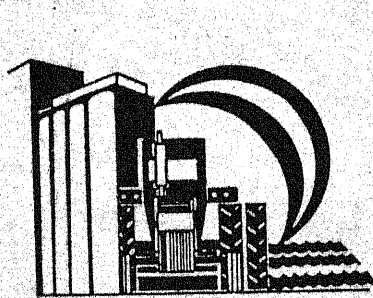


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## NEW BUSINESS:

Thumb Bottle Gas recently opened its doors at a new location in Pigeon. The new business is located in the State Farm Insurance Building, between Michigan Directory Company and Pigeon Telephone Company. The Pigeon office is the second location for the Fairgrove-based company.

Owner Joe Volk, pictured at right, says his firm is available to deliver L.P. Gas to any Thumb area home, farm, business or industry.

Future plans include sales of gas appliances to be displayed in the showroom of the Pigeon office. DEB McBRIDE PHOTO



## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

### SAGINAW BAY ICE TOO THIN

Winter may still officially be here, but that doesn't mean Saginaw Bay's ice is in prime condition.

Recent 40-degree warming trends — coupled with weekend rainfall — contribute to thinning ice amounts averaging between three inches and 10 inches in parts of Saginaw Bay and on area rivers. Coast Guard inspectors from the Saginaw River Range Light Station say ice is breaking up fast.

They caution all snowmobilers and ice fishermen to continually check ice conditions before venturing on to ice. They recommend staying as close to shore as possible and urge fishermen to take protective gear along, such as buoy rings or foam insulated suits.

### \$100,000 BOND FOR BANKER

Former Thumb National Bank & Trust Company President James Schumacher has pled not guilty to federal charges that he embezzled \$77,761.86 from the bank over a four-year period.

Schumacher, 51 of Pigeon, was told to restrict travel to Michigan only, and a \$100,000 bond was ordered by U.S. District Court Magistrate Charles Binder at Schumacher's arraignment last Wednesday in Bay City.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation charges him with embezzling bank funds between March 16, 1981 and April 5, 1985. Schumacher was indicted Feb. 28 on the charges. He resigned as bank president last December, after working there for 30 years.

U.S. Attorney Michael Hluchaniuk will prosecute Schumacher, who is being represented by W. Tedd Oyler of Detroit. If convicted, Schumacher faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and/or a \$5000 fine.

He is one of nine mid-Michigan bank employees charged by the FBI with federal crimes in the past two weeks. Two of those have pled guilty since charges were made against them. Former Bad Axe banker Leonard Haist Friday pled guilty to misapplying \$21,000 in bank funds at the Bad Axe branch of NewCentury Bank, where he was a vice president. And Ronald Davis, former assistant vice president of People's State Bank of Caro, pled guilty to misapplication of \$123,706 in bank funds.

Haist will be sentenced April 22, while Davis' sentencing date is April 16.

### GAS PRICES GOING DOWN...

It's taking a little longer than in the big cities, but Thumb Area gasoline prices are falling as world crude oil prices continue their plunge. Present gasoline prices are the lowest since 1979, averaging 99 cents per gallon statewide for regular, and about five cents more for unleaded.

Local prices are down about 10 cents per gallon from one week ago, according to surveys.

In Pigeon, Total gas at the Village Qwik Stop sold for 93.9 and 96.9 cents, while Shell gas at People's Oil and Gas sold for the same prices. Full-serve prices were 94.8 and 97.8 cents, respectively, at T&J Sunoco in Pigeon.

Sebawaing area gas prices this weekend were 92.9 cents for regular and 97.9 cents for unleaded at People's Choice Market, Engelhardt Petroleum and other self-serve locations. In Unionville, Sunoco prices were 94.8 and 99.8 cents, respectively.

Some large cities reported below-cost prices during "gas wars," but the lowest rates found anywhere in the Thumb were 78.9 cents for regular and 83.9 cents for unleaded at a Rebel station in Frankenmuth on Sunday.

### STATE OFFERS LAND FOR SALE

Seven parcels in Huron County and 37 in Tuscola County are among 4774 properties statewide available for public auction next Thursday, March 20 at 10 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Room of the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan, Saginaw.

The state Department of Natural Resources is selling such surplus land acquired by the state from owners for non-payment of property taxes. Property will be sold to the

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## Bob Peter voted new Caseville mayor

Election turnouts were light in the Western Thumb for Monday's General Election, and leaders were named in Caseville, Pigeon and Elkton.

**CASEVILLE** voters elected former Mayor Robert Peter to a new term 123-50 over former Police Chief Robert Cassada, to the two-year Mayor's post.

Three Village Council seats were decided, as newcomer George Bednerek led all vote-getters with 135, incumbent Forrest Williams was re-elected with 128 and newcomer Anna Lee Merideth won the third spot at 121. These are four-year seats.

Failing to gain enough

## Don't miss 'Las Vegas' fun Monday!

A limited number of tickets are still available for this Monday's first "Las Vegas Night" at Pigeon VFW Hall, sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce to promote downtown beautification.

No tickets will be sold at the door, and all Chamber of Commerce members have them. The admission price includes several thousand "dollars" of play money for games plus admission, says Chamber President Mike LePage.

The St. Patrick's Day event starts with happy hour at 6:30 p.m., with games beginning at 7:30. An auction will start at 10:30, and persons who "win" during the night use that play money to purchase video recorders, color TVs, radios and other items offered.

Persons must be 18 years of age or older to attend. Games offered include black jack, antique big six money wheel, craps, over-under cage dice and others. Dale Wertz will be auctioneer.

Free popcorn will be available and more than \$1500 in prizes are offered.

"Don't miss this special night of fun," LePage urges. "You don't have to go to Las Vegas or Atlantic City to enjoy winning prizes -- just come to Pigeon's Las Vegas Night on Monday."

Council votes were Paul Lange with 50 and Krista Jensen with 38.

Deputy Village Clerk Lee Ann Kunderer won her boss' old job, receiving 82 votes to 66 for former Mayor Janice Prill and 33 for newcomer Agnes Peruski. Former Clerk Deloris Steinman did not seek re-election to the two-year job, after 14 years in office. All are non-partisan posts.

A total of 180 voters, or about 28% of those registered, voted in Caseville Monday.

**IN ELKTON**, Democrat Neilan Hoffman will return to Council, as he ousted one-term Republican member Terry Heck 79-56. Incumbent

Republicans Barbara Thompson and David Fisher were re-elected, with 95 and 66 votes.

Unopposed were Village President Elmer Ropp, Jr. with 98, Clerk Darlene Ginter with 94, Treasurer Denny Learman with 101 and Assessor Phyllis Tamblin with 94 votes. All are Republicans.

In all, 117 of Elkton's 500 voters cast ballots, or about 20%.

**PIGEON HAD** no surprises or contests, as 12% of voters balloted. David Geiger was elected Village President with 64 votes, while Robert Brown was re-elected Clerk with 43. Top vote-getters were incumbents, Treasurer Janet Heckman and Assessor Roy Lawrence with 67 each.

Former member Ken Licht received 63 votes for one of the three Council seats available, while incumbent Dave McCormick got 61 and incumbent Jim Armbruster 56 votes. All Pigeon candidates are Republicans.

Two write-ins were cast in the President's race, one for

outgoing Mayor Norris Diebel and one for Bob Tate.

Pigeon's new Council will meet Thursday, March 13 for its reorganizational meeting at 7 p.m.

## German meal set April 24

Scheurer Hospital's Annual Fund-Raising Dinner is coming Thursday, April 24 at Laker High School.

A German theme was selected this year for both food and music at the annual event. Chairperson Dorothy Young invites everyone to get in a festive German mood for the occasion.

A raffle for a Hummel figurine will precede this year's dinner. Raffle tickets are on sale at the hospital reception desk.

## Children invited to Easter Egg Hunt

The Pigeon Area Jaycees will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m. in the Village Park, next to the Pigeon VFW Hall.

Weather-permitting, the hunt will be held outdoors. If inclement weather makes it impossible, the Jaycees will be handing out treats at the park to children who come.

The hunt will be divided into three age groups: five and under, six to eight year olds and nine to 12 year olds.

INSIDE: SUGAR BEET DAY IS FULL OF ACTIVITY... SEE PAGE 13



Pigeon Chamber of Commerce presents:

# Las Vegas Night

Monday, March 17, 1986  
(St. Patrick's Day)

Pigeon VFW Hall

Happy Hour

Cash Bar 6:30 p.m.

Games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Your Tax-Deductible \$10<sup>00</sup> ticket gains you admittance plus play money

Get your tickets from Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Members

More than \$1500<sup>00</sup> in prizes to be auctioned off at the end of the evening!

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Play Vegas Games Such As:

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Make plans NOW to enjoy a fun-filled evening. Try your luck to win some GREEN!

## Alzheimer's program set

Persons in the community who would like to learn more about Alzheimer's Disease, a "silent epidemic" affecting more than 1.5 million older Americans, are invited to attend a special program on Wednesday, April 2 at 2 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library.

Sponsors of the two-hour program are Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon and the Huron County Cooperative Extension.

Main speaker will be James G. O'Brien, M.D., director of Geriatrics, St. Lawrence Hospital, Lansing. He currently serves as Associate Chairman, Department of Family Practice, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University, East Lansing. He is a professor in the MSU College of Human Medicine and is director of the school's Clinical Geriatrics.

Dr. O'Brien, who has co-authored four books and written several articles for medical journals, has held several titles and committee appointments throughout the Lansing and Saginaw areas. He is a member of the Ingham County Medical Society, Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, Michigan State Medical Society, American Geriatrics Society and the Gerontological Society of America. In 1985 he was a consultant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicine, Washington D.C.

Dr. O'Brien will address the topic of Alzheimer's Disease, and how the

prevalence of the disease will triple in the next 50 years as the population ages.

The general public is invited to attend, although reservations should be made by contacting the Scheurer Hospital Community Relations Department at 453-3223. Enrollment will be limited.



Dr. James O'Brien

The prevalence of Alzheimer's Disease will triple in the next 50 years, as the population ages, experts say...

## Elkton insurance up 78%

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

The increasing reluctance by insurance companies to provide liability insurance was shown at Elkton Council's monthly meeting last Tuesday. The village's insurer during the past year and did not offer a renewal, and only one insurance group offered a bid for municipal coverage in Elkton.

The \$19,260 bid of Michigan Community Underwriters of Sterling Heights was accepted by Council after discussion with John Gandolfi, risk manager for the company. The new premium cost represents a 78% increase over last year, but that is not unusual at the present time, Gandolfi says.

"You wouldn't believe what some municipalities in the city are paying, stated Gandolfi. 'I had a pretty good idea you would be in this dilemma,'" he added, noting most insurance companies aren't offering coverage to municipalities in Michigan.

The coverage, called the Michigan Township Participating Plan, gives each participant a representative on the board of directors, but guarantees no extra assessments will be charged during the year.

Additional protection in the new policy could enable the village to sponsor a beer tent. No additional liquor liability policy would be required if the village sponsored and received the proceeds from an event in which alcohol was served. The high price of those special liability policies is often cited as the reason beer tents have been discontinued during many summer festivals.

**OTHER BIDS:** Council also awarded the contract for garbage pickup to Gateway Sanitation of Almont at a cost of \$900 per month. Also bidding was Cove Sanitation of Bad Axe (\$990) and Bedford Disposal of Caseville (\$1121).

Five bids were received offering a new backhoe tractor for prices ranging from \$19,896.25 to \$22,200 with trade-in of the present village model, and \$29,400 to \$31,200 without trade-in.

A committee of Terry Heck, Gordon Stirrett and Fred Santos was authorized to review the offers with DPW Superintendent Walt Forster and made a decision on which bid to accept.

**OTHER BIZ:** Council also: Accepted the retirement

of Assistant DPW Superintendent Harry Renn and thanked him for his 31 years of service as village employee;

Decided to seek applications for someone to work on the DPW crew;

Approved a request by Laker Schools to use the village tennis courts for a regional tournament on May 16 or 17, and

Voted to purchase a publication which lists all the industries in Michigan.

## Say YES to veggies!

By BARBARA NEUMAN Extension Home Economist

For as long as anyone can remember, mothers of America have been telling their youngsters to eat their vegetables.

Well, all that effort has paid off. The per person consumption of vegetables has increased dramatically in the last decade.

Let's look at a few figures. The per person consumption of broccoli — those funny, green little trees — has risen from less than a pound in 1972 to more than two pounds 10 years later.

Americans are also eating more cucumbers, carrots, lettuce and tomatoes. We're eating two more pounds of tomatoes per year than in 1972 and lettuce consumption has risen to more than 25 pounds per year.

Carrot and cucumber consumption has grown by about a pound per year each. But in terms of growth rate, broccoli takes the honors. Its 214% in just 10 years. Even so, we still eat six times as many tomatoes as broccoli.

Why the increase? We'd like to think it's because mothers did their job so well — and that may be so, but here are a few reasons to ponder.

The baby boomer generation — those people ages 25 to 35 — is extremely health conscious. The baby boomers are also the most educated group in America. One-fourth of them are college graduates, compared with only 17% of those 20 years older. They tend to pay attention to the education and research being devoted to diet-related diseases.

A final contributing factor has been the shift from a blue collar to a white collar labor force. When there are more workers in an office setting than in a factory setting, there will be a higher demand for lighter, lower-calorie foods, because people who push papers burn fewer calories than those who push steel.

Who will benefit from this change in eating habits? The farmers who produce the vegetables will, with the edge going to those who can provide them year 'round. Since we will need more carrot peelers, cutting boards and Cuisinarts to use with all the vegetables we're eating, the manufacturers and retailers will benefit some.

But all of us are the ultimate beneficiaries! Eating more vegetables and fruits makes good nutritional sense.

— Advertising Age, December 6, 1984, adapted from "People Patterns," by Peter Francisco.

## Laker's Brunet cashes in benefits

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER  
Elkton - Pigeon-Bay Port Huron Superintendent Harry Brunet's future retirement check will be a little bigger as a result of action by the Laker School Board on Monday night.

Board approved an offer by Brunet to pay the district \$450 per month rent on the residence and \$255 monthly for the leased car, both currently provided by the Board. In exchange, Brunet's salary will be increased by an equal amount

in what was termed a "paper transfer." The Laker superintendent says the purpose of the compensation adjustment is to increase the salary base used to figure retirement benefits and be more comparable with other area superintendents.

that figure is less than the labor cost alone if Lakers used its own buses and drivers.

Business Manager Bob Drury predicted 80-100 Laker High students will take classes at the skill center.

**ELECTION SET:** Monday, June 9 was set as the date for the annual school election. The term of current Board President Bruce Baur will expire this spring. Baur indicated he plans to seek reelection.

Individuals who wish to run for the Board seat must file nominating petitions by Monday, April 7 at 4 p.m. Petitions can be obtained at the Laker Business Office.

**OTHER BIZ:** Board also: Was informed the committee to establish a sex education curriculum plans to present its recommendations at the April Board meeting;

Commented Laker Spelling Bee Coordinator Mike Lang and Jennifer Kreh of Elkton Elementary, Tracy Steinman of Pigeon Elementary, Jessica Henne of Bay Port Elementary and Anasiya Kamlapurker of Laker Junior High, who will represent the Laker District at the regional spelling bee at Lapeer this Thursday, Mar. 13.

Congratulated Laker High Principal James Ballard on his election as Vice President of Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals;

Agreed to host the county-wide teachers' in-service day on Oct. 30, 1986.

## St. Pat's Dinner planned Monday

The Caseville Class of 1987 (Junior Class) is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Roast Beef Dinner this Monday, March 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school.

children are available at the door, and the dinner will be served in the Caseville School Cafeteria.

Proceeds from the dinner go for next year's Senior Trip.

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**OBSERVATIONS BY PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!**  
**MORE FROM EGYPT** — We've heard many comments about last week's story of Rev. Gordon and Shirley Nusz's terrifying incident in riot-torn Cairo, Egypt. During the interview, the Nuzs told some fascinating tidbits about agriculture and life in general observed in Israel and Egypt. Some excerpts:

"Egypt appears to have such a vital, stable economy. Expansion and building projects are everywhere. Everywhere we looked in Cairo, there were dozens of cranes at building projects.

"Before the Cairo affair, our eight days in Israel were beautiful. Tourists have no fear, but the military is everywhere, usually with Uzi machine guns. Thanks to their universal conscription, everywhere there are men and women, with real machine guns, walking down the street.

"In Israel, everything is very peaceful, just gorgeous. When Israel was founded in 1948, 10% of the land was under cultivation. Now, that figure is 80%.

"Farmers from the Pigeon area would love seeing the Israeli agriculture innovations. They want to become 'the garden of Europe,' producing citrus, garden crops, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, vineyards — everything under plastic greenhouses. They retain the water, using drip irrigation and miles of little plastic tubes.

"We saw strawberries the size of apples, and wheat now that was a foot tall. They can get three crops a year, due to the Israeli climate. In Upper Galilee, they get 15 cuttings of alfalfa a year versus about three here. This is fertile land.

"Farmers from Pigeon would have a ball. Much of the work is done via kibbutzes, where the government owns the land. People join the group for two years and are housed and fed. Israel is growing many date palms, bananas — they're really putting the land to use."

**USA TODAY IN PIGEON!** — Word has it (from owner Mike LePage) that USA Today is available for sale now at the Village Quik Stop in Pigeon. "The Nation's Newspaper" has even found Pigeon!

**MORE PAPER WARS** — We've been mentioning the interesting events happening around Detroit in this spot recently. Well, it's getting even more interesting.

The Detroit News announced last week it's dropping its "outstate" daily price from 20 cents to 15 cents — after all that speculation about new owner Gannett Company hiking all such per-copy prices.

Now, the Detroit Free Press is following suit, and will match the News' 15-cent daily price outstate, down from 20 cents. The Free Press has cost 20 cents everywhere, while the News was 15 cents in the metro area.

With the high quality both those papers possess, they should be worth 50 cents and more a day — but that's not how huge corporations run their businesses.

We always make the comparison with magazines. Sure, you get beautiful color pictures in a Newsweek, Time or Sports Illustrated — but you pay almost \$2 per copy each week, too! A (weekly or daily) paper has nothing but local news, but it sells for just pennies (15 in Detroit's case, 35 cents for our P-A in the Western Thumb.)

As stated previously, newspapers are drastically under-priced...

**ROBIN TIME** — Harriet Collins of Drury Drive (Sand Point), Pigeon, knows spring is coming (soon, we hope!) She saw a robin this past Monday, just outside her house. It's a hopeful sign!

**EASTER EGG TIME** — Do you like Cadbury's chocolate eggs? They market them wonderfully — selling only at Easter time. They include gooey stuff inside that even looks like an egg white and yolk.

Now, Mon Cheri has come up with "Fine Chocolate Eggs," too — that they say are actually TWO Mon Cheri Chocolates. We haven't tried them yet, but no doubt we will!

**WISH I'D SAID THAT** — "Eating like a bird takes on a new meaning after you've bought food for them all winter!"

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## Warren is delegate to national meeting

A Pigeon resident was among a Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service lay-leader delegation that traveled to Washington D.C. on March 9-11 to discuss educational trends.

Joyce Warren was one of eight people selected from Michigan to join lay leaders from across the nation for a conference that outlined goals of Extension's educational programs for the coming year.

Warren participated in discussions with congressional leaders, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials and nationally known university figures.

Warren, a dental hygienist, is a 4-H leader and administrator in Lapeer County. She is a member of the 4-H Personal Appearance Developmental Committee and is vice chairperson of the Huron



Joyce Warren

County chapter of the Michigan Association of Extension Homemakers. She is also coordinator of religious education at St. Roch Church and secretary of the ST. Roch Education Commission.

## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

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highest bidder and total payment is expected at the auction, according to the DNR's Land Sales Office in Lansing.

Huron County properties include one in Sebewaing Township, one on Albert Street in Sebewaing village, plus lands in Bad Axe, Port Austin and elsewhere.

Mineral rights are not included. In a year, the state obtains deeds for about 19,000 lots, but about half of those are redeemed by the owners. Booklets listing all available lots are available from the DNR at (517) 373-1250.

**TEC ANNUAL MEETING MAR. 20**  
The 49th annual meeting of Thumb Electric Cooperative is scheduled next Thursday, March 20 at 10 a.m. at the Colony House, Cass City. General Manager Michael Krause says this is the first such meeting outside Uby in 48 years, and it should attract more Tuscola and Sanilac County members. Nearly \$70,000 in patronage capital will be returned to members for electricity purchases in 1959 and 1984. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, with music and comedy by "The Unbelievable" Bob Springfield at 1 p.m. TEC members and their families are invited, Krause says.

**MAYOR EXCHANGE PAIRINGS**  
Eight Thumb Area villages and cities are participating in the annual Mayor Exchange Day activities on Monday, May 19 during Government Day of Michigan Week.

Drawn last week were these exchanges: Caseville and Muir, Columbiaville and Uby, Frankenmuth and Rockford, Gageton and Owendale, Pigeon and Sebewaing plus St. Charles and Vassar.

They're some of 250 municipalities involved in the annual event, presented each year as a way of fostering friendships and understanding, according to the Greater Michigan Foundation, organizer of Michigan Week events.

**IMAGING CENTER IDEA MOVING**  
Six Saginaw area hospitals have received regional project review committee approval to build a \$2.8 million center in Auburn, west of Bay City, to house a magnetic resonance imager.

The plan is favored by the review committee over a competing bid for a mobile trailer from Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital. The diagnostic machine produces body images without x-rays that are superior to existing methods, experts say. Two magnetic fields are directed to parts of the body which can produce radio waves.

The plan still must gain approval by the East Central Michigan Health Systems Agency Board of Directors and the state Department of Public Health. The hospitals include Bay Medical Center, Midland Hospital Center, Gladwin Area Hospital, Clare Community Hospital, Saginaw General and St. Luke's Hospital of Saginaw.

**POLICE BLOTTER NEWS**  
Robert Wiese, 39 of Bay Port, was injured Thursday when his pickup truck struck the caboose on a Chesapeake and Ohio freight train about 12:19 a.m. He told Huron County Sheriff's Deputies he failed to see the train as he was northbound on Kuhl Road in Fair Haven Township. He was taken to Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, and was reported in good condition.

**COURT PROCEEDINGS**  
In recent action in Huron County 73rd District Court, First Division, Judge John Schubel heard these pleas and passed judgment on:

Gary Rathje, 18 of Elkton, pled guilty to driving while license suspended; sentenced to five days in Huron County Jail;

Anthony Grant, 41 of Sebewaing, pled guilty to impaired driving; fined \$400 and costs and loss of driving privilege for 90 days;

Duane Wurst, 38 of Pigeon, pled guilty to impaired driving; sentenced to 30 days in jail, ordered to pay \$450 fines and costs and losing driving privileges for six months;

Chad Gaeth, 20 of Sebewaing, pled guilty to larceny, less than \$100; ordered to pay \$75 fines and costs, following Feb. 1 theft of items from a Sebewaing convenience store investigated by Sebewaing Village Police;

Donald Schember, 21 of Elkton, was found guilty of driving with a restricted license; sentenced to three days in jail and to pay \$150 fines and costs;

Robert Jordan, 33 of Kinde, pled guilty to disorderly conduct; ordered to pay \$100 fines and costs, following a March 1 incident at a Bad Axe lounge.

These determinations or pleas were made in 52nd Circuit Court, Huron County, before Circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock recently.

Scott Harder, 29 of Bay Port, was sentenced to two concurrent one-year jail terms for writing three non-sufficient checks and larceny by conversion over \$100. Harder has also been sentenced to concurrent terms in Bay County on similar charges;

Donald Plonta, Jr., 29 of Sebewaing, was sentenced to six months in jail on charges of larceny from a building, following a Jan. 10 theft from a Sebewaing party store. In Tuscola County Circuit Court,

Dale Matzke, 20, and his brother, Steven Matzke, 21, both of Millington, sought a Monday hearing to withdraw their guilty pleas for their part in the shooting of a state conservation officer. The Matzkes' appeal would be heard by Circuit Judge Patrick Joslyn.

Their decision to change pleas came two weeks after the third man involved in the Oct. 20, 1984 incident, Steven Simon, 21 of Millington, was sentenced to three to five years in prison, after his no contest plea to attempted assault charges during a felony and malicious destruction of property over \$100, in the shooting of Timothy Burke, DNR officer, as Burke and his partner, Juris Dirichson, were chasing the men suspected of fleeing a deer poaching incident.

## Give blood March 27 at Caseville drive

The American Red Cross wants YOU — or at least a pint of your blood, at the Caseville Bloodmobile Drive on Thursday, March 27 at the American Legion Hall.

Repeat and new donors are invited to attend, and hours are 1 to 6 p.m. It doesn't hurt and it helps so many, organizers remind.

Area blood supplies are low now, and interested persons are asked to give a few moments to help others.

As we see it editorially

## Always remember that seat belt!

Every automobile in this country has a safety device installed which would just love to reach out and grab you. And it would be for your own good, too.

But too few drivers - and their passengers - regularly use their seat belts and/or shoulder strap restraints. They've been standard equipment on every car built for more than 20 years, but they need one more little thing... use.

It's unfortunate seat belts DON'T reach out to grab and embrace car passengers. National estimates are that more than 20,000 lives could be saved every year if all drivers and all riders buckled up. That's almost half of the 50,000 people who die each year in collisions.

All too often, a quick memory lapse can spell doom.

The Thumb Area was saddened when a two-year-old Cass City girl died last week when her mother's car rolled over on an icy road. Police said the little girl died of head injuries. She had been sitting on a friend's lap when the roll-over accident made her Tuscola County's first traffic fatality of 1986. No one in the auto was wearing seat belts.

None of us should cast stones. We've all hurriedly jumped into the car, late for a meeting or appointment, to drive off "unbelted." Even though Michigan state law requires special child seats for all tots under the age of four in the front seat, and to age of one in back seats, it also requires all front-seat riders to wear seat belts.

Not everyone obeys all the rules at any given time.

No one does.

But we all should.

Surveys show most accident occur within 25 miles of home. Coincidentally, that's where most driving is done - to the store, to work, to school and back again. Most people righteously "buckle up" when they start a long trip, but fail to do so "just running a few errands around town."

That's half a loaf. It's good, but it's not complete. It should be done every trip, every time.

A Caro family is grieving today, and others could be next. One close to your home could be effected, or your home itself could have tragedy strike at any time.

Surveys show that drivers have a one-in-four chance of being involved in an accident in their driving lifetimes. Even if you've already been involved in such an accident, it doesn't mean your risk is through.

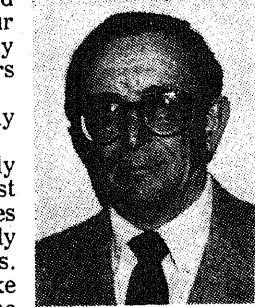
Seat belts are there to be used. Not only are you breaking the law by driving without one - and by not requiring all passengers to do likewise - you're tempting fate. That's not smart.

It can and does happen to you. Seat belts can cut your losses - so easily.



Pete Progress says...

"Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but doesn't get you anywhere!"



### SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

#### Property values on the decline

by HARRY BRUNET  
LAKER SCHOOLS  
SUPERINTENDENT

After several years of having our school district's overall evaluation increase, we are in the process of having a reduction with the 1986 tax collections. The areas being reduced are in the agricultural classification. These reductions can be attributed to a decline in the sale of agricultural property and the low prices for the farm product. These reductions will have an effect on our school operation.

It is too bad that agricultural property is the target for reduction. This is the one area where a taxpayer can receive a refund on portions of his taxes. This is a result of the Farm Land Preservation Act (PA 116). With these refunds, support of our schools and other local units of government has not placed an excessive burden on our property owners. Our district's total income is dependent on that over 60% of our funds come from agricultural properties.

We should look at the benefits enjoyed during the years of rising property values. As a result of these increases in district valuation, resident property owners had benefit of one of the lowest school millages in the state. In fact, we have averaged 12 mills below the state average.

What are we going to do? Hopefully we will not be placed in a situation to where we will go backwards. Too many good things occur within our total school program to let this happen. We want to continue making our schools a pleasant and enjoyable learning experience. This can be maintained, providing there are adequate funds to meet our operating obligations. It is our sincere wish to continue providing all Laker students with the same learning tools enjoyed by previous students. Continued voter support is the only way these things can be guaranteed.

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RECOLLECTIONS  
OF  
By-Gone Days

By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

When I read about the football games and basketball games these high schools play, I just wonder how many of the students really get to play. I know they can't all play, but I suppose they have something to do.

When I went to country school, everybody played whatever game was going on. We played hunter and prisoner's game and we boys sometimes played horse or sometimes a game called duck on the rock. And we played baseball, of course.

But the main game was soccer ball. We called it football, and we made most of our own rules. Sometimes we'd play north against the south. That was according to which way you lived from the school.

And unless it was raining, we'd be out there in any kind of weather. Several times during the year, we'd get to another school and another school would come to visit us.

First we'd have a spelling match and arithmetic match. When I was in the lower grades, I didn't do much very well. But as I got older in the upper grades, I wasn't so bad and I'd help spell them down. Also, in arithmetic, I wasn't too bad.

One day, another school came to visit us. They came with three bob sleds. The boys were all big fellows, but we found out later that they only went to school to play football.

We had our spelling match and stood up for a long time, but finally got spelled down. We beat them in arithmetic, but they didn't like it.

Then we went out to play

football! Their boys were a lot bigger than ours, and they made a lot of points until Henry Metzger, who was the biggest boy on our side, came and watched the goal. He told us to stay around the goal and lie down on the ball - to do anything keeping them from scoring.

He told some of the quickest boys to wait 'til we were all piled up, then take the ball down to their goal - and it worked!

In all the games I helped play, I don't believe I ever got into a rougher game. Sometimes the referee, who was one of their people, got in the way and we'd knock him down. The other side called in the guys who drove the bob sleds! One was 25 and he said he was still going to school, but after he got knocked down a few times, he quit because he had enough.

The game lasted one hour, and I didn't have a rib broken, but I had sore shins. They beat us by two points, but one guy told me later that if they would have just used the boys who really went to school and behaved themselves as they should have, none of us would have gotten hurt and we'd have had a better time.

In Psalm 101 it says, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way." Well, when I was growing up, I didn't always behave myself as I should have, but if a person always walks around as if he had a burden of all the wrongdoings of his fellow men on his shoulders, he wouldn't have a good time at all!

SINCERELY YOURS,  
GEORGE KEIM

### Letter to the editor... Stop water problems, Huron!

DEAR EDITOR:

Can Huron County get help to stop the rising water and erosion of the Great Lakes? Can erosion control of the Great Lakes be solved properly?

The water level has already become a serious problem and won't improve without man's intervention - we need help!

We are aware that Canada diverts water into Lake Superior to produce electricity; the flow-out through Niagara Falls is held up during the summer months and released to please tourists; and an agreement restricts

the amount of Lake Michigan water out through Chicago.

Thus we are suggesting this time to negotiate with Texas to pipe out a restricted amount to satisfy our levels! Can we contact Sen. Riegle and/or Cong. Traxler? Can we have a public meeting with either man, or at least someone who can get the ball rolling? Let's do something!!! We're all concerned, so all we need is to get some action going.

DOROTHY FOGLE  
CASEVILLE

## Thumb area obituaries

### MARTHA MARIE MAST

1897 - 1986

Martha Marie Mast, age 88 of Sebawaing, passed away Saturday, March 8, at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

Mrs. Mast was born in Sebawaing Township on May 13, 1897, the daughter of the late August and Johanna (Schlicker) Erbsch. She was married to Arthur E. Mast in Sebawaing on April 20, 1920. She had been employed at John C. Liken Company and Sebawaing Telephone Company. After the Mast's marriage, she and her husband owned and operated the Mast Photography Studio in Sebawaing until 1948. Mr. Mast passed away on February 10, 1974.

She was a longtime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebawaing and its Ladies Aid.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Mrs. Laverne R. Bolzman of Reese and Mrs. Jane M. Finkbeiner of Sebawaing, one son and daughter-in-law, Earl J. and Elise Mast of Bay City, 14 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Five brothers and 4 sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebawaing, Rev. Martin J. Hagenow officiated with burial will be in Silverlawn Cemetery, Sebawaing. Arrangements were handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Sebawaing.

## THUMB AREA DEATHS

- Virginia E. Bolander, 78, of Lapeer, formerly of Cassville, passed away Feb. 19.
- Stanley F. Palmator, 77, of Auburn Hills, formerly of Cass City, passed away Feb. 25.
- Fredrick A. Brandenburg, 66, of Sebawaing, passed away Feb. 25.
- Eva B. Schaffner, 80, of Alma, formerly of Caro, passed away Feb. 27.
- Norris Walters, 40, formerly of Cass City, passed away Feb. 27.
- Mabel E. Wing, 98, of Pigeon, passed away Feb. 28.
- Raymond J. Heilig, 72, of Harbor Beach, passed away Feb. 28.
- Howard Snell, 91, of Cassville, passed away Feb. 28.
- Luther A. Murray III, 41, of La Belle, Fla., formerly of Huron County, passed away Feb. 28.
- Ashlie S. Wright, 2, of Cass City, passed away Feb. 28.
- Roana Moore, 98, of Fairgrove, passed away Feb. 28.
- Jessie B. Austin, 89, of Caro, passed away Feb. 28.
- Clifford L. York, 39, of Caro, passed away March 1.
- Mary J. Stiel, 84, of Florida, formerly of Bingham Township, passed away March 1.
- Annetta M. Hill, 86, of Bad Axe, passed away March 2.
- Emma Jacoby, 76, of Fairgrove, formerly of Unionville, passed away March 2.
- Klara J. Trott, 87, of Caro, passed away March 2.
- Theresa B. Koss, 85, of Harbor Beach, passed away March 3.
- Freeman Leopold, 74, of Huron Township, passed away March 3.
- Alvin W. Newman, 83, of Pigeon, passed away March 4.
- Nellie Dolan, 81, of Port Hope, passed away March 4.
- Ralph L. Gremel, 52, of Sebawaing, passed away March 5.
- Walter Ventrine, 89, of Kinde, passed away March 5.
- Elsie B. Miller, 64, of Harbor Beach, passed away March 5.
- Cecelia Terbrack, 85, of Ruth, passed away March 7.

### New contest at Festival

SEBEWAING - Michigan Sugar Festival 1986 will provide older youngsters and younger oldsters with a new and entertaining activity that comes straight from a new, popular Saturday evening TV show.

"Lippin' Up the Hits" is a take-off of "Puttin' on the Hits," a half-hour variety entertainment format in which amateur contestants perform "lip synch" numbers to recorded music.

Cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded to winners of first, second and third places at the Sugar Festival, with other cash prizes awaiting fourth through 12th places.

Interested persons must complete and submit an entry blank by Thursday, May 1. Auditions will take place at USA Middle School on Wednesday, May 14 with finalists scheduled to perform on Friday, June 20 at the Sebawaing Village Park.

For more information, contact co-chairmen Wendy DeLong at 234 Riverview Drive, #13, Sebawaing, MI 48759, 883-2617 or Linda DeLong at 250 Riverview Drive, #8, Sebawaing, MI 48759, 883-2252.

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## Scheurer Hospital notes

Patients in Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, on Monday, March 10:

PIGEON: Earl Ayotte, Mrs. Mel (Joyce) Bergman, Charles Fritz, Mrs. Pearl Kretzschmer

CASEVILLE: Timothy Tait, Mrs. Carl (Ellen) Lawson, Mrs. Albert (Margaret) Hyatt, Mrs. Delia Rottman, Mrs. John (Virginia) Zollner, Mrs. Howard (Alice) O'Brien.

BAY PORT: Joseph Kupper.

SEBEWAING: William Weidner, Mrs. Larry (Sandra) Kuhl, Elmer Oeschger, Mrs. Alberto (Angelina) Martinez.

PT. AUSTIN: Stanley In-da, Clifford Munson.

OWENDALE: Mrs. Verda Kreh.

CASS CITY: Brian Thompson.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Alberto (Angelina) Martinez, Sebawaing, a daughter, Hope Marie.



**MUD ALERT!** Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association Vice President Robert Young of Saginaw shows the road warning signs now available to farmers, notifying drivers when roads are slick with mud from truck and tractor wheels during beet harvest times. The signs, offered by the Association, would be placed at roadside by farmers and removed again when field work is done.

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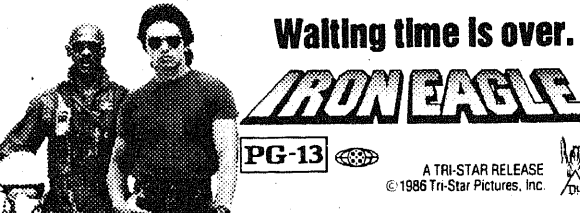
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## Pigeon District LIBRARY NEWS

### ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The Arts and Crafts Show will be conducted at the Pigeon District Library from Monday, April 7 to Friday, April 11.

This is a reminder for all persons to get their projects finished and ready for display at the show.

Registration will be accepted beginning March 31 to the set-up time on Monday, April 7. Committee members who are assisting with the show are Mrs. Floyd (Marie) Barrett, Mrs. Paul (Hulda) Baur and Mrs. Charles (Nellie) Dutcher.

In addition to arts and crafts on display, there will be demonstrations of various hobbies and crafts of committee members during the week.

Please call the library to reserve space for your projects, or to offer to give a demonstration of your specialty. Spectators are invited to view the show during regular library hours, daily except Wednesday, from 9 to 5.

### CIRCULATION REPORT

Circulation materials were up 1,367 items during February, compared with last year. A total of 6,875 pieces were loaned out to patrons, including 1,373 adult books, 744 junior adult books, 1,243 children's books, 129 toys, 3,350 videocassette tapes, 27 pieces of AV equipment and eight 16mm films.

The overdue fines paid by patrons was \$93.10 and \$327.80 is what the copier

machine brought in. Four Preschool Story Hour sessions were conducted with 304 children attending. Five children celebrated their birthdays with a crown and a song, including Robert Stahl, Nicholas Protzman, Sarah Rummel, Nathan Gulash and Erin Gulash.

One Saturday Story Hour session was conducted with four attending for the Valentine Story Hour.

Forty-four new registrations were recorded in February, including six from Winsor, three from Chandler, 11 from Caseville, one each from Fairhaven, Brookfield and Grant, 15 from Oliver, two from Colfax and four from Lake Township.

### SENIOR CITIZENS FILM FESTIVAL

Senior citizens are invited to monthly Film Festival each third Thursday of the month, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the AV room of the library.

The films scheduled for March 20 include "Touring Great Cities - London," a tour of the city with interviews of a Tower of London guard and the Lord Myor of London; "Numbers Start With the River," depicting the quality of life in a small U.S. town in Iowa; "Bighorn," a portrayal of the life, history and ecology of the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep.

Excellent attendance has been reported at the previous festivals. In October, 32 attended and \$6.28 was donated; in November, 42 attended and \$10.55 was donated; in December, 35 attended and \$10.30 was donated; in January, 45 attended and \$14.50 was

### PARENTS' COFFEE HOUR

Preschool Story Hour parents are invited to attend the Tuesday, March 18 Parents Coffee Hour at either 9 or 10:30 a.m.

Douglas Buehler, O.D., of Pigeon, will present a program on "Children's Vision." He will have two filmstrips, "Miraculous Eyes" and "Your Child's Vision," plus handouts for both parent and child. A 16mm film for the children will be shown during the story hour sessions. "Dr. Tom and His Magic Free," which will demonstrate good and poor vision habits and eye safety.

### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Stories for the March 18 Story Hour sessions at 9 and 10:30 a.m. will feature a springtime theme, including "Three Ducks Went Wandering," "The Chickens' Child" and "Round Robin." A film will also be shown, "The Large and Growly Bear," a six minute film about a bear that can't scare anyone as much as he tries, until he frightens himself!

Other planned activities include the fingerplays "The Funny Bunny" and "Bunny in the Woods." A game, "Thread the Needle" will be played.

All children ages three to five are invited to attend. Annual registration is required.

### Studying at Academy

Cadet Susan Kohr, daughter of John and Dianne Kohr of Pigeon, is completing her first year of studies at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Cadet Kohr is a 1985 graduate of Laker High School. Her address at the Academy is: Cadet Susan Kohr, Box 2808, USAF-A, Colorado Springs, Colo.

08041. She will be returning home later this month for a visit.

### WINSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Winsor Township Board was called to order by Robert Armbruster, supervisor, on March 4, 1986 at 7 p.m. Present: Robert Armbruster, Clare Dast, John Kohr, Marlin Rathje and Ray Lutz. Absent: none.

A motion was made by Ray Lutz and seconded by Clare Dast to accept the minutes of the Feb. 4 and Feb. 4, 1986 (2) meetings. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marlin Rathje and seconded by Clare Dast to pay outstanding bills for the month. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Kohr and seconded by Clare Dast to hire John Walsh, CPA, to audit Winsor Township books for year ending March 31, 1986. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clare Dast and seconded by Ray Lutz to adjourn. Motion carried.

The Village of Elkton will be accepting bids for the sale of 1 (one) 1975 Case 580B-tractor, loader, backhoe. It can be inspected at the Municipal Building Monday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. A \$10,000 minimum bid is required. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting on April 1, 1986. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Walter Forster  
 Superintendent (DPW)

## Rural ROUND-UP

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

### Top o' the week...

**BEAN PROTECTION VICTORY!** The U.S. House of Representatives and Senate have both passed an amendment to the 1985 Farm Bill which closes a loophole which may have further depressed bean prices.

The amendment provides protection for growers of dry edible beans no government subsidies) so farmers elsewhere who are idling land this year cannot raise those crops on fields earning set-aside income at the same time. The influx of more dry bean growers would flood the already over-supplied bean market, sending prices even further downward, experts say. The bill now goes to President Reagan, who is expected to sign it.

"It's a great day for Michigan beans," U.S. Rep. Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) said Friday. He had introduced the bean protection law in the House. Michigan is the nation's No. 1 producer of dry beans, also known as baked beans.

**WOMAN NAMED:** Deanna Starb of Marlette has become the first woman ever to be appointed to serve on the Michigan Bean Commission. She was appointed last weekend by Gov. James Blanchard to a three-year term on the statewide group.

She represents District IV, including Sanilac, St. Clair, Lapeer, Genesee and Macomb Counties and replaces Deckerville's John Tanton, who completed his second three-year term and could not again be appointed. Stamp is a partner in a 1400-acre farming operation with 100 dairy cattle.

Also named by Gov. Blanchard was Lyle Ackerman of Reese to represent District IV, which is Tuscola County, as a grower member, and Clarence Ventline of Kinde, a new shipper member. Ackerman replaces LeRoy Schluckebier of Richville and Ventline replaces Larry Sprague of Durand. Ventline is manager of the Kinde Farmers' Co-op.

ANR WEEK: Commercial farmers can get much timely information at MSU's Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Week March 17-22 on the campus at East Lansing.

To be discussed March 18 is what will be done with the largest corn carryover in history - 3.4 billion bushels, or nearly half as much corn

as is expected to be used - at the end of the 1985-86 marketing year, says ANR Week Chairman Tom Thornburn. Other workshops include sessions on soils and fertilizer, nutrition, dairy animal science and MSU tours. And, a growing need for ag marketing will be discussed at several sessions. County Extension Services have more information on ANR Week, which is open to the public.

**LOAN PLAN:** U.S. Senate Republican leader Robert Dole and American Farm Bureau Federation President Dean Kleckner are backing a plan to give U.S. banks more time to write off ag losses.

Such a loss amortization plan would help farmers and would stabilize banks, giving them up to 10 years to write off farm loan losses - up from the current one-year requirement.

Dole may arrange a floor vote later this month on the plan drafted by Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill.

**LEVELING OFF:** Land values should slow and declining farm income will level off this year, according to USDA projections. That would end a five-year winter of despair for U.S. farmers, says Ronald Meekhof, author of the 1986 financial outlook report.

Meekhof calls 1986 a "bottoming year," saying a large share of the farm sector will do quite well by producing good corn and wheat yields in spite of low prices. He notes farmers in Iowa, Kansas and other Midwest states have the greatest difficulty

due to too little crop variation.

One of the most promising signs is the slowing of falling farm land values. After a record 13% drop in 1984, land value declines slowed to 8% last year and should average about 4% this year, after late 1970s inflationary times.

And, farmers who have weathered the storms of the 1980s are emerging leaner and more competitive.

That may mean a slower growth in farm productivity in time, Meekhof said, but that will mean output will come closer to matching demand, to ultimately improve farm prices.

**POOL MEET:** All members of the 1985 colored bean pool are invited to a meeting at the Co-Op Elevator's Colored Bean Plant in Pigeon on Thursday, March 13 at 2 p.m. Persons who expect to grow Light Red or Dark Red Kidneys this year should attend, sponsors say.

**HELP LINE:** The National Farmers Union has established a toll-free phone line to help callers "Fight Back!" against dropping farm income, proposed budget cutbacks for rural programs and the inadequate 1985 Farm Bill.

State President Paul Johnson says by uniting rural people can "Fight Back!" and succeed by learning how to write letters to the editor, speak out against farm conditions and so on.

The number is 800-437-7571.

**COOK-OFF:** Entries are being accepted until April 1 for the 1986 Michigan Beef Cook-Off, planned May 3 in Okemos, near Lansing. First place winner represents the state at the National Beef Cook-Off in Dearborn Sept. 14-16, where \$5000 in first-prize cash is offered.

All recipes must contain between one and five pounds of beef, and each serving must contain at least three ounces of cooked beef. Cooking time cannot exceed four

hours and all entries become property of the American National CowBelles, Inc.

The Beef Industry Council is co-sponsoring the event, and contestants must be 18 or older.

Send your recipes to Michigan Beef Cook-Off, 815 Coollidge Road, No. 307, Lansing, MI 48912.

**GREENFIELD:** Michigan Farmers Union and the National Farmers Organization are co-sponsoring Project GreenField, a Sept. 6-7 concert at the Ingham County Fairgrounds to raise money for financially-troubled state farmers.

Top country and rock stars are expected to perform, and some well-known wrestling matches may be conducted, says MFU President Paul Johnson. The concert is being patterned after the FarmAid event last year in Champaign, Ill.

"This is no time for pessimism. It is, rather, a time for hard work and confidence in the days ahead."

### Thumb Grain MARKETS

at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11 (CASH) 453 ELEV 24 HOURS

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 (Down 1 cent from last week's \$3.16)  
 May Wheat Futures: 3.02  
 NEW CROP: 2.34

Corn . . . . . bu. 2.13  
 (Up 1 cent from last week's 2.09)  
 May Corn Futures: 2.32  
 NEW CROP: 1.84

Oats . . . . . bu. 1.10  
 NEW CROP: 1.10/1.10

Soybeans . . . . . bu. 5.11  
 (Up 8 cents from last week's 5.02)  
 May Soybean Futures: 5.36  
 NEW CROP: 4.73

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 \$13)  
 NEW CROP: No quote

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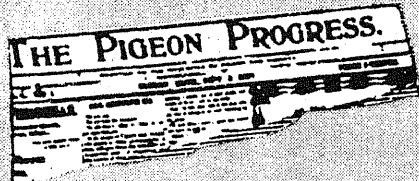
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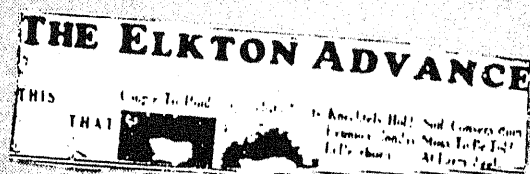
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## The Past in Print...



### 80 YEARS AGO

(Issue missing from file)

### 70 YEARS AGO

**MARCH 17, 1916**  
The Pigeon Tourist Club has elected the following officers: Mrs. E.C. Leiprandt, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. B.D. Eddy, Mrs. J.G. Buerker, Miss Jean Duncanson.

Jacob Gettel has purchased the Charles Stahl farm. Wilber Beck and Miss Martha Eichler, both of Winsor Twp., were married Wednesday.

Charles McDonald, who has been keeper of the Charity Island light for the past 31 years, has been notified by the government that no keeper will be stationed on the island in the future. A gas light buoy will now be used and will need attention only about once a month. The Charity Island light is one of the oldest lights on the lakes. Caseville's new moving picture theatre will open for the first show on Saturday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Weston Bowman, a son on Tuesday; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacobi, a son on Saturday.

### 60 YEARS AGO

**MARCH 19, 1926**  
Mrs. John Speath, 71, died at her home north of Kilmarnagh. Those who survive her are her husband, six sons and three daughters.

Mrs. August Janke, 90, passed away at her home

east of Sebewaing. She is survived by a daughter and two sons.

Ladies of the Pigeon Tourist Club entertained their husbands at a dinner at the Masonic Temple Tuesday evening. On the program were Dorothy Clabuesch, Marion Elder, Mrs. Walter Kramp, Mrs. Preston Murdoch, Mrs. Stanley Murdoch and G.C. Adler.

New officers of the Bay Port PTA are David Locke, Esther Hegler, Mrs. and Mr. Glen Carrington, Mrs. Frank Eisengruber and David Frye.

### 50 YEARS AGO

**MARCH 13, 1936**  
Sol Schluchter has moved his grocery stock into the McLean building in Pigeon. The quarters he formerly occupied will be used by Clabuesch Electric Shop to enlarge their business.

William Dietzel returned home to Elkton after spending the winter visiting in Florida.

J.R. Waigle, who has successfully conducted a canning factory at Pevamo for many years, has decided to locate in Pigeon. The old canning factory building will be used and Mr. Waigle hopes to contract 600 acres of peas, green and wax beans, tomatoes and pumpkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Geiger, Pigeon, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, March 17 with a dinner at Pigeon Evangelical Church.

### 30 YEARS AGO

**MARCH 15, 1956**  
Honor students of the senior class at Bay Port High School are Karen Henne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Henne, Bay Port, valedictorian; Patricia Quick, granddaughter of Mrs. Vern Quick and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Leskovich, Sebewaing, salutatorian; and Patricia Stahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stahl, Bay Port.

New owners of the J.W. Leipprandt & Son hardware store at Pigeon are Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Shores, Caseville.

The first Mass in the newly completed St. Roch Catholic Mission Church at Caseville, will be offered Sunday, March 18 by Rev. Fr. Robert G. Navarre.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Dutcher, Bay Port, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday when they entertained their bridge club and Wednesday when they

Oscar Rasmussen, 52, died March 5 at his home south of Elkton.

### 40 YEARS AGO

**MARCH 15, 1946**  
Harold Kain has purchased the Jake Heck 40-acre farm near Linkville.

A farewell for Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Belding was held at Salem EUB Church, Pigeon, Monday evening.

Mrs. William Teuscher, 78, nee Mary Greiser, died at the home of her son, Harry Teuscher, in Pigeon. She is survived by three daughters and a son.

Robert McBride sold his dairy bar and milk route at Elkton to Charles Hulein and William Powell, both of St. Charles.

Duane Walker, CMO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker, Pigeon, received his discharge at Great Lakes after serving three years in the South Pacific.

Voters of School District No. 4, Chandler, the Soule School, approved the plan to consolidate with the Oliver Twp. Unit by a vote of 11 to 10.

J.R. Waigle, who has successfully conducted a canning factory at Pevamo for many years, has decided to locate in Pigeon. The old canning factory building will be used and Mr. Waigle hopes to contract 600 acres of peas, green and wax beans, tomatoes and pumpkin.

### 10 YEARS AGO

**MARCH 11, 1976**  
Carl Schuette, Pigeon was elected and Gerald Elenbaum, Owendale and Daniel Herman, Jr., Unionville, were re-elected directors of the board of Sebewaing Area Beet Growers Assn. at a day-long meeting Saturday at Sebewaing.

Mrs. William Neuhauser, 89, nee Anna Gascho, formerly of Pigeon, died at her home in Midland. Surviving are a son and three daughters.

Vernon D. Ricker Sr., 77, Owendale, passed away March 3. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Mrs. Whitney (Kathryn) Wellman, 68, Caseville, passed away March 5. Surviving are her husband, a son and a daughter.

The garage at the Roland Limberger Jr. home in

entertained Mr. Dutcher's brothers, John, Elvin and Melvin and their wives, all of Bay Port.

A surprise party Sunday at Hotel Vollmer, Pigeon, honored Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gettel, Kilmarnagh, on their 40th wedding anniversary. They have two children.

### 20 YEARS AGO

**MARCH 17, 1966**  
The popular Men's Glee Club of MSU will appear in concert at Laker High School auditorium on Tuesday, March 29. Accompanist for the glee club is Barbara Dixon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R.C. Dixon, Pigeon, a senior at the University.

William Morgan Ballagh, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh, Caseville, graduated from MSU with a BA degree on March 13.

Miss Eva Miller, 79, Elkton, died March 9. Survivors are a brother and sister.

John J. Barry, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barry, Elkton, passed away. He leaves his parents, five sisters, two brothers and grandparents.

### 35 YEARS AGO

**MARCH 15, 1951**  
About 115 attended the fourth annual potluck supper

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The garage at the Roland Limberger Jr. home in

Pigeon, which was used as a repair shop, was heavily damaged by fire Monday. Loss is estimated at about \$10,000.

Fire leveled a 40' x 80' barn at the Orville Nickerson farm east of Bay Port Wednesday night. Loss is set at about \$5,000.

### FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES

**45 YEARS AGO**  
**MARCH 13, 1941**  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartsell, pioneer couple of this county, who live with their son Frank in Grant Twp., observed their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Abbe have purchased the Lotter farm two miles south of Elkton from Mrs. Alma Lotter, Detroit.

The annual Farmers Banquet, sponsored by the Elkton Community Club, will be held April 23 in the Elkton High School auditorium.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
**MARCH 14, 1946**  
Voters of School District No. 4 Chandler, Soule School, approved the plan of consolidating the district with that of Oliver Twp.

Elkton High School's publication, "The Quill", is one of 20 Michigan school papers selected to receive state honors awards in the nationwide school press project.

**35 YEARS AGO**  
**MARCH 15, 1951**  
About 115 attended the fourth annual potluck supper

and program given by Elkton Cubs and Boy Scouts Thursday evening to honor the Elkton Rotary Club, their sponsoring institution.

C.H. Watterworth, who will observe his 27th year as Oldsmobile dealer here, has made extensive alterations at his show rooms in preparation for the announcement of the new 1951 Oldsmobiles.

George V. Hartman was named commander of Carpenter-Dorsch VFW post at their annual election of officers Wednesday evening.

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The family of the deceased is justly concerned that everything look just right. Sometimes a casket is selected because the color is compatible with the garment the deceased will be wearing for burial. Other times, clothes are selected from the deceased's wardrobe after the casket has been chosen. Then there are families who go out to stores to purchase something, only to find that nothing is quite appropriate.  
Funeral homes usually carry a selection of clothes, made for the purpose. The selection at the funeral home may be limited, but all dresses will have high necks and long sleeves, a style which suits the purpose but is most often hard to find in fashion-oriented stores.  
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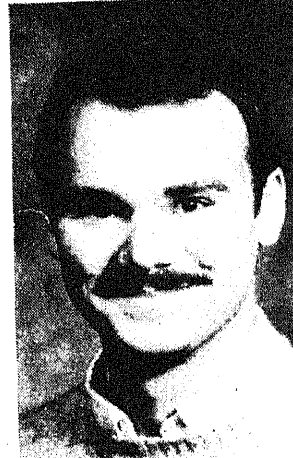


**DINOSAUR FUN:** Bay Port Elementary second graders enjoyed learning more about huge pre-historic animals recently. The youngsters studied wooden dinosaur models provided by Elkton Elementary teacher Mike Lang, learned dinosaur songs from Elementary Music teacher Laura Witzak, read books and wrote reports on dinosaurs and made their own dinosaurs from homemade clay.

Pictures above from left are, Jeff Horton, Ryan Deming, Mike Bolds, teacher Faith Deming, Donnie Hyorn, Rebecca Lackie and Nicole Lackowski. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO

**Earns scholarship at MTU**

Scott J. Buchholz, a senior at Michigan Technological University, was selected this year to receive a one-year tuition scholarship under a grant program sponsored by the Michigan Road Builders Association (MRBA).



Scott J. Buchholz is in the transportation option of civil engineering and is a member of Chi Epsilon Honor Society and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He spent two six-month co-op assignments working for the Michigan Department of Transportation's Deford and Saginaw offices. While working for the Department, he did some construction inspection duties and survey work. The scholarship winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Buchholz of Elkton.

**Remember loved ones ACS offers phone memorials**

A new one-day Memorial Response toll-free number has been installed by the American Cancer Society, Michigan Division, for those wishing to make a memorial gift by phone. The toll-free number, 1-800-292-0525, offers a way for people to express their sympathy with a message sent to the family within 24 hours, the group says. A tasteful acknowledgement card is sent to the family the same day the American Cancer Society receives the call. The name of the deceased person and the name of the donor is inscribed on the card, but not the amount. Dr. Lonson L. Barr, president of the American Cancer Society, says Memorial Gift contributions will help support research projects, provide grants and fellowships for doctors and scientists, fund training of young researchers and alert people everywhere to cancer's early symptoms.

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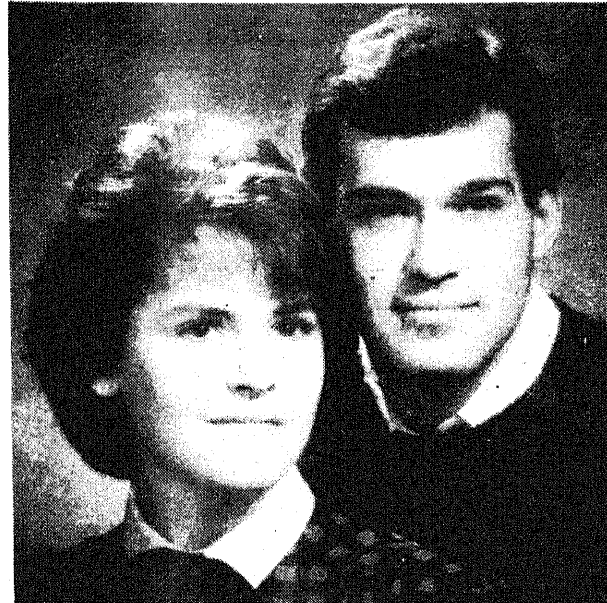
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**Couples plan June weddings**



**Fuller-Swartzendruber**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fuller of Brighton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristina, to Roger Swartzendruber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartzendruber of Pigeon. The wedding will take place June 21 at Saint George Lutheran Church in Brighton. The bride-elect is a senior at Michigan State University, majoring in Elementary Education. Her fiancé is an agricultural teacher at Vicksburg High School, near Kalamazoo.



**Thurow-Collis**  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thurow of Centreville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberlie Rae, to Rodney R. Collis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Collis of Caseville. The bride-elect is a graduate of Centreville High School. She is presently employed as the head baker at the Centreville Village Market. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Ferris State College. He is presently employed by Village Green Management Co. and is in charge of maintenance at Waterfront Apartments in Three Rivers. A June 21 wedding is planned.

**Area school lunch menus**

**Week of March 17-21 LAKER SCHOOLS**  
Second choice all week: Sloppy joe on bun.  
**MONDAY:** Chili with cheese sandwich or sloppy joe.  
**TUESDAY:** Nachos supreme.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Pizza boat.  
**THURSDAY:** Golden chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy.  
**FRIDAY:** Tuna and noodles.  
**CROSS LUTHERAN**  
**MONDAY:** Tacos, relishes, bar, applesauce/peaches.  
**TUESDAY:** Tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese, pineapple/pears, bread, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Stew, lettuce salad, relishes, rice pudding, bread, milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Submarine sandwiches, baked beans, relishes, applesauce/pears, milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Chicken and dressing, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, chocolate milk.  
**CASEVILLE SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY:** Tacos with hard or soft shell, ham sandwich.  
**TUESDAY:** Chili or chicken noodle soup, crackers, bread and butter, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, ala carte: hamburger.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, bread and butter.  
**THURSDAY:** Hamburgers or hot dogs and corn.  
**FRIDAY:** Chicken sandwich or fish sandwich and green beans.

**Thanks A Million**

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
This may seem like a silly request, but it's something I would really like to do and can't afford.  
My son teaches English at an institute of technology in Guiyang, Republic of China. In his letters, he's mentioned several times that he misses the whole wheat bread that he used to bake. Apparently he's been unable to get any whole wheat flour over there. I'd like to surprise him by sending some, but it's so expensive to ship. Would you help me? - Mrs. N.M., Miami, Fla.

**DEAR MRS. M.:**  
Before your request goes stale, I'm shipping to your son via Northwest Air Freight Service, two bags of Pillsbury's Best Whole Wheat flour.  
I also included several packages of dry Fleischmann's yeast. To anyone who questions why, I didn't want to be the only one who got a rise from your request. - \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
My house is heated with a coal stove. In the winter I close up all other rooms except for the kitchen and living room to cut down on heating bills. At night my wife and I sleep in the living room. A bag of coal only lasts about a day, so I must make frequent trips to the coal dealer. My car is old and badly needs a new muffler and tailpipe. I'm afraid to travel for

**DEAR MR. W.:**  
Slow down! I'm pleased to report that at 69 I've got a clean bill of health, which is more than I can say for your request. (By the way, your request just landed in my "dead letter" file). - \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

**DEAR READERS:**  
In my more than three years as author of this column, I've received many letters which comment on how I dispense money. Most of you have written agree with my decisions. I'm flattered.  
Recently, however, after printing a letter from Mrs. T.N. of Salt Lake City, Utah, I received an overwhelming response from people who didn't agree with my giving \$225 for a year's supply of disposable diapers.  
Many pointed out how inexpensive cloth diapers are (a one-time cost), which can be machine or hand-washed. I have only one regret in granting Mrs. N.'s request: I should have suggested she spend \$25 on cloth diapers and the remainder on something else the family needed.  
Thanks a million for your comments and suggestions. I'm not always right... but with your help, I'll stay on track. - \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

**DEAR MR. S.:**  
I did more than just read your letter! I promptly instructed my bookkeeper to send a \$300 check to you by overnight mail.  
It's especially dangerous during the winter months to have a faulty exhaust system in your car. I'm concerned... so make the necessary repairs as soon as possible. - \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

**PERCY:**  
It's rumored that you're dying, so I betty hurry up with this request. My requisition is for a 1985 Trans Am with insurance for six months, so I can get a job.  
If you don't die tomorrow, maybe it'll be next year - who knows? That's just the way life is. - N.W., Detroit, Mich.



By PERCY ROSS

**It's a boy!**

Born to David and Brenda (Shetler) Fonnannon of Hesston, Kans., a son, Jared Christian.  
Jared weighed in at 7 lbs. 1/2 oz. and measured 20 inches long.  
Welcoming Jared besides his parents are a brother, Michael, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shetler of Pigeon and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Longmont, Colo.  
Limon, Colo., great-grandparents Emma Shetler of Pigeon, Pearl Stutesman of Fairview and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Longmont, Colo.

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**Easter shoppers find bargain ham prices**

**EAST LANSING** - March food shoppers will likely find lower ham prices and higher egg prices, compared to those of last month or last year.  
Ham prices generally follow the overall trend of red meat prices, and prices of beef and pork remain depressed. Hogs slaughtered this year are down 4.5%, but weights are running about 2.3% higher, so pork production is only down about 2%. This, along with record poultry supplies and the plentiful beef supply relative to demand, has kept the pressure on hog (and pork) prices.  
March egg prices are firm and strengthening. This is the normal market behavior just prior to Easter. Egg producers have kept layers in their flocks as long as possible this year because of relatively favorable egg prices last fall and the moderate post-holiday seasonal price decline.  
Egg producers with older hens will likely keep them in production through Easter. Retail egg prices will likely ease shortly thereafter so consumers should buy only for current needs.  
It should be noted that a mild outbreak of avian flu has occurred again this year. More flu could reduce broiler and egg supplies considerably. This would increase prices of both substantially.  
The large 1985 potato crop is still with us, and prices are very low for fresh potatoes. Processed potato products are also being featured more often. Hard-shell squash, sweet potatoes, rutabagas and onions are other carry-over crops which will keep March food bills down.  
March is the last major citrus-producing month. After this month, quality will be lower and prices higher.  
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# SOUND-OFF!

I'd like to say how I enjoyed the spaghetti dinner at Lakers. I most enjoyed the music. It was excellent. Thank you.

Remember, Las Vegas Night comes to Pigeon this Monday, St. Patrick's Day. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the fun night with prizes, starting at 6:30 p.m. Buy tickets now, because none will be sold at the door. Proceeds go to community beautification projects.

I think the dairy herd buyout prices were ridiculous. You can't put a price on a man's lifetime work and then just pay them pennies. It's not fair.

I'd like to congratulate Sgt. Irene G. and her volleyball team. After last year's loss of three all-stars, she came back as strong if not stronger than a lot of us expected her to do. Thanks again, Irene, and your great kind, hard-working girls.

You all should stand tall, because you never let us

down once. They always give it their best shot. I am looking forward to next year for more surprises. We all love you and so does Jesus.

I'd also like to thank all the people who followed the girls as they always put on a good show worth watching. Signed, Carl P. Dast.

I agree about snow plows. I'm glad when spring comes so they don't keep messing up my driveway and others, who can't get out to clean them as much as I can.

Come and enjoy the Soup & Sandwich Supper at First UM Church on Sunday, March 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Take-outs available.

Laker Booster Club meeting is Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Laker High School Student Center. All interested persons welcomed to attend.

In answer to a recent call, on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at about 8:30 p.m., I did see a big ball fall out

of the sky. It was orange and the outer edge was rainbow in color with a long vapor trail, also rainbow in color. It also was in the west. I was in the parking lot of the Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe, Mich. I'm glad to know that someone else did see this with me. Signed, F.F., Caseville.

Why are there so many potholes? I don't remember our taxes going down, so they should have enough money. I've never seen so many, and not just on slower-used roads either. Let's get these fixed!

More people should scrape off their windshields before driving, to avoid bad accidents in the morning.

I'm glad you don't just put one color in the paper all the time. I think we'd get tired of that.

What was the grade point of the Owen-Gage salutatorian and other honor students? We noticed it wasn't printed.

The 1986 Graduating Class of Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port High School is planning its 26th reunion this summer, on July 26. Contact all members you know. Information will be sent.

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I read Gov. Blanchard spent \$25,000 sending out Christmas cards. A person could buy a

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He served his Internal Medicine residency at Wayne State University Hospitals in Detroit, Michigan, and Nephrology fellow-ship at Wayne State University Hospitals, Detroit, Michigan.

He was previously employed as staff physician in internal medicine at Veteran's Hospital, St. Cloud, Minnesota. He was House Physician at Unity Hospital, Fridley, Minnesota and also was employed at Veterans Hospital, Allen Park, Michigan.

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# Upbeat mood generally at Sugar Beet Day

The status of 1986 agriculture is somber, but the tone at Wednesday's annual Sebawaing Sugar Beet Day at Colony House was upbeat all the way.

From reports by beet growers and processors, to a look at the future by Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Paul Kindinger, the mood was hopeful, even optimistic.

Following the traditions of Sugar Beet Day, the morning meeting was provided by Sebawaing Beet Growers Association, Inc., which reported on its own operations from the growers' standpoint. Following the noon meal, provided jointly by the Association and Michigan Sugar Company, the afternoon portion centered on company activities and reports, and the address by Director Kindinger.

Association President Stanley Gettel of Sebawaing presided and stated that growers appreciate the late delivery hours offered by the company, and commended Michigan Sugar for being "willing to stay open at almost all hours", so that deliveries of beets could be completed during "the worst season of weather in memory". He also told of public relations work undertaken by growers, and spoke at length on the need of a strong growers' organization.

He warned that although the Farm Bill has been passed, there will be continued fights to lower loan rates on sugar, and he said that consumer PACs continue to work in opposition to beet growers' interests.

The Association president also described the advantages of the new sugar silo built at Sebawaing and the one started at Caro, and explained there will be savings in eliminating duplicated hauling and bagging.

Also on the morning program, Robert Young, vice-president of Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association, told of the success in dealing with legislators and having PAC support legislators who support the sugar industry. He revealed that the industry invested \$3.6 million to "tell the sugar story", but pointed out what a small reply that is to Nutra Sweet's \$125 million advertising programs.

On the local level, Young displayed signs which he urged farmers to provide as notices to car and truck drivers on farm roads which turn slick when beet trucks haul their products from muddy fields. Young saw the signs as an opportunity to reduce liability for leaving mud on roads which may become slippery. He showed slides of wheel scrapers to be attached to trucks to reduce the amount of mud.

Young also described last year's idea contest, which saw growers develop and invent attachments to make their beet growing and harvesting more profitable and efficient.

Re-elected as directors of the Association were Lavern Engelhard of Unionville, Stan Gettel of Sebawaing and Dale Henne of Bay Port.

Following reports by officials of Michigan Sugar Company, Dr. Kindinger, who was appointed director of Michigan Department of Agriculture in November, 1983, told growers that despite the problems facing Michigan agriculture today,



**LEADERS RE-ELECTED:** All officers and Board members were voted into their posts again heading the Sebawaing Sugar Beet Growers Association. They are, front row from left, Secretary Victor Engelhardt and President Stanley Gettel, both of Sebawaing, Vice President Dale Henne of Bay Port and Treasurer Daniel Herman of Unionville. Board members standing are Lavern Engelhard of Unionville, John Draschil of Sebawaing, Richard Strieter of Bay Port, Carl Schuette of Elkton and Tom Zimmer of Unionville.



**TOP AG MAN:** State Agriculture Director Dr. Paul Kindinger told area beet growers more commodity promotion is needed statewide.

"the key is to find solutions", and he added that "problems are opportunities for success".

He admitted that there is little that government or farmers can do to raise prices, but he said there are wheels in motion that help provide assistance for loans and that government agencies are able to provide technical information and assistance, such as re-training for new jobs.

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Kindinger closed with, "Despite our problems, I believe they can be opportunities for success", the phrase he used in the early part of his talk.

Among other reports came this information: "Dale Henne, serving on the growers' negotiating committee, told about a new plan in which growers will pay part of the cost of bags for shipping sugar, and that more information on beets and quality will be listed with payments. He also said that, to improve beet quality, growers will pay one-half of trucking costs when frozen beets have to be taken to other plants for processing. Frozen beets are highly subject to spoilage, and



**RECOGNITION:** 103-year-old Emma Gettel of Sebawaing chats with Michigan Ag Department Director Dr. Paul Kindinger during last Wednesday's beet growers' meeting near Cass City. FROM SEBEWAING BLADE-GRESCENT

since the factory processes about 5,000 tons daily, a big delivery of frozen beets -- Henne used 30,000 tons as a figure -- would necessitate considerable hauling.

Director Carl Schuette reported on variety plots grown during 1985, and stated that American Crystal Company has several new sweeter varieties -- ACH-175 and ACH-176.

Substantial amounts of those seeds will not be available for several years, but some area testing will be done with those new varieties. In this area, same seed varieties will be available as in past years, E-4, HH-33 and HH-23, and price will again be \$14 per

pound. President Gettel said that in other beet-producing areas, seed costs in the \$14-\$17 range.

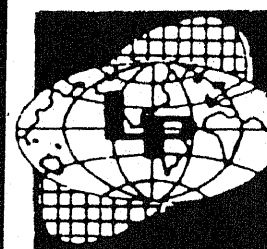
Director Tom Zimmer commended young beet growers for the quality of their sugar beet projects, and said 48 young growers took part last year.

"Stating that the 1985 beet harvest was "the most difficult harvest ever", Dave Roche, MSC executive vice-president who stood in for President Ernest Flegenheimer, commended growers for their deliveries. Yield and quality were excellent, but sugar content was down, he said, pointing out that 4% less sugar was processed than last year.

The company processed more than 1,533,000 tons, of which the Sebawaing plant accounted for 31%. While per capita sugar consumption is declining, Roche said that Michigan Sugar Company is the easternmost processor in the US, which gives the company a marketing edge because there are lower shipping costs involved in reaching high population centers of the East. Roche's news about prices wasn't as good as last year, so payment checks will be less than last year, but he still considers they will be "good". With only 35% of the 1985

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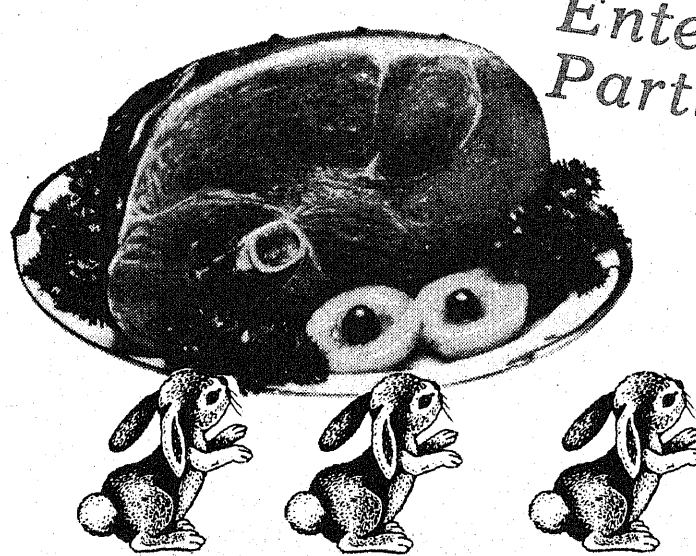
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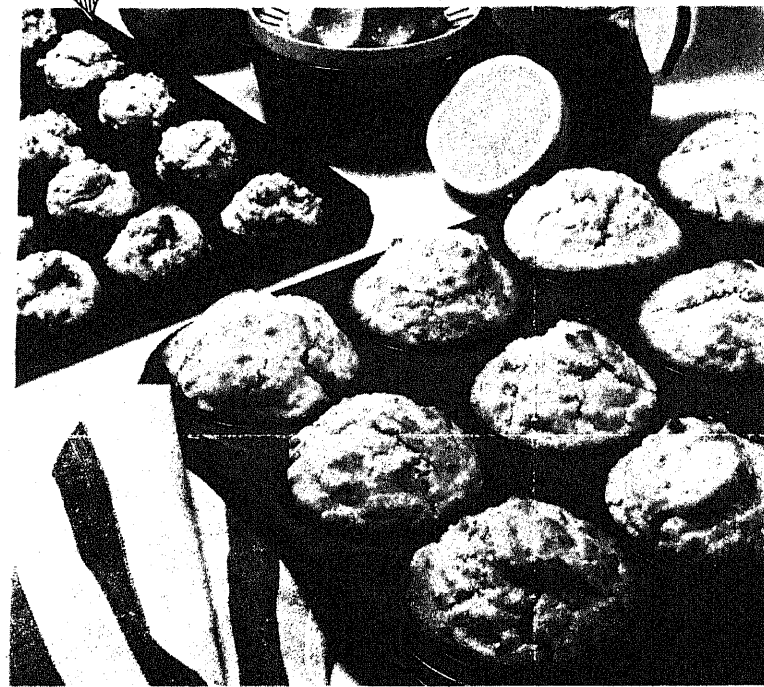
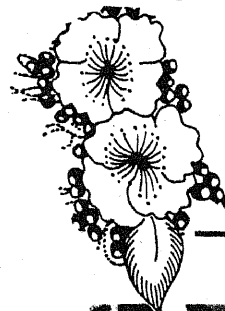
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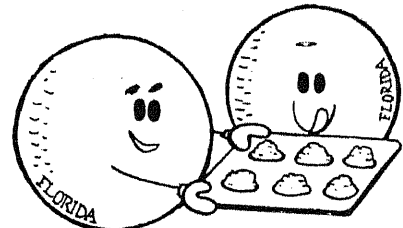
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup Florida orange juice
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel

In medium bowl stir together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. With pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. In small bowl with fork mix egg, walnuts, orange juice, maple syrup and grated orange peel. Stir orange juice mixture all at once into flour mixture just until ingredients are blended. Drop by rounded teaspoonsful onto greased cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 400°F. oven 8 to 10 minutes or until golden.  
Yield: About 36 small scones.

### Orange-Oatmeal BREAKFAST MUFFINS

- 1/2 cup quick-cooking oats
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup Florida orange juice
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel

Sprinkle oats onto a jelly roll pan or baking sheet; toast in a preheated 400°F. oven 4 to 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Leave oven on. In a large bowl combine oats, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In medium bowl beat eggs, orange juice, milk, butter and grated orange peel. Pour orange juice mixture into dry ingredients, stirring quickly to combine. Do not over mix. Spoon batter evenly into ten greased 3-inch muffin tins or into twelve 2 1/2-inch muffin tins. Bake in a preheated 400°F. oven 20 to 25 minutes or until golden.  
Yield: 10 to 12 muffins.



## In spring, thoughts turn to steelheading

Spring steelhead stream action should be improved in Michigan for the third straight year due primarily to increased plantings and improved natural survival rates, reports AAA Michigan.

The biggest improvements should be in West Michigan from the Indiana line to Traverse City and along the state's eastern shore from Flat Rock to Port Austin in the Thumb. Department of Natural Resources officials predict that steelhead results elsewhere should be as good as 1985.

The steelhead's natural productivity in Great Lakes tributaries is outstripping the Pacific Ocean's tributaries on the West Coast, long considered the nation's best for steelhead fishing.

A possible problem this season, according to AAA Michigan, would be high water or flooding from the spring thaw which would make it difficult for the fish to find the bait and the anglers to wade in the streams.

Peak runs should start in late March and continue through mid-April in southeast Michigan, from early April to early May in west Michigan, mid-April to early May in east Michigan and mid-April to mid-May in the Upper Peninsula.

Water temperature is a key factor in drawing steelhead into the streams and runs generally begin

when water temperatures reach 50 to 60°. In the spring, the best bait is spawn bags, but steelhead also hit wigglers, minnows, nightcrawlers and salmon eggs.

A steelhead's age, the severity of preceding winters and the amount of time it spent in one of the Great Lakes or a stream are major factors in the weight of the fish. Because food is more readily available in the Great Lakes, those fish generally are bigger. Natural reproduction is impeded in times of bad weather.

Steelhead planted in 1984 should weigh between 2 1/2 and five pounds this spring. The 1983 plantings should range from six to nine pounds and 1982 plantings should vary from nine to 12 pounds. When planted, yearlings average 4 1/2 to seven inches.

The 1984 plantings topped 1.2 million fish and included 250,000 fall fingerlings and 452,000 yearlings in Lake Michigan, 250,000 fall fingerlings and 160,000 yearlings in Lake Huron, 108,000 yearlings in Lake Superior and 42,000 yearlings in Lake Erie.

In 1985, the DNR began planting seven to eight inch yearlings, which have a better survival chance than the five to six inch fish planted previously. Fish planted in 1985 generally will not return to streams until next year, which could mean an even stronger season in 1987.

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Steelhead can be found in shoals and stream mouths primarily near deep holes, in dark pockets under stream banks and under submerged logs or stumps or rock ledges.

The 1986 AAA Michigan Steelhead Guide lists 44 streams which traditionally have provided the state's best steelhead fishing.

Best east Michigan cat-

ches should be taken from the east branch of the Au Gres River and the Au Sable River. Stream action in the Thumb is generally from the banks and piers.

In west Michigan, steelhead runs should be strongest on the St. Joseph, Muskegon and Big and Little Manistee rivers. Because of modifications to the fish lad-

der in the Grand River at Grand Rapids, no steelhead are expected upstream this spring. Construction should be completed by summer and lead to better fish action upstream in succeeding steelhead seasons.

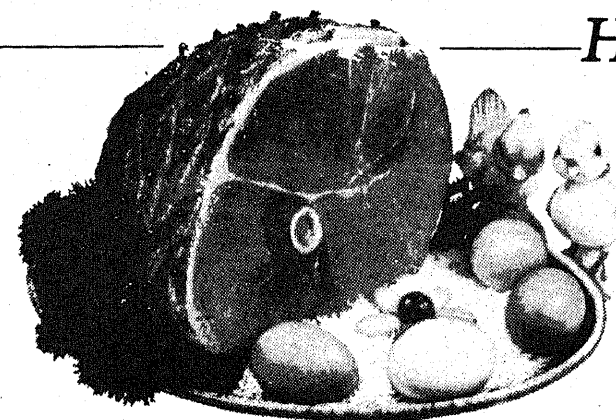
Trotting will work best for southeast Michigan anglers on the St. Clair River, while wading and bank fishing should be strong along the Huron River.

Top-rated UP streams include the Manistique and Big Cedar Rivers off Lake Michigan; Huron, Sucker, Little Garlic and Two-Hearted Rivers off Lake Superior and the Carp River off Lake Huron.

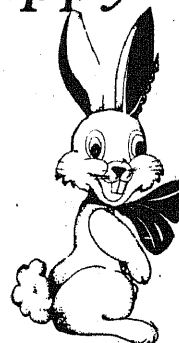
Rules for specific rivers and streams are included in the 1986-87 Michigan Fishing

Guide. Some streams are open all year while others have opening dates of April 1 or April 26. Anglers should check the guide before venturing out in case upstream limits and other specifics have changed since last season. The guide is free when a new fishing license is purchased or can be obtained directly from the DNR or one of its field offices.

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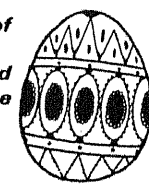


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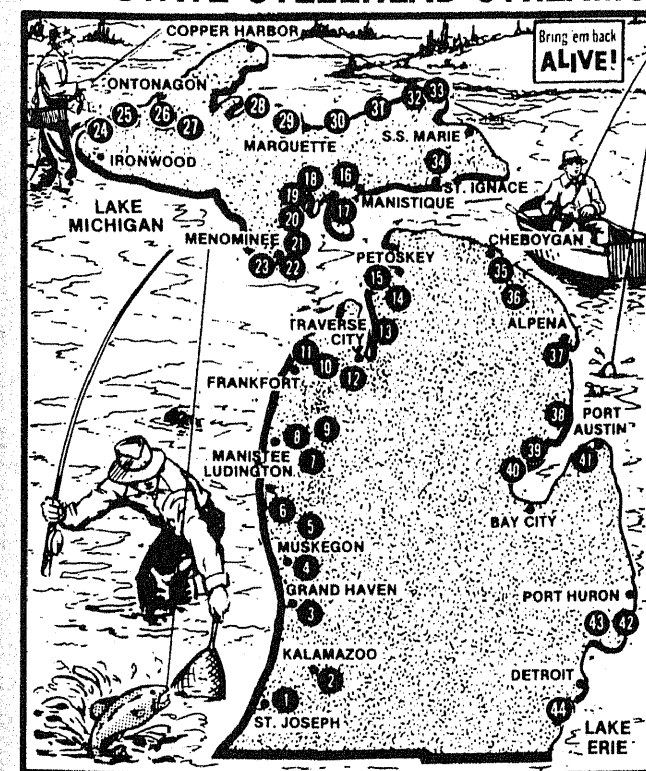


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3 - Rabbit River	U.S. 131	26 - Ontonagon, M. Br.	Agate Falls
4 - Grand	No limit	27 - Ontonagon, E. Br.	M-28
5 - Muskegon	All of Mainstream	28 - Huron	Big Eric's Bridge
6 - White, N. Br.	Arthur Rd.	29 - Choccolay	U.S. 41 Bridge
7 - Pere Marquette	M-37 Bridge	30 - Little Garlic	Falls
8 - Little Manistee	Johnson's Bridge	31 - Anna	Railroad Bridge
9 - Manistee	U.S. 31	32 - Sucker	Sentry Rd.
10 - Belisle	Kurck Rd.	33 - Two Hearted	Read & Green Bridge
11 - Platte	U.S. 31 Bridge	LAKE HURON	
12 - Elk	Platte Lake	34 - Carp	Mud Lake Outlet
13 - Elk	Power Dam	35 - Cheboygan	Cheboygan Dam
14 - Jordan	Grave's Crossing	36 - Ocqueoc	Barnhart Lake
15 - Boyne River	P.H. Dam	37 - Thunder Bay	Ninth St. Dam
16 - Bear River	Mitchell Dam	38 - Au Sable	Foote Dam
17 - Black	Paper's Trk. Trail Bridge	39 - Au Gres, E. Br.	M-55 Bridge
18 - Manistique	Papermill Dam	40 - Belle	Devos Creek Dam
19 - White Fish	U.S.F.S. Rd. 2236	41 - Pinebog	
20 - Days	Fisher Dam	LAKE ST. CLAIR	
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22 - Big Cedar	Veteran's Park Dam	43 - Belle River	
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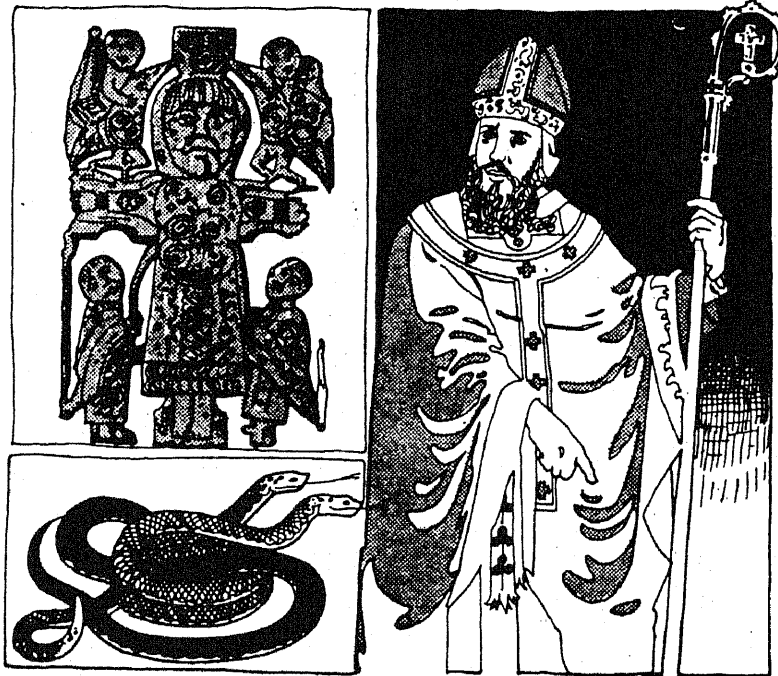
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New head named for Youth for Christ

Richard R. Wynn, involved in Youth for Christ/USA ministry for 23 years, was elected president of the organization at the annual business meeting last month. Wynn succeeds Dr. Jay Kesler, who resigned to become president of Taylor University.



Richard R. Wynn

The new YFC/USA President has visited the local chapter, Bluewater Youth for Christ on numerous occasions, and was the featured speaker at the local group's annual sharing banquet, according to BYFC Executive Director Dwight Gascho. Wynn began his YFC ministry in Pontiac following his graduation from Owosso College. He later joined the staff of Delta-Thumb YFC in Marlette and assisted in the creation of Teen Ranch, a residential facility for troubled teens.

Guest speaker at First Missionary

Lori White will be guest speaker on Monday, March 17 at First Missionary Church, Bad Axe at 7:30 p.m.

Her topic will be "The Commitment in Christian Life." She will also minister as songleader. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

Lenten services offered

Rev. Robert Garrett of Port Austin United Methodist Church will hold Lenten services, "Three Nights For God" on Sunday through Tuesday, March 16-18 at 8 p.m.

Wynn is ordained by the Wesleyan denomination and serves on their district Board of Administration. The new YFC/USA President and his wife Janet have a daughter Ronda and son Jeff.

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

HDC marks 20 service years

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will celebrate 20 years of service to the area on Friday, March 21.

HDC -- the Community Action Agency for the counties of Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer and Tuscola -- will conduct its annual meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Caro. The program will begin at 1 p.m. and is open to the public.

Father William T. Cunningham, who is the Director of Focus HOPE in Detroit, will speak to area individuals who are interested

in the development of their communities. Fr. Cunningham coordinates many economic development projects within the City of Detroit.

Joseph P. Flynn from the Office of Conservation and Renewable Energy in Washington D.C. will also speak. Recently, his department in Washington awarded HDC a grant for the further expansion and development of an energy-related business: Thumbody Enterprises, which is HDC's approach, and own effort, to

building and broadening the economic base of the Thumb area.

In addition to HDC's economic development efforts, it provides many direct services to individuals in the area, such as the distribution of surplus commodities, the weatherizing of homes, housing and budget counseling and work as an advocate to obtain a fair share of tax dollars for programming in the Thumb area.

Jail Ministry banquet slated

The fourth annual Forgotten Man Ministries Huron County Stewardship Banquet is slated for 6:30 p.m. on April 8 at George E. Greene Elementary School in Bad Axe.

Following dinner, a program will feature special music, and speakers including Huron County Sheriff Richard Stokan, Forgotten man Ministries founder and Executive Director W.H. "Bill" Most. Also speaking will be a

Thumb area clubs and groups hold winter meets

OWENDALE RLDS WOMEN

The Owendale RLDS Women's Department met Feb. 17 in the home of Valerie Graves with Lois Rousse as co-hostess. The meeting was opened by Leader Charlene Craig. The hymn, "Lord Speak to Me" was sung.

Deviations were a scripture reading from 2 Peter 1:3-11, some readings and poems about "Love" given by Connie Dubs. The opening prayer was given by Lois Rousse.

The lesson consisted of articles from newspapers or magazines on the following topics: "How to Live With and Still Love a Difficult Child," ready by Lois Rousse, "The Joy of Unselfish Giving" by Helen Steiner Rice, read by Ardis Gemmill.

Old and new business was conducted. The meeting was adjourned with closing prayer by Connie Dubs. A lunch was served by the hostess and co-hostess.

The March 17 meeting will be at the home of Madeline Ziehm. Meetings are conducted on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Interested women are invited to attend.

CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

Seventy-seven members and two guests were present at the March 4 meeting of the Caseville Retirement Club at the American Legion Hall, Caseville.

President Frank Janes led in greeting, then led in the Lord's Prayer before lunch. A Pledge to the Flag was given before the meeting and Janes introduced guests Gus Neal and Stella Tankersley.

Audrey Rinnert was welcomed by President Mike Renn after a several week absence. With Ardis Gemmill at the piano and Clayton leading the singing, several songs were sung by the group, ending with a hymn.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Hospitalized are Tom Beadle and Ellen Lawson and ill at home are Monica Weizorek, Stan Garwood, Jo Bovedge, Marie Ellery and Florence Kelly.

Celebrating birthdays this week are Dorothy Meehling, Chester Rutkowski, Hazel Barber, Ruth Guilette, Mary Bowman, Tom Caravallah, Alberta Han-niman, Andy Lakatos and Willis Schnekenburger. Feted for their anniversary were Willis and Genevieve Schnekenburger. Honored also was Louise Gerrard.

Janes announced a film to be shown on Thursday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library.

Tony Zacheretti reported that Perch Festival plans are coming along well. The meeting adjourned for an afternoon of cards and bingo. Bingo cover-all winners were Mary Phillips and June Poisson. Euchre winners were Dorothy Kavalor, Emma Potter and Tony Zacheretti. Pinochle winners were Marie Paljonowski, Bernice Garwood and Cassie Kopek.

President Ropp recommended that a committee be formed to study the bids and they be given authority to purchase tractor. Motion by Russell supported by Thompson that the committee of Terry Heck, Fred Santos, Gordon Strirett and Walt Forster have authority to make final recommendations of purchase of tractor, loader and backhoe. Carried.

Bids were opened for garbage collection for one year:

- Bedford Disposal, Caseville, MI \$3.30 per resident or a monthly total of \$1131.00
Gateway Sanitation, Almont MI \$2.50 per resident or a monthly total of \$900.00
Cove Sanitation, Bad Axe, MI \$3.00 per resident or a monthly total of \$990.00

Motion by Santos supported by Russell to approve bid of Gateway Sanitation of Almont, MI for a one year contract. Carried. President Ropp thanked all bidders.

The secretary also reported that 260 Campbell soup labels were sent to the Children's Haven in Mexico. The labels are used to buy equipment for the children's home.

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled again this year, with corned beef and cabbage on the menu. Plans will be finalized at next week's meeting.

ELKTON VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Village Council for the Village of Elkton was called to order by President Ropp on March 4, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. Council members present: Barbara Thompson, Alfred Santos, Gordon Strirett, Clarence Russell and Terry Heck. Excused was David Fisher.

With no additions or corrections, minutes stand approved as read. Bids were opened for a new tractor, loader and backhoe:

- AIC Construction Equipment-Bridgeport, MI John Deere 310C with trade-in \$22,200.00 Without trade-in \$31,200.00
Bridgeport Equipment, Bridgeport, MI Case 580E with trade-in \$21,665.00 Without trade-in \$30,665.00
Osentoski Equipment, Pigeon, MI Case 580E with trade-in \$19,900.00 Without trade-in \$29,400.00
Jensen Equipment, Marlette, MI Case 580E with trade-in \$19,896.25 Without trade-in \$29,896.25
Depco Equipment, Southfield, MI JCB 1400 B with trade-in \$20,990.00 Without trade-in \$29,793.00

President Ropp recommended that a committee be formed to study the bids and they be given authority to purchase tractor. Motion by Russell supported by Thompson that the committee of Terry Heck, Fred Santos, Gordon Strirett and Walt Forster have authority to make final recommendations of purchase of tractor, loader and backhoe. Carried.

Terry Heck reported on further findings on Industrial Parks. He said it will take a lot of work from our village to promote and sell. Motion by Heck supported by Santos to purchase an Industrial Digest for \$100.00 to help in finding industry to relocate in our village. 4 years and 2 nays. Motion carried.

President Ropp reported that we can get 7.5% financing for the purchase of our tractor. His recommendation was to finance the tractor and invest the budgeted money for higher interest. Finance committee will study this report back.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Sixty Seconds

Help me, Lord!

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-22

He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness... For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

We can communicate with the Lord of the universe! Isn't it a pity we talk with Him so seldom!

Our heavenly Father is with us all the time. Yet often we ignore Him. We feel we can handle our lives without bothering God with little details.

Even those of us who pray at regular times -- morning, evening, and at meals -- have to remind ourselves that we are speaking to the ever-present God.

We ought to talk to God throughout the day in our own words. Prayers can be short and simple.

"Help me, Lord!" is at times enough to express our faith and our need.

Prayers written by someone else can be helpful, bringing to mind needs that may not have occurred to us. They may encourage us to reach for new spiritual levels.

But we must avoid just mouthing words with no feeling of personal involvement. True prayer is opening the heart to God: praising, seeking, confessing.

We turn to God more often when things seem beyond our control -- when we feel too weak to cope with life's problems.

How strong we would be if we realized how weak we are and how great God is -- God who in His love spared not His Son but gave Him up for us all!

Help us, Lord, to pray. Make us realize how much we need You. Fill us with Your Spirit so we may become strong. Amen.

President Ropp read a letter of cancellation of our present insurance by Celina Mutual as of 4-1-86. Motion by Russell supported by Heck to approve insurance bid of Michigan Community Underwriters of Sterling Heights under the Michigan Township Participation Plan for \$19,260.00 This was the only bid. Motion approved.

Motion by Santos supported by Strirett to approve election results from the Primary Election. Carried.

Motion by Thompson supported by Strirett to approve payment of bills. Carried.

Resolution by Russell supported by Strirett to approve the resolution presented by Pioneer Cablevision. Carried. Resolutions on file.

Fred Santos commended the police officers on helping Sebewaing officers over the week-end.

Gordon Strirett read a letter from The Laker Athletic Association. They asked for the use of four tennis courts in the Village Park for a tennis tournament to be held the middle of May, 1986. Motion by Santos supported by Thompson to allow the use of our courts for the tournament. Carried.

Harold Renn, Sr. retires from the village as of 2-28-86 after 31 years of service. President Ropp on behalf of the council wished him well. He had been the assistant superintendent.

President Ropp recommended hiring an additional person for the DPW department. Motion by Strirett supported by Russell that we advertise for an additional person in the DPW department. Application must be in by March 21, 1986 at which time the labor relations committee will study the applicants and make recommendations at the April 1, 1986 meeting. Carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Darlene R. Ginter, Clerk



# We're asking YOU...

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION, ASKED BY OVIDIA ALARCON:**  
**St. Patrick's Day is a traditional holiday this coming Monday. Do you celebrate it? If so, how?**



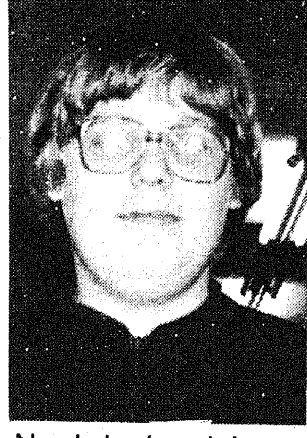
I drink a little green beer and try to wear green clothes.

**Tony Liska**  
CASEVILLE



I go to Bay City to watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**Ann McLellan**  
PIGEON



No, I don't celebrate St. Patrick's Day. I think of it as the rest of the other days.

**Jason Henne**  
BAY PORT



Oh yes I do. I color my hair and wear green.

**Roberta McCain**  
BAY PORT



No, to me I take it as any other day, but I think of my boss in Sebewaing, because it's his birthday.

**Vern Swartzendruber**  
PIGEON



I might have one green beer, but I have to work the next day, so only one green beer!

**Wendy Laursen**  
ELKTON

## 4 Laker students test auto skills

Four students in the auto mechanics vocational education class at Laker High will test their skills in a troubleshooting contest.

Laker students Brent Wessels and Tony Harder and Harbor Beach students Layne Roberts and Bill Smith were slated to take a

written test on March 11 (yesterday) at Bay-Arenac Skill Center in Bay City in the first phase of the annual Plymouth-AAA Trouble Shooting Contest.

Michigan students from 69 high schools will compete in the written exam, which is given simultaneously at 10 sites across the state. The two highest scorers from each school will become a team, with the top 10 schools competing in the final hands-on competition on May 8. Prizes and scholarships totaling \$500,000 will be awarded, according to AAA of Michigan.

## 4th place for Laker debaters

The Laker Forensic team talked its way to a fourth place finish in the 27-team competition at the Standish High School Invitational last weekend.

Five Lakers reached the finals, including: Renee Bushey, first in Impromptu; Rhonda Baur, second in Radio News; Carleen Kauffman, second in Sales; Angie Herford, fifth in Sales; and Christy Licht, sixth in Sales.

The Laker team's next competition will be at Frankenmuth this Saturday, March 15.

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## Topics for third 'Fitness 7' seminar 'Stress, exercise, sleep'

The third session of "Fitness 7," an adult education health program jointly sponsored by Scheurer Hospital and the Huron County Cooperative Extension, will be held Thursday, March 13 at 2 p.m. in the Pigeon District Library.

Topics to be covered are: Stress, Exercise and Sleep. A recent survey indicated that 82% of Americans think they need to reduce stress in their daily lives. Exercise is important in keeping fit and reducing stress, as are good sleeping habits, according to the program.

Program presenters will be Janis Buerker, Scheurer Hospital social services director; Linda Messing, Scheurer Hospital physical therapist; and Barb Neumann, extension home economist. A slight fee is charged for the two-hour program.

The March 8 program highlighting the topic "Nutrition and Weight," has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 3 at 2 p.m. For more information, contact the hospital Community Relations Office at 453-3223.

## Class set for expectant parents



Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, will offer a Parent Preparation Class beginning March 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

The class, which is taught by Mary Jane Voelker, R.N., Scheurer Hospital staff nurse, will run for five weeks with a sixth class on "Breastfeeding" optional. Expectant parents may take the course at anytime during the pregnancy.

For registration and more information, contact the Scheurer Hospital Community Relations Department at 453-3223.

## Diversity reigns

The importance and diversity of Michigan agriculture are reflected in the variety of agricultural programs, displays and workshops offered during Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Week, March 17-22 at Michigan State University.

More than 100 educational sessions will be offered on field crops, livestock and poultry, farm management and mechanization, and many other topics. Advances in tillage systems, management suggestions for small or part-time swine enterprises and honey production are a sample of the other programs to be covered.

Exhibits, demonstrations and displays will be open throughout ANR Week. Highlights include poultry and rabbit shows and tours of the MSU animal barns, research centers and horticulture greenhouses.

All ANR Week programs, workshop cists and association meetings are detailed in a free guidebook now available through county MSU Cooperative Extension Service Offices.

Several ag organizations, including the Michigan Corn Growers Association, will hold their annual meetings during ANR Week.

## Karls

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would find by staying home and watching a movie. What is the solution?

Emerges the TV evangelist! This seems to meet the two biggest needs. People can stay at home in their security seats in front of the tube. And such TV evangelists provide very good entertainment — the best in music, drama, big name testimonies, the works. This is the answer for those who remember what revival-evangelistic times were all about.

And probably the greatest need it fills is that I still do not have to go out and invite my friends and neighbors. I mean, in the past all I had to do was shell out the money for top-flight evangelism and let IT draw the people in, and that is what I am used to. But our little community can no longer afford the cream of top-flight evangelism that today's entertainment-oriented people demand, so I am pooling my money for the cream of top-flight evangelism and I hope THAT will reach my friends and neighbors again, etc., etc.

Have you ever noticed all the gray-haired folk in the audience on a PTL show? As a matter of fact, on every TV evangelist's show? Have you ever noticed how the isolated camera seeks out younger folk to zero in on, in order to show they exist in such audiences?

The young folk in America today for the most part have never experienced the mass evangelism that shakes communities at their foundations. This is a shame. But having never experienced such evangelism, they also are not driven to support such cream of the top-flight evangelistic productions, either by their attendance or finances.

Some day the older folk support group for such productions will have passed away. Then such productions — along with all the booming churches in Florida, Arizona, southern California and other such retirement meccas — will no longer have the big bucks to keep expanding. What will happen to our world then?!!

I suspect that then we will be forced to quit paying someone else to do our "great commission" for us. I suspect some of us who are compelled to make our Lord known will then be forced to share Him with our friends and neighbors from our own heart, and not steer them to the "professional." And I suspect the world will lap it up.

Does this say that present day TV evangelists and similar productions are a wrong emphasis? Heavens no! Would that we had the best of both worlds — TV evangelists AND unapologetic, expressive, simple Christians of gentle and powerful spirit.

## Beets

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sugar crop sold, it means that 65% remains to be sold, so no estimate could be given on the average price for the year. Not only the sugar price, but pulp and molasses prices are down, too, he added. In closing, Roche said that 1986 beet contracts have gone out, and "you'll be in the fields soon. Best wishes to you."

Marking the start of his 40th year in the sugar industry, Davis Sunderland, vice-president, agri-culture, said that he "wants a good harvest" before he retires and he thinks this may be it. He brought out smiles among growers when he said that another pier will be added at Sebewaing plant last fall, averaging 15.37 tons per foot. Sunderland paid high credit to the 2 Sebewaing fieldmen, Bill Gough and Roger Elston, for their attention to growers' needs.

\*Agronomist Phil Brimhall complimented the growers for their skill and experience, and reported briefly on a 3-year study on beet pile ventilation, fungicide applications, and infra-red thermal scanning. He said that growers will receive more detailed reports later. He told growers that they and the company, benefit in improving quality and increasing tonnage.

# BOWLING

<b>ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE</b>	<b>J &amp; B Pig.</b> .....18	Deering 530 (217), D. Ropp 520, D. Dunn 509, D. Deering 502.
This 'n That .....42	*J. O. Wurst Tiling .....17	Splits: 5-7 A. Gies; 3-5-7 D. Dunn; 3-10 N. Linka, H. Ropp, R. Graf; 2-7 L. Albrecht.
Ackerman Farms .....33	Pigeon Motor Sales .....16	
Elkton Petroleum .....32	*Damm's Inc. ....13	
Bud Light .....31	*Walsh Packing .....9	
Don's Barber Shop .....26	*Incomplete	
Thumme Insurance .....25	High team scores: Bay Shore Realty 2593 (888-872), Carling 2559 (880-879), Bay Shore Collision 2554 (924), Pigeon Motor Sales 2512 (884), J. O. Wurst Tiling 2487 (884), Walsh Packing 924, Brighton Metal 863, J & B Pig. 853, Pigeon Lanes 853.	
High individual scores: D. Deming 204, M. Krueger 545 (202), K. Thumme 200, B. Garrick 200.	High individual scores: C. Hershby 600 (224), D. Bergman 568 (213), J. Dunn 554, O. Mordach 554 (210), J. Gunden 553, T. Swartzendruber 540 (231), R. Christner 233, T. Drabek 227, A. Kraft 203, J. Williams 200.	

<b>ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES</b>	Elkton Co-op. ....25	Knechtel's Market .....22 1/2
Ron's Party Store .....22	Bur's Bar .....19	Ty's Bowling .....16 1/2
Town Edge Farms .....15	Sally's Ceramics .....15	Elkton Co-op. ....9
High team scores: Bul's Bar 651, Elkton Co-op 1762.	High individual scores: M. Erner 518 (223), D. McGee 503 (170), S. Benda 187, J. Rokicki 175, B. Willis 175.	Splits: 2-7 B. Willoughby.

<b>PIGEON WOMANS' AFTERNOON LEAGUE</b>	<b>GUYS AND DOLLS</b>	<b>PIGEON THURSDAY NITE LADIES</b>
Pigeon IGA .....25	Dunn-Seimannl .....22 1/2	J & B Pig. & Htg. ....28 1/2
Beachy Eggs .....22	Kretzschmer-Thiel .....21 1/2	Pigeon Co-op .....26
Town & Country .....21 1/2	Beachy-Weidman .....20	Want Ads .....25
LaFave Steel .....20 1/2	Heintz-Hundersmarck .....19	Rapson Foster Care .....24
Sohigho .....19	Roestel-Strauch .....17	Brighton Metal .....23
Moss Builders .....18 1/2	*Caverly-Pipe .....17	Scheurer Hospital .....19
Basinger Poultry Farm .....17	Gunden-Rapson .....16	Village Barber & Styling .....19
Shoreline Snowplowing .....17	Elbing-Roestel .....15	Fin's Farm Equip. ....18
Schember Poultry Farm .....16 1/2	Smith-Dubs .....14	Gary's TV .....17
Pigeon Lanes .....15 1/2	*Krohn-Morin .....14	Pigeon Auto Supply .....15 1/2
Grigg Greenhouse .....13	*Incomplete	Lee's Landscaping .....15
Diener Home of FF .....10 1/2	High team scores: Caverly-Pipe 1994 (705), Beachy-Weidman 1969 (710), Krohn-Morin 1946.	McCormick Motors .....10
High individual scores: D. Basinger 254, J. Rosenthal 546, J. Deering 530 (191), J. Rosenthal 195-181, D. Basinger 494, D. Quick 491, E. Grigg 185.	High individual scores: MEN — L. Kretzschmer 557 (193), D. Rapson 549 (192-192), H. Weidman 544, M. Rosenthal 538 (202), M. Beachy 529, R. Thiel 524 (194), R. Elbing 511, J. Dunn 504 (182), J. O. Wurst 502, D. Parrish 500; WOMEN — B. Hartsch 544 (200-180), E. Gunden 530 (192-180), R. Belev 493 (180), F. Richmond 492 (185), V. Pipe 482 (170).	High individual scores: A. Lackie 513 (182-181), E. Gunden 503 (180-172), J. Kretzschmer 497 (208), D. Basinger 492 (177), E. Guster 476 (173), A. Albrecht 475 (171), I. Otto 472 (171), S. Buchholz 467, D. Maust 466 (173), P. Niebel 465 (173), B. Pobanz 178, H. Collins 173, W. Kovach 171-170.

<b>TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE</b>	<b>PIGEON WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES</b>
Carling .....30	Village Quik Stop .....29
Arlen's Duck Inn .....29	Haist Flowers .....29
Ralph's Tavern .....25	Miller High Life .....24
Steinman Agency .....25	Bay Port Construction .....23
Osentoski Ford Tractor .....24	Thumb National Bank .....22
Pioneer Cablevision .....24	Varty's .....20
Kretzschmer HC .....23	Bay Port State Bank .....20
Pigeon Inn .....21	Ralph's Tavern .....17
Dutch Kettle .....19	*Damm's .....17
Bob Smith Builders .....16	*Pigeon Inn .....13
Pigeon Lumber .....14	Vollmer Ready Mix .....13
Active Feed .....14	Huron Excavation .....10
High team scores: Arlen's Duck Inn 2694 (942-925), Carling 2649 (937-897), Pioneer Cablevision 2595 (910), Steinman Agency 2495 (885), Ralph's Tavern 2492 (887), Bob Smith Builders 864.	High team scores: Miller High Life 2227 (782), Bay Port Construction 2150 (721), Huron Excavation 2146 (725), Bay Port State Bank 2135 (735), Thumb National Bank 2107 (758).

<b>MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE</b>	<b>FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE</b>
*Pigeon Lanes .....22	Co-op Elevator .....27
Brighton Metal .....21	Active Feed .....25
Bay Shore Collision .....20	Silver Dollar .....25
Bay Shore Realty .....18	Caseville Fruit Market .....19
Carling .....18	Pigeon Lanes .....19
	Albrecht Auction Service .....17
	High team scores: Silver Dollar 2586 (858-834-894), Active Feed 2455 (807-811-837), Pigeon Lanes 2439 (858-814), Co-op Elevator 2431 (873), Albrecht Auction 871.

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Pigeon Inn .....21	High individual scores: C. Basinger 612 (212-223), M. Swartzendruber 595 (200-211), T. Sears 569 (202), T. Gunden 549 (211), H. Ropp 547, D. Ropp 539, G. McKenzie; 3-6-7-8-10 C.J. Damm.

## Bowler of the week

The Thumb Area Womens' Bowling Association Bowler of the Week for Feb. 17-23 is shared by two women, Cathy Lerash and Susan Lackowski, each with a 589 actual series.

Lerash bowls on the Sunday Night 7 & 7 League at Bad Axe Lanes. Lackowski bowls on the Wednesday Night Ladies for Smalley's Bar at Blue Water Lanes, Harbor Beach.

Other 550 and higher series bowled were: Sharon DeLong 576, Charmont, Cass City; Mary Sweeney 575, Bad Axe Lanes; Grace Rifenburg 558, Bad Axe Lanes; Geri Miller 555, Biff's, Kinde and Judy Ostrander 555, Bad Axe Lanes.

## Michigan storage bins are full

Stocks of major grains in Michigan storage facilities on January 1, 1986, were much higher than a year earlier. There were nearly 270 million bushels of corn in storage, 57% above the January 1, 1985, level, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service. About three-fourths of the corn was stored on farms. Soybean stocks were just under 29 million bushels, up 27% from 1985. Off-farm storages held about two-thirds of the soybeans. Wheat stocks, 19.1 million bushels, and oats stocks, 17.6 million bushels, were also above levels of a year ago.

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# #1 Laker spikers upset in regional semi-finals

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port volleyball state championship express was derailed in the regional semi-finals last Saturday in Flint. The #1 ranked Lakers were upended by Pontiac Catholic, 15-11, 4-15 and 16-18.

In a below-par performance for the Lakers, the favorites seemed to pull their game together to win the first game after a 9-9 tie.

The Titans of Pontiac Catholic quickly put the defeat behind them, however, and ran away with the second game with outstanding defense and pinpoint placement of offensive shots.

The rubber game of the match illustrated how quick momentum can shift in volleyball. Neither team could break away on the scoreboard until Pontiac Catholic racked up five straight points to take a 12-7 lead.

Lakers showed their determination by holding off five Titan match points and battling back from a 14-10 deficit to lead 15-14.

The Green Spiking Machine was unsuccessful on two match-point attempts as Pontiac Catholic pulled out the win.

"They were the best team here today. They deserved to win," said Laker Coach Irene Green, and admitted her team didn't play its best. "I don't think we were 100%. It's so psychological. Your momentum runs in streaks and theirs just carried out a little longer than ours," she added.

Two areas of the Laker offense that hurt their chances of repeating as regional champs were serving and passing. The top Thumb area team put 80% of their serves into play, compared with a 91% average during the year. Passing statistics were also down to 60% from a season average of 71%.

Green believes her team wasn't over-rated in the top Class C ranking.

"(Lakers earned the #1 ranking) by the teams we've competed against and by the Class A teams that we've beaten and by such a large margin. But a rating doesn't

mean anything -- it just looks good in print. You have to perform on the day that you're supposed to be performing," she said.

The talent of the Laker team was also acknowledged by Pontiac Catholic Coach Dianne Phillips.

"The thing that is really a shame, is that Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port should not have gotten knocked out here. They should be playing in the quarterfinals -- and it should be with us. They have a tremendous ball club," Phillips said.

She said she was thrilled by the victory because her squad had been ranked third in the state for most of the season, then suddenly dropped to honorable mention in the final rankings. The Titans upped their record to 32-3 with a 15-4, 15-11 victory over Burton Atherton in the regional finals.

"They hit harder than most Class A schools we've played against," said Phillips about Lakers. "Sometimes it's real tough when you're a good, strong hitting team to play against

a team that doesn't hit as hard. We don't hit hard, but we hit to spaces on the floor. We're looking for seams. We're looking to get whatever we can."

The upset by Pontiac Catholic represented the 65-6 Lakers' only loss to a Class C team all season. "We achieved most of the goals that we set forth. I felt it was a rebuilding year

because I had lost so many outstanding seniors. As an overall season, I'm totally satisfied with the performance they put forth. You can't take the trophies away from us that we've earned. (Laker players) have nothing to be ashamed of," Green said.

Junior Cathy Wurst was the top Laker server during the match with 10 points, followed by Shelley Ritter

and Lisa Buschlen with six each. Ritter also contributed 25 kill assists.

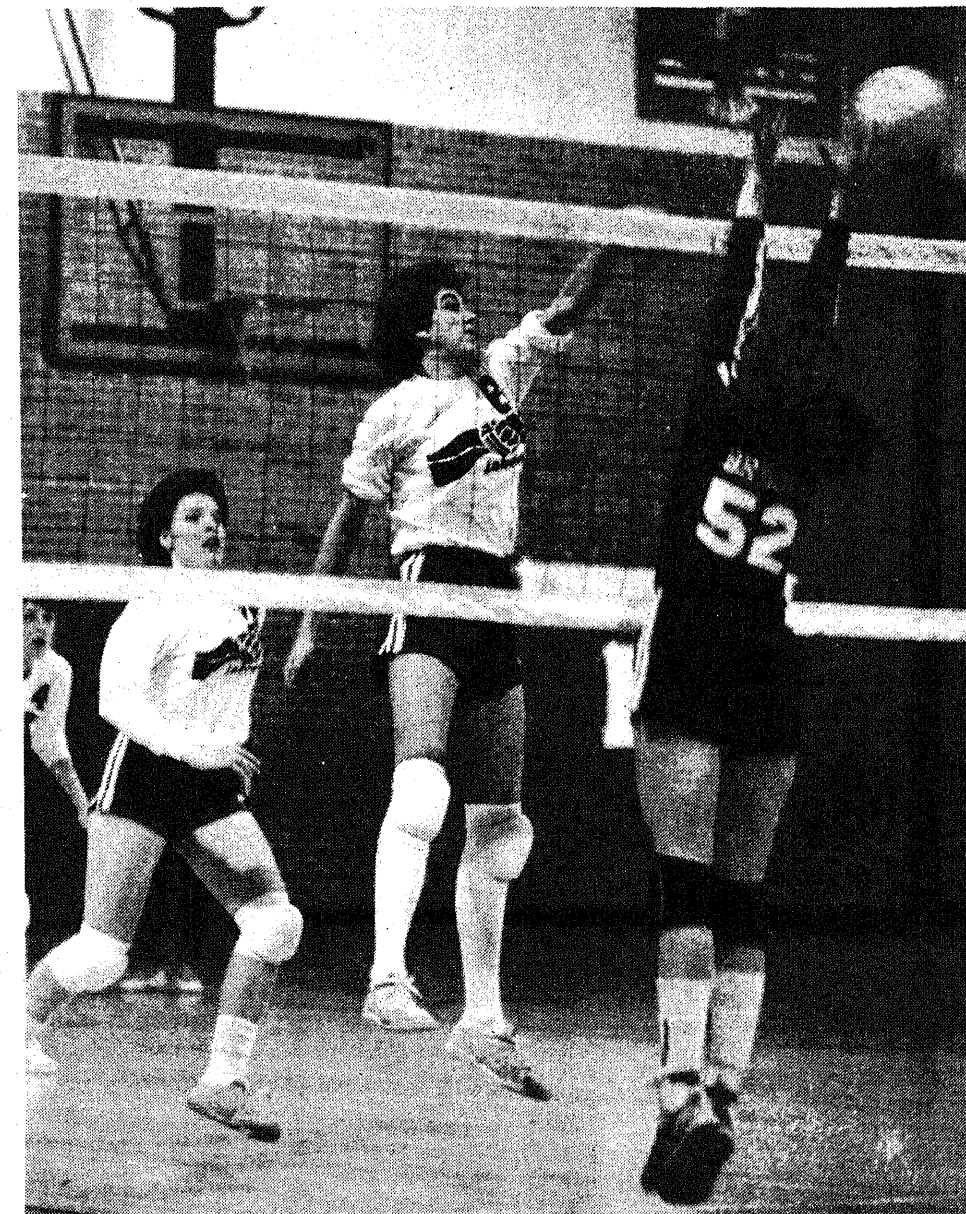
In her last high school game, Laker All-State senior Brenda Baker pounded 12 kills in 32 attacks and also blocked three Titan attacks.

Junior Julia Sturm hit nine kills in 19 attacks and added four blocks. Senior Sue Kersten contributed four kills in 10 attacks.

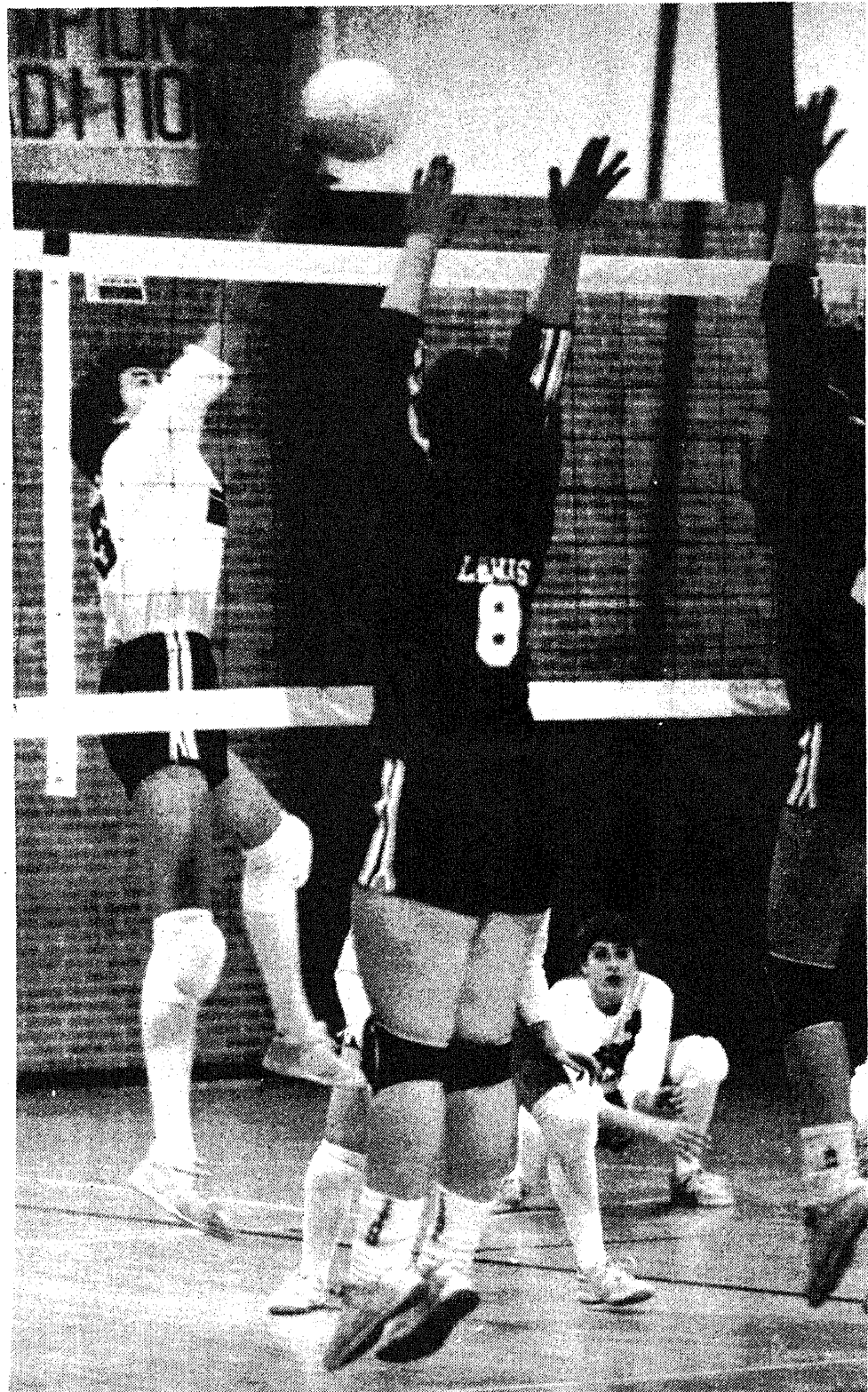


**DESPERATE DIG:** Laker setter Shelley Ritter, left, and a teammate dive to prevent the ball from hitting the floor as players and coaches on the Laker bench look on. Also pictured in the background are Redford Maust and last year's Laker All-State setter Shelly Ginter.

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS



**SENIOR SPIKE:** In her final high school volleyball game, Laker's Brenda Baker drives an attack past an attempted block by Pontiac Catholic's top player Deborah Bryant. Looking on are Lakers Julia Sturm, far left, and senior Sue Kersten, left.



**JUNIOR JUMPER:** Laker junior Kriste Lasceski leaps to tip the ball over the net as Pontiac Catholic's Kathy Lewis (8) and an unidentified Titan teammate as Laker junior Julia Sturm (4) gets in position for a quick return.

# Patriots run past Lakers in district hoop tourney

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

The success of a small, quick Cass City squad in the final regular-season game against the Thumb B champion Lakers hoop squad proved to be the blueprint for Unionville-Sebewaing's, 56-52 victory in the district tournament last Wednesday.

Playing on their home floor, the Patriots used an aggressive full-court press to take the lead and force the taller, but slower Lakers to play man-to-man defense.

After trailing by seven points during the second quarter, Lakers narrowed the lead to 28-25 at halftime. After the intermission, the

visitors took the lead on two occasions. The Patriots scored seven straight points at the end of the third quarter and beginning of the final stanza to take a nine-point lead and force Lakers to play catch-up.

With the game out of reach at 55-44 with 1:21 remaining in the game, Laker senior Todd Schember took advantage of USA turnovers to net eight quick points which stopped people from heading for the exits. USA's Gary Syiced the victory with a pair of free throws with nine ticks on the clock.

"We turned the ball over quite a bit tonight," said McLellan who also noted the quality of play by his team

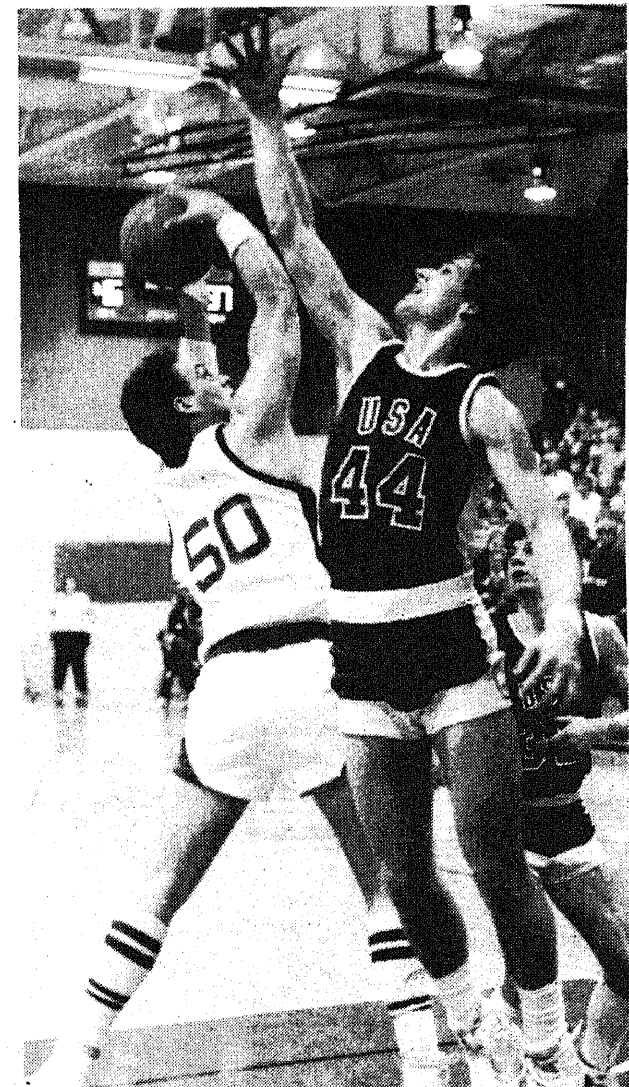
dropped off in the last several games. Poor foul shooting also contributed to the early Laker tournament exit. Ten possible points were squandered when Laker shooters missed the first shot on five separate one-and-one opportunities in the final eight minutes.

The speedy Patriot press and aggressive defense kept Lakers off balance and away from the basket with their taller front line. "We made them play the little man's game," explained USA Coach John Manninen.

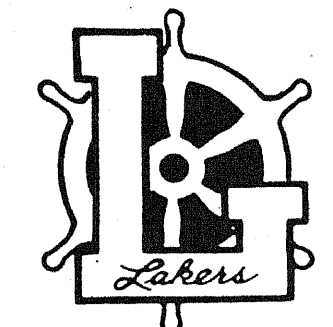
With his last-minute buckets, Schember led Laker scoring with 15 points,

and teammate Jim Warren added 14. Patriot point guard Larry DeSimpelare topped all

scorers with 21 points, while Jon Desmarais and Tom Williamson each netted 10. Lakers finish the year with



**FINAL GAME:** Laker senior Todd Schember (50) looks for a clear shot as USA's Craig Fuerst (44) attempts a block. In his final game in a Laker uniform, Schember led Laker scoring with 15 points, including eight in the final minute of play.



## Baker gets Grand Valley scholarship

All-State volleyball senior Brenda Baker will continue to be a Laker next season. The top Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker recently signed to play volleyball next fall for the Lakers of Grand Valley State College.

"We're happy to have Brenda," says Grand Valley Coach Joan Boand. "She has outstanding athletic ability and excellent volleyball skills. I expect her to be able to contribute to our program almost immediately. She comes from a good volleyball program," she adds.

Under Boand, the Grand Valley Lakers recorded a 176-74 record over the past six seasons in volleyball. Last season, GVSC finished second in the Great Lakes Conference with a 34-9 record.

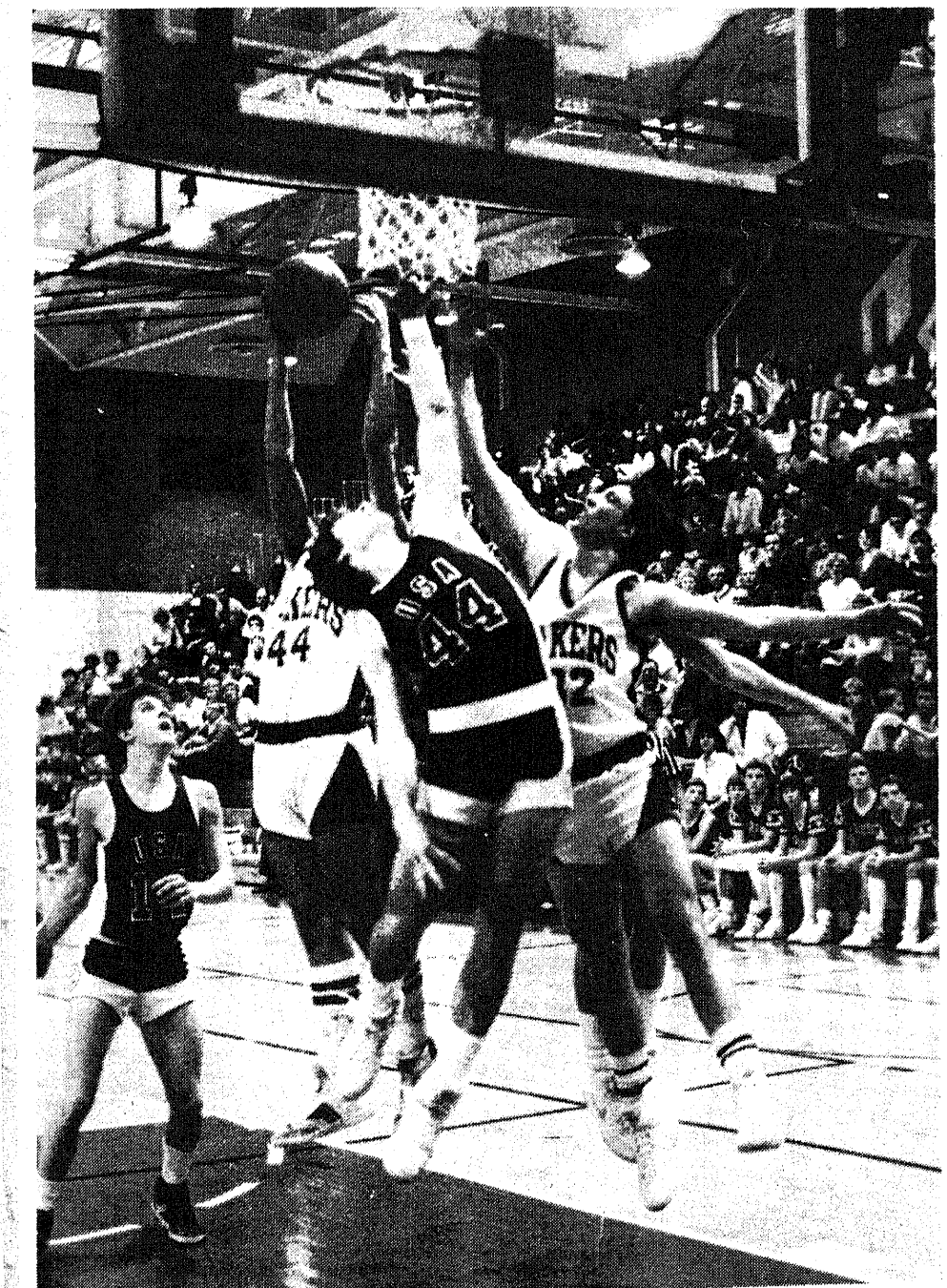
## North Branch grid coach named to Hall of Fame

North Branch football coach Don Smeznik will be among 25 Michigan high school football coaches in-

Guest speakers at the April 12 event at Crisler Arena will be "Bo" Schembechler and "Bud" Wilkinson.

ducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

Coach Smeznik has compiled a 151-72-6 overall record in his 25 years as a head football coach.



**REBOUND BATTLE:** Lakers Tom Beer (44) and Jim Warren, right, fight for a rebound with USA's Craig Fuerst (44) as Patriot Todd Tibbits, left, looks on. USA was able to overcome Laker's height advantage with speedy, aggressive defense.

## Campus Life tags Cross with first loss in interfaith hoop play

**Standings**

Division	W	L
Cross Luth.	8-1	
Elkton U.M.	6-3	
Campus Life	5-3	
Bay Port-Hayes U.M.	2-7	
<b>Division II</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
Elkton Missionary	7-2	
Pigeon River Menn.	6-3	
St. Francis	1-7	
Pigeon First U.M.	0-9	

**GAME RESULTS**

Pigeon River	101
St. Francis	85
Joel Leipprandt	burned
the nets for 47 points to pace	
Pigeon River, while teammates	
Darrel Yoder and	

Lee Gascho each scored a dozen. St. Francis was led by John Kohn with 29 points, Jeff Lawrence with 24 and Tom Torres with 14.

**THIS WEEK:** On Thursday, Mar. 13: A coaches meeting is set for 6:15 in the Laker Student Center to draw for the post-season tournament;

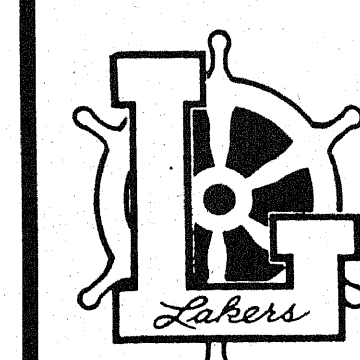
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Fletcher with 12, and Ken Smeader with 11. Larry Englehardt paced Cross scoring with 16 points, followed by Kent McKenzie with 14 and Mike LePage with 12.

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## Rep. Traxler to fight for Pigeon Library grant

Pigeon District Library supporter Ann Marie Clabuesch has received a letter from U.S. Rep. Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) indicating he'll fight to assure the Library will get the \$81,450 in money promised to it last year, to assist in the Library's renovation and expansion project.

In part, Cong. Traxler's letter says, "I can certainly understand your concern over the withholding of grant funds... and want to assure

you I'll do all I can to make sure the grant is awarded.

"Since the President delivered his 1987 budget to Congress on Feb. 6, Congress has until April 15, 1986 to act on the rescission (cut-backs needed to meet funding levels). You can be sure that I would never support this rescission, and am strongly opposed to the freezing of these grant funds," Cong. Traxler's letter said.

Pigeon District Library had been awarded a federal Library Services and Construction Act Title II grant in fiscal year 1986 (last year) totaling \$81,450 to assist the expansion, as long as a local match equal to that amount could be raised.

Local contributors gave more than \$111,000 -- exceeding the goal -- but the federal monies were overspent last year and were not awarded last November, as had been expected.

Whether the grant money will be cut back or possibly totally eliminated is not now known, according to Mrs. Clabuesch and Librarian Roberta Richmond.

"I know that the people of Pigeon have devoted tremendous time and effort in making the Pigeon District Library the fine facility it is," Cong. Traxler said. "Personally speaking, I have always enjoyed visiting the Library, and have been impressed with the outpouring of community support for the Library.

"You can count on my strong and vocal opposition to the proposed rescission of Title II funds," the letter concluded.

A letter-writing campaign to both U.S. Senators, Cong. Traxler, State Senator James Barcia and State Rep. Dick Allen is on-going by Library supporters, who are seeking an answer to the funding question, Mrs. Clabuesch said Tuesday.

## 25% of dairy herds are bidden

About 25% of Huron County's dairy operations were "put on the sale block" Monday, when bids were opened in the dairy herd buyout program conducted as part of the 1985 Farm Bill provisions.

A total of 153 bids were received Friday, ranging from \$8.50 per hundredweight (cwt.) of milk produced annually to \$195.50 cwt., according to coordinator Jimmy LaVoie of the ASCS Office, Bad Axe.

Federal officials will review all bids and a national bid price will be set. All bids under that figure will be accepted, to reduce the nation's dairy production totals.

Local farmers should receive registered letters by

March 28 if their bids were accepted. The figure will be paid across five years, and participants must slaughter their herds or sell them outside the United States.

For example, a dairyman with 100 cows producing an average of 15,000 pounds of milk per year would have 1.1 million pounds produced annually. His bid of \$10 per cwt., if accepted, would pay him a total of \$150,000 in all spread over the five years.

The program will be paid for by a 40-cent per cwt assessment on all milk marketed between April and Dec. 31, which falls to 2 cents next year.

The national goal is to reduce milk production by 1 billion pounds or more.

## Caseville School

### In the News

By VICKI GOSLEE  
and  
GAIL GEMBARSKI



**BASEBALL:** CHS's Baseball Coach Jerry Winkler has reported the team began

### Brown named to Dean's List

Lynda Lou Brown, daughter of Doris Brown of Pigeon, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1985 semester at Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa.

Students who are eligible for the honor must have a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.64 (on a 4.00 scale).

Brown is a freshman at Graceland, majoring in Art.

practice with fundamental training Monday. Both JV and Varsity teams will have at least one month of practice, as their first games are April 10 and 14, respectively.

**SENIOR TRIP:** The Senior Class Sponsor, Pam Ignatowski, has announced a Parent Meeting is planned next Wednesday, March 19. Parents will be informed of the itinerary of this year's Senior Trip.

**SOFTBALL:** This year, the Girls' Softball Team will have a new coach, Paul Geiger. His appointment was announced Friday by Principal Paul Ellinger, as a

result of the resignation of the previous coach, Cheryl Wascher.

**CHEMISTRY:** Home-grown crystals were recently made in Chemistry Class under Advisor Barb Quinn. Students began the super saturation process on a Monday.

Some of the crystals being made include: chrome potassium sulfate, cupric acetate, aluminum potassium sulfate and potassium ferricyanide.

Before beginning, senior Michelle Stahl commented, "It should be interesting. I only hope they turn out right."

## Club news

### PIGEON WOLF SCOUT NEWS

Despite the number of sick Scouts, 17 people turned out for cross country skiing at Sleeper State Park Sunday afternoon. For a majority of Scouts and parents, the 1 1/2-mile ski trip was a new experience, and one which everyone greatly enjoyed.

The tour was led by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Chapin, and planned and coordinated by Mrs. Fred Orr.

At the Wolf Scouts' Feb. 25 Den Meeting, the boys learned two Indian games. They each made an Assiniboin Ring and Pin game to play, and then went outside to play a short game of Scoop LaCrosse.

On Feb. 20, the De Meeting was held at Pigeon Lanes, where the boys had the opportunity to bowl or game. Though the high score was only 45, the Scouts had a terrific time and hope to start a bowling team next year.

Special thanks goes to the Castaways for ski rentals, and to Pigeon Lanes for the reduced rates which made these above activities possible.

If anyone has 50 to sticks approximately 4'ches tall and one inch diameter which they w enjoy watching the Scouts turn into a v through maze, please contact Donna Orr at 453-3028.

# Pigeon Lumber Home Improvement Show

Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
March 20, 21, & 22

Thursday 9:00 to 5:00

Friday 9:00 to 9:00

Saturday 9:00 to 12:00

Held At The Pigeon VFW Hall

Products On Display Will Be:

**Pease**  
Industries, Inc.

Morgan Wood Doors  
Pease Steel Doors  
Pennville Custom Cabinets  
Real Brick  
Wallpaper  
Weyerhaeuser Paneling  
Weyerhaeuser Wood Siding

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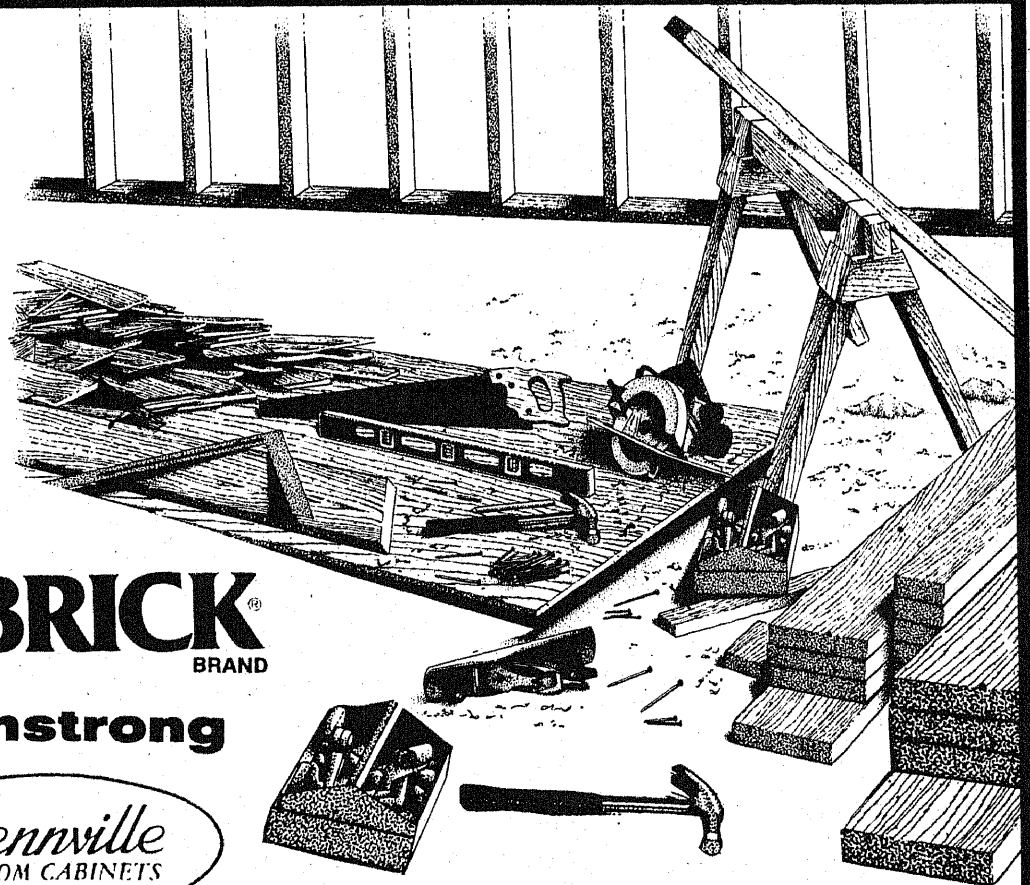
Andersen Windows  
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Ceramic Tile  
Globe Shingles  
Frantz Garage Door  
& Door Operators  
Gold Bond Vinyl Siding

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Special prices will be in effect. Factory Representatives will be present. Flowers to the first 50 ladies on Thursday, both morning and afternoon. Door prizes which includes a radio from Eftman's Gamble Store to be given away.

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