

As we see it

### One in three smokers is still too many

Information distributed during the past week tells something interesting, unusual and certainly challenging about smokers in our state of Michigan. Just what can be done about these facts remains to be seen.

The smoking population of our state is rising right now, when most other states are seeing their numbers drop, says state Department of Health Director Vernice Anthony. More than 29% of all adults here smoke, compared with the national average of nearly 23%, her study shows. Only Kentucky -- already well-known as a tobacco-growing state -- had a higher percentage of smokers.

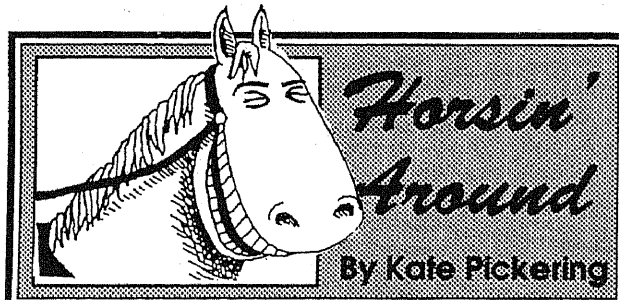
The problem is, we're losing more and more of our residents to smoking every year: cigarette smoking is the number one cause of preventative

death in Michigan, with 15,300 deaths annually. That's far more than are killed in traffic accidents, from cancer or from any other cause.

Anthony blames smoking for our state's high levels of mortality from coronary heart disease, lung cancer and chronic pulmonary disease. Even worse, smoking contributes to our higher-than-average infant mortality rate -- so our smokers are harming the healthy futures of little people who don't have their own say in the matter. And that should be a crime, all by itself.

Perhaps it's appropriate that "trial balloons" about doubling state taxes on cigarettes are floating around Lansing right now, like so much smoke. More than one current smoker promises to stop puffing, rather than paying twice as many taxes. It's too bad we couldn't continue a good thing. In 1982, 32.4% of Michigan residents were smokers. That fell to 26.7% -- barely one-quarter -- six years later, in 1988. Now we're on the way up again, with the current 29% figure.

Maybe doubling the taxes on cigarette purchases is excessive. Then again, perhaps that's just the impact and emphasis tens of thousands of state residents need to stay healthier in coming years...



### BORN TO RUN

I just finished a recently published account of the life and death of "Ruffian." She was a 3-year old filly who sparked the imaginations of race fans in 1974 & 5, having been well on her way to matching the win record of Man 'O War. Reading her story now, after all the years that have passed since the rather abrupt end of her life, was not unlike passing the carnage of a bloody automobile wreck - I knew how it ended, I knew that it was not happy, and yet I was compelled to go on - unable to look away!

It is hard for me to be objective when reading these horse stories. My love and admiration for the species is, I have come at last to admit, a bit extraordinary, and a bit too passionate for my own good. But it comes naturally to me...it is not a taste I have worked to acquire, and it remains the one childlike, unjudged aspect of my character despite the realities of 20 years of daily horse ownership. I am not a naive teenager in love with a television image of the horse. I have traveled far to behold the finest horses in creation, and by the same token I have been to many a meat auction, and I think I am qualified to conclude that even in the eye of the most pitiful creature there burns an elusive spark of nobility, and that the horse embodies pride and freedom unlike any other living thing.

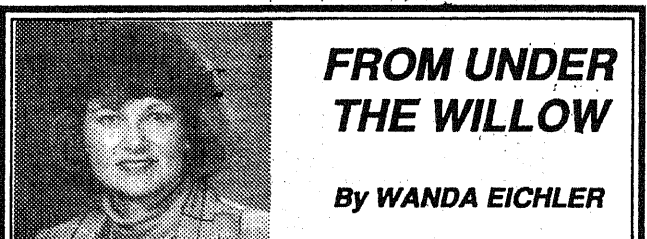
Ruffian broke a front leg in the middle of a match race, a race she was winning with ease. Little is mentioned of how such a weakness was overlooked by the grooms and trainers who worked with her daily, but it does go on in great detail about the harried surgery into which she was rushed in an effort to save her leg and her life. Many skeptics say the procedure was botched from the start, and that she should have been destroyed on the track, sans pain and suffering. But the surgery was a relative success.

She would have been alright if not for her strange behavior during recovery. While she lay in a large stall with a brace and thick cast securely in place, she started to come to, and she began to run. While still on her side she made the frantic, driving motions of a horse in full gallop. Onlookers reported with horror that it was gruesome to see her trying to run as she lay dying, as if some great unseen competitiveness within her caused her to continue the race where she left off. But I have a different theory.

They are born to run, but that's because it is all God gave them. They are not carnivorous and they do not pursue game. They have terrible vision and relatively small brains. Their sense of smell is not like a dog's, and they cannot maneuver in the dark like the feline. But they can run. It is why a newborn is up on its legs an hour after birth - there may be something lurking around the next corner, eager to eat you. When they are afraid, they run. When they are disoriented, they run. When they are hurt, angry, or mistrustful, they run. Even when they are cast in a stall with a shattered leg, it makes no difference - they run.

They are not capable of complex comprehension of a situation. They use what God has given them, and Ruffian made the only moves she knew to jet herself to safety, never mind that it failed to take her anywhere. Only more sedatives would have kept her and the leg still, and yet, more sedatives would have killed her. They gave her a shot, at last, that set her running - free of fear - forever.

So don't ever let anybody tell you that a horse runs for the sheer love of it, or for the love of some human (that would be most flattering indeed.) Sure, we have bred the fastest stallions to the finest mares for centuries, and have even made an art form out of harnessing their speed for our pleasure, profit, and amusement. But don't you believe that they are fierce and competitive by nature. For by nature they are primarily frightened, and by nature - they run only for their lives.



### FROM UNDER THE WILLOW

By WANDA EICHLER

### TRANSFORMING WINTER

The full moon hung languid in the early western sky. Setting in the west, this moon, the Wolf Moon that some say reminds us of the hungry and homeless in the world, seemed pasted against the paleness of the early January morning. The animals had been hungry. Two ewes trotted ahead of me to the back pasture where we feed them their hay. By the time I had the water tank filling and had fed the ram, these two were done with their grain and were scuffling through the snowdrifts, looking for tufts of hay.

I dumped the grain quickly along the long feeder. Done it before I'd turned on the barn lights. The animals' breaths mixed with their eagerness for food greeted the noise of the grain hitting the manger—a universal call for breakfast in the sheep world, I suppose.

Cats and dog and sheep fed and watered, I headed back to the house. Willie had snow-blown out the night's drifts. We'd be able to drive to town today right away, unlike Saturday morning's ordeal.

On Saturday we'd wakened to two and a half foot solid drifts across our drive and up the concrete apron of the garage. I'd backed the four wheel drive out of the garage and realized that I could get even a big vehicle like it hung up on that kind of snow.

Plans change quickly when winter really comes. Considering the bitter cold and the driveway that needed attention, I cancelled out of a daylong board meeting in Flint and stayed home to anchor the household.

The snowblower and Willie worked well together. He had the drive cleared in about an hour and we'd collaborated on the chores for the day. Still, it was almost noon before all that work was accomplished. The wind, unappreciative of our efforts, filled in the drive—here a little drift, there a coating of snow.

There are some who would wonder why we live in northern places during the winter months. Welcomers of temperate days and balmy breezes, they either have never known winter or have had enough of its hardships.

Winter, however, is a transforming season. It teaches us to endure. It teaches the value of warm homes and steamy coffee and a homemade pot of soup. It pulls us together as survivors of the latest storm or the current bout of subzero temperatures.

Winter makes us think twice about the mastery that we assume in our lives. When the bitter winds blow and the roads get bad, we think again about the need to be out and about. New priorities, priorities that are more basic and closer to survival, surround us like the winter winds.

What once seemed so important—a choir practice, a basketball game, a night bowling—is transformed by the power of the weather. The sudden cessation of busy schedules brings nights spent at home—peaceful premiums in busy lives.

There will come a day when I am old when winter will be unwelcome.

For now, however, the brightness of another snowy day coupled with the quiet of a January morning in Michigan fills life beyond measure.

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### RECOLLECTIONS Of By-Gone Days

By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR: Sometime ago, I was looking around in my machine shed and I found my old hockey stick. When I was a young fellow, I was a little awkward on my feet, but I did like to play hockey. I didn't have any skates, but I had a pair of corks that I put on my shoes and I always could run pretty fast. So if they let me, I'd join in the game without skates. I couldn't afford to buy a hockey stick, so I went out to the Pigeon dump and found an old car top with hickory bows and took a saw and sawed one out with a crook on the end. It worked really well.

They made me the goalie because I didn't have skates and if I say so myself, I was pretty good at it. When they chose up sides I was chosen pretty quick for the goal tender. One day, one of the best skaters came with a brand new hockey stick and made fun of my old car top bow. Well, I was on the opposite side and I told him not to talk too big because I could break his stick for him. He laughed at me.

Well, the old saying is "He who laughs last laughs best." When the game was going full blast, that guy came skating up real fast and I hit as hard as I could just below his hand and snapped his new stick off.

It made him a little mad, but he borrowed a stick from somebody and kept right on playing. I went to Florida for two years and didn't play hockey for all that time. One day an old friend of mine told me that there was a hockey team from Bay Port that was beating all the other teams and he said he'd get a team together if I'd watch goal for them.

So I got my old car top bow and put my corks on and a big overcoat and big mittens on and a heavy cap and we started to play. At the half, the score was two to three in the other side's favor and I felt a little bad, but my old friend told me it was just a game and not to feel bad. Well, the game ended up three to five in our favor. The captain of the other side was a poor loser and that was the only time they got beaten.

When I was in Florida, it froze ice one night and there was a chunk of ice about 10 feet long, so I ran and slid across it a man from Pennsylvania did it too. A college girl who never saw ice tried too and fell down less than half way across it!

In our factory, they had some boards that were very slippery from grapefruit juice. Women from the north would run and slide on them, but those poor southern fellows who never saw any ice just couldn't stay on their feet. In Psalms 147:16-17 it says, "He giveth snow like wool and he scatters hoarfrost like ashes and he cast forth his ice like morsels who can stand before his cold."

Well, the last few days we had snow and ice but we older people can remember when there was much more snow and ice than we've had in the last few years and we lived through it.

Sincerely yours, GEORGE KEIM

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## Laker's Keefer named 1991 Scholar/Athlete

By AMY HEIDEN

It takes a lot of dedication to keep up a 4.0 grade average, attend football and basketball practices and participate in all the other activities teenagers like.

But Laker High senior Mike Keefer seems to be a master at juggling all his responsibilities, and for his efforts, he was recently selected as one of eight winners of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award for the 1991 fall sports season.

His award was for his excellence in football as well as in the classroom.

Keefer will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship presented by Farm Bureau Insurance at halftime of the Class B Boys Basketball Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 28. The MHSAA recognizes scholar-athletes in each of the 23 sports in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.

Students applying for the Award must be carrying a 3.5 grade point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport that the MHSAA sponsors post-season.

Applicants were required to show involvement in other school-community activities and submit an essay on how co-curricular activities have enhanced their educational experience.

In an essay submitted to the selection committee, Keefer said "Athletic involvement has benefited me most in the area of leadership. I say this because it is during my participation in sports, whether it be a game or practice, that I learned to work with people and adapt to different personalities.

"I believe that my leadership abilities have been greatly enhanced through athletic competition, and fine-tuned with practical experience in Future Farmers of America and student government."

Throughout his high school years, Keefer has been involved in the Laker FFA chapter, serving as regional president in his junior year and chapter vice-president the past two years. In his junior year, he was named an Alpha Gamma Rho Outstanding Junior in the FFA, and has participated in award-winning demonstration teams.



MIKE KEEFER

### Laker High wins good sports award

Laker High School is the recipient of a regional "Good Sports are Winners" Award, offered by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

The Laker football team, member of the Blue Bay Conference, was awarded the distinction for its performance in Class CC.

Class C Marlette and Class D Akron-Fairgrove and Kingston were selected for district recognition in girls basketball.


The Saginaw Heritage boys soccer team, the Frankfort football team and the Farmington Hill-Mercy basketball team were overall winners. The three winning schools will receive commemorative banners and crystal trophies, as well as a \$1,000 donation from True Value Hardware Stores, the MHSAA corporate partner in sportsman-ship efforts.

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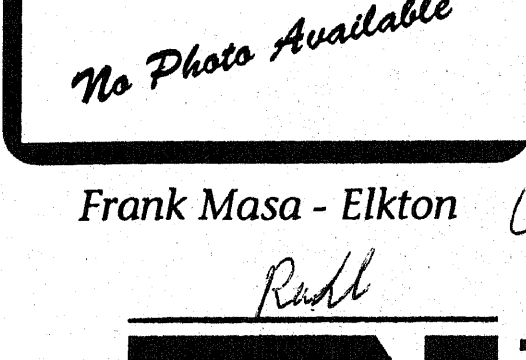
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# Bowling Reports

## GUYS AND DOLLS

Cusimano-Bauley	7
Dubs-Smith	6
Hundersmarck x 2	6
Hazzard-Grosberg	6
Heintz-Ritter	5
Seemann-Fiebig	5
Parrish-Irion	5
Gunden-Henne	4
Eibing-Smith	4
Beachy-Weldman	3

High team series and game: Gunden-Henne 1938, Hundersmarck-Hundersmarck 1905

High individual scores: LADIES-A. Eibing 507 (165, 185), C. Hundersmarck 492 (203), B. Heintz 477 (174), E. Gunden 170; MEN-J. Gunden 592 (210), F. Hundersmarck 590 (210), L. Smith 560, R. Eibing 542 (210), R. Heintz 507, W. Henne 500 (200).

Splits converted 3-10 B. Heintz, G. Smith, F. Hundersmarck, P. Seemann, B. Smith; 2-7 P. Hundersmarck; 3-7-10 E. Beachy; 5-7 A. Eibing; 4-5 E. Bauley; 5-8-10 E. Bauley.

## PIGEON MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

Osentoski Farm Equip.	7
Damm's Inc.	6
Bay Shore Collision	6
Greenfields	5
J & B Plumbing	5
Village Gwilk Stop	4
J. O. Wurst	4
Real Estate One	1
Pigeon Lanes	1
Lee's Landscaping	1

High team series and game: Village Gwilk Stop 2617 (952, 866), Greenfields 2616 (904, '67), Damm's Inc. 2433.

High individual scores: J. Gunden 565, V. Smith 562 (212), O. Murdoch 560 (220), R. Damm 556, D. Welshams 541 (201).

## PIGEON TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

Dutch Kettle	8
Steinman Agency	6
Osentoski Equip.	5
Peoples Choice Mkt.	4
Ju-Dens	3
Mich. Quality Tile	3
C.A.P. Construction	2
Farm Crest Foods	1

High team series and game: Dutch Kettle 2534 (905, 852), Peoples Choice Mkt. 2525 (894, 860), Farm Crest Foods 2449 (874).

High individual scores: D. Rapson 559, T. Koch 550, J. Gunden 543 (200), L. Steinman 223, G. Schulz 213, J. Reed 213, E. Beachy 203, R. Koch 202.

## TY'S GRANDPAS AND GRANDMAS

Schember-Williams	21
Gayari-Wichert	18 1/2
Krohn-Klosowski	13 1/2
Rosenthal-Smith	11

High individual scores: LADIES-B. Wichert 489 (171, 165, 153), L. Schember 156; J. Rosenthal 446 (153); MEN-T. Wichert 541 (221), K. Schember 518 (180, 179), J. Klosowski 170.

## ELKTON MONDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

Don's Barber Shop	12
Ron's Party Store	12
Jim's Garage	7
NAPA Auto Parts	7
Moon Beams	6
Fknkbeiner's Equip.	5
O.U.I.L.	4

Bud's Bar	3
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High Team Series and Game: Don's Barber Shop 2124 (734). High Individual Series and Game: D. Schulz 588 (204).

Other high individual scores: C. Mansfield (200); D. Young 553; J. Jaworski 545; S. Klein 528; M. Hyzer 518; G. Willoughby 508.

Splits converted: 3-10 E. Steinhurst, S. Schuette, J. Bernhardt, J. Jaworski. 5-10 W. Schember. 4-5 B. McGee. 2-7 S. Hurlburt. 6-7 C. Podlaskowski.

## TY'S SUNDAY NITE ROLLERS

Souletown Farms	6
Ty's Lounge	6
Hitching Post Inn	5
H & H Insulation	5
This & That	3
Co-op Elevator	3
Fink's Farm Equip.	2
Osentoski Equip.	2

High team series and game: Hitching Post Inn 1966 (691).

High individual scores: LADIES-L. Jaworski 489 (177), B. Wichert 480 (177), B. Willoughby 478 (177); MEN-J. Jaworski 558 (192, 187), R. Sobczak 553 (182, 212), D. Young 528 (181), L. Kelly 504, C. Finkbeiner 503, D. Polega 490 (200), P. Gayari 190.

Splits converted: 3-8 D. Kroh; 3-10 L. Kelly, D. Young; 2-7-8 L. Kelly; 5-6 K. Kelly; 5-8-10 S. Hyzer; 5-6-10 S. Hyzer.

## PIGEON THURSDAY NITERS LEAGUE

Fink's Farm Equip.	4
Eiftman Hardware	4
Village Barber	3
McCormick Motors	3
Gerry's Distributing	2
Country Maids	2
J & B Plumbing	1
Lee's Landscaping	1
Scheurer Hospital	0
Dutch Kettle	0

High team series and game: Village Barber 2278, Fink's Farm Equip. 2275 (797), Eiftman Hardware 2178 (784), J & B Plumbing 811.

High individual scores: E. Gunden 539 (232), E. Turner 502 (175, 172), P. Parrish 493 (170), F. Behm 491 (171), S. Buchholz 491, S. McLean 488 (181, 179), M. Ropp 488 (192), B. Heintz 482, A. Dubs 470 (172, 170), A. Buschlen 470 (186), B. Trost 466 (185), S. Sting 465 (171), L. Hill 175, J. Gotts 173, H. Thick 172, G. Smith 172, A. Albrecht 170.

Splits 5-7 L. Smith; 2-5-7 J. Dunn; 5-6 M. Murdoch; 3-10 F. Behm, L. Hill, B. Smith, V. Wurst, S. Buchholz, L. Smith.

5 Consecutive Strikes: E. Gunden.

## PIGEON WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES

Bay Port State Bank	7
Bittersweet Flowers	5
Dodge Girls	4
Gumby's	4
Damm's	4
Pigeon Telephone	4
Varty's	3
Cloud of Dust Ceramics	1
*Bay Port Construction	4
*Pigeon Auto Supply	0

\*Incomplete

High team series and game: Dodge Girls 2277 (821), BayPort State Bank 2255, BayPort Construction 2231 (772), Bittersweet Flowers 832.

High individual scores: J. Deering 533 (191, 178), M. Fluegge 517 (215), D. Kuch 495 (226), D. Herzog 493 (175), D. Yahn 492 (178), K. Gunsell 491 (174), D. Deming 481 (173), N. Gunden 478, H. Strong 475 (173), G. Finkbeiner 473 (182), D. Quick 471, L. Dast 185, C. Damm 179.

Splits converted: 2-7 L. Walsh, P. Kuhl, L. Armbruster, D. Furst; 4-5-7 D. Deming; 4-7-9 D. Quick; 3-10 L. Dast, M. Fluegge.

## PIGEON FRIDAY NIGHT MENS

Active Feed	11
Co-op Elevator	11
Berkley Ind.	9
Don Erla Foods	9
Albrecht Auction	1

High team series and game: Active Feed 2501 (880, 826), Co-op Elevator 2408 (845, 844), Don Erla Foods 802.

High individual scores: C. Basinger 594 (206, 221), T. Gunden 543, D. Dubs 531, J.D. Gunden 515.

Splits converted: 5-7 N. Henne, M. Swartzendruber; 3-10 E. Shepherd; 3-7-10 P. Lang.

## PIGEON MONDAY LADIES LEAGUE

LaFave Steel	8
Pigeon IGA	6
Diener's H.F.F.	6
Pigeon Lanes	4
Terra	4
Beachy Eggs	4
Impressions	4
Yaroch Asphalt	4
Town & Country	3
Griggs Greenhouse	2
Thumbodies	2
A & W Cleaning	1

High team series and game: Griggs Greenhouse 639, Town & Country Beauty Shop 1834.

High individual scores: D. Yahn 529 (177, 190), R. Albrecht 488 (190), L. Kain 479 (178), L. Kretschmer 468 (174), J. Deering 468, L. Morin 461, D. Basinger 189, A. Gornowicz 186, S. Meyersieck 181, V. Doyle 177, M. Grunow 170.

Splits converted: 3-10 E. Bauss; 2-7 E. Gustar, N. Depoorter, V. Dyle, J. Beachy; 5-6 S. Meyersieck, H. Foy, V. Doyle; 9-10 J. Beachy; 5-10 V. Hodje; 4-5-7 J. Deering, D. Roestel.

## Club news

The Caseville Retirement Club met Jan. 7 with 110 members attending.

President Ed White asked all to stand and greet their neighbors after which the Lord's Prayer was recited before lunch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

White thanked Harold Dunning, Helen Kolowich, Virginia Krieg, Georgina Farver and Elsa Kerr for the "earlybird" goodies. Also thanked were Betsy Kirtek, Tom and Mildred Beadle for donating some pictures to decorate the walls of the meeting room.

Andy Lakatos reported on the Cabin Fever trip in February and mentioned the balance of the money must be paid by Feb. 4. He also announced trips in the making for April 7 and 8 to Toledo (an overnighter); June 17 to Crossroads Village Seniors Day; also sometime in June a trip to the Saginaw Valley race track and the Chesaning Show Boat in July.

Jeannie Owens, Tony Neal, Peg Hill, Mary and Leo McIlhargie were welcomed back.

Birthdays were celebrated by Noreen Kloniowski, Jeanne Ownes, Ann Sheer, Elvie Battane, Marion Parent, Haskell Watts, Russell Poisson, Genevieve Colbeck, Bill Flannery and Betty Beadle.

Celebrating anniversaries were Lawrence and Norene Ohlrogge, Bill and Lou Vallance and Hank and Gertrude Beyer (62 yrs).

It was reported that Jessie Alward has been confined to her bed for the past year, Annie David has been ill and that Frances Becker is in Four Seasons, Bad Axe.




THUMB CELLULAR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE Chris Natzel, left, presents a cellular telephone to Scheurer Hospital Administrator Dwight Gascho, as a donation to keep the hospital personnel in close touch with the hospital when they are away from the grounds. "Scheurer Hospital is deeply grateful for this gift," says Gascho, "and it has already proven itself to be a valuable communications tool for us."

## New addition set for Health Dept.

Work is expected to begin this spring on an addition to the Huron County Health Department building on M-53 in Bad Axe.

Approval also was given for Timothy Deming's request to rezone property he

owns in Fair Haven Township from residential to light industrial.



### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

**John A. Champagne**  
— Director —

#### IMPORTANCE OF VIEWING BODY

The current wisdom is that the body should be viewed during the funeral if it can be made viewable. This is perhaps of greater importance today than ever before. Many people die away from home, often in distant medical institutions. There are some deaths that follow a devastating, lingering illness.

A lingering illness or an accident may have marred the body and face of the loved one. That is not the way he or she should be remembered. Proper preparation and restoration help to modify and remove the marks of violence or the ravages of disease. Preparation, and restoration provide the proper image for recalling the loved one.

Several constructive purposes are served by the custom of viewing. Viewing the dead body makes those who survive more aware of the reality of sudden, accidental, or lingering death. Seeing is believing. Often, much time, effort, and money are expended to recover a missing body for the purpose of confirming the fact of death.

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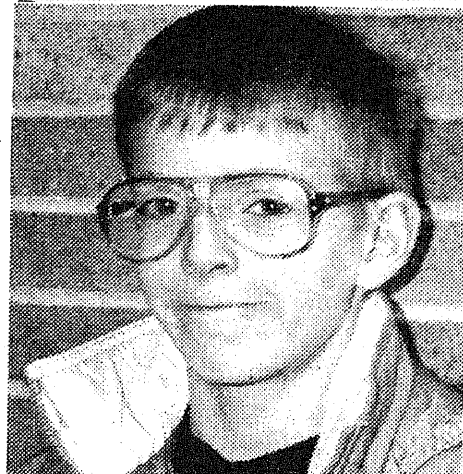
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# Around the Elementary Centers...

## ELKTON STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**Dan Guster is the son of Robert and Barbara Guster. He is a fifth grade student in Mrs. Portmann's room and is chosen because of his excellent attitude and his hard work ethic. His favorite subject is math and his hobbies include basketball and baseball. He has five rabbits, 10 cats and two dogs.**

## ELKTON REPORT: "Definitions for Parents"

By ELKTON ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL BEN PHILLIPS

A best selling book for the past couple of years has been the book "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" written by Robert Fulghum. The following is a list of these important things taken from this humorous little book.

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. Clean up your own mess.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Take a nap every afternoon.
12. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.

Mrs. Weidman's Elkton first graders recently made Dinosaur Dioramas, as part of a dinosaur unit being studied. Pictured here are Kelly Fritz, Katie Ignash and Ryan Manial.

13. Live a balanced life — Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup — they all die. So do we.

15. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned—the biggest word of all—LOOK.

years. It takes 61,250 labels to purchase a set of encyclopedias. We would like to thank everyone who has saved labels for us.

### SHRINE CIRCUS

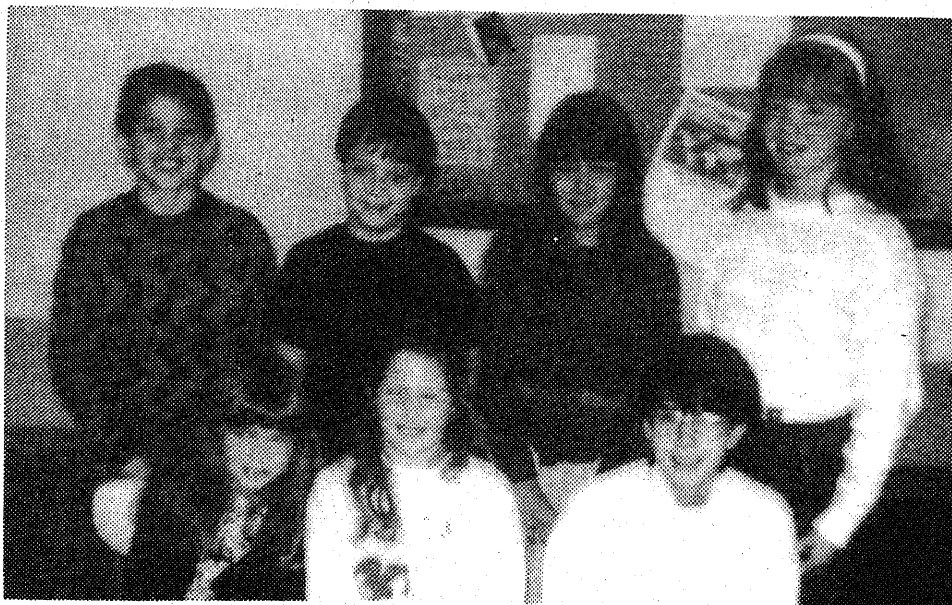
The 5th graders in our district have gone to the Shrine Circus in Saginaw for many years. They will once again be going this year on January 22nd. The tickets for our students are paid for by Thumb National Bank. We appreciate the bank covering the cost for these tickets. It is a fun and worthwhile trip for our kids.

### KIDS ON THE BLOCK

The Kids on the Block is a puppet show presented to our 4th graders every year. It is presented by the Huron Intermediate School District. This puppet show helps students better understand various types of mental and physical handicaps. The show is scheduled January 29th at 9:30 A.M. Parents are welcome to attend.

### CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

We are no longer saving Campbell soup labels here at Elkton Elementary. It simply takes too much time and effort to cut and pack these labels. It also takes a large amount of labels to purchase items from their catalog. We have saved approximately 30,000 labels in 5



ALL A'S at Bay Port Elementary! Pictured here, front row from left, Trista Swartzendruber, Jackie Steele and Melanie Rathje; back row, Eric Gunden, Jim Lewis, Tierney Rose and Carrie Maust.



Pigeon cheerleaders S-M-I-E for the camera!

## PIGEON AND BAY PORT ELEMENTARIES, PRINCIPAL TODD BIGGER

The New Year is already in full swing, and the end of first semester has just passed. I am truly amazed at "how fast time flies when you are having fun."

I am quite proud of our Bay Port and Pigeon students, and I greatly appreciate the job well done by both staffs. Also, it is important to commend our students' parents for their continued school support. As we enter into the new year (1992) our resolution is to continually provide a safe and educational environment that is conducive to producing an educationally sound elementary program for all of our students.

The Pigeon and Bay Port 5th graders are taking the annual pilgrimage to the Saginaw Shrine Circus. Needless to say they are excited. The circus is Wednesday, January 22, 1992. The tickets are provided by Thumb National Bank, along with a separate donation from Mr. Mark Gettel. This again illustrates one of the many ways the community supports its youth. Thanks!!

The Bay Port Carnival is Saturday, February 8, 1992. The kitchen is open at 6:30 P.M. The evening games start at 7:00 P.M. Plan to join us for dinner if you can. This annual carnival is a big tradition in the area.

This wonderful event is directed this year by parent volunteer Calvin Maust. Calvin and his support crew promise another fun year of games, gifts, and good food. The bingo game for the adults, and the cake walk for everyone, are just a very few of the many activities awaiting you and your family.

The Pigeon and Bay Port 5th graders are set to challenge one another, as well as Elkton, in 6 basketball games. The games begin the last week of January. Please feel free to call the school for a schedule of games.

Four of the games begin at 4:00 P.M., and the other 2 begin at 2:00 P.M. The 2:00 P.M. games are arranged to allow the elementary students one chance to see a home game. You are welcome to come and cheer the teams on to victory.

**Good News.....Coming out of Bay Port Elementary:** The Bay Port Elementary's Annual Christmas went on without a glitch this year. The students surprised their audience with a special finale using flashlights (which brought back fond memories of last year's power outage).

As was true with the Pigeon program, the Bay Port students gave a splendid performance under the supervision/direction of their

teachers and Mrs. Witczak. Little do our students know how much Christmas spirit their performance brings into our lives.

Do you need a warm building to walk in during the cold months? I would like to offer you the opportunity to walk in either the Pigeon or Bay Port Elementary building before school (7:30 A.M.) until just prior to the students arrival (9:00 A.M.). It is also possible to walk from 3:45 P.M. until 4:50 P.M. This opportunity is daily. Think about it!

The continual clothing drive for our "sunshine room" has brought many wonderful donations of well-kept, used clothes. Because the room is so well used we are constantly open to used clothing donations. The clothing is to be of children sizes (ages pre-kindergarten through 5th grade).

Winter and spring items are requested. Thank you.

In parting, and in honor of the many great deeds done over the holiday period, I wish to thank "Owendale Ralph" for the monetary donations to be used for special children at holiday time. This fine gentleman has once again made it possible for many children in our buildings to have a special Christmas.

He takes it upon himself to host an annual auction with proceeds directed towards kids. He may not see the surprised expressions on the children's faces when they are told that their Christmas list is enhanced because of a special friend of Santas, but if he could it would be everlasting.

Thanks for being there Ralph, and thanks for showing us the spirit of the holidays.

The Elementaries of Pigeon and Bay Port, along with support of the P.T.O. and the P.T.C., are awaiting accessories for the outdoor playground project. This project was assembled by a volunteer group of staff and parents this past summer.

We are anxiously awaiting the new slide, cargo net, and fireman's pole that will be added to the project. The time and support needed to provide such a neat project is appreciated. We are excited about getting this project completed and used. A special thank you to everyone who has helped along the way, (Mr. Fred Fortsch, Mr. Tom Armbruster, the many parent volunteers, etc....).

Make it a point to stop in and see what's going on at Pigeon and Bay Port, (What a super new year's resolution!)

## PIGEON DIST. LIBRARY News And Notes

### LIBRARY GIVES THANKS

The Pigeon District Library would like to give a big "Thank You" to all of the patrons who gave so generously to the library's operating funds.

The money is greatly appreciated and will be appropriately put to use.

### TYPewriter FOR PUBLIC USE

The library now has a typewriter ready for public use. The fee will be 50 cents per half hour.

Patrons are asked to call ahead and reserve time and also to bring their own materials (paper, correction fluid, etc.) Phone 453.2341.

### TAX FORMS

It's the tax season again and the library now has Federal and State tax forms for patrons to pick-up as needed.

Only a small amount of forms arrived. The library would like to ensure its patrons that more form are on their way.

### SHOW CASE DISPLAY

A display of fashions from different countries can be seen in the Community Room showcase at the library.

Ann Kennedy and Jill Hedley, sisters, who have collected dolls from different countries owe it all to their grandmother, Mrs. Henry McAulay. She loved to travel and would buy them a doll for their collection. A few others have been added over the years.

Dolls on display are from Korea, Italy, Holland, Greece, Israel, France, Japan, Germany, Egypt, Scotland, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia.

### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

The theme for the Tuesday, Jan. 28 Preschool Story Hour will be "Sick Day" with the stories "Buster Catches A Cold" and "Up Day, Down Day."

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. sessions. A registration fee is required, per family per year.

### AMISH COUNTRY TOUR

Visit the "Heart of Indiana Amish Country-Shipshewana" on May 6 and 7 with a group that will leave from the Pigeon District Library. Full payment must be included with reservations. Call the library for more information 453-2341.

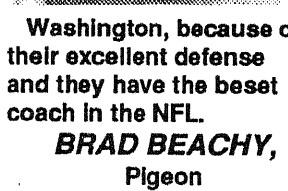


**STACEY KRUEGER ASKS: "Who do you think will win the Super Bowl, Washington or Buffalo? Why?"**



Washington, because of the way they walked all over the Lions.

DANIELLE DAMEN, Elkton



Washington, because of their excellent defense and they have the beset coach in the NFL.

BRAD BEACHY, Pigeon



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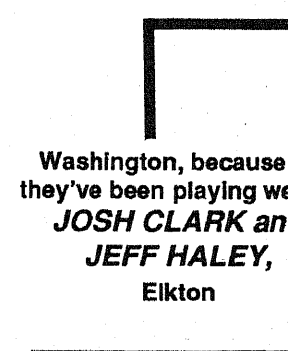
The Redskins by 20 because of their running game and defense are great.

TIM HEIDEN, Elkton



Washington, because they beat the Detroit Lions.

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Washington, because they've been playing well.

JOSH CLARK and JEFF HALEY, Elkton

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# Woods & Waters

**Fishin' Cold or Fishin' Warm**

By DUANE GUENTHER



It was blowing hard when the alarm jangled me out of bed a few mornings ago.

One peek through the frost covered window told me the weatherman had finally hit one right on the head.

Four to five inches of snow had fallen sometime during the night, and now a cruel north wind pushed it horizontally across my front yard. It was near blizzard conditions and the thermometer hanging outside my kitchen window told me I wasn't going ice fishing today.

Although I'm pretty much a fair-weather winter fisherman, I have been known to tackle the ice in rough weather.

But, today was a different story, a man could die on the ice today. Even though the conditions were frigid, I was still sure there would be plenty of activity on the Bay.

Some of the anglers would be tough old coots. Dressed to the hilt in wool and down. They would huddle on their sleds, back to the wind, defying the cold wind to drive them off the ice. It didn't matter if the fish were biting, it was the pride of licking "old man winter" in this deadly duel of who could last the longest.

Others would be fishing in the comfort of an ice shanty. For those who don't understand the term—it's pretty much a Michigan name—these are small houses or tents that fishermen use to keep warm while fishing on the ice.

They will range from the "bare bones" style of wood or canvas scraps cobbled together to break the wind, and little else, to extravagantly constructed, or purchased hide-aways that offer all the comforts of home.

I was brought up fishing both ways during the win-

ters of my youth. The unwritten rules went something like this:

If you were fishing perch you sat outside on an ice sled. This was a small wooden box with wooden runners. Beer cases, pop cases, ammunition and other assorted packing boxes made of wood were the raw materials.

Each was fashioned to the fancy of the owner and most were so durable they lasted for years. Some were built so well they were passed through generations. But, one thing for sure, you didn't fish in a shanty unless you were a sissy or spearing for pike.

The shanties of those days all looked alike. They were small and tall, with a peaked roof and an overhang for the bench you sat on. While the building materials may have differed, most all were sheeted with black tar paper and stripped with narrow laths.

Serious fishermen, before my time, who angled for a living, would make large shanties and stay in them for long periods of time. Perhaps they fished with hook and line as well as spear, but the locals I fished with scoffed at anyone trying to catch a perch from one of them.

Today, those rules have been broken. Better building materials coupled with an increasing softness of outdoorsmen, have made the ice shanty a near necessity for a growing number of fishermen.

They come in all shapes and sizes, are made very compact for storing and transportation, and have state of the art heating systems to ward off any chill one may encounter.

I guess I'm still an old "hard head" when it comes

## OUTDOOR REPORT

Week of Jan. 20, 1992

COLD JANUARY NIGHTS when the snow has a good crust are a great time for tame dogs to go wild. Driven by an instinctive desire to kill, your fun-loving pooch of the day turns deer killer at night. Marauding bands of such dogs are a detriment to deer herds and people living close to deer cover should make sure they know where their dog is every night. One local from Unionville lost a couple of tame geese to a German Shepherd just the other night.

THE COLD SNAP IS MAKING PLENTY of ice, and fishermen from Sebawaing to Caseville have been reporting plenty of success from many different areas. Good action was had at Rose Island and also from the North Island area. Fish have been spotty at Gelger Road and seem to be moving a lot. Most successful fishermen have been the ones who stay with a hole for a few minutes and then move.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO HUNT TURKEYS this spring, get a move on. Application deadline is May 1. After that, you will have to wait for the fall season. DNR officials are predicting another banner year for the gobbler. Their introduction back into the Michigan habitat has been one of the most successful coups for the DNR.

to fishing on the ice. Give me a heavy pair of Malone wool pants and a good, long Eddie Bauer goose down coat with a coyote hood, put my back to the wind and I'll be happy all day long.

But for those who need a shanty to shelter them from the storm, I saw a cute little sled with a tent attached in a sporting goods the other

day. Its price tag was a tad over \$300, and when you add a few bucks for a propane heater, some folding chairs and a battery operated color TV set, that should bring your day's catch to a shade under \$50 a pound.

Not bad for perch these days....

## 60 Seconds The Master's Touch

"And, behold, a hand touched me...," Daniel 10:10 There's an inspirational poem of an auction sale, where a worn, dirty, old violin was offered. The price hovered low, only a dollar, then 2, and that's all.

Just before the auctioneer could cry "Sold", a man stepped out of the audience, picked up the violin and played a melody so haunting, so sweet that the audience was stirred. Bidding resumed immediately, not in single dollars, but in hundreds, then several thousand before it was sold.

It was the same old violin that had been sold at the high price, only now the bidders saw what happened when a real musician played the instrument. The poem is named, "The Touch of the Master's Hand".

God, too, has His own special "touch". His touch can be felt through a Bible verse, a powerful Christian hymn, a stirring sermon or a moving prayer. His touch, too, changes people. It can make them pass on His loving touch to others, and to do great things for His kingdom.

Lord God, as You have reached out to touch us, may we pass Your touch along to others. Amen.

## Lake-Chandler news notes

By MILDRED BALLAGH Jan. 26 - The Chandler Presbyterian Church potluck dinner will follow the worship service with the annual congregational meeting beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday Hal Conkey, age 92 on Jan. 26!

Mr. and Mrs. Ken McAulay entertained at a luncheon Thursday at their Sand Point Home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey, Mr. and Mrs. By Groff, Mae Gwinn,

Alys Dufty and Opal Dufty. Bertha was a former member

of the Worthy Study Club and guests were members at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dufty, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dufty and son surprised their mother, Marguerite Rodgers on her 89th birthday by bringing in their Tuesday evening dinner, cake and ice cream and eating with her.

## PUBLIC NOTICE HURON TRANSIT CORPORATION PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FY-1992-93

All citizens are advised that Huron Transit Corporation (dba.. Thumb Area Transit) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 1992-93, as required under Act 51 of Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for Federal Section 18 assistance as required under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

Huron Transit Corporation is requesting \$303,000.00 in state operating assistance for general public transit services. Capital equipment funding assistance of \$129,151.00 for fleet expansion vehicles. Federal Section 18 operating assistance of \$63,248.00 is being applied for through this application also.

The proposed application is on file a Huron Transit Corporation, 1513 Bad Axe Road, Bad Axe, Michigan and may be reviewed anytime during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) for a thirty (30) day period ending February 21, 1992.

All comments are invited regarding this application. Alternatively, any citizen may request, in writing, that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic and /or environmental effects of any of this proposal. Written submittal should be mailed to:

Huron Transit Corporation  
1513 Bad Axe Road  
Bad Axe, MI 48413

## And the walls came tumbling down . . .



THE OLD ELEVATOR just east of Elkton is fast becoming just a memory, as workers from Huron Excavation tear down the old wooden feed mill and bean processing plant. John Kohr, CEO of Cooperative Elevator Co., which owns the elevator now, said that the structure was obsolete and falling down, and that with the remodeled and modernized concrete silos behind it, the buildings were no longer needed.

The concrete structures house the Co-op's Elkton bean receiving plant, which also takes in corn and wheat. The old seed plant on the north side of M-142 will also be torn down this winter, Kohr said.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

## Pigeon news notes

By DOROTHY DIENER

The joint meeting of the women of Cross Lutheran Church, which was cancelled because of the weather, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Orth will lead the topic, officers will lead devotions and lunch.

Among the 200 guest who attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Murdoch held at the Pigeon District Library on Jan. 12 were out-of-town guests, Omar and Faith Johnson, Ronald and Pat Johnson and girls, Gail Schuman, Lois Bonilla of Rochester Hills, Galen and Sylvia Buschlen and family of Brighton, Ed and Ellen Wolford of Harlingen Texas.

Pastor and Mrs. Henry Hales returned to their home in Seaside OR on Wednesday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Elftman.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Elftman were, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stodola, Joe and Lauren of Jension. Joining them for Sunday dinner were, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kuhl and family of Sebewaing, Mr. and Mrs. David Elftman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis of Mt. Pleasant.

Daniel Freeman of Lansing spent a three day weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman were callers last week at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Maney of Bay City.



THE ANNUAL TRI-COUNTY HONORS BAND will present a special concert this Sunday, Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. at the Owen-Gage High School gymnasium. The Tri-County Honors Band consists of the top high school band students from 17 schools in the tri-county Thumb area, says Chairman Andrew Nowak of Caseville.

Pictured here, North Huron School Music Director Matt Bishop leads the band through a recent practice at Owen-Gage High School.

### BAD AXE THEATRE II

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Pigeon will hold a Public Hearing during the regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 10, 1992 at 7:15 P.M. in Council Chambers. Purpose of the hearing is to solicit and consider public comment regarding an Appeal of a Special Use Ruling of the Planning and Zoning Commission, or a Variance on property located at 7100 Scheurer Street.

The request by Clare and Donna Bechler is in regard to constructing a driveway on the east side of the property and a parking area on the northeast end of property to park commercial vehicles.

David Geiger, President  
Village of Pigeon

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# Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School Board thanked for service, dedication January is School Board Member Recognition Month

**YVONNE BUSHEY**  
School Board President Yvonne Bushey is finishing her 12th year on the board, and during that time, she's served in a variety of positions.



She says she originally ran for a seat on the board because "I wanted to be a part of making policy to help boys and girls in the district. I wanted to use my education to help them."

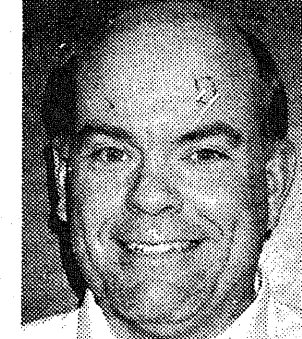
She has a background in education, having taught at Elkton Elementary and at Kinde for seven years.

Bushey has had five sons graduate from Laker High School. A fifth son, Todd, was a sophomore at Lakers when he was killed in an automobile accident in 1979.

Currently, Bushey is serving on St. Clair Community College's Huron County Advisory Board, and serves on the Core Curriculum Committee made up of representatives from each school in the Huron Intermediate School District. She's active at St. Felix Catholic Church

in Pinnebog in liturgy, commission, music, and education.

**BURTON KEEFER**  
Now serving as vice-president of the Laker School Board, Burt Keefe is finishing up his third year on the board. He sought election because "I had an interest and concern for the continuation of a quality education for students in the district."



Keefe is also a certified school board member through the MASA, and both his sons attend Laker High. He is vice-president of the feed and grain division at Cooperative Elevator in Pigeon, and serves on the advisory board for the Laker FFA.

**JANE CHRISTNER**  
Jane Christner made the decision to run for a seat on the school board many years ago, but the timing to actually seek election was never right until 1989.

"I've always been interested in education, and I'm used to serving the commu-



nity in some way," Christner said. "This gives me some community involvement."

As a graduate of Laker High, Christner wanted to ensure that future graduates had the best education possible, and running for the board seemed a way to make that happen.

Christner serves as a program specialist for the nursing assistant program at Delta College, and both her children are graduates of Laker High School.

She serves as the chairman of the Health Education Advisory Board of the school district, is a member of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Huron County, and is an active member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

She currently serves as secretary of the school board. Christner earned her school board certification through the MASA.

**DR. RICHARD LOCKARD**  
Dr. Richard Lockard, a fam-

ily practice physician in Elkton, sought his school board seat because of a concern about the academic orientation of the district.

"I had the same perception that many have, that the schools are sports-oriented instead of academically oriented. I found that the perception wasn't really true," Lockard said.



Now serving his eighth year on the board, and holding the office of treasurer, Lockard's three children are all products of the Laker school system. One daughter has already graduated, one son is a senior this year, and another son is a freshman.

**JAMES CLABUESCH**  
James Clabuesch is serving his ninth year on the school board, and has had three children graduate from Laker High.

He originally ran for a school board seat because "I'd rather make the decisions made about my

children's education than have them made for me."

Currently, he serves as a trustee on the board and previously served as treasurer. Clabuesch is the owner of Jim's Electric in Pigeon, an electrical contracting firm.

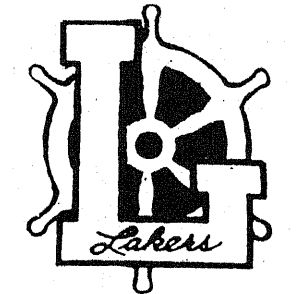
**VIRGINIA LEIPPRANDT**

Virginia Leipprandt has served on the Laker Board of Education longer than any other board member, now entering her 17th year. She's a teacher at North Huron High School in Kinde, and serves that school as the li-



brary media advisor. Both of her sons graduated from Laker High School.

Leipprandt sought elec-

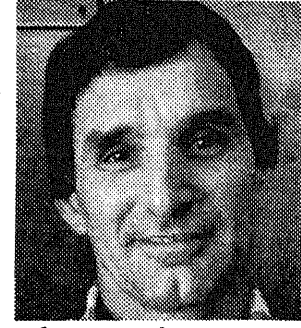


tion to the school board because "I was always interested in education and children. I thought it was a good opportunity to serve."

"I've enjoyed the decision-making process and it's exciting to work with curriculum changes and school improvement."

**CLARE SWARTZENDRUBER**

Trustee Clare Swartzendruber was tapped by former board member Bruce Baur and others to run for the board two years ago.



A farmer in the Bay Port-Pigeon area, Swartzendruber decided to run for a seat because "I was interested in the education our students were getting in the district."

He's had a daughter and a son graduate from Laker High, and currently, another son attends eighth grade. As are other board members, Swartzendruber is taking courses through the Michigan Association of School Boards in order to become a certified school board member.

# It's a 'matter of course' for golf course designer

By SALLY RUMMEL

Most people take golf as a game, but Pigeon native William "Stoney" Bergman, now a Florida resident, takes his love of golf even further... he designs and builds golf courses.

Bergman's latest venture is an 18-hole course set in 375 acres of wooded property in Marianna, located in Florida's Panhandle. Named the Magnolia Oaks Country Club Golf Course, the course is more picturesque than 'heavily trapped,' according to Magnolia Oaks spokesmen.

For 1 1/2 years, Bergman, his wife Melna and son Fred developed the course by clearing boulders, stones and trees away from the site. They met with the city's Chamber of Commerce when initial

developers were no longer interested, then undertook the task of selling lots for homesites to raise the capital necessary to build the golf course.

The Bergmans had help from inmates from a nearby prison who were assigned the work detail because of community interest in the new business. The Bergmans and crew pulled many large trees from the fairways, but left just as many for aesthetic purposes. They also transplanted some trees, and added a man-made lake and three ponds.

Now the completed project, which is set among a scattering of Magnolia oak trees and evergreens, includes a pro shop, 40 sold homesites on the 120-lot pe-

rimeter of the course and a restaurant.

The course officially opened on Nov. 23 with a golf tournament involving the Gators from Florida State University, Tallahassee and the Seminoles from the University of Florida, Gainesville. Ninety-two alumni participated in the tourney, with the Gators winning by one stroke.

"Stoney" and Melna will live near the course and leave the day-to-day caretaking of Magnolia Oaks to their son, Fred.

Pro shop managers are Marianna businessmen Walter Huston and Woodrow Hatcher. Golf pro is Jack Slocum of Louisiana, who previously worked as a pro in the Pensacola, Fla. area.



WILLIAM "STONEY" BERGMAN cleared the land that became the Magnolia Oaks Country Club.



GOLFERS ARE ENJOYING the picturesque course which features natural beauty and few man-made "traps." PHOTOS SUPPLIED

## Pigeon news notes

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Merchberger of Barbeau were Wednesday supper guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schuette and sons.

Mrs. Howard Jarvis accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gemmel of Elkton on Sunday to be with Mrs. Annie Klinkman, who underwent emergency surgery Sunday afternoon at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartzendruber returned home last week after spending four weeks over Christmas with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Swartz-

zendruber and family in Kolona, IA, and Mr. and Mrs. John Weier and family in Riverside, SD.

Mrs. Elsie Kern visited with her sister, Mrs. Selma Sahr of Saginaw, this past week. On Sunday morning she attended the worship service at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese.

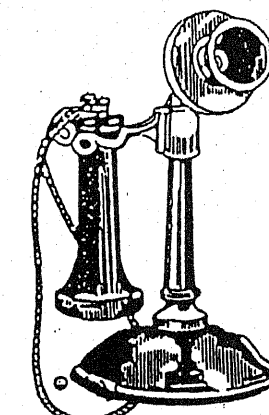
Cordelia Trost of New York is visiting with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. George Mohr this week.

### 'Helping Hands' 4-H meets

On December 9, 1991, the Helping Hands 4-H Club had a Christmas meeting. Their evening activity was making Christmas wrap by sponge painting.

Election of officers was held with the following results: President, Marcell Seibel; vice-President, Rebecca Koch; secretary, Becky Gremel; reporter, Emily Sneller.

Selected for game committee for the February meeting are Corey Oeschger, Darci Talaski and Becky Mueller. Refreshments were enjoyed by all before adjourning the meeting.



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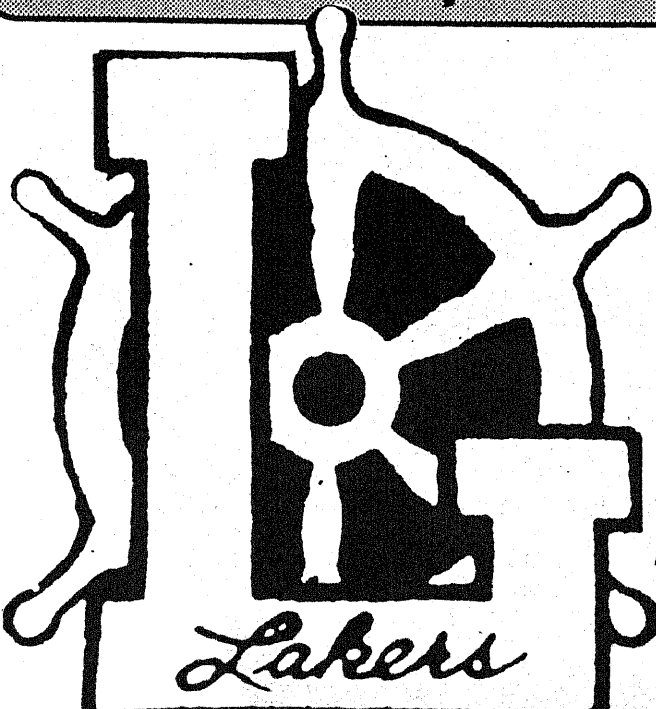
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Signed: Robert Drury, Superintendent





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# 'Buckle Down' drive starts in Huron County

By WALT RUMMEL

Deaths, injuries and property damage from highway accidents are much more than a matter of traffic safety.

They've become a national health problem, involving as many deaths each year as occurred in 10 years of the Vietnam war.

The good news is that use of seat belts can reduce deaths and injuries substantially.

In Huron County a committee has been organized and is ready to go into action to increase compliance with the Michigan safety belt law.

"Safety belts save lives", said Col. Gerald L. Hough, retired director of the Michigan State Police and now representing the Michigan Coalition for Safety Belt Use.

Colonel Hough addressed about 2 dozen members of the citizens' committee who met Thursday noon in Bad Axe. The local committee was organized by Huron County Sheriff Michael L. Gage. Sgt. R. Brent Woodward, director of safety education, is project site coordinator.

Col. Hough spoke on Operation Buckle Down and the Occupant Restraint—Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, which will begin in Huron County in early Spring.

Discussing the cost of traffic crashes, Colonel Hough said that in the US, \$74 bil-



**SAFETY DISCUSSIONS:** Col. Gerald Hough, left, talks of safe driving habits with Huron County Sheriff Michael Gage, Bad Axe State Police Post Representative George Willoughby and County Sheriff's Dept. Safety Education Director R. Brent Woodward.

lion is spent every year, more than \$750 million of it in Michigan. Comparing the cost to taxpayers, serious crime costs \$2.399 billion each year, but traffic crashes are more than 10 times as costly, \$28.861 billion.

*Nationally, an average of 45,555 human lives are lost each year in traffic accidents—a number which sometimes rises as high as 47,000.*

*In Michigan, 1,200 to 1,500 are killed each year.*

*In Huron County in 1989, there were 1,640 traffic accidents, involving 3,870 drivers and passengers. The results were 480 persons injured and 7 killed.*

Fatal crashes do not always involve very high speeds, Colonel Hough said, as many 35, 40 and 45 mph crashes result in death. Vehicles moving as slowly as 12 mph have been in fatal crashes, he added.

Forty miles per hour, regarded by many drivers and

riders as a relatively-low speed, is extremely dangerous. Traveling at 40 mph can be made far more safe when seat belts are used, Colonel Hough said.

The new Huron County citizens' committee for broader safety belt use, was told that prior to passage of the safety-belt law, 18% of Michigan drivers used their safety belts.

After the new law went into force on July 1, 1985, compliance rose to 60%, but

as the years passed, use of belts slipped back to about 40%.

At present, in Michigan the rate is now 50.5%.

"Each one percent increase in safety-belt usage saves 25 lives each year", Colonel Hough explained.

That's where the goal of the citizens' committee comes in, Colonel Hough said,

— to increase the use of safety belts by Huron County motorists;

— to increase the sense of traffic safety awareness among Huron County motorists, and

— to achieve a 70% safety belt compliance rate among Huron County motorists.

The approximate time schedule is to prepare literature, volunteer or assign tasks, distribute literature

and survey Huron County residents between now and April.

The program will run during April, and a final survey and appraisal of the program will be made during May.

"And the goal", Colonel Hough repeated, "will be 70% compliance."

Participants at the Bad Axe meeting last week quickly determined that such an improvement in compliance—from 50% to 70%—with a saving of 25 lives for each one percent of improvement, would mean 500 additional lives saved in Michigan, each year.

That would mean that in 1993, the number of traffic deaths in Michigan could run between 700 and 1,000—a vast improvement over the present 1,200 to 1,500 fatalities experienced now.

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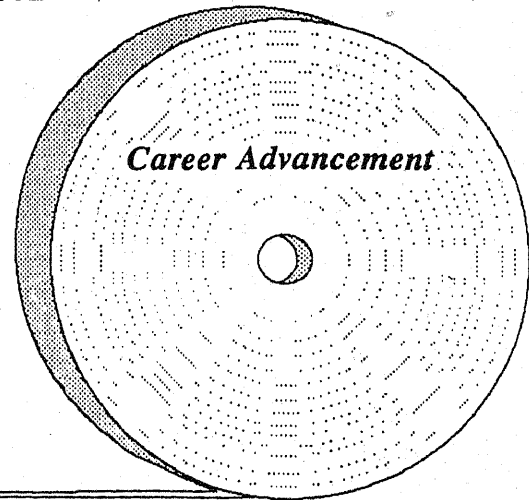
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