

Oats...bu. 1.10
NEW CROP: 1.00

Soybeans...bu. 5.00
(Down 1 cent from last week's 5.01)
March Soybean Futures: 5.27
NEW CROP: 4.65

Rye...bu. No quote
(Unchanged from last week)

Morex Barley...bu. 1.90
(Unchanged from last week's 1.90)

Navy Beans...cwt. 13.00
(Unchanged from last week's \$12)
NEW CROP: No quote

BEAN RUIN? Unless certain provisions of the '85 Farm Bill are overturned, local bean farmers could be faced with a vast oversupply of beans to "ruin the bean markets for years to come," according to Michigan Bean Commission member LeRoy Schluckebier.

The Richville farmer notes that the present legislation allows wheat or corn farmers being paid to not grow those crops could grow beans on the idled land, resulting in the excess crop.

Both U.S. Rep. Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) and Bill Schuette (R-Sanford) have urged the USDA to reverse that decision allowing beans, popcorn, sunflowers, hay and other crop production on the idled land.

But outgoing U.S. Ag

Secretary John Block doesn't plan to overturn the decision, certain to result in falling bean prices, the lawmakers say.

SURVIVAL: The family farm will overcome present low prices and high costs, U.S. Ag Secretary John Block said in his farewell speech to fellow Ag Department workers last Friday.

"In spite of the dire predictions, the family farm will survive," Block said.

But he warned against over-reliance on government subsidies, either to prop up the ailing domestic ag economy or to fight for lost foreign business.

Block supervised five depressing years as the number one ag man, during a time of record low prices and falling exports.

PUBLIC NOTICE

At a regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Pigeon, conducted on Monday, Feb. 10, 1986 at 7 p.m., the Council passed the following new Village Ordinance:

VILLAGE ORDINANCE NO. 103

An Ordinance to provide for making special assessments for public improvements, including but not necessarily limited to, the construction of streets, storm sewers, curbs and guttering. EFFECTIVE DATE: March 2, 1986.

This new Ordinance is available for public inspection in the offices of the Village Clerk during normal business hours. A copy is available for a nominal fee.

R.B. BROWN, JR.
Superintendent & Clerk
Village of Pigeon

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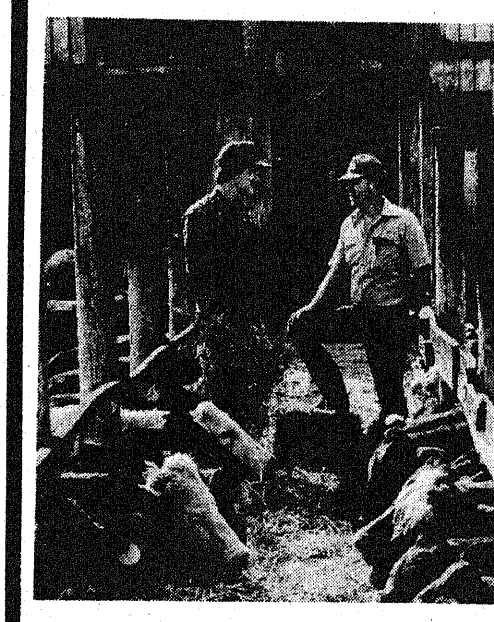
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The Past in Print...



80 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 23, 1906
A county baseball league has been formed. Teams in the league will be Caseville, Pigeon, Uby, Kinde, Bad Axe and Harbor Beach.
Peter Weber has resigned as clerk of McKinley Twp. and the township board appointed Joseph Smith as his successor.

Owendale News: Mert Hughes is building a new home. John Ballagh has purchased the Luke Walsh residence.
George McElmurray has moved to town. George Finkle sold his livery business to Parson Brothers.

Work is being pushed on the Pigeon Planning Mill Co.'s new lumber shed.

Members of the Pigeon Club House have been putting up ice this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, Bay Port, a daughter on Wednesday.

day. He leaves a wife and family.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, McKinley Twp., a daughter on Tuesday.

Forty relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Diefenbach, Pigeon, Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Diefenbach's 65th birthday anniversary.

William Bannick has purchased his old farm south of Pigeon.

G.W. (Wallie) Brown died at his home south of Bay Port.

Solomon Schluchter purchased the stock of the Pigeon Cooperative Store and will continue the business.

The markets: wheat \$1.07; oats 39c; barley \$1.35; buckwheat \$1.50; beans \$3.45; rye 80c; eggs 18c; butterfat 32c.

60 YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 26, 1926
James A. Reeves, 77, former postmaster and village president of Caseville, passed away. He is survived by his wife, five daughters and a son. He was in the fishing business.

Pigeon Community Club will host a farmers banquet next Friday evening at the Hotel Heasty. Committee in charge is H.B. Harder, Loren Bates and Wes Thiel.

Rev. Deichman, pastor of the Linkville Lutheran Church for 30 years, has accepted a call to a church in Germany and he and Mrs. Deichman will leave for their old home in that country after Easter.

At the Elkton village caucus, the following ticket was nominated: George Wilson, Blythe Kellerman, C.M. Beaver, C.M. Faupel, Joseph Roberts, William Ziegler and William Schiele.

50 YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 21, 1936
At this writing we have had 36 days of zero weather. Continuous drifting snow has kept the road plows going

constantly for the past week. Many side roads have been blocked for a week. Both railroads have had considerable difficulty in getting through.

Miss Marguerite Schumacher has accepted a position in the Pigeon post office.

Members of the Volunteer class of the Pigeon Evangelical Sunday School entertained their husbands and friends at a 25th class anniversary banquet Wednesday evening.

Miss Anna Mae Hedley is employed at the Elkton State Bank.

40 YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 22, 1946
S. & S. Motor Sales of Pigeon was sold by Omer Swartzendruber to Thomas Heron, Detroit and Bernard Kreh, Pigeon.

Cpl. Vern L. Geiger of the U.S. Marines was discharged and arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Geiger, Pigeon. He served 27 months overseas.

Another son, Sgt. Clayton R. Geiger, also arrived home with his discharge, having served 3 years in the Army, with 12 months in the Pacific area.

John H. Brinkmeier, 84, died at his home in Pigeon. He is survived by George Schnitker, whom he raised from a small child, a brother and sister.

Mrs. George Wakefield, 76, nee Anna Steinbach, of Soule, passed away Wednesday. Surviving are her husband, three daughters and four sons.

30 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 23, 1956
John Lelonek, Howard Hecht and Harry Klinger were elected as directors of Pigeon Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting at Hotel Vollmer. They replace C.H. Spence, Pinky Oesch and Asel Collins, whose terms had expired.

Ezra Kreh, 79, Pigeon retired farmer, passed away. Surviving are four daughters and three sons.

Mrs. Agnes M. Campbell, 84, widow of Duncan Campbell, a lifelong resident of the Caseville area, died Feb. 14. Surviving are two sons and a daughter.

Herbert H. Kreh, 65, Caseville, died in Phoenix, Ariz., where he was spending the winter. He operated the Greenview Poultry Farm near Caseville. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons.

Pigeon Rotarians and their families attended a roller skating show at Lakeland Area in Caseville Monday evening presented by skaters from the Rolladium in Pontiac.

Preceding the show, dinner was served at the Blue Water Inn, Caseville.

20 YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 24, 1966
Owendale-Gagetown Area School Principal Charles Ellis announced the honor students for the 1966 graduating class. They are valedictorian, Felicia McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vilas McNeill, Gagetown and salutatorian, Elaine Draschil, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Draschil, Owendale.

The property on which the Pigeon Roost Restaurant was located before it was destroyed by fire last week, has been purchased by Jim McCormick Motors, Inc. and will be cleared for an automobile display lot.

Founders Days banquet of Pigeon PTA was attended by 125 persons Monday night. Clarence Gettel was toastmaster and guest speaker was Robert Walsh, Bay City. Mrs. Wayne Miller introduced nine past presidents who were present. Music was by the Vibros, Phil Dast, Dwight Gascho and John Swartzendruber and a ladies trio, Mrs. Marvin McCallum, Mrs. Clare Tosch and Mrs. Herb Yoder.

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35 YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 22, 1951
Miss Shirley Schuette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schuette, was named valedictorian of the graduating class of Elkton Community School. Salutatorians are Donna Leinweber and Connie Swartzendruber.

Mr. and Mrs. John Champagne, Sr., entertained their children and Rev. F. C. Klas at a dinner Sunday at Blue Water Inn, Caseville, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

On Monday evening, 38 administrators and teachers of Huron County met in the Elkton School for a dinner and meeting.

legs suffered when he fell into flames while being carried by his mother from their burning house.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ackerman celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary Monday evening, Feb. 17 with an anniversary dinner at their home. The occasion was also in honor of the 60th birthday anniversary of George Meilus.

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134 on LHS honor roll

Laker High School Principal James Ballard has announced the honor roll for the second marking period and the final semester of the first semester. The roll constitutes a 3.0 or better grade point, with an asterisk denoting "all A's."

SENIORS: Ovidia Alarcon, Brenda Baker, Lisa Bannick, Daniel Block, Todd Brown, Jean Cunningham, Kimberly Dannis, Chris Diachenko, Kim Dubs, Charles Edington, Kris Elenbaum, Angie Faust, Bill Fisher, Wendy Fisher, Robin Fulkerson, *Lisa Gaskill, Penny Haag, Matt Herford, Terry Kauffman, Tim Kempisty, Kent Kern, Sondra Kersten, Susan Kersten, Craig Kimmel, Jeffery Krohn, James McBride, Amber Moore, Lori Nehring, Anne Orth, Kelly Peck,

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Area obituaries

GENEVIEVE ERLA 1902 - 1986

Mrs. Genevieve Erla, 83 of Cass City, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 11.

She was born April 12, 1902 in Detroit and married John Erla on May 1, 1920 in Hamtramck. He passed away June 10, 1968. They moved to Cass City in 1953, where she founded Erla Meat Packing Company.

Her survivors include six daughters; six sons, Richard, Daniel, Donald, Clarence, Arnold and Clark, all of Cass City; 33 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at St. Pancratius' Catholic Church, Cass City. The Rev. Julius Spleet officiated, with burial in Elkland Cemetery.

Other area deaths . . .

Gary Arnott, formerly of Owendale, passed away Jan. 7.
Rev. D.H. Heitner, 67, formerly of Sebawaing, passed away Feb. 2.

Marie (Van DePutte) Reid, 51, of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Owendale, passed away Feb. 2.
Stephanie Pionk, infant daughter of Gary and Lauraine (Edel) Pionk of Ruth, passed away Feb. 4.

Bilbo Robertson, 75, formerly of Caro, passed away Feb. 4.
Elmer Crabtree, 56, of Sebawaing, passed away Feb. 6.
Winnifred McLellan, 76, of Uby, passed away Feb. 7.

Anna A. Sitts, 81, of Pigeon, formerly of Bay Port, passed away Feb. 8.
Doris Hyde, 63, of Bay Port, passed away Feb. 9.

Oswald F. Miller, 84, of Harbor Beach, passed away Feb. 9.
Marie R. Holdwick, 75, of Harbor Beach, passed away Feb. 9.
Irma (Kamm) Crosby, 79, of Reese, with relatives in Fairgrove and Akron, passed away Feb. 9.

Gene A. Bucholz, 40, of Bad Axe, passed away Feb. 10.
Charles M. Temple, 83, of Huron Township, passed away Feb. 10.
Walter C. Lutat, 91, of Caseville, passed away Feb. 10.

Frank J. Golcic, 79, of Port Austin, passed away Feb. 10.
Theresa D. Kreuz, 69, of Port Austin, passed away Feb. 11.
Eltie P. Sturm, 81, of Bad Axe, passed away Feb. 12.

Bertha H. Pietscher, 80, of St. Louis, with relatives in Bad Axe, passed away Feb. 12.
Genevieve Erla, 83, of Cass City, passed away Feb. 12.

Evelyn L. Johnson, 68, of Caseville, passed away Feb. 13.
Bonita M. Keller, 55, of Caseville, passed away Feb. 13.
William J. Kauffman, 72, of Goshen, Ind., formerly of Bay Port, passed away Feb. 13.

Rose A. Peruski, 81, of Minden City, passed away Feb. 13.
Harold J. Peterson, 72, of Hume Township, passed away Feb. 14.
Evelyn Geyer, 82, of Meade Township, passed away Feb. 14.

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Kayla weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. She will join a sister, Marisa, at home.

Paternal grandparents are Norm and Ila Lorentz of Sebawaing. Maternal grandparents are Don and Ruth Olson of East Detroit. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Tillie Olson of Miami, Fla.

A daughter, Erin Elizabeth, has become the newest member of the Mike and Lynn Lorentz family of Owendale, following her birth on Monday, Feb. 17 at 4:30 a.m.

The newborn, who weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 19½ inches long at her birth, is the newest granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newbill of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. John Lorentz of Owendale.

She will join a sister, Emily Lynn, age 20 months, at home.



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DEAR MR. ROSS:

My only prayer now is that you'll read my letter before throwing it away. That's how bad I'm hurting.

I'm a partially disabled vet from Nam. I say partially because my injury is not bad enough to collect disability.

Mr. Ross, I think I got a chance to clean up, had a full belly and a good night's sleep, I might find a steady job that would pay enough to put a roof over my head. At least I'd have a chance at getting one.

When you sleep on the street, wash up in the bus depot and scavenge for food, it's hard to hold your head up. If you're wondering how anyone could let themselves get to this point, I really couldn't answer you.

All I know is, I've been here too long and have had enough. From before the war, I remember there was more to life than just surviving. —T.H., San Francisco, Calif.

DEAR MR. H.: I'll take a chance on you. I'm sure you've had chances in the past, but without one now you may never get out of the rut you're in.

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tional materials is practically nil.

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DEAR MR. ROSS:
It's been 32 years since I saw my mother and sister. For reasons too painful to explain, we were separated and I didn't learn of their whereabouts until two mon-

By PERCY ROSS

ago.

Now that I've found them, I'd give anything to visit them. I am 57, I still work but am only making minimum wage. I can't afford to go see them. I know patience is a virtue, but after 32 years how can I possibly wait another day?

They live in Joplin, Mo., and round-trip fare on the bus is \$275. I don't know how taken they'll be with me, but I've got to go. Please don't give me the brunt end of a "no." It's been my lifelong dream to see the only two women I ever truly loved. —O.W., Sarasota, Fla.

DEAR MR. W.:

I don't blame you for being impatient after 32 years! Make arrangements because you're on your way. The check I've enclosed also will cover the purchase of an inexpensive suit of clothes. Even at 57, I'm sure you'll want to look your very best.

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Owendale group holds Valentine Party

The 51st annual Silent Sister Valentine's Party was conducted Wednesday, Feb. 12 with a potluck supper at the home of Mrs. Dean (Carol) Ellicott of rural Owendale.

Five members with three guests and the silent secretary were present. The table was centered with chery cheesecake made by Alice Ricker. The door prize was awarded to Mrs. Thom (Thelma) Burk. After the meal, "Price is Right" was placed with each person receiving the grocery item they had correctly priced. Carol Ellicott won a prize for correctly guessing the total.

The Brown Bag Auction was a popular event again, with humorous gifts and useful gifts given as a surprise until the purchaser could see what she bid on inside the paper bag. Gifts were opened and new names drawn by the silent secretary for 1987.

New members joining were Mrs. Jeff (Sheila) Pawlak, Mrs. James (Carol) Stein and Mrs. Tom (Sherry) Burk. The amount of dues was raised to \$3 and bills were paid in the amount of \$15.73.

Mrs. Tom Burk, Sr. offered her home for the 1987 party.

Scheurer presents fitness program

Scheurer Hospital, in cooperation with the Huron County Cooperative Extension, will present a four-week health program entitled Fitness-7 on four consecutive Thursdays, Feb. 27-March 20 at the Pigeon District Library.

Two daily two-hour sessions will be offered to the public at 2 and 7 p.m.

Topics such as stress, nutrition, exercise, weight, sleep, alcohol, environment and tobacco will be covered, each by a professional in their respective field.

Week One, Feb. 27, will consist of a general introduction of the topics to be presented in the Fitness 7 program. Each participant will take a health risk appraisal.

The Health Risk Appraisal was devised to help determine which factors in a person's lifestyle may be contributing to one or more of the 12 leading causes of death.

The Fitness 7 program will assist individuals in making sound decisions about health and offer suggestions in making changes in one's lifestyle.

A fee is charged for the program. For more information, call the Scheurer Hospital Community Relations Department at 453-3223.

Owendale news

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood McDonald, Mrs. Barbara McCallum and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dorsch attended funeral services for Marie (Van DePutte) Reid of St. Clair Shores on Thursday, Feb. 6.

HEART TO HEART

Laker High students Wendy Fisher and Dean Deering put their (paper) hearts together on Valentine's Day last Friday.

The Student Council created an individual red paper heart for each Laker High student and faculty member and taped them on the wall in the school's main corridor. Numerous couples and even a trio of hearts soon appeared, though many ended up on clothing or lockers as souvenirs.

Another popular way of showing affection on Valentine's Day was to send a flower, sold by Laker Cheerleaders, to that someone special.

'Brush up' on babysitting skills

Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, will sponsor a Babysitting Seminar on Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the hospital.

The seminar is open to youth age 10 and older who are interested in learning how to become responsible babysitters. Topics will include basic child care, babysitter responsibilities, medical emergencies, fire safety and poison control.

Upon completion of the course, participants will receive a packet of informational materials related to babysitting and a certificate of course completion.

Enrollment is limited. The registration fee includes lunch in the hospital cafeteria. To register, send \$5 with your name, address and phone number to Scheurer Hospital, Community Relations Department, 170 N. Caseville Road, Pigeon, MI 48755 or call 453-3223.

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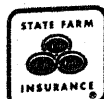
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Laker singers, musicians earn top ratings in competition



VOCAL: Vocal soloists who earned Division I ratings at the District Solo and Ensemble competition on Feb. 8, sponsored by the Michigan State Vocal Association include, from left, Sondra Kersten, Maria Schumacher and Jill Kasserman.



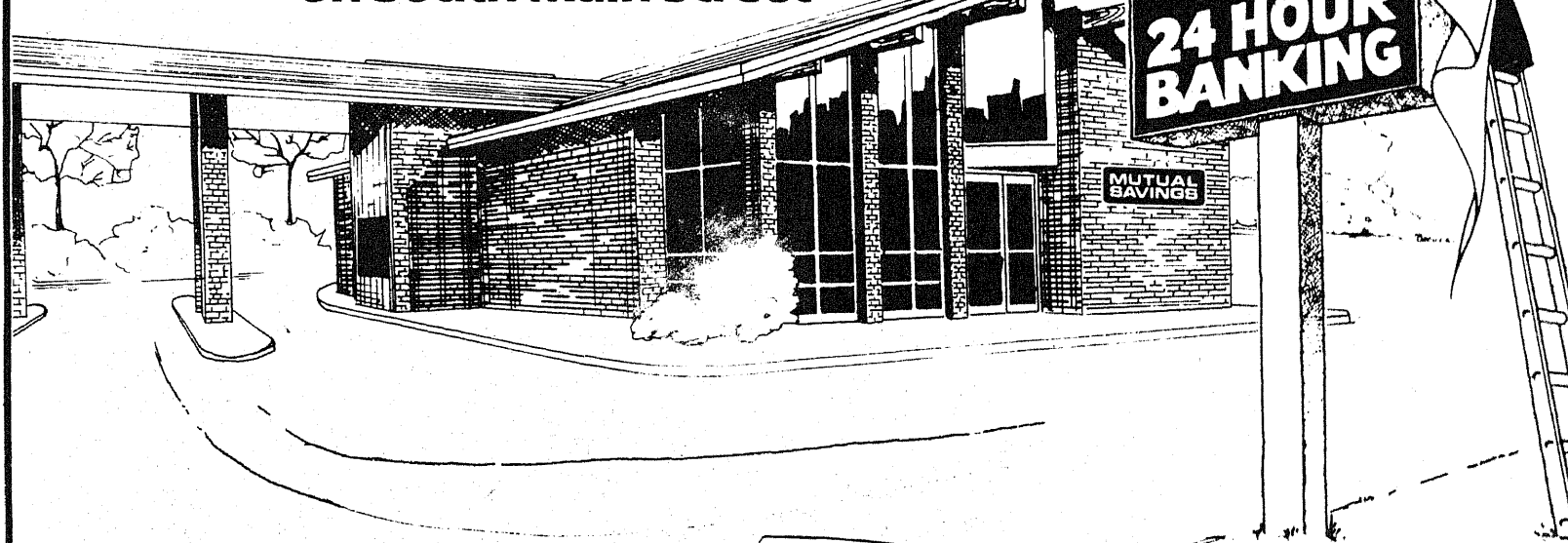
BAND: Division I winners include, in front from left, Beth Bussema, Lisa Anklam, Heather Pudney, Andrea Maust and Julie Leppand. Middle row, Carleen Kauffman, Beth Ann Henry, Clark Harner and Mari Kay Smith. In back, Rod Wertz, Dan Ross, Phil Schadd, Dan Soper, Bryan Wertz and Steve Frazho. Missing from photo is Tom Kauffman.

Laker High School band members took top first division honors in 13 of 15 events last Saturday at the district solo and ensemble competition held in Caro, sponsored by District III Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

Students winning first division ratings are: clarinet trio, Beth Bussema, Heather Pudney and Lisa Anklam; piano solo, Andrea Maust; flute solo, Beth Ann Henry; piano solo, Carleen Kauffman; brass sextet, Rod Wertz, Phil Schadd, Steve Frazho, Bryan Wertz, Dan Soper and Dave Ross; piano duet, Julie Leppand and Andrea Maust; flute solo, Terry Kauffman; drum solo, Clark Harner; piano solo, Mary Kay Smith; flute solo, Carleen Kauffman; trombone solo, Lisa Gaskill; trumpet solo, Phil Schadd. These top first division winners have now qualified for competition at the state level at the University of Michigan, Flint, on March 22.

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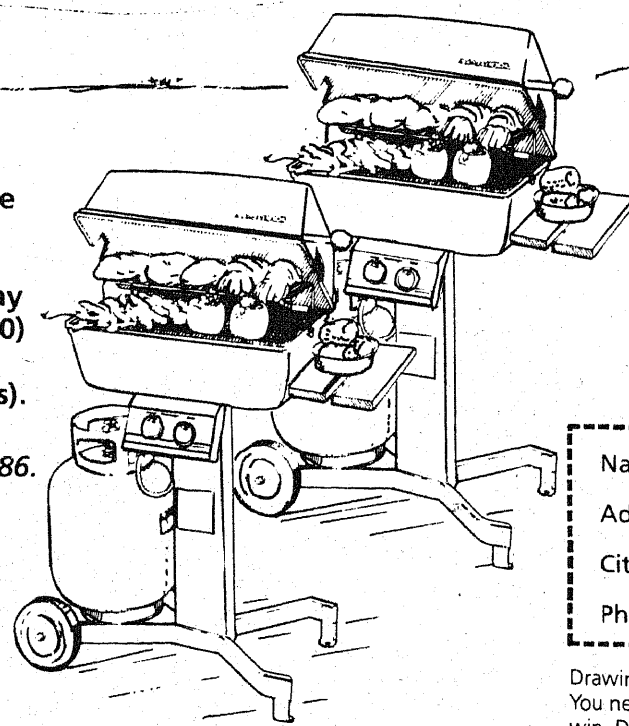
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Laker BOEC members place in regionals

The Laker Business Office and Education Club (BOEC) participated in Regional Competition at Baker Junior College, Flint on Feb. 1.

Laker members placed in the following categories: Su Ruth, first in Economic Awareness and first in General Clerical I; Angi Faust, sixth in Prepare Verb II; Melissa Bambach, seventh in Typing II; Rhod Fluegge, seventh in Record Management I; Cind Findley, semi-finalist. Other winners were BOEC members Lis English, Regina Fluegge, Betsy MacAlpine, Lori Nelson, Bridget Podlaskowski, Jenny Walsh.

The group plans to attend State Competition at the Renaissance Center in Detroit in March.

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EVELYN L. JOHNSON
1917 - 1986

Evelyn L. Johnson, age 68, of Caseville, passed away Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

She was born April 20, 1917, in Dayton, Ohio, daughter of the late Raymond and Marguerite (Webber) Olinger. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 407, Sebewing; a past Worthy Matron of the Caseville Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star; and a member of the Caseville United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Richard (Joyce) Pedler, Caseville, Mrs. Donald (Peggy) Roestel, Pigeon, and Ms. Patricia Gabriel, Warren, five grandchildren, two grandsons and four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Johnston, Reseda, Cal., Mrs. Virginia DeMeester, Mt. Clemens, and Mrs. Frank (Marjorie) Bauer, Sterling Heights; 26 nieces and nephews. One son, one sister and one granddaughter preceded her in death.

Funeral services were 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Caseville United Methodist Church, Rev. Brent McCumons, pastor, officiated with burial in the Caseville Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

ZITA MAE (STELLA) SCHAMEL
1915 - 1986

Zita Mae (Stella) Schamel, age 70 of Pigeon, formerly of Flint, passed away Friday, Feb. 14 at her home.

She was born July 23, 1915 in Shiawassee County, daughter of the late John and Rose (Hamm) Tyrrell. She was a member of the Caseville Retirement Club. On Oct. 18, 1980, she was united in marriage to Clyde H. Schamel at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville, where she was a member.

Mrs. Schamel is survived by her husband, Clyde H.; two daughters, Mrs. Janice Spinney, Flushing, and Mrs. Paul (Bonnie) Korn, Menominee; two step-daughters, Mrs. William (Leonore) Bushor, Maitland, Fla., and Mrs. Alvin (Wilma) Ozminski, Lapeer; one step-son, Michael Schamel, Ludlow, Vermont, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 17 at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. Rev. Fr. Theodore LaMarre officiated, with burial in the church cemetery.

Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home of Pigeon handled arrangements.

WILLIAM J. KAUFFMAN
1913 - 1986

William J. Kauffman, age 72 of Goshen, Ind., formerly of Bay Port, passed away Thursday, Feb. 13 at Greencroft Nursing Home in Goshen, Ind.

He was born June 1, 1913 in Bay Port, son of the late Joseph and Kate (Gunden) Kauffman. On June 14, 1936, he was united in marriage to Alta Gingerich. She passed away Aug. 15, 1976.

Mr. Kauffman is survived by four sons, Carl of Ship-

BONITA MARIE KELLER
1930 - 1986

Bonita M. Keller, age 55, of Caseville, died Thursday, Feb. 13 at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

She was born June 30, 1930, in Pewamo, daughter of the late Charles and Mathilda (Schaeffer) Cook. On Sept. 7, 1950, she was united in marriage to Edward Keller in Pewamo. They moved to Caseville in June, 1981, after her retirement from The Fair store in the Northwest Shopping Center, Flint, where she was employed for 10 years.

Mrs. Keller was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, Big Sisters of America and a past member of the St. Agnes Altar Society of Flint.

Surviving are her husband, Edward; four daughters, Christine Keller (wife of Charles Shipp), Ypsilanti, Mrs. Daniel (Kathleen) Gasper, Millington, Mrs. Stephen (Teresa) San Filippo, Klamath Falls, OR, and Mrs. James (Bonita) Richmond, Bay Port; six grandchildren; two brothers, Philip Cook, Arkansas and Michael Cook, Pewamo; two sisters, Mrs. E.O. (Louise) Schreiber, Harlingen, TX and Mrs. James (Suzanne) Knoll, L'ancee. Two brothers, Charles and Henry and a sister, Patricia, preceded her in death.

Funeral Mass was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 from St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. Rev. Fr. Ben Skornia, pastor, officiated with burial in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by the Champagne Funeral Chapels, Caseville.

ELTIE STURM
1904 - 1986

Eltie P. Sturm, age 81, of Bad Axe, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Provincial House, Cass City, after a long illness.

She was born Oct. 19, 1904 at Milford, Neb., daughter of the late William and Mary (Grieser) Tuescher. She married Earl S. Sturm on Sept. 17, 1936 in Bay City. He preceded her in death on March 6, 1980.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Bad Axe. She was an employe of the former Eisengruber Drug Store, Bad Axe, before retiring in 1958.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Esther Tuescher, Lena Schrock, Emily Leidig and Elizabeth Hamilton and four brothers, Daniel Tuescher, John Tuescher, Edward Tuescher and Harry Tuescher.

Services were conducted Friday, Feb. 14 at the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe. The Rev. David A. Stout, pastor at First United Methodist Church, officiated with interment at Oakwood Mausoleum, Saginaw.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Bad Axe.

THERESA KREUZ
1916 - 1986

Theresa D. Kreuz, age 69, of Port Austin, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe.

She was born March 28, 1916 in Canada. She was a school teacher in the Birmingham school system for 25 years. She was a summer resident of Port Austin until 1978 when she became a year-round resident. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Port Austin.

Surviving are three sons, Dan Kreuz, Bay Port, Dick Kreuz, Walnut Creek, Calif. and Dave Kreuz, Port Austin.

Cremation was at Northern Michigan Crematory, Bay City. A memorial service was conducted Saturday, Feb. 15 at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

MARIE (VAN DEPUTTE) REID
1934 - 1986

Former resident Marie (Van DePutte) Reid of St. Clair Shores passed away Feb. 2.

She was born March 12, 1934, daughter of the late Archie and Victoria Van DePutte of Owendale.

She is survived by her husband, George and daughters, Julie and Lori of St. Clair Shores; two step-sisters, Antoinette Van Deputte of El Paso, Tex. and Elody Vandermark of Unionville; one step-brother, Adiel DeBoever of Florida.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Arthur Van Lergerghe Funeral Home, St. Clair Shores. Rev. Wilfred Holmes officiated with interment at Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester.

shewana, Ind.; Lynn of Middlebury, Ind.; John of Bad Axe and Clayton of Pigeon; seven grandchildren; one sister, Miss Mary Kauffman of Goshen, Ind.; one brother, Vernon of Glendale, Ariz.; and one step-brother, Melvin of Muscoda, Wis.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 17 from Pigeon River Mennonite Church, Pigeon. Rev. Luke Yoder officiated, with burial in the church cemetery.

Local arrangements were handled by Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

NELLIE M. HARDING
1895 - 1986

Mrs. Nellie M. Harding, 90 of Marlette, passed away Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born Dec. 17, 1895 in Peck and married James Jacobson on Sept. 15, 1920 in Marlette. He passed away June 3, 1935. On Feb. 18, 1939, she married John Harding in Toledo. He passed away Nov. 5, 1958.

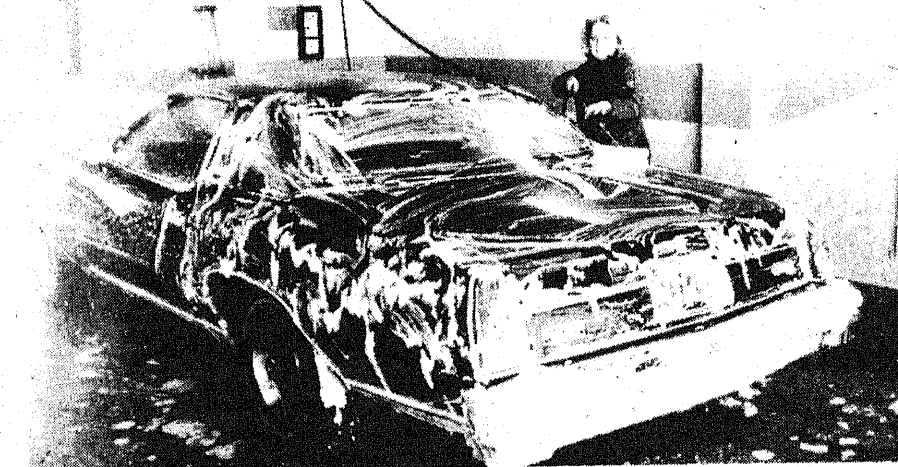
Survivors include one son; three stepsons, Leonard Harding of Bay Port, Kenneth Harding of Marlette and Richard Harding of California; four step-daughters, Leona Herford of Pigeon, Helen Fauple of Elkton, and Beverly Stewart and Bonnie Adams, both of Lincoln Park; one brother; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 from the Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette. The Rev. Elwin Hazen officiated, with burial in Marlette Cemetery.

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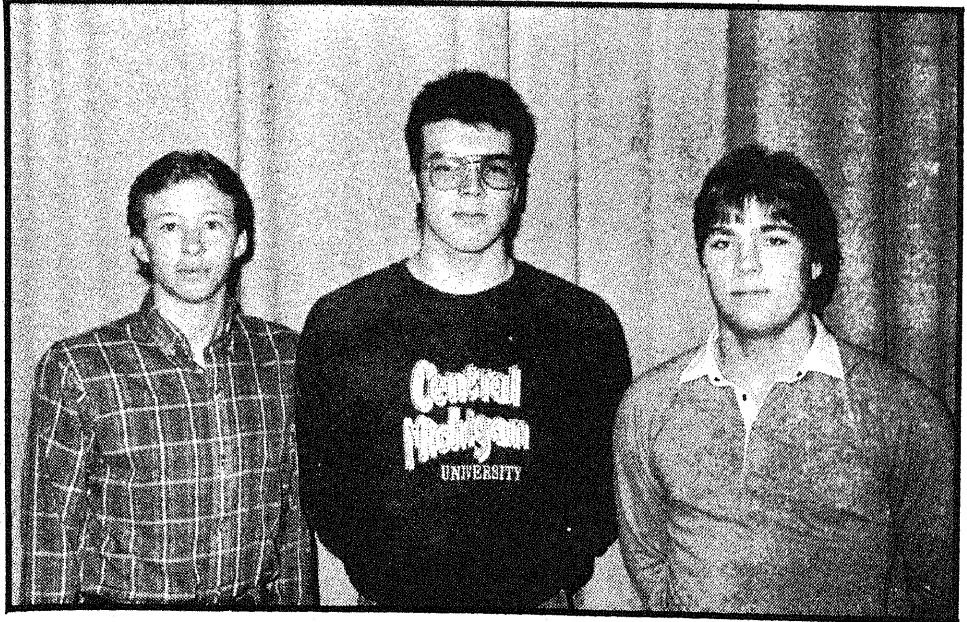
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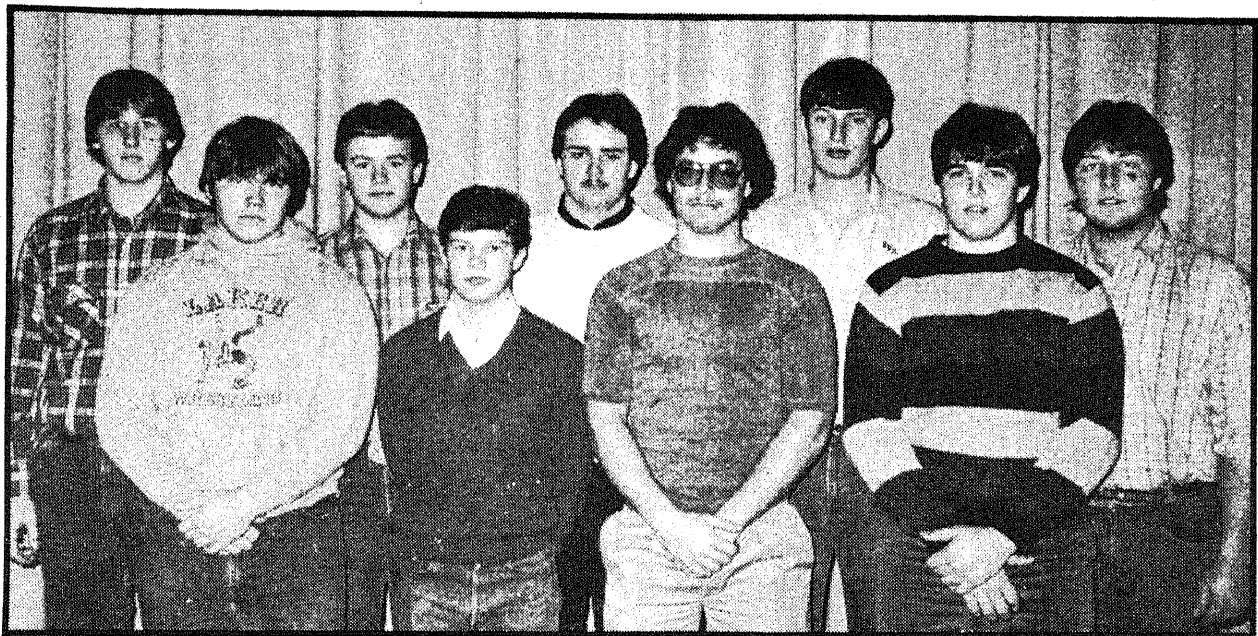


These Laker FFA teams won awards at the District Leaders Contest at Ubyly High on Feb. 6. The six schools involved in the contest included Lakers, Harbor Beach, Ubyly, Port Hope, Bad Axe and North Huron.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAM: Placed first with a gold award. In front from left, Angie Schuette, Kevin Maust, Kevin Truemmer and Kris McBride. In back, Paul Elenbaum, Roger Renn, Kevin Wissner and Dean Roestel.

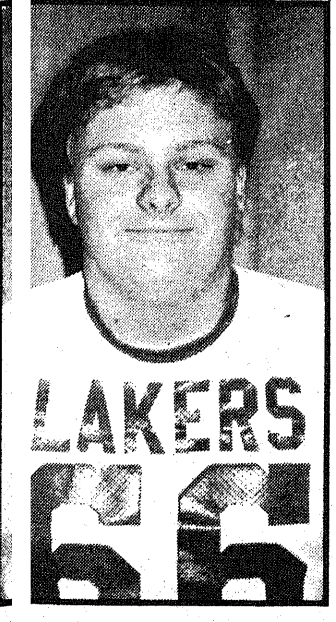


DEMONSTRATION TEAM: Placed first with a gold award. From left Ray Error, Ken Ziel and Scott Krohn.

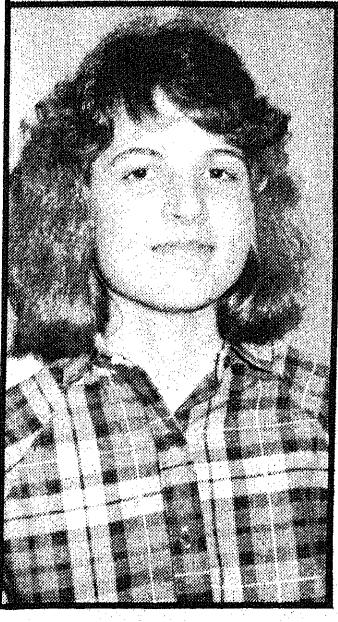


FARM FORUM TEAM: Placed first with a gold award. In front from left, Pat McArdle, Mike Voelker, Jim Deering and Jim Roestel. In back, Bryan Wertz, Dan Block, Troy Schuette and Matt Herford.

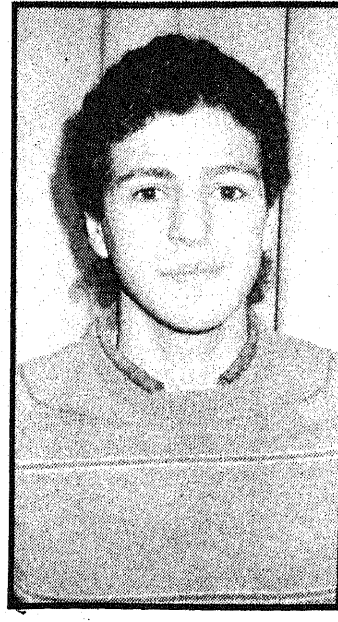
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED
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February 20, at 6:30 p.m.
Sixteen Schools Will Compete,
According to Laker FFA Advisor Don Wheeler



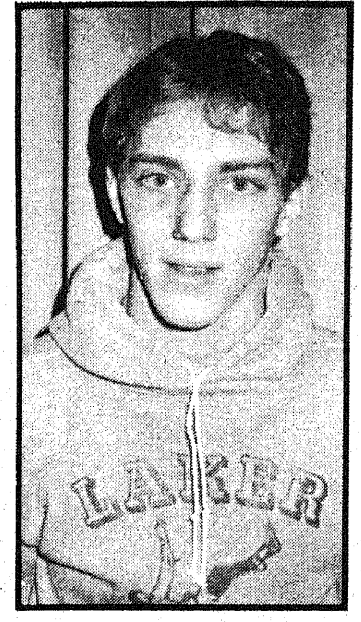
Eric Buschlen
Greenhand Public Speaking
First Place - Gold



Beth Ann Henry
Job Interview
Third Place - Gold



Neal Nuncio
Extemporaneous Speaking
First Place - Gold



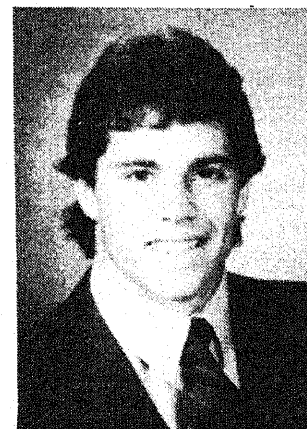
Paul Renn
Senior Public Speaking
Third Place - Silver

Laker State Farmers number a dozen

These 12 Laker State Farmers join the ranks of 188 other young men and women in Michigan who earned their title through hard work and active participation in FFA activities at all levels.

Join us in saluting them during **NATIONAL FFA WEEK**, Feb. 16-22, 1986.

More FFA photos and salutes on Pages 14 and 15.



Chad Seley,

son of Jim and Diana Seley of Elkton, received his State Farmer degree in the area of Production Agriculture.

He was on the state winning Demonstration Team, Gold Chapter Farmer, won many awards at the fair with livestock, was tops in his chapter point system and received a proficiency award in Diversified Livestock and Wildlife Management.

He is this year's Chapter Sentinel.



Paul Renn,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Renn of Pigeon, earned his State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

He has been an active FFA member for four years, having participated in Public Speaking at the district level, Farm Forum at the regional level and Demonstration at the state level. In addition, he was involved in Dairy Cattle Judging, Land Conservation Judging, Big Acre, Accurate Acre and many trips. He also won awards for Bronze Greenhand Farmer, Silver Chapter Farmer and Dairy Proficiency. He presently serves the local chapter as Chapter Reporter.

Renn plans to attend Michigan State University to study Animal Science.

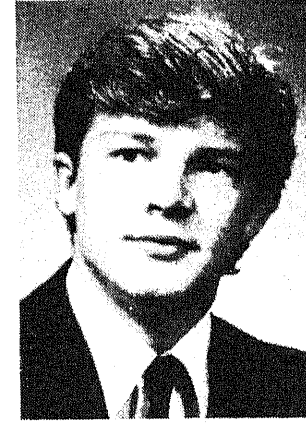


Matt Herford,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Herford of Pigeon, earned his State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

He participated in CROP Drive, fruit sales for four years and Accurate Acre program for two years. Herford received a Gold Award in Soil Judging at the state level and a Gold Award in Farm Forum at the regional level. He earned a chapter proficiency award in Ag Mechanics and is chairman of the 1986 Farm Forum team, which won at districts and will compete in regional competition.

He will attend Michigan State University upon graduation.



Michael Voelker,

son of Mary Jane Voelker of Owendale and the late Kenneth Voelker, has earned his State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

He has held the offices of Chapter Secretary, Chapter President and Region III President. He was also named Star Greenhand, Star Agribusinessman and competed in many contests including Demonstration, Farm Forum, Livestock Judging and Meat Judging.

After his graduation, Voelker will attend Michigan State University.



Jeff Krohn,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krohn of Elkton, earned the State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

He has been an active member of the Laker FFA, having received the Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degree, Star Chapter Farmer degree and a Star Regional Farmer degree. He also earned awards in the Big and Accurate Acre programs, Michigan State University Poultry Contest and the Sugar Beet Growers Contest.

He currently serves as Chapter Treasurer, an office he has held for two years. In addition he is a member of the 1986 Farm Forum team, which has won a Gold Award for first place at district competition, and will be going onto Regionals.

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STATE FARMERS

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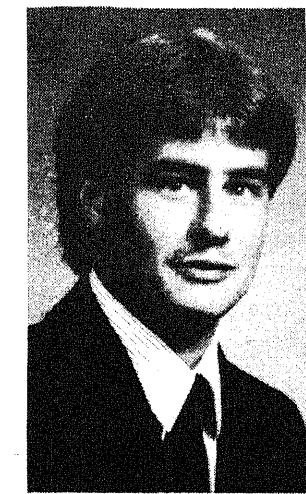
Troy Schuette,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schuette of Elkton, earned his State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

In his FFA career, he has received a Greenhand Farmer degree, Star Chapter Farmer degree and a Star Regional Farmer degree. He also earned awards in the Big and Accurate Acre programs, Michigan State University Poultry Contest and the Sugar Beet Growers Contest.

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Schuette's future plans include a college degree at MSU this fall, to major in Crop Production. He then plans to return home to the family farm.



Jim Deering,

son of Ralph and Jan Deering of Bay Port, received his State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

In his FFA career he has participated in the CROP Drive and fruit sales and was a Gold medal winner at State Dairy Judging and placed second in Farm Forum regional competition. He also raised 15 steers and owns three dairy cows and is currently helping to milk cows on his family's farm. He also treats animals and takes all-around responsibilities for managing and maintaining a 70-cow dairy herd.

After graduation, Deering's future plans may include attending college.

Club news

PIGEON LIONS CLUB

The Lions met at the Pigeon VFW Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

First Vice President Ron Damm called the meeting to order. Forty-two Lions answered roll call and three guests, Erika Meijer, Kathy Clabuesch and Sgt. Brent Woodward.

Lion Damm read various correspondence and presented new members awards to Lions Jack Sturm, Dave Clabuesch, Ralph Kain and Bob Peter, all having brought a new member to the club recently.

Vice President Damm called on Sgt. Brent Woodward who reported on the Laker SADD Chapter. Following his presentation, it was moved and supported that the Pigeon Lions contribute \$158 for Laker students to attend a seminar at Boyne Mountain.

Program Chairman Dennis Diener presented Erika Meijer of Heerhugowaard, Netherlands. She showed slides of her country and presented the club with a banner.

During the directors' meeting, John Walsh, CPA, distributed a financial statement which presented a favorable outlook for the first six months of the Lions year.

The next meeting will be Feb. 26, when the Fifth Annual Euchre Tournament will be held under the direction of Don Roestel.

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Crowd cheers young cheerleaders



Spectators at the Laker-Caro varsity basketball game were entertained at halftime by a group of present and future cheerleaders.

The group represented the 50 girls in grades 4-6 who attended a cheerleading clinic on Feb. 8 sponsored by Laker Cheerleaders.

The enthusiastic youngsters led the crowd in several cheers they learned at the clinic.

AT LEFT: The group follows the lead of Laker Cheerleaders to perform a special cheer.

BELOW: First grader Kim Elenbaum, sister of varsity cheerleader Kris Elenbaum shows she has the routines down pat.

Pigeon blood drive nets 64 pints

A total of 64 pints of blood were donated last Monday, during the American Red Cross Bloodmobile program in Pigeon, according to organizer Kathy Swartzendruber. In all, 74 persons attempted to give blood, including five first-timers. Nine people were deferred and one donation was insufficient, for the 64 net figure.

"As coordinator for the Pigeon area, I'd like to thank all the blood donors for giving their donation of life to others," Mrs. Swartzendruber says. "Also, thank you to the Pigeon Junior Woman's Club, Pigeon Conservation Club, Proud-To-Be Farm Bureau Group and nurse Mary Dast. Success only happens when we work together!"

Earning gallon pins this time were:
FIVE GALLONS: Arthur Priebe;
FOUR GALLONS: Jim Hartman;
THREE GALLONS: Cyndy Rathje, Jeffrey Leipprandt, Clare Dast and Jim Maust;
TWO GALLONS: Charles Leipprandt, Mark Rummel, Darrel Yoder and David Smith, and
ONE GALLON: Lori Maust and Dale Christner.

Traxler aide to meet in Huron County

A staff aide to U.S. Rep. Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) will hold office hours locally on Thursday, Feb. 20 to discuss problems and concerns of constituents.

He will be at the Harbor Beach City Hall from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Bad Axe Courthouse from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and at the Sebawaing Village Hall from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Dancers meet at Cass City

Town and Country Square Dancers will hold a dance this Saturday, Feb. 22 at Cass City High School. Square dancing will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. Chuck Becker will be the caller. All square dancers are welcome.

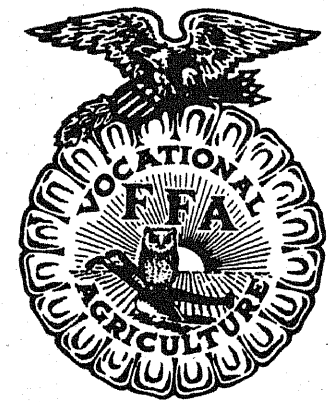


Laker Band Boosters Say:
Thank You to all the parents, friends, neighbors and community members who came and supported our Soup and Sandwich Supper on February 14.

Our apologies to those who had to wait in line and who were turned away. We will do better next year.

Thanks, also to the parents of Band Members who donated desserts and helped serve. Thanks also to the the following merchants their contributions:

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Tom Thumb Market	Mutual Savings and Loan	McCormick Motors Inc.
Elkton Auto Parts	Gettel Implement	Great Lakes Auction Inc.
Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Co.	Pigeon IGA	Co-operative Elevator
The Hair Shoppe	Don Erla Foods	Bay Port Hotel



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Laker FFA Advisor is Don Wheeler.



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Kenneth Richmond	Jennifer Ziel	Beth Ann Henry	Rick Clark
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Russell Sowden	Kevin Day	Keith King	Mark Kretzschmer
Alan Stalter	Jim Deering	Paul Kreh	Jim Krohn
Dave Swartzendruber	Ricky Drabek	Kevin Maust	Sheila Lutz
Mike Trost	Lisa Haley	Kris McBride	Tom McGee
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Barry Maust,

son of Mr. and Mrs. James Maust of Pigeon, has received his State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

He has participated in the state winning Demonstration National Convention, chapter BOEC chairman and Al Gamma Rho. His main projects have been Swine, Beets, Corn and Beans.

Maust, who is presently attending Eastern Mennonite High School in Virginia, plans to attend Michigan State University in the future.



Dale Smithers,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smithers of Elkton, has been conferred a State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

He has won the Star Greenhand Award in 1981, Chapter Farmer in 1983 and earned a Gold Award in Soils at the state Skills Contest and a Gold Award for Star Agribusinessman at a Greenhand.

His future plans include working the family farm with his father and grandfather.



Tim Schuette,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schuette of Pigeon, has recently received the State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

He has had an active FFA career, including the earning of Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degrees, was the Greenhand Sentinel, earned awards in the Big Acre and Accurate Acre contests, received a proficiency award in feed-grain production, won a Gold Award and was second in the state in Dairy Cattle Judging and a Silver Award in Dairy Products Judging at the Michigan State University Skills Contest.

He plans to continue working on his father's farm, and to always be involved in some way with agriculture.

More LAKER FFA salutes on Pages 14 and 15

Jeff Smith,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Smith of Bay Port, has been conferred a State Farmer degree in Production Agriculture.

In his four years of active FFA membership, Smith has received a Greenhand Farmer degree, Chapter Farmer degree and a Regional Farmer degree. He won a Gold Award at state competition for Farm Management and in every year of FFA membership has participated in the CROP Drive.

He plans to attend Saginaw Valley State College this fall, to major in computer mathematics.



THE PROGRESS-ADVANCE salutes the 12 Laker State Farmers on pages 14,15,16,17 of this week's edition!

Young trees for sale by Huron SCD

The Huron Soil Conservation District is offering seedlings and transplants for sale to be distributed this spring.

Pigeon man feted by MHSA

Burton Keefe of Pigeon was honored Jan. 4 by the Michigan Horse Show Association. Keefe earned three championships or reserve championships in the Pony division, competing during the 1985 show season against Michigan's most skilled horsemen.

MHSA award recipients receive distinctive goblets, medals or trophies and congratulations from the fellow horsemen.

For more than 50 years MHSA has served as a foundation for the Michigan horse show industry.

They may be used for reforestation, windbreak, erosion control, restocking woodlots, wildlife habitat and to beautify your surroundings. The varieties available this year are White Pine, Scotch Pine, Austrian Pine, Red Pine, Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Autumn Olive, White Cedar, Black Walnut, Carolina Poplar and White Ash.

Huron County residents purchased 100,000 seedlings and transplants from the Huron SCD in the spring of 1985, with 375 landowners placing orders for trees.

When deciding on what type of tree, it is important to consider the type of soil and the area where the trees are to be planted. For more information, contact the Huron SCD, 46 Westland Drive, Bad Axe.


Included on WMU List Kevin J. Laursen of Pigeon is among the 929 students listed on the Western Michigan University Dean's List for the fall semester of the 1985-86 academic year.

To be eligible, students must attain at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Laursen of Pigeon.

WOODS and WATERS

By DUANE GUENTHER



Ski in for trout

The first time I had fished the lake was a hot, sultry, June evening last summer. Three of us had trailed a 12-foot boat down a back road, and slid it into the water at a make-shift boat launch. Then, as mother nature pulled her drape of darkness across the northern landscape, we tossed fly lines tipped with tiny spiders at the concentric rings of rising trout.

The lake was really quite small, and very, very public. Located in the middle of a popular State Park, it has seen more than its share of civilization in the form of swimmers and canoeists. But the surprising part was that few knew about the hungry trout that lurked beneath its surface — hatchery trout for sure. They were planted by some enterprising plan compiled by the DNR, but trout, nevertheless, and feisty ones too.

The trick to catching them was night fishing. And, although we played around with the fly rods, the serious fishing would be done with tiny, spinning outfits.

Once darkness fell, and the thick, spruce thickets ringing the shore came alive with a chorus of leopard frogs and whippoorwills, we edged the boat to the end of a rotting dock that protruded out in the lake. Here, in a depths up to 25 feet we anchored the boat and hung a Coleman lantern over the side. We then chummed the water with a can of corn and baited our hooks with pieces of nightcrawlers, topped off with a big kernel of corn. The results were smashing.

However, standing on the edge of the same lake in December was a tad different. I had arrived along the unpaved road via my cross country skis, and perched upon my back was a rucksack holding some basic fishing equipment.

During a long, and particularly cold, winter evening I mused about the possibility of catching some of those trout through the ice. I was sure that the lake was practically unfished in the winter time, and since I opened skied along the familiar trails that the State Park had to offer, why not put the two together.

I moved slowly onto the frozen surface. Not because I was afraid of the ice thickness. The cold weather we had during this winter would make any northern lake as safe as a highway, but rather because I wanted to take some time drinking in the solitude I found to be so precious.

The spruce that lined the shore still looked the same, but the tall grasses on the east side of the lake had been flattened by

the heavy snowfall accumulated on the ground. With the grass gone, I could see the edge of a major highway not more than a couple of miles away. It seemed funny to be so close to the civilized world, and yet feel so remote.

I turned my attention back to the task at hand, and began searching for telltale posts that would indicate the old dock. If the spot was a winner in the summer time, there wasn't any reason why it shouldn't be good in the winter. Once the post was spotted, I ambled over and paused to kick off my skis.

Out of the knapsack, I withdrew a homemade ice fishing rod. This one looked a little different than those I used on Saginaw Bay. It was constructed by placing a cork handle on an extra flyrod tip that I had in my garage. On this was attached an ultra light spinning reel loaded with 2-pound test line. From the smaller pocket on the back of the bag, came a canister of wax worms and a trusty can of corn.

Chumming for trout can be a very productive method of fishing. It really is very simple. All you do is dump some of the corn down the hole, and it seems to attract fish like crazy. Maybe it resembles the liver pellets they are fed at the hatchery.

Next, I took out the small, woodsman's axe to punch out a hole in the ice. Skiing with a spud seemed to be out of the question, but I was not looking forward to cutting the hole with an axe.

I started the hole big, and it was a good thing I did. Before I got to see open water, the hole had shrunk down to a 4-inch size. Just enough for a 12-inch trout, I thought.

I whiled away the morning feeding my can of corn to the trout. They got a free meal, and all I got was a set of cold knees waiting for them to bite.

No wonder no one was fishing this lake. All the fish had gone south for the winter.

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No kill rule kept - Not a bad winter for turkeys - Slow fishing

Thumb area OUTDOORS

After a long and bitter battle, the Natural Resources Commission approved a no-kill fishing regulation along a 9-mile stretch of the main-stream of the AuSable River. The area under the new ruling extends from Burton's Landing to Wakely Bridge in Crawford County, just east of Grayling.

The no-kill rule had been in effect along the stretch each year from November 1 until the last Saturday in April, the traditional statewide Trout season opener. This section of the river also will be open to flies-only fishing. The current rule permits anglers to take 3 fish between 8 and 12 inches in length per day and one longer than 16 inches in length during the Trout season.

Local residents felt that the no-kill sentiment was coming from the rich fly fishermen down state, and could not be persuaded that a rich river, like the AuSable, could not give up a fair number of fish to those who liked to eat them.

However, the Commission went on record as saying regardless of the biologist's findings, a no-kill rule on the river had to conserve the fishery in the best manner possible. The rule will go into effect the last Saturday of April which is the traditional Trout opener in Michigan.

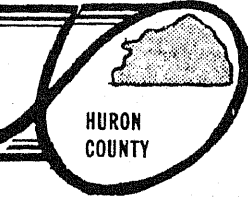
This winter, although looking bitter to us frail humans, has not been so bad for turkeys of northern Michigan. Although the snow is somewhat crusted, most turkeys in the region congregate around human-provided food sources. Most northern Lower Michigan turkeys congregate around farmlands, clubs and other areas

where food is either intentionally put out for birds, or where farm crops provide ample food. A wet fall left more standing corn in fields than usual, and many birds have moved into those areas.

Perch fishing has slowed somewhat over the past week. Fish size seems to be down and the numbers that came off the ice last weekend was less than satisfactory. Walleye fishermen have vacated the Bay and headed for the rivers that feed into the big water. Great activity has been found in the Tittabawassee and Shiawassee Rivers. Conditions are less-than-perfect with thin ice and open water being the rule rather than the exception.

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NEWS THAT COUNTS FROM ...



from Huron County Clerk Helen Lemanski

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Week of February 19

George D. Pettit & Joanne Rae Reinko
Troy D. Smith & Janice K. Pratt
Anthony A. Grates & LaDonna L. Liedke

ASSUMED NAMES
Week of February 19

NO. 4126 CHUCK'S PLUMBING, 410 N. Lytle, Harbor Beach, MI 48441. Filed: 2/6/86

NO. 4127 KROHN BROTHERS, 3545 Richardson Rd., Elkton, MI 48731. Filed: 2/7/86

NO. 4128 IVANHOE COUNTRY MARKET, 2504 W. Atwater Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413. By: Richard L. Dearing, 2518 W. Atwater Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413. Filed: 2/7/86

JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE

Richard E. Walton vs. Alfreda M. Walton
Bonnie J. Edwards vs. James Raymond Edwards, Jr.
Teresa A. Kennedy vs. Joseph B. Kennedy
Rebecca Lee Kain vs. David Lee Kain

from County Register of Deeds Frances Holdwick

WARRANTY DEEDS
February 5-13

Raymond P. Mall and Leona C. to Joseph A. Kozub and Susan M., a parcel of land located in Section 26 of Rubicon Twp.

Henry F. LaHoussa and Vivian B. to James P. Lisicki and Barbara A., a parcel of land located in Section 26 of Cassville Twp.

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from County Probate Judge Neil MacCallum

PROBATE COURT
Feb. 6 - 12

Estate of Wesley E. Oschager, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 22,141, Supervised Probate, Eleventh Supplemental Order of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Rita Ann Maurer, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 27,295, Supervised Probate, Petition for Order to Show Cause and Order to Show Cause filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Gertrude Mousseau, Deceased, of Kinross, File 27,941, Independent Probate, Petition for Court Supervision filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed, Petition for Determination of Value of Real Estate and Authority to Sell Real Estate filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Stella C. Kuntze, Deceased, of Ubly, File 24,883, Supervised Probate, Petition for Reconsideration filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Affidavit of Mailing filed.

Estate of Georgia E. Ellis, Deceased, of Kinross, File 27,867, Supervised Probate, Order Allowing Final Account and Assigning Residue filed.

Estate of Dean Michael Cook, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 28,008, Petition and Order for Assignment, Estate Not Exceeding \$5,000 filed.

Estate of Mary A. Scholz, Deceased, of Cassville, File 27,995, Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.

Estate of Lydia E. Robinson, Deceased, of Cassville, File 27,995, Independent Probate, Waiver and Consent filed.

Estate of Orlis E. Crum, Deceased, of Sebewaing, File 28,011, Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register's Order filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed, Claims Notice filed.

Estate of Leo F. Mayer, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 26,235, Supervised Probate, 8 Receipts of Distributive Shares filed, Order of Discharge filed.

Estate of James Lee Byers, Deceased, of Kinross, File 27,072, Supervised Probate, Order Allowing Second and Final Account filed, Order of Discharge filed.

Estate of William Henry Gates, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 27,317, Supervised Probate, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Patrick James Rogers, Deceased, of Cassville, File 27,949, Supervised Probate, Order Closing Hearing of Claims filed.

Estate of Della Belle Potter, Deceased, of Cassville, File 28,004, Independent Probate, Statutory Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register's Order filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.

INSPECTOR GORDO'S MINUTE MYSTERY
THE CASE OF THE 5 candidates

Charles was going to announce his successor as president of Centralized Oil Company at our home tonight," Mrs. Charles Ewing, widow of the murdered man, told Inspector Gordo.

"Each of the five young people invited to dinner was a candidate. However, as Charles left for the golf club this morning, he said he might eliminate one," she said.

"At lunch time," interrupted Sheriff Parsons, "Mr. Ewing and Rich Smith had an argument in the cocktail lounge. Was Smith the one eliminated, Mrs. Ewing?"

"I don't know," she replied. "Charles didn't say which one. When he came to the 10th tee, he saw me standing on the terrace and held up four fingers. 'Four!' he called to me, meaning I should set the table for four guests instead of five. A moment later, he clutched his chest and fell over."

"The killer used a silencer," said the sheriff. "I took a statement from Rich Smith two hours after the shooting. He claims he left the club without knowing of Mr. Ewing's death."

Inspector Gordo picked up Smith's statement, written in the suspect's own hand. He glanced at it until he came to: "I was playing the 18th and had hooked my drive into the bushes behind the 10th tee. As I searched for the ball, I heard Mr. Ewing shout, 'Four!' but I didn't see him behind the bushes. And, as I returned to my home without changing clothes, I knew nothing of his death for two hours."

"Smith is lying," Inspector Gordo declared. "Certainly he was the one eliminated by Charles Ewing for the presidency and took revenge by murder!"

WHAT TRIPPED SMITH???
See MINUTE MYSTERY answer on Page 8

New date set for Ski-a-Thon

The American Cancer Society Ski-a-Thon, which was originally scheduled for Feb. 9 at The Castaways, Port Austin, has been rescheduled for Sunday, Feb. 23, due to poor weather conditions.

The event will start at the same place and time as originally planned.

Something To Think About

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Elkton is short in goal

Blood donors fell short of the goal seeking 50 pints contributed during last Monday's Red Cross Bloodmobile Drive at the Elkton Civic Center.

Coordinator John Champagne said 35 units were received and eight persons were deferred, for a total of 43 donors processed. One first-time donor participated, Champagne says.

He and other volunteers wish to thank Barbara Thompson and the ladies of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church for providing food, plus all other volunteers for their assistance.

Next Elkton Blood Drive is Monday, May 12, to again be conducted at the Civic Center.

Receiving gallon pins were:

FOUR GALLONS - Yvonne Miller;
TWO GALLONS - Lois Hewitt;
ONE GALLON - Ronald D. Deming, Ed Herford and Kimberly Yerke

Other donors include: Earl Krohn, Marjorie Rabeau, Phyllis Forster, Cliff Weidman, Jim Parsch, Steve Hill, Al Bumhoffer, Fred Duever, Diane and Dave Milton, Cindy Smith, Neil Herford, Jim Hergott, Dan Papke, Ken Schulze, Jake Diebel, Larry Rosenthal, Randy Krohn, Diane Howard, Roland Miller, Hilda Sweeney, and Chris Schuette, Connie Nieschulz, Edythe and Gordon Stirrett, Al Selbig, Willard Seley, Terry Heck,

Elkton Rotary talks of Civic Center

The Elkton Civic Center's financial status was the subject of last week's meeting of the Elkton Rotary Club.

Rotarian Ed Bumhoffer gave the report, noting extensive improvements were made during 1985 including insulating the building, siding the north building exterior and installing new carpeting.

Sources of income were also discussed during the meeting.

This Thursday's meeting will be chaired by Rotarian Olson McCallum.

McKinley Township BOARD OF REVIEW

Board of Review will meet on Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11, 1986 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the McKinley Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

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Melvin Kuhl, Supervisor
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Oliver Township BOARD OF REVIEW

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Laura Krohn, Supervisor
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Windsor Township BOARD OF REVIEW

Board of review will meet on Monday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 11, 1986 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Windsor Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

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Bob Armstrong, Supervisor
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Local Boards Of Review

CASEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW
Board of Review will meet on Monday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. at the Caseville Township Hall for the purpose of hearing objections.

The tentative State Equalization Factor will be \$1.00 and the ratio will be 50% on all classes of property.

Rose Marie Spies, Clerk
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Windsor Township BOARD OF REVIEW

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Bob Armstrong, Supervisor
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Chandler Township BOARD OF REVIEW

Board of review will meet on Monday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 11, 1986 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chandler Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

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William Duffy, Supervisor
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Fair Haven Township BOARD OF REVIEW

Board of Review will meet on Monday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 11, 1986 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fair Haven Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

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Melvin Kuhl, Supervisor
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McKinley Township BOARD OF REVIEW

Board of Review will meet on Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11, 1986 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the McKinley Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

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Melvin Kuhl, Supervisor
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Pigeon DISTRICT LIBRARY

TAX TIME

The Pigeon District Library still has some 1985 Income Tax Forms for both the U.S. and Michigan. The Library staff will put them out as soon as they are received and will try to keep ahead of demands.

The staff also has over 90 reproducible tax forms that can be photocopied.

COUPON CORNER

The library has free grocery coupons for coupon-saving patrons. The coupons have been categorized into Meat, Health Aids, Dairy, etc.

You need not exchange coupons as there are lots available, but you may if you wish.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Story Hour for next Tuesday, Feb. 25 will be stories by Stan Berenstein including "The Berenstein Bears Forget Their Manners," "The Berenstein Bears Learn About Strangers" and a special activity called "Going on a Bear Hunt."

They will also participate in a "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear" exercise and a delightful filmstrip, "The Gingerbread Boy."

All preschoolers are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. session. Annual registration is required.

NEW TAPES

VHS
Digby - The Biggest Dog in the World, Tony Bennett Sings, Treasure of the Amazon, Hootch Country Boys, The Original Ghostbusters Vol. 1 and 2, Teen Wolf, The Stuff, Red Sonja, REO Speedwagon - Wheels are Turnin', The

Man With One Red Shoe, Lassie's Great Adventure, Ricky Scaggs - Live in London, Hugga Bunch, Ben, Richie, Paul Young - The Video Singles, Holocaust Survivors - Remembrance of Love, Knights of the Round Table, John Lennon - Live in New York City, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Weird Science, The Best Little Girl in the World, Dogpound Shuffle, Dr. Seuss's Horton Hears a Who, 11 Harrowhouse, The Great Adventure.

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Digby - The Biggest Dog in the World, Hugga Bunch, Dr. Seuss's Horton Hears a Who, Ricky Scaggs - Live in London, Paul Young - The Video Singles, Thoroughly Modern Millie, The Original Ghostbusters - Vol. 2.

HALLEY'S COMET

Halley swings across three-quarters of the sky in only three months after spending years moving only a few degrees. Its motion across the sky reflects not only its own motion around the sun, but that of the earth as well.

Halley makes its closest approach to earth on April 11 and is best viewed with the unaided eye. Last seen in 1910, the comet won't be visible again until the summer of 2061.

For more information about the famous comet, the Pigeon District Library has four books for patrons to check out, including "Halley's Comet Finder" by Ben Mayer, "Comets" by Ruth Radlauer, "Halley's Comet" by Francis Reddy and "Comets" by Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan.

If you spot Halley's Comet the library would be glad to hear about the sightings.

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Growers consider forming association

by RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

A group of about 20 Thumb area seed growers and processors are considering banding together in an effort to obtain a profit from growing seed.

Forming a formal growers' association is a possibility to achieve uniform pricing for seed, as well as ensuring a market for the farmers.

Co-op Elevator Vice President Retail Wes Edington served as discussion leader for the group at a meeting last Thursday, and also provided input about the seed-growing business.

"Seed can be a real 'growth market,' but you have to do it in such a way that you don't cut your throat," Edington said.

He suggests a growers' association in which the members agree to sell their product at uniform prices, even if some individual members must "eat" any over-production. Forming an association also opens up other possibilities which are unavailable to individual growers.

A grower group enables a marketing agent, such as Co-op Elevator, to wholesale the seeds, and obtain contracts for certain products before planting time. An association could also take on production of greater quantities of certain varieties of seed.

One option considered is obtaining exclusive contracts to grow specific varieties of seed for private companies or agricultural universities.

"The future is going to be growing for private companies," predicted Edington. He added he is aware of four or five seed companies that are looking for people to grow seed corn in this area at the present time.

Although Co-op Elevator can process some certified seed, such as navy beans,



INFORMAL TALKS: Co-op Elevator's Wes Edington, on right, discusses the pros and cons of forming a seed growers association in the Western Thumb area with a group of about 20 interested farmers.

No formal actions were taken with more meetings on the subject likely. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS

Edington says the local business is neither equipped or desires to process all types of seed that might be grown by a future association.

"Our job is to increase

your income," assured Edington about the attitude of the Co-op management. "The only way the Co-op Elevator can stay in business, is if you stay in business. For you to stay in

business, you have to make money," he added.

No agreement was reached at the meeting, although future steps toward forming a growers' association are likely.

Top spellers win trophies in Bee

After the spelling competition thinned the contestants down to just two Laker students, eighth grader Anasuya Kamalpurker outlasted seventh grader Brian Keim for the championship.

In addition to Kamalpurker, representatives from Bay Port, Pigeon and Elkton Elementary Schools will qualify to participate in the Lawrence

Institute-Detroit News Regional Spelling Bee. Those representatives include: Bay Port fifth grader Travis Staller, Pigeon fifth grader Tracy Steinman and Elkton sixth grader Jennifer Kreh.

Other awards were given to the last students in each grade, excluding the champion and runner-up. Those grade winners were Bay Port fourth grader Billy

Smith, Elkton fifth grader Carol Hebert, Elkton sixth grader Jennifer Kreh, seventh grader Steve Kauffman and eighth grader Debbie Christner.

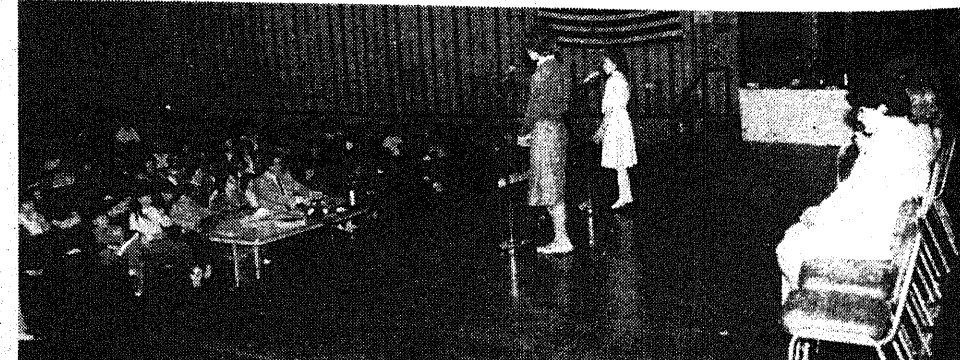
This is the first year the Laker Spelling Bee included junior high students. That change was made to provide more Laker representatives in the regional competition, says bee co-ordinator Mike Lang.



REGIONAL REPS: Laker representatives at regional spelling bee competition will be: from left, Anasuya Kamalpurker, Jennifer Kreh, Tracy Steinman and Travis Staller.



GRADE WINNERS: In front from left, last fourth grader Billy Smith, last fifth grader Carol Hebert and last sixth grader Jennifer Kreh. In back, Laker Spelling Bee champion Anasuya Kamalpurker, runner-up Brian Keim, last eighth grader Debbie Christner and last seventh grader Steve Kauffman.



SPELLING PRESSURE: Spelling words correctly while in the spotlight in front of a crowd of parents and friends is no easy task. Debbie Christner, left, and Shelly Dean await their turn to spell a word. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS

SOUND-OFF!

Call 453-2323 anytime to SOUND-OFF. Selected statements will appear in the next Progress-Advance, so watch for yours! Deadline: 5 p.m. Mondays.

NOTICE: There will not be a cheerleading clinic on March 8. It was conducted Feb. 8 at Lakers.

Did anyone else see any unusual or weird activity in the sky about 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11? It was west on M-142 on the left side of the road. Thank you.

I just finished reading Joan B.'s letter this week. It was wonderful. Why don't you have her write every week? I think Pigeon could really use it, and not only the kids.

Thanks for the story on Mayor Norris D. I think he has done a fine job for Pigeon and we're going to miss him. I think some of the tactics being used against people who made innocent mistakes are disgusting and should result in arrest or a fine themselves.

The Class of 1966 of Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port High School will have its 20th Reunion on July 26. Start making your plans to attend.

Remember the Elementary Basketball Tournament this Saturday, Feb. 22, starting at 10 a.m. There will be lots of food, bingo, a bakewalk, raffles, movies, games and prizes for the children. You don't have to be a basketball lover to spend the day. There's lots of fun for all!

Why can't we get a dime store open again? Times are better than past years, and the original owners made money on it. We need it in Pigeon.

Greenville? If anything, Caseville should be named after the senior citizen, mooch-ville.

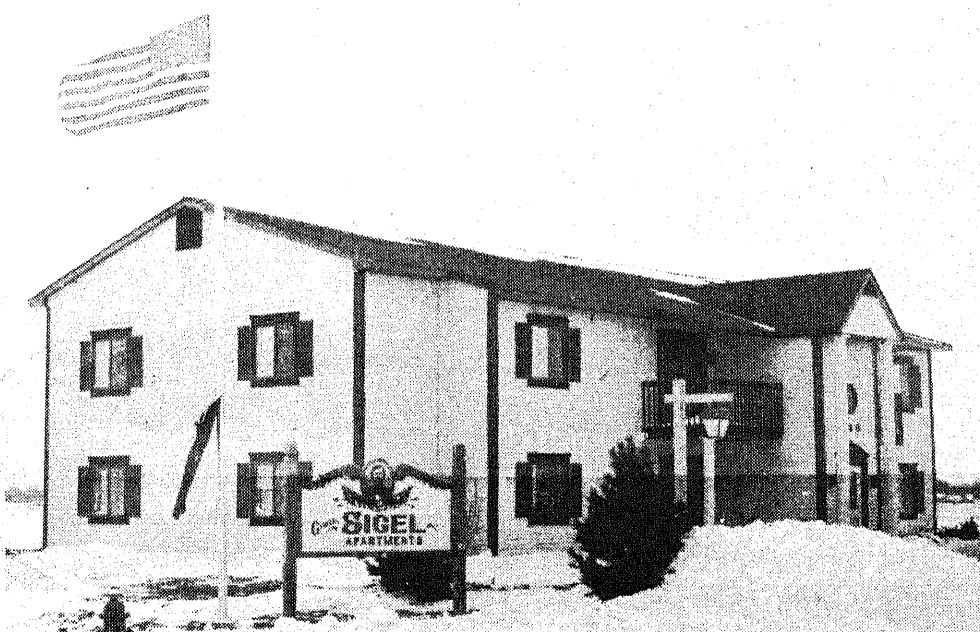
Remember, on Saturday, Thank you for the excellent interviews of the candidates.

March 16, the Junior Class at Lakes High will be having a bottle drive. We appreciate your help and hope you'll save your bottles. If you have any questions, contact the High School office or any Junior Class member. Thank you.

I believe in the Historical Society, but is it wise to give ANYONE a lease for 99 years? It sounds like a long time, for a project that's just in planning stages. Shouldn't they have to show more commitment first?

Tickets are available for the "Blessed Event" Hummel offered by Scheurer Hospital, to be awarded in a drawing at the Hospital annual dinner on April 24. Tickets may be purchased at the Hospital front desk and at several area businesses.

Thank you for the excellent interviews of the candidates.



NOW OPEN: General Sigel Apartments in Pigeon have opened and are accepting renters. The 24-unit complex, at Hartley and Brush Streets in Pigeon, is being managed by Linda and Jim Rich. For information about rentals, contact the couple.

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Pheasants

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The excitement over the Blackneck Pheasant comes from its inhabitant preferences. They appear to prefer brushy fringes of farmland and suburban areas common to the Thumb. Unlike Ringnecks, these birds roost in trees, reducing their susceptibility to predators. During the winter, they feed on tree buds, while Ringnecks restrict themselves to limited ground forage. All in all, DNR Wildlife specialists feel that the Blackneck Pheasant is a much more hardy breed than its cousin, the Ringneck.

The proposed planting of these new arrivals in Huron County will have one drawback.

To be selected as a proposed planting site, local government officials would have to close down the pheasant hunting season for at least 3 years. In an effort to find out the pulse of the Huron County sportsman, Commissioner Kuhl has indicated a public hearing will be held in Bad Axe on Tuesday, April 8, to hear comments and answer questions to the local populace.

Some sportsman's clubs have already gone on record as sporting the hunting ban, and many local residents have echoed their sentiments. Others have indicated that this would be a good time to include some turkey plants in the Thumb area.

Who knows? With the release of a new breed of pheasant, a closed hunting season, and some strong support from the Huron County residents, pheasant hunting may once again become a major activity in the Thumb.

BOWLING

PIGEON WOMAN'S AFTERNOON LEAGUE

Beachy Eggs 15%
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Grigg Greenhouse 12
Sohiro 12
Town & Country 11
Shoreline Snowplowing 11
Moss Builders 10 1/2
Schenber Poultry Farm 10
Diener Home of FF 6
High team scores: Pigeon IGA 1832 (669).
High individual scores: B. Heintz 526 (201), J. Deering 584 (198-196-190), J. Rosenthal 499 (193), B. Pobanz 493, E. Rounds 464, M. Schuetz 190.
Splits: 3-10 V. Pipe, J. Deering (2), E. Morse; 5-7-9 E. Howard; 2-7 J. Beachy, S. Eckel; 5-7 D. Quick.

TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

Carling 21
Arlen's Duck Inn 20
Kretzschmer HC 19
Pigeon Inn 19
Steinman Agency 18
Osentoski Ford Tractor 17
Dutch Kettle 16
Ralph's Tavern 16
Pioneer Cablevision 14
Pigeon Lumber 13
Bob Smith Builders 11
Active Feed 8
High team scores: Steinman Agency 2545 (806-852), Arlen's Duck Inn 2541 (861), Carling 2457 (806), Pigeon Inn 867, Pioneer Cablevision 857.
High individual scores: A. Niebel 569 (221), L. Smith 567 (203), J. Gunden 560, J. Collis 544 (203), R. Dubs 206, R. Niebel 202.

MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

Brighton Metal 16
*Pigeon Lanes 16
Carling 14
Bay Shore Collision 13
J & B Pig 11
Bay Shore Realty 10
*J.O. Wurst Tiling 10
*Damm's Inc. 10
*Walsh Packing 7
Pigeon Motor Sales 5
*Incomplete
High team scores: Carling 2702 (954-898-850), Brighton Metal 2578 (901), Damm's Inc. 2465 (898), Walsh Packing 2452 (852), Pigeon Lanes 873, J.O. Wurst Tiling 865, J & B Pig. 858, V. Smith 592 (204), O. Murdoch 592 (213-202), T. Drabek 591 (214), D. Wertz 579 (202-200), M. Swartzendruber 577 (211), E. Steinman 568 (215), R. Gotts 544 (211), R. Klein 544 (215), W. Wozniak 540, L. Albrecht 225, Todd Gunden 211-207, R. Damm 201.

Pigeon news

Last Thursday for his birthday, Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henklemann entertained for dinner Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke in honor of Herman's birthday.

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sports of the week

Lakers earn #1 ranking with weekend tourney wins

By RICH SWARTZENRUBER

Members of the Laker volleyball team experienced a rare occasion last weekend — a Saturday without participation in a tournament. The heavy schedule of weekend tourneys has provided the Green Spiking Machine with the number one ranking in Class C and six trophies — so far. The team earned championship trophies in the Tri-County (Essexville-Garber), Klinger-Dast (Laker), Laker and Thumb B Tournaments, and also earned a runner-up trophy in the Delta Invitational and one as semi-finalist at the Carrollton Tournament.

The local volleyballers still have their sights set on a state title after two consecutive years of bowing out in the semi-finals.

"Two years of losing (in the state semi-finals) is enough for anybody. We should win this time," declares determined Laker All-Stater Brenda Baker.

The road to the state final four doesn't come easy. If Lakers again return to that elite group, they will have participated in 11 Saturday tournaments, in addition to practices and matches during the week. Most of the girls also hone their skills during the summer at volleyball camps.

These camps are not to be confused with summer camps for kids. The week-long event means hard work at an enjoyable game. The value of the experience varies for each player, depending on the coaching received, but all agree the players work hard, eight hours per day, five days straight.

At the start of the season,

Coach Irene Green was unsure how successful this year's team would be after graduating four starters last year. "I expected us to win the league and some tournaments, but I half-expected a rebuilding year this season," Green says.

The Laker mentor is nominating 5'10" senior hitter Julia Sturm and senior setter Shelley Ritter for All-State honors. Those three, along with supporting starters Cathy Wurst, Sue Kersten and Kriste Lasceski, have been primarily responsible posting 56 match wins so far this season, which ties a school record set last year.

Green calls Baker "100-improved" over last year, which is bad news for Laker opponents.

"She definitely was the dominant hitter on the team last year, and is even more so this year," Green adds.

Baker's season statistics reflect her skills as she leads the team in total attacks (735), kills (390), digs (132) and service aces (90). She is second with service points (386) and blocks (45).

Sturm rounds out the Laker one-two hitting punch on the team with 514 total attacks, is second with 123 digs and the premier blocker with 63.

The junior's strong point is intimidation and blocking, but her back-line passing skills have also developed well this season, says Green. Shelley Ritter had the difficult task of stepping into the shoes of last year's All-State Laker setter Shelly Ginter, but her skills and confidence has grown immensely during the season. Likening the setter's job to that of a football quarter-

back, Green says Ritter decides and calls one of five Laker offensive patterns before each ball is served. Although Green's coaching skills contributed greatly to the Laker volleyball success in recent years, she says the turning point came when the top female athletes in the school embraced the relatively new sport of high school volleyball. Athletes such as Shelly Ginter, Eva Sturm, Deb Bollenbacher and Sue Ritter also encouraged younger sisters Jackie Ginter, Julia Sturm, Jenny Bollenbacher and Shelley Ritter on this year's varsity squad to participate in volleyball.

"If you don't have good athletes, you're only going to be mediocre," Green says. The talent of the ninth-year Laker varsity coach is also shown by her position as assistant coach for the Saginaw Valley State College team last year.

The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port volleyball program begins early with elementary students learning the fundamentals in one unit of the physical education program. Laker girls also have the chance to participate in organized volleyball at the junior high level.

The hard work can also help some players in their quest for a college education. Last year, Shelly Ginter was awarded a scholarship to Baylor University and received an appointment to the Air Force Academy. This year, Baker has been offered a near full-ride scholarship to Grand Valley State College, Green says.

LEAGUE WIN: The Green and White team moved close to the Thumb B championship last Thursday with a 15-3, 15-2, 15-8 victory at Cass City. Sophomore Lisa Buschlen served up 15 points to lead



ABOVE: From left, Laker Coach Irene Green, and Laker All-State candidates Shelley Ritter, Brenda Baker and Julia Sturm display the gleaming trophies earned this year at Saturday tournaments.

AT RIGHT: Julia Sturm returns a ball at the net, while Brenda Baker looks on from her back row position. The team rotation is set up so one or the other of Laker's top spikers is always in the front row. RICH SWARTZENRUBER PHOTOS

the team, followed by Shelley Ritter with nine and Kriste Lasceski with seven. Ritter also chipped in 13 kill assists.

Baker had 13 kills in 18 attacks, while Julia Sturm had nine attacks with seven kills.

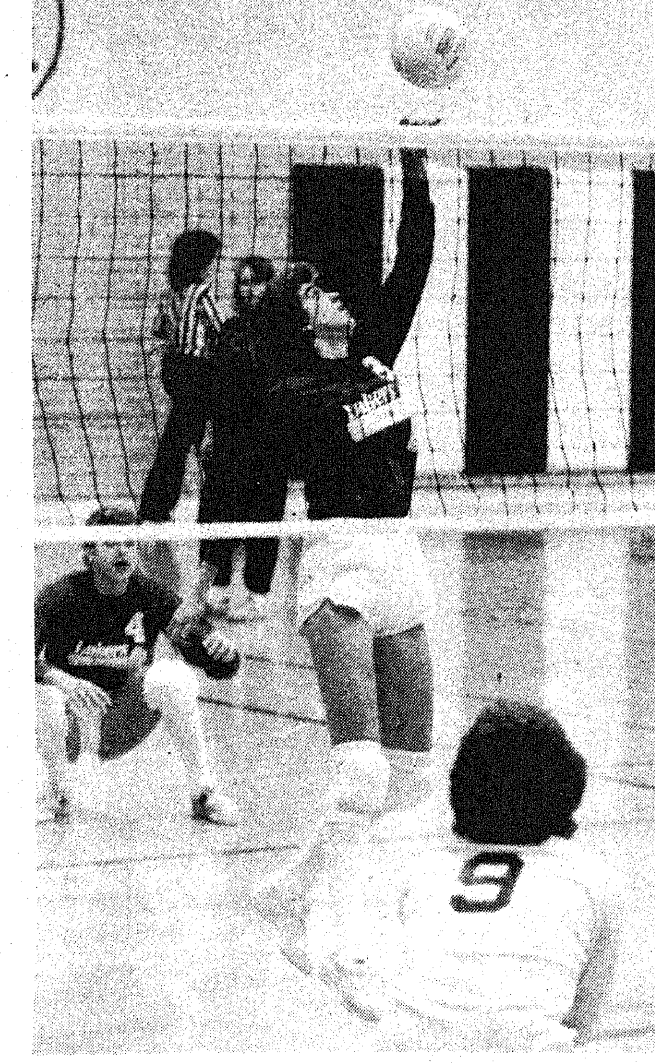
THIS WEEK: Lakers travel to Imlay City on Thursday and will take part in a Delta Invitational Tournament on Saturday.

The Laker coach believes the top-ranked Lakers will be ready for the district tournament, which is set for March 1 at Cass City.



Western Thumb Bowling Roundup

ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE	FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE	PIGEON THURSDAY NITE LADIES
This 'n That 25	Co-op Elevator 26	Village Owlk 24
Ackerman Farms 24	Active Feed 19	Haist Flowers 21
Bud Light 21	Silver Dollar 16	Miller High Life 18
Don's Barber Shop 19	Caseville Fruit Market 13	Thumb National Bank 16
Elkton Petroleum 19	Albrecht Auction Service 12	Ralph's Tavern 15
Thumme Insurance 18	Pigeon Lanes 10	Varey's 14
High team scores: This 'n That 2561 (883).	High team scores: Silver Dollar 2703 (859-867-977), Pigeon Lanes 2500 (914-820), Co-op Elevator 2457 (871-857), Caseville Fruit Market 2428 (877), Active Feed 2409 (803-818).	High individual scores: E. Gunden 545 (201-183), E. Guster 524 (189), P. Niebel 523 (183-185), S. Buchholz 519 (184), A. Albrecht 509 (172), E. Rooms 503 (198), D. Maust 486 (170), D. Strauch 473 (171), J. Kretzschmer 468 (175), J. Gots 462, L. Welshans 460 (174), E. Turner 186, B. Dubs 178, D. Beachy 173.
Other 500 series: D. Deming 552, W. Foster 551, J. Jaworski 536, B. Zeilner 532, K. Thumme 529, K. Schember 527, L. Deneen 507, B. Garrick 506, S. Huriburt 506, D. McAlpine 500.	High individual scores: B. Garrick 228, J. Schmitt 597 (217-201), K. Schember 200.	High team scores: Brighton Metal 2366 (824-784), J & B Pig. 2326 (788), Pigeon Co-op 2238.
Splits: 4-7-10 J. Knechtel, B. Zeilner; 3-10 K. Thumme, G. Willoughby; 3-7-10 J. Bernhardt; 4-9 T. Wilts; 5-8-10 J. Jaworski; 6-7 D. McAlpine; 9-10 B. Zeilner; 4-5 H. Kuhl.	Other 500 series: D. Deming 552, W. Foster 551, J. Jaworski 536, B. Zeilner 532, K. Thumme 529, K. Schember 527, L. Deneen 507, B. Garrick 506, S. Huriburt 506, D. McAlpine 500.	High individual scores: E. Gunden 545 (201-183), E. Guster 524 (189), P. Niebel 523 (183-185), S. Buchholz 519 (184), A. Albrecht 509 (172), E. Rooms 503 (198), D. Maust 486 (170), D. Strauch 473 (171), J. Kretzschmer 468 (175), J. Gots 462, L. Welshans 460 (174), E. Turner 186, B. Dubs 178, D. Beachy 173.
ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES	PIGEON WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES	McCormick Motors 10
Ron's Party Store 18	Village Owlk 24	High team scores: Brighton Metal 2366 (824-784), J & B Pig. 2326 (788), Pigeon Co-op 2238.
Elkton Co-op 15	Haist Flowers 21	High individual scores: E. Gunden 545 (201-183), E. Guster 524 (189), P. Niebel 523 (183-185), S. Buchholz 519 (184), A. Albrecht 509 (172), E. Rooms 503 (198), D. Maust 486 (170), D. Strauch 473 (171), J. Kretzschmer 468 (175), J. Gots 462, L. Welshans 460 (174), E. Turner 186, B. Dubs 178, D. Beachy 173.
Knechtel's Market 13 1/2	Miller High Life 18	Splits: 2-7-10 D. Dubs; 3-10 R. Graf.
Town Edge Farms 13	Thumb National Bank 16	PIGEON WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES
Bud's Bar 11	Ralph's Tavern 15	Village Owlk 24
Ty's Bowling 10 1/2	Varey's 14	Haist Flowers 21
Elkton IGA 8	Bay Port Construction 13	Miller High Life 18
Sally's Ceramics 7	Damm's Inc. 12	Thumb National Bank 16
High team scores: Elkton Co-op 589, Knechtel's 1726.	Bay Port State Bank 11	Ralph's Tavern 15
High individual scores: J. Rosenthal 538 (219), L. Zarnke 484 (173), K. Carr 470 (191), D. Seley 180, J. Garrick 178.	Huron Excavation 9	Village Owlk 24
Splits: 3-10 G. Reilly, B. Willoughby; 5-7 F. Byarski.	Pigeon Inn 8	Haist Flowers 21
	Volmer's 7	Miller High Life 18
	High team scores: Miller High Life 2393 (794-808), Ralph's Tavern 2299 (856), Haist Flowers 2136 (768).	Thumb National Bank 16
	High individual scores: D. Bollenbacher 556 (192-223), M.L. Fluegge 519 (195), D.	Ralph's Tavern 15



BAKER BOMB: Top Laker Spiker Brenda Baker pounds an attack while Julia Sturm prepares for a return to the back row.

Lakers clinch share of TBA title

By RICH SWARTZENRUBER

After earning a share of the Thumb B Association hoop championship last Friday, Lakers were denied winning the title outright in a make-up game on Monday. The North Branch Broncos used a combination of hot outside shooting and offensive rebounding to hand the Lakers their first league loss of the year by a 64-49 count. Lakers trailed by a 25-22 halftime score, before the Broncos blew the game open with a 23-12 scoring advantage in the third quarter.

Todd Schember hit 16 points to lead Laker scoring. Chris Eby scored 13 and Jim Warren added a dozen in a losing cause.

North Branch was paced by the scoring trio of Jim Shelton with 14 points, Mike Groce with 12 and Rod Porritt with 10.

FRIDAY WIN: The Laker cagers guaranteed themselves at least a tie for the league championship with a 75-57 victory over Caro on Valentine's Day last Friday, but parts of the game featured play more fitting with April Fool's Day.

Contributing to the Laker miscues during the game, were unfamiliar combinations of players as Coach Bill McLellan juggled the line-up to replace several key players.

"We're playing a little hurt now," said McLellan after the game in a classic understatement. Starting forward Tom Beer could be sidelined for the rest of the season with a badly sprained ankle, Tony Harder was unable to suit up due to illness, guard Mike McArdle returned to action, but suffered the effects from the flu this week and guard Rob Irion was hobbled after spraining a knee in practice earlier this week. Compounding the problem, Chris Eby sat out nearly the entire second quarter with three fouls.

Caro took advantage of some early Laker miscues to open up a 16-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. The visiting Tigers stretched the lead to 30-20 just two minutes before the intermission, but Lakers bounced back to trail only 32-30 at halftime.

The Green and White cagers took charge of the game immediately in the third quarter with two three-point plays in the first 30 seconds of the second half.

Though disheartened, Caro refused to throw in the towel. After trailing 48-42 going into the final eight minutes, the Tigers stayed within striking distance until the final three minutes of the game when Lakers ran away with the victory.

McLellan credited Jim Warren and Todd Schember for their performances, especially in the second half. Warren led Laker scorers with 19 points and also pulled down eight rebounds, while Schember tallied 13 points and grabbed 11 caroms. Eby netted 14 points in the second half to finish the contest with a total of 16.

Steve Marchlewicz hit 27 points to lead all scorers, while Caro teammate Josh Monte added 15.

TUESDAY WIN: Lakers started the week on a winning note with a 58-36 decision over Imlay City.

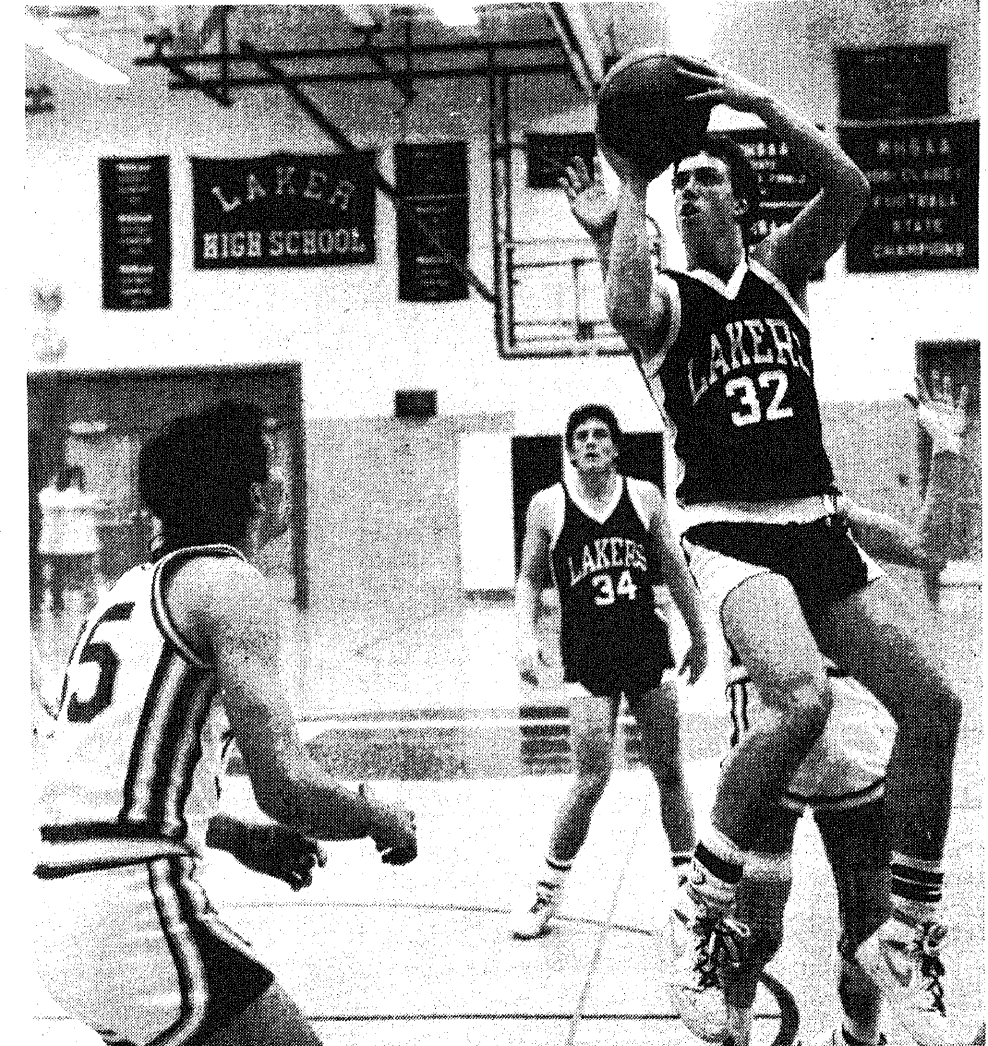
Schember hit 19 points to pace the Laker offense and Eby added 14.

THIS WEEK: Lakers travel to Ubyl on Tuesday for what could be a preview of the best two teams in the district tournament. On Friday, Lakers return home to host Vassar.

JVs WIN: The Laker junior varsity won the preliminary contest with North Branch, 64-32.

Paul Elenbaum hit 10 points and Jay Anthes, Kel Ifill and Jay Bushey each added eight to lead the jayvee offense in which all 13 players scored.

The Laker JVs also picked up a pair of TBA victories last week. Elenbaum netted 14 points and Hill added 13 to lead the junior Lakers past Caro, 54-47. Last Tuesday, the junior varsity outpointed Imlay City, 43-39. Elenbaum and Brian Kohl led the team scoring with eight points each. The jayvees' league record stands at 12-0 with an overall mark of 15-2. **MORE WINS:** The Laker Frosh were also successful against the Broncos with a 75-54 victory.



TAKING AIM: Laker Jim Warren sights in the basket as he guns for two of his team-leading 19 points, as Caro's Steve Marchlewicz watches helplessly. RICH SWARTZENRUBER PHOTOS

Mark Kretzschmer led freshman scoring with 21 points, followed closely by Kendall Wertz with 20. Kretzschmer and Wertz

each scored 18 points in a 61-36 Laker Freshman win over Caro last Friday. Wertz had the hot shooting touch last Tuesday as he net-

ted 35 points in a 66-56 Laker victory at Imlay City. The freshman now stand at 19-2 in TBA play and boast a 15-2 overall mark.

Eagles win pair of NCTDL games to keep pace with Kingston

By RICH SWARTZENRUBER

The Caseville Eagles continued to hover close to the top of the North Central Thumb D League standings with a pair of victories last week.

The Eagles got off to a slow start on Friday night, but came on strong to record a 84-54 victory over Carsonville - Port Sanilac. The visiting Tigers outpointed Caseville, 21-19, in the first quarter, but then the home team took control of the game.

"We came out a little flat, but once we got going, we went right through them," said Caseville Coach Randy Bingham.

He lauded the efforts of Greg Langley who stepped in to replace an ill Pete Delmotte. Langley finished with 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the game. Ray Johnson rediscovered his shooting touch as he led all scorers with 23 points. Rounding out a balanced Caseville scoring attack was Bruce Langley with 12 points and John Winkler and Dave Simet with 10 each.

Tony Seagraves nabbed 12 steals on defense, while Simet chipped in six blocked shots and pulled down 13 rebounds.

Eric Regner led CPS with 16 points. **PIRATES SUNK:** Last Tuesday, Caseville dumped Peck, 71-52 in the Pirates home port. The Eagles used a 20-10 third quarter scoring advantage to crack open the game which Caseville led, 29-24 at halftime.

Simet led Eagle scoring with 19 points and also grabbed 15 rebounds. Johnson hit 14 points, Delmotte scored 13 and Winkler added 11.

THIS WEEK: Caseville travels to Deerpark on Friday in a key NCTDL contest.

HOOP STANDINGS

Thumb B Association	North Central Thumb D League
Lakers 11-1	Kingston 12-1
Cass City 9-3	Caseville 12-2
North Branch 9-3	North Huron 10-3
Vassar 6-6	Deerpark 10-4
Marlette 6-6	Peck 5-8
Caro 4-8	Port Hope 5-9
Bad Axe 3-9	OpenGate 2-11
Imlay City 0-12	CPS 2-11
	Akron-Fairgrove 2-11

Bowler of the Week

The Thumb Area Woman's Bowling Association Bowler of the Week for Jan. 27-Feb. 2, is Richelle Cook. The top week's bowler rolled a 582 actual series.

Cook bowls for The Stamp Pad in the Thursday Night Ladies League at Crazy Horse Lanes in Ubyl.

Other 550 and higher series were bowled by: Ethel Gunden, 599 at Pigeon Lanes; Noel Wichert, 569 at Pigeon Lanes; Arlene Becking, 563 at Bad Axe Lanes; Florence Penfold, 555 at Bill's in Kinde, and Judy Ostrander, 555 at Bad Axe Lanes.

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We wish to thank all our friends, neighbors and relatives for their acts of kindness following the death of our mother & grandmother.
We want to thank Shetler-Bussema Chapel for their services, those who gave memorials, and those who sent cards. We also want to thank Church Members who provided food, and the service committees from Pigeon River and Michigan Avenue Mennonite Churches who served the dinner following the service.
The Family Of Rachel Gunden 34pd

I wish to thank the Nurses and Doctors, both of Scheurer and St. Luke's Hospitals, Dr. Akbar and ambulance attendants for their wonderful care. To Rev. Orth for his visits. Relatives, friends and neighbors for the flowers, gifts, food, cards and prayers. A special thanks to my sister in law, Ellen Koch and to my Aunt, Louise Ruthig for their daily visits. Everything was greatly appreciated and will long be remembered.
Bless You All Elna Mae Koch 34pd

We sincerely express our gratitude for the food, flowers, visitations and memorials. Also to Pastor Schleis, the organist and singer, the Champagne Funeral Home, the Medical Care Facility, Sunny Acres Nursing Home, Provincial House and any other expression of sympathy.
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Emily will soon have to learn about sharin'... Now that she has a new sister... Erin!
Congratulations, Lynn and Mike from the P-A Staff!

The families of Evelyn Johnson would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during her illness and her death. We would especially like to thank Dr. Ray, the nurses at Scheurer Hospital, and the Huron Medical Care Facility for all the extra special care she received while she was ill. Thank you to Rev. Brent McCummons for all your visits and prayers, the ladies of the Caseville Methodist Church, Margie Severson, Jancie Roestel, and Gerlie Roestel for the luncheons they served. And a very special thanks to Clara Beck, the wonderful care she gave mom will always be remembered. We also express our gratitude to relatives, friends and neighbors for cards, flowers, gifts, food and memorials.
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From Last Week
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gascho have moved into town from their farm, and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gascho of Nappanee, Ind., have moved into their farm home. Mrs. Tom Miller of Southfield visited her mother, Mrs. Ida Spence, on Thursday and Friday. Kevin Ohlrogge of Sterling Heights and John Trowbridge were weekend guests of their parents', Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ohlrogge and Mrs. Elsie Trowbridge. They attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary Open House for Mr. and Mrs. John Diener at the Pigeon District Library on Sunday. The Cross Lutheran Sunday Night Study Group and families enjoyed a weekend retreat at Midland's Valley Plaza. Luther Fredrick and son Kenneth of New Mexico were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Licht. Last weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Diener were Pastor and Mrs. Ronald Diener of Williston, Ohio, Ann Diener of Delphos, Ohio, John Bella of Nor-

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and my salary was frozen for yet another year. I think it is great that these people catch a vision beyond the local church. Heavens, if our church gave a half tithe of 5%, it would double our budget and we would have to restrain the people from giving as did Moses in Exodus 36:6. There is plenty of resource to support both local and national ministries. We are getting there. It just takes some information and a little challenge. The real secret is when financial hardship comes and 10% of a welfare check means going without some necessities of life. It is even more important to give during these hard times to ensure heaven's floodgates to not shut to a trickle (Malachi 3), but that is another column.

Area Residents Visit, Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Tebedo of Swartz Creek spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Avis Cregeur for Valentine's Day and their anniversary. They also visited her father, Cletus Cregeur at the Scenic Home.

A Wednesday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. John Diener was his cousin, Mrs. Mary Rockstroh of Sebewaing. Thursday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Weidmeyer of Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Teuscher of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Miss Marjorie Teuscher of Goshen, Ind. attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Eltie Sturm on Friday in Bad Axe. Marjorie remained to spend the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Teuscher. Kevin Ohlrogge of Sterling Heights was a weekend guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ohlrogge. The CEA from Cross Lutheran School had their "Family Frolics" at the school on Monday evening. The Sunday Night Study Group of Cross met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Born on 10 present. Mrs. Elaine Verheage of Essexville and Mrs. Melissa Shepherd visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kleido on Monday. Holly Born, Brenda Schulze and Jill Gardy went to Central Michigan University for "Brother and Sister Weekend."

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje were surprised Saturday when 30 relatives and friends helped Alvin and Gladys celebrate their Saturday and Sunday birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schnitker of Sebewaing and Mr. and Mrs. John Diener enjoyed dinner at the Lamplighter Restaurant on Saturday, in honor of the Diener's Golden Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 2. Later they spent the evening the Diener home. Over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke were in Sterling Heights with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke and Pamela. They celebrated the Arthur Rathke's anniversary and the birthdays of Herman and Arthur. A potluck supper of the Berne residents met Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Loren Eitfman, Luther Fredrick and Kenneth of New Mexico. Others present were Mrs. Emma Riemenschneider, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ruby and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wurst, Chris and Cathy. Roger Swartzendruber of Kalamazoo and Chris Fuller of East Lansing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartzendruber. Mr. and Mrs. Mel Tebedo from Swartz Creek spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Avis Cregeur for Valentine's Day and their anniversary. They also visited her father, Cletus Cregeur, at the Scenic Home. Wednesday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. John Diener was his cousin, Mrs. Mary Rockstroh from Sebewaing. Thursday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Weidmeyer of Ann Arbor area.

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