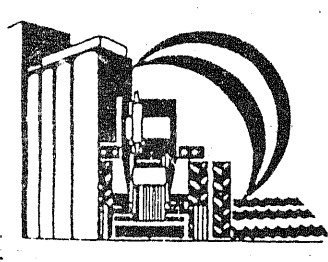


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## Retirement Village land option signed near Hospital

The dream of a Retirement Village in Pigeon came one step closer to reality Monday afternoon, following the signing of an option to buy agreement from the owners of the 4.75-acre parcel directly north of Scheurer Hospital.

The land, off N. Caseville Road at the northwest edge of Pigeon, is owned by sisters-in-law Dorothy Sting and Eleanora Trost.

The agreement will provide Scheurer Hospital with a time limit of Dec. 31, 1992, to decide whether or not to formally purchase the land for Retirement Village use.

During the next few months, the hospital will proceed by forming a governing board made up of members of the Scheurer Hospital Board of Trustees

and other interested individuals.

"I couldn't be happier about the direction this project has taken," said

Scheurer Hospital Administrator Dwight Gascho.

"Mrs. Sting and Mrs. Trost, as well as the Village of Pigeon, have been extremely

cooperative in helping us work through this transaction. I am very optimistic about the outcome of this project."

Working with Scheurer

Hospital thus far on the feasibility study, design and financing of the proposed Retirement Village is Kolb & Associates, of Goshen, Ind. Up-to-date reports on the

proposed facility were presented at Monday night's Strategic Planning Committee, held just hours after the signing of the land option agreement.



PUTTING IT DOWN ON PAPER: shown at Monday's land option signing, from left, are Scheurer Hospital Administrator Dwight Gascho, Dorothy Sting, Eleanora Trost and attorney Mike Otto. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

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### CARO DEDICATES NEW SCHOOL FEB. 13

Citizens of the Caro School District will dedicate \$3.2 million worth of new and renovated school facilities on Thursday, Feb. 13 in ceremonies from 2 to 3 p.m. in the new Caro Community Middle School gymnasium. A 3 to 6 p.m. Open House at all district schools will follow dedication ceremonies.

The dedication concludes a major program of expansion and modernizing of the district's four school buildings, made possible by a one-mill bond issue approved by voters on Sept. 17, 1990. Centerpiece of the project is a new 21,000 sq. ft. middle school, erected at the front of the existing high school to integrate existing junior high school facilities. Featured are six new classrooms, two science labs, special classrooms, kitchens, offices, lobby, gymnasium/multi purpose room, lockerrooms plus exterior site work and furnishings.

Dedication markers will be presented to High School Principal William Conway, Middle School Principal Robert DeBoer, Schall Principal Sally Dittman and McComb Principal Bernard Nelson.

At McComb Elementary School, two 3,100 sq. ft. additions were erected, providing four new classrooms, restrooms, corridors, furnishings and exterior site work. Lockerrooms at the high school's Stamats Gymnasium athletic complex have been renovated and modernized. The program also included a complete renovation of the interior of Schall Elementary School.

### CONGRESS PAGE JOBS AVAILABLE

Congressman Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) announces that he will appoint a Congressional Page to work on Capitol Hill during the 1992-93 school year.

Traxler will appoint two students, one for each semester, to serve as Pages.

The duties of a Page consist of - delivery of small packages and correspondence within the congressional complex.

Page candidates must be high school juniors while serving as Pages, be at least 16 years old, have a grade point average of 3.0 or better for their freshman and sophomore years.

If selected as Pages, they must maintain at least a 2.75 GPA while attending Page school. Pages receive compensation of about \$1,012 per month. The cost of housing is \$300 a month and includes a meal plan.

Applications are available from Congressman Traxler's Washington, Bay City and Saginaw offices.

### MUTUAL HAS \$6.2 MM PROFIT

Mutual Savings Bank, with local offices in Pigeon, Sebewaing and Cass City, achieved a \$6.2 million profit for fiscal year 1991, according to President and Board Chairman Wendell Evans, Jr. This compares with a \$3.6 million loss in 1990 and is the first annual profit for the Bay City-based savings bank since 1987, Evans says.

Deposits increased \$31.8 million — or 6.5% — in the 25 offices operated by Mutual in mid-Michigan. The Lending Division posted a record year, as Mutual provided home financing for more than 1500 families through more than \$87 million in loans. That compares to less than 300 loans the previous year, he says.

"Our success was achieved by our fine staff who increased income by \$9.8 million and reduced annualized expenses

## 'Show-time With Scheurer' coming April 23

It was 20 years ago this summer that Scheurer Hospital moved into its new facility on N. Caseville Road — after having served the health needs of the Western Thumb at its downtown Pigeon location since 1946.

Scheurer Hospital will celebrate its 20th anniversary at its present location with a community dinner set for Thursday, April 23 at Laker High School.

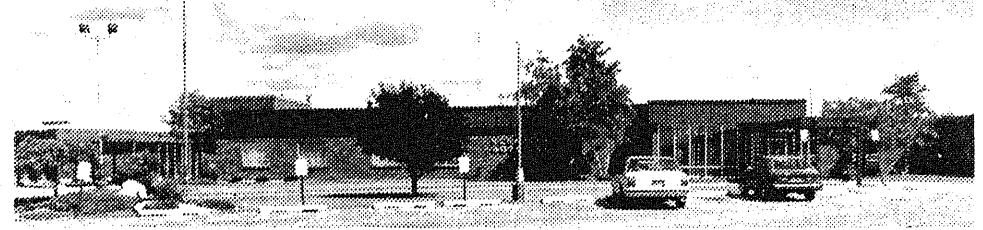
Themed "Show-time With

Scheurer," the event will feature a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., prime rib dinner from 7 to 8 p.m., special recognitions from 8 to 8:15 p.m. and entertainment following in the Laker auditorium, according to the planning committee.

Barbara Dixon, daughter of the late Dr. R.C. Dixon, one of the original medical staff members of Scheurer Hospital, will present a program of Broadway showtunes with vocalist Tim Caldwell.

Harpist June Klemko of Saginaw will provide special music during the social hour from 6 to 7 p.m.

Tickets will be tentatively available for sale beginning March 1, according to the committee.



## Pigeon Chamber has \$52,427 year in '91

When it comes to promotional dollars, Pigeon's Chamber of Commerce leads the way in the Upper Thumb. That was proven again

Thursday night, at the group's annual meeting conducted at Greenfields Restaurant. Total revenues for the 1991

fiscal year were \$52,427, the largest ever. Outgoing President Rhonda Buehler and Treasurer John Schaefer worked together to watch over expenditures, too, which totaled \$47,576 — leaving a fund balance of \$7401 as of Dec. 31. That's triple the balance the previous year, leaving the Chamber in excellent financial condition, they noted.

Leading revenues was the 1991 auto raffle promotion, spearheaded by David Anderson. It generated \$14,771 in revenues, with a net profit of \$5024.

The Christmas promotion cost less than had been projected, at \$7168 and '91 Farmers' Festival expenses of \$14,972 were nearly balanced by revenues of

\$11,858, according to Schaefer's report.

The new Chamber Board has a 1992 budget of \$48,730 in revenues versus an equal amount of expenses, which will likely be adjusted as the year goes by, the 60 persons in attendance learned.

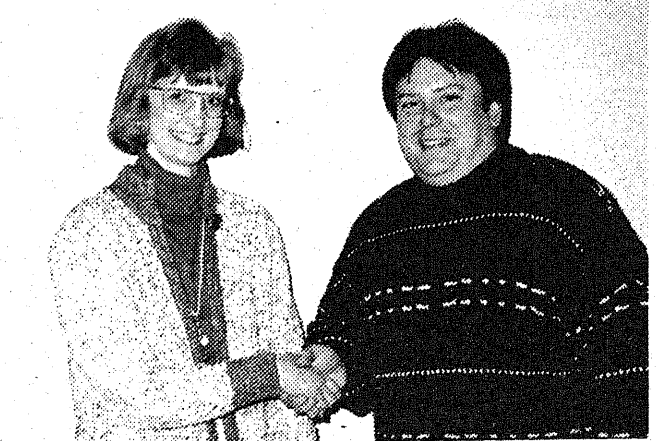
In other business:

■ Jim King, owner of Bay House Sports, was elected Chamber President for 1992, assisted by Secretary Sally Rummel, Treasurer Paul Heinrich and new board members Michelle Dast, Pam Sturm and Dave Anderson.

No one has stepped forward to fill the vice president's spot, according to the Nominating Committee.

■ Stepping off the board are Outgoing President

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RHONDA BUEHLER and JIM KING, the outgoing and incoming Pigeon Chamber of Commerce presidents...

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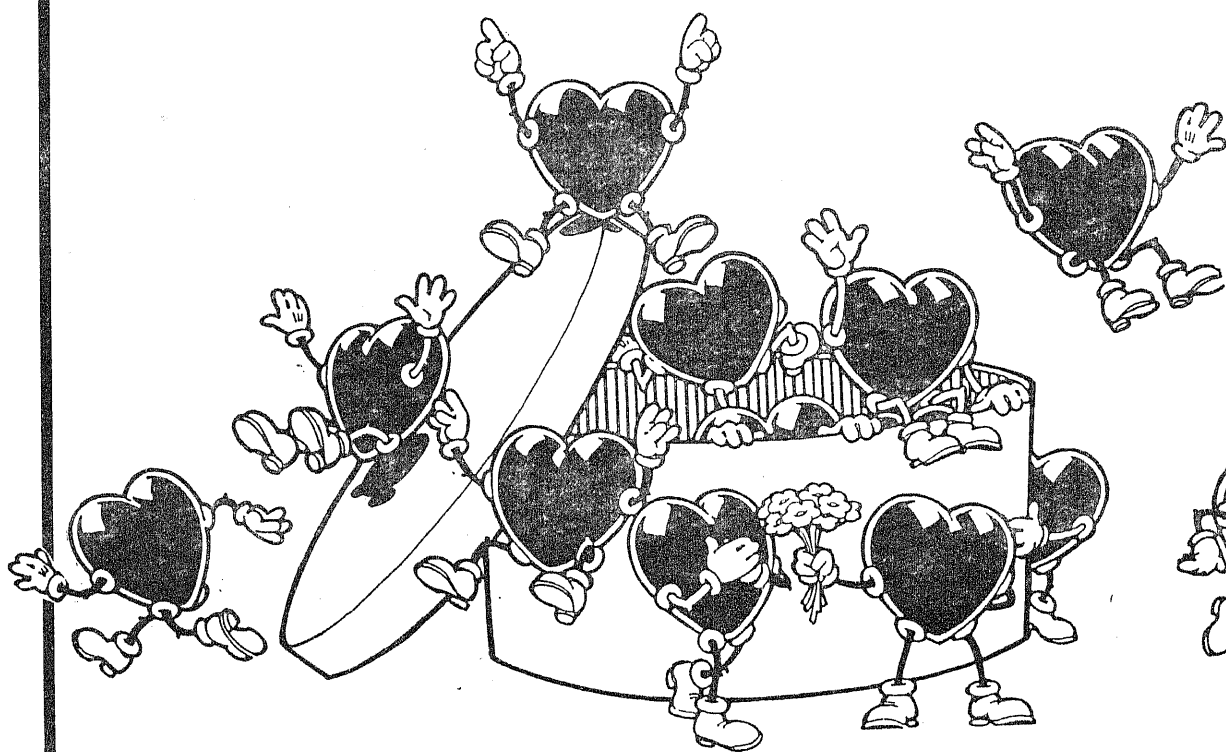




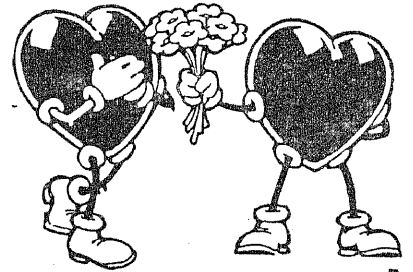








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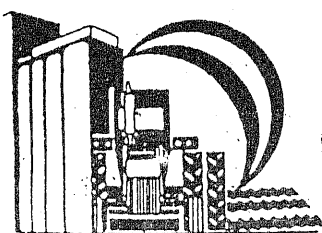
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