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By AMY HEIDEN

Collectors of baseball cards and other collectibles have shows where their wares are bought and sold all over the state.

And the same is true with collectors of tractors, the scale models of the workhorses of the American farm.

But there's never been a show like that in the northern parts of Michigan. That's soon to change though, as a

show is set for March 21, at Laker High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Over 27 collectors have rented tables at the show, some from Indiana and Ohio.

The show's not so unusual. though. What makes the show unique is the person who's organizing it.

A 17-year old entrepeneur, Laker senior Mike Richmond, is handling all the details, and he's promised to

model collector and builder. "He urged me to buy my first collectible, a Case International 4994 four wheel drive," Richmond said.

He collects the tractors because he likes them, but there's a more pragmatic reason-his collection has appreciated in value.

donate all the proceeds to

the Laker FFA, of which he's

lecting the scale-model trac-

tors for over four years now.

He gives the credit—or the

blame—for his collecting passion to Pigeon's Ralph

Limberger, a long-time

Richmond has been col-

'This is the first time I'll be at a show as a seller," Richmond said.

But tractors aren't the only things he's sold. This young businessman also owns his own company, Richmond Steel.

Lastyear, his fledgling business made the gates for the new Junior Livestock building at the Huron County Fairgrouds, and he also makes livestock feeders and recreational trailers, to haul snowmobiles and motorcycles.

(FFA leader)Don Wheeler was on the phone one day getting bids for the gates, and the bids he was getting were really high," Richmond said. "I knew I could make them cheaper, so I put my bid in, too.

On July 4, he got word that his bid was accepted, and he had one month to get the steel, make the gates, and paint and install them.

"My Grandma said my dad used to go up in his bedroom with a piece of cardboard and come down with something that moved. She says I do the same, only I manufacture it.

"I love working with things, and I grew up tinkering, Richmond said, explaining his building ability. "We've got the welders at the farm, and if it's cheaper for him to make something he needs, he'll make it.'

Richmond's father, Glen, farms about 900 acres north of Pigeon, growing beets, corn, beans, and wheat, and Mike farms a bit, too.

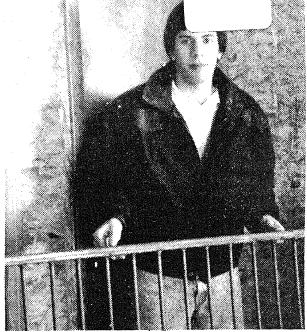
He has his own beet contract, growing three acres of sugar beets on land subcontracted from his dad, and for the past three years, he's been producing and marketing

He buys the standing hay from area farmers, harvests it with his dad's tractor and a rented hay baler, and sells enough to make a tidy profit.

His beets get harvested with a beet harvest he built with help from family friend Ollie Schaaf.

All those activities just might be the key to winning the Star Agribusinessman degree from the FFA. Richmond is one of the top three finalists in the state from all the winners of the State FFA Degree.

He'll have to present a slide program at the state FFA convention on March 24 in his quest for the degree.



HERE, Richmond shows some of the top-quality steel gates his Richmond Steel Company builds for farmers.

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DNR TO REVIEW HURON DEER HUNTING PERMITS WEDNESDAY

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Biologists from regional, district and local levels will meet with local sportsmen this Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pigeon Conservation Club.

The meeting, sponsored by the local club, will answer questions about the number of permits issued and whether boundaries of permits should be revised. The public is welcome to attend.

Gary Boushelle, regional biologist of Roscommon, will be accompanied by Tom Prodzick, district biologist from Bay City. Local biologist Bud Jarvis of Cass City will be present to receive suggestions from local sportsmen on the permit

Michigan United Conservation Club members of District 9, Thumb Area, will also be present.

Talent night coming March 1 at Lakers

MIKE RICHMOND shows part of his miniature tractor

collection. He built this model as a Christmas present for

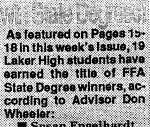
his father, imitating his Dad's equipment.

A dozen acts will be on stage Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. at Laker High School, to help raise funds for the Laker Band Boosters.

Clown comedy, dancing, a gospel quartet, several soloists and other entertainment acts will perform, according to organizers.

A special highlight of the event will be a performance by the Laker Alumni Band, a group of Laker graduates from past years who are coming together specially for this event.

Tickets will be available at the door.



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Former Elkton Council member Barbara Thompson upset incumbent Village President George Willoughby 152 - 65 in Monday's Primary Election, to be the Republican nominee in the March 9 General Election.

Thompson, 54, is a homemaker who likely will become Elkton's first woman Village President, as there is no Democratic opponent on the March 9 ballot.

Of the five G.O.P. candidates for the three available twoyear Council terms, incumbent James Jaworski was top votegetter with 143 votes. Newcomers James Wilson with 123 and Frank Kolar with 120 defeated incumbents Brenda Wichert with 101 and Terry Heck with 63.

Max McKenzie got 189 votes as Treasurer, Phyllis Tamblyn had 185 as Assessor and Janet Santos 184 as Clerk, all unopposed, as Republicans. In all, 216 of Elkton's 350 voters -- 66% -- cast ballots.



4 BAY SHORE CAMP CHANGES

Four events have been announced to help start the 1992 camping season at Bay Shore Christian Camp, near Sebewaing, according to Camp Director Lew Tibbits.

■ Saturday, April 11 is the 1992 Kick-Off Rally at Trinity United Methodist Church, Sebewaing, A buffet banquet will precede preview of the expanded Children's and Youth Camping Program;

Friday & Saturday, May 8-9 is the second annual Father-Son Catfishing Tournament, for fathers and sons of all ages; Friday & Saturday, May 22-23 is the first 55 and Upward! Weekend, a new camping ministry concept for folks young

at heart," according to Tibbits; Aug. 9-14 are dates for the new Co-ed Soccer Camp, which also allows Senior Music Camp to have its own week. Dean Gary Glanville has expanded past events and will add

some new fine arts workshops. Tibbits has more information about any of these new events, plus the complete summer camping schedule for children, youth and families, by calling 883-2501 or writing Bay Shore Camp at 450 N. Miller Road, Sebewaing, 48759.

KRETZSCHMER CRITICALLY INJURED

Caseville Area farmer Leroy Kretzschmer was critically injured late Friday evening when a truck he was driving

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When Tom Ziel joined the Laker FFA in 1985, he was so nervous speaking in front of group that he rocked back and forth constantly.

So teacher Don Wheeler put a half-inch dowel under his foot, telling him that if he keptrocking, he'd fall down.

That lesson — and the rest of the lessons learned as a member of the FFA — have come in handy for Ziel.

He learned enough selfconfidence, enough poise, to eventually become president of his local chapter and the regional president. Before his graduation in 1989, he earned his State FFA degree,

agribusiness at Michigan thing," Ziel said. State University.

can Farmer Degree. From parlimentary procedure ingatthe Huron County Fair-

To win the Degree, Ziel his State FFA degree. through high school.

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held, sports involvement, But that wasn't the end of community activities, grade he's still actively involved the line for Ziel, now studing average, just about every- in youth ag activities, such

tate University.

During his years in Laker
In November, at the FFA High and the FFA, Ziel National Convention in Kan-helped his Ag Forum team sas City, he was awarded the win two golds in state com- instrumental in building the ultimate honor—the Ameri- petition, and was on the new Junior Livestock buildmore than 500,000 FFA team that won a second place grounds. During Fair Week, members nationwide, only gold at state. He was named about 1,000 are awarded the the Alpha Gamma Rho Out- of beef cattle. standing Junior, and earned

said he had to fill out a 24- He was also an All-Con- so much to me I'd like to give page questionaire which fererence selection in 1989 something back," Ziel said.

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showed all of his activities as an offensive tackle in foot-"If it wasn't for FFA I ball, and played baseball for wouldn't be able to get up "They wanted to know Lakers for two years. and talk to 500 people. "FFA is the only class that

hands-on, where you're actually dealing with people all the time. I want to teach the things I've learned, like leadership and responsibil-

of high school for two years,

as FFA and the Junior Live-

He's now serving a term as

Why stay involved? "I

stay because FFA has given

president of the JLA, and was

stock Association.

His parents, Lloyd and Donna Ziel, also stay in-volved with FFA, having been named Honorary Chap-ter Farmers for their help with the Land Lab next to the school. And they help their son with his numerous

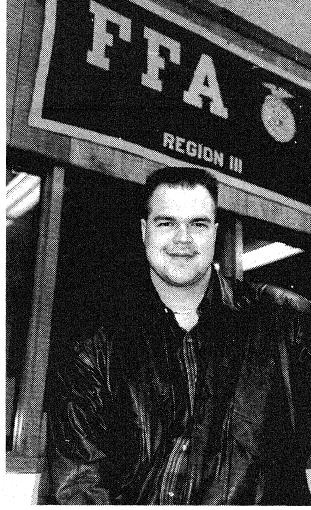
"It's tough to juggle every-thing. My Mom and Dad help out as much as possible," Ziel said. "If there's something that needs to be done and I'm not here, they'll

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TOM ZIEL MAY HAVE HIS Laker FFA years behind him, but FFA is still in his heart and he works hard promoting the leadership organization by continuing to use his FFA

Thumb Area **Markets** as of Monday, Feb. 17

Wheat3.93 (new 3.70) 2.41 (2.42) Oats......1.70/90 (1.70/80) Soybeans......5.35 (5.56) Navies14.00 (16.00)

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with net profits reaching

\$431,761 in 1991 compared

Nevertheless it was a good said.

QUITE A COLLECTION: shows part of his tractor and farm machinery collecin the hobby field to bring in exhibitors for the March 21 hobby show at Laker High Laker FFA program.

Mike Richmond of Bay Port tion. He's using his contacts School. Proceeds go to the SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS

Money deposited in local,

home-owned independent

banks is used for local loans,

homes, farms and busi-

nesses. "We need such

money here, for the towns in

Thumb National has fewer

employees than it had 5 years

ago, and total salaries paid

in 1991 were smaller than in

Concluding, Clabuesch said

that falling interest rates cre-

ate 2 distinct responses from

customers. Depositors are

dismayed at the reduction of

their disposable income, es-

pecially since many are on

fixed incomes and rely on

interest earning to provide a

On the other hand, bor-

rowers are "overjoyed at the

drop in borrowing costs"

because that means greater

opportunities for consumers,

hance depositors' income

and provide borrowers an

The banks' task is to en-

businesses and farmers.

lance personnel.

They'll now be paid \$13 for

their first hour of work, and

\$8 for every additional hour.

eration come from user fees

and subsidies from town-

said. No money from the

put into effect at the Village

Hall, in response to citizen

requests. The new hours are

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and 1

p.m. - 4:30 p.m. New rules and regulations

defining each village

employee's job description were adopted by the council, Santos said. Members of

the ordinance committee

have worked for nearly two

years refining and rewriting

in other business, Elkton

Mac Appointed Dr. Francis

Wilson, Janet Rokicki, Janet

Hydorn and Vicki Williams

the rules.

Council:

Funds for ambulance op-

the Thumb," he stated.

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dropped into a culvert. Kretzschmer was backing his truck into a driveway near his Kinde Road farm, when the truck dropped off into the culvert and threw him out of the truck, officials said.

He suffered a internal bleeding, broken neck, broken ribs, along with other injuries, and was taken by ambulance to Scheurer Hospital. From there, he was flown to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw where he underwent emergency heart surgery. He remains in the hospital's critical care unit in critical condition. Full details of the accident weren't available at press time.

CASEVILLE WANTS FLOAT ENTRIES!

The Caseville Chamber of Commerce is now accepting entrants for the 1992 annual Perch Festival Parade, set for Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m.

For further information, contact the Caseville Chamber at (856-3818 or write them at P.O. Box 122, Caseville, MI

COURT PROCEEDINGS

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

Steven M. Kanyak, 21 of Caseville, pled guilty to nonpossession of driver's license; ordered to pay \$80 fines and Leota M. Zywicki, 61 of Caseville, pled guilty to im-

paired driving; ordered to perform 10 hours' community service, pay \$500 fines and costs, be placed on one year's probation, attend outpatient counseling and loses driver's icense for six months;

Gerald F. Lorrince, 47 of Sterling Heights, guilty of driving with license suspended, following a Dec. 16 incident on Spring Street, Port Austin; ordered to serve three days in Huron County Jail and pay \$200 fines and costs;

Michael P. Wysner, 20 of Royal Oak, was found guilty after non-jury trial of possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, following a Jan. 4 incident on M-25 in Caseville Township; \$90 fines and costs;

Anthony D. Lumetta, 21 of Westland, was found guilty after non-jury trial of possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, following a Jan. 4 incident on M-25 in Caseville
Township; \$90 fines and costs;
Christopher J. Duboy, 22 of Sebewaing, pled guilty to
assault and battery, following a Jan. 21 incident involving a

woman on E. Main Street, investigated by Sebewaing Police; sentencing deferred to May 28 under state domestic violence statute;

Donald G. Hunter, 63 of Caseville, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$500 fines and costs, one year's probation

and loses driver's license for 90 days; Chad S. Schubach, 18 of Elkton, pled guilty to non-

possession of driver's license; \$80 fines and costs;

Matthew L. Slade, 21 of Pigeon, pled guilty to non-

possession of driver's license; \$80 fines and costs; Wade Carter, 28 of Sebewaing, pled guilty to nonpossession of driver's license' \$80 fines and costs;

James A. Pionk, 57 of Pigeon, pled guilty to disorderly person; \$125 fines and costs;

William B. Thede, 52 of Sebewaing, pled guilty to unlawful blood alcohol level; \$600 fines and costs, one year's probation, counseling ordered and loses driver's license for six months:

Kazimierz Szymczak, 46 of Macomb Township, pled guilty to attempted disturbing the peace, following an Aug. 16 incident in Lake Township; \$150 fines and costs;

Daniel J. Collison, 31 of Saginaw, pled guilty to writing non-sufficient fund check, less than \$200, following a Sept. ships and the county, Santos 22, 1990 incident on Haist Road, Winsor Township, investigated by Huron County Sheriff's Deputies; 10 days in Village's general fund are Huron County Jail, \$228.44 in fines and costs, plus ordered to make restitution of \$350; New office hours were

Ronda Schenk, 30 of Unionville, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$500 fines and costs, 12 months' probation, counseling ordered and loses driver's license for nine months;

Terry R. Mitchell, 30 of Bay Port, pled guilty to drunken driving; \$700 fines and costs; 12 months' probation, counseling ordered and loses driver's license for one year;

Scott A. Rais, 17 of Sterling Heights, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit simple larceny, following an Aug. 7 incident investigated by Caseville Police; five days on Sheriff's Department work program, \$300 fines and costs

and ordered to make restitution of \$1313.14;
Richard L. Osentoski, 28 of Pigeon, pled guilty to drunken driving, second offense; one year jail term deferred; \$800 fines and costs, 24 months' probation, counseling ordered and driver's license revoked

Ronald J. Bowers, 31 of Kinde, guilty of carrying uncased

shotgun in motor vehicle; \$100 fines and costs;

Sherry D. Shannon, 26 of Vassar, pled guilty to nonpossession of driver's license, following a recent incident investigated by Elkton Police; \$80 fines and costs. and

Robert F. Smith, 19 of Pigeon, pled guilty to illegal entry, following a January incident investigated by Pigeon Police; three days in jail.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS print EXTRA! Notebook Truth, justice Slop Pica Style Stop the presses!

of shareholders ever to at-

tend Thumb National Bank

and Trust's annual meeting

gathered Tuesday, Feb. 11,

at Greenfields in Pigeon to

hear President Paul Clabue-

sch tell them that the bank

had made some progress last

year and that 1991 was "a

STATE'S LARGEST

FARM LENDER

Thumb National is the larg-

est agricultural lender in

Michigan, and among the top

100 in the USA, and conse-

quently the company has

been profoundly affected by

the agricultural economy,

said the president and chief

The low yields of sugar

beets coupled with low com-

modity prices had a strong

impact so the bank's large

executive officer.

pretty good year."

OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!

DESK-CLEARING — M Pigeon native Dave Roe, now a Frankenmuth investment counselor, was featured last Tuesday night on a TV-5 interview on their "Minding Your Money" series. He gave advice on how to get good returns from small investments...

No, we haven't changed — for those sharp-eyed observers who might remember previous statements here saying the writer watches Channel 12's news now instead of the "more popular" TV-5 news. In truth, my TV has a "jump" button which lets me move back-and-forth between two stations. But Channel 12's news is STILL much more professional, although I always "jump" stations when commercials come on. They're nowhere nearly as informative as print ads

■ Speaking of TV-5 one last time, they've been hit by the recession as other businesses have. For the first time in the station's 38-year history, The Bay City Times reported Saturday, TV-5 has made some staff layoffs.

Unfortunately, one involves a Thumb native: Julie (Schroeder) Roche, formerly of Sebewaing, has been laid off from tiations with Waste Manageher "News 5 Wake-Up" producer's spot. The station has 96 full-time workers and laid off five in all...

You just can't trust most candidates. I'm barely a casual

watcher of politics these days, but I'm already tired of the New Hampshire primary and the accusations being made by one presidential hopeful after another.

Wouldn't it be amazing to have one candidate NOT resort to mud-slinging or name-calling, and instead simply tell us where he/she stands on issues? That lone voice plainly telling us what we need to know would certainly stand out.

And, if we'd have ALL the primaries on the same day, each candidate would have to be EVERYWHERE, promising EVERYBODY EVERYTHING—and we'd get a better idea of their true value to us. Another shopping destination has been announced, to

further spread competition among Thumb Area stores. A Manufacturers Marketplace outlet mall has been announced off I-94 just outside Port Huron, barely one hour from Harbor Beach. They're hoping to capitalize on Canadian traffic, and the 35 stores should be opened by August.

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WISH I'D SAID THAT: "It isn't the mountains that trip people up, but the molehills!" (Don Faupel)

with \$311,181 in 1990. enhanced, profits have in-TNB EARNINGS creased and capital ratios **UP 38.5%** have improved," he added. President Clabuesch said Those are all positive measures of a bank's strength and that earnings amounted to its safety and soundness, he \$4.10 per share in 1991 com-

portfolio of agricultural loans mark that was achieved "by money goes to New York or

"During this period of de-

liberate control of the bank's

growth, loan quality has im-

proved, liquidity has been

design," the bank president

Thumb National sees '91 improvement

pared with \$2.96 in 1990, an declared A problem for all banks, increase of 38.5%. President Clabuesch said, is The return on average eqthe fast-growing cost of FDIC uity was 6.92% last year insurance, which has reachcompared with 5.33% in 1990, which is about "halfed a sum of \$17,000 per

way to our profitability goal" of 12 to 14%, he explained. The annual report pointed out that total assets, gross loans and total deposits of Thumb National remained virtually constant from yearend 1990 to year-end 1991, a

"ONE OF FEW INDEPENDENTS" LEFT Clabuesch declared firmly

month at Thumb National.

It's possible that rates will

increase as high as 30% more

in 1992, and that one-third

of a bank's earnings will go

to FDIC insurance in the near

opportunity to help jump-

that shareholders and staff of Thumb National should be "proud of being an independent bank," one of the few left in the Thumb.

start the economy without undue risk, and still maintaining funds for use in the

He said that in chain banks, CDs that are turned in are often converted into the stock market, "so the local

Elkton explores curbside recycling

By AMY HEIDEN

Curbside recyling is becoming more and more prevalent throughout Michigan and the rest of the country, and Elkton will be joining the ranks of recycling communities in the future.

But the Village Council is ss one sten at a time, and started off by agreeing to enter into negoment, Inc. for a curbside recycling program.

Last month, 320 surveys were mailed to village residents, and 113 were returned in favor of recycling, according to Village Clerk Janet

If adopted, the program would add \$2 per month to a resident's garbage bill. A village resident currently pays \$24 every three months for garbage pickup, or \$8 per

"We want to thoroughly review all available programs," Santos said. as village election inspectors

Council also approved a four percent pay increase for in the upcoming elections. the six full-time village em- Designated Walt Forster ployees. Also approved were as street administrator.

his year of 1992 marks the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' brave voyage across the Atlantic, to "discover" our land of America. As Native Americans and other historians are quick to recall, that 1492 voyage didn't really discover the peoples and traditions that were already here.

However, Columbus was the first person from the known European and Far East worlds to bring this continent's goods back to that known world. In computer terms, Columbus "interfaced" the rest of the world with America — and things have never been the same since!

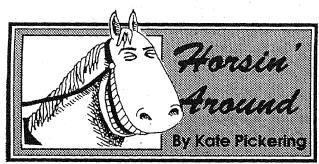
So, the Columbus anniversary should be commemorated for its sheer courage. A Northern Arizona University Renaissance history scholar, Delno West, and his wife Jean, West, are co-authors of "Christopher Columbus" The Great Adventure" which gives us an all-round view of the explorer. Here are six major attributes Columbus used to succeed, which we can utilize still today, five centuries after he set foot on our shores:

■ NEVER GIVE UP. Columbus first dreamed of his ability to get to the Far East by sailing west in his 20s. He searched nearly 10 years for financial backing, but found little.

He continued to seek support from Spain's Queen Isabella, who finally gave in — and away Columbus sailed on the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria.

BE A LIFELONG LEARNER. The son of a middle-class cloth merchant, Columbus received little formal education — but taught himself four languages and read passionately all his life. He gained knowledge in meteorology, navigation, natural science and other fields through his selfteaching.

ENLIST OTHERS IN YOUR CAUSE. Columbus, the experts say, had a peculiar ability to befriend and learn from powerful people, who helped advance his dreams.



JAPAN vs. U.S.

It's a new cold war of sorts, but it's heating up. Japanese leaders have accused U.S. workers of slothfulness, and although we've been incensed by these flippant remarks, no one can say they are completely off the mark. Many of us are lazy, true. And lots of us want to have fun, or spend quality time with our families. Some of us are young, and in search of the meaning of life, while some of us are middle aged and struggling to find a comfortable, livable balance between our work-family-religious-and-social lives. But since when should we be ashamed that we're not workaholics? Americans work to improve the quality of our lives in all respects, not just production!

It is not fair to compare work ethics alone when two spring; cultures come to cross purposes. Let's compare all aspects of authorized a \$1,100.00 our lives if we're going to take a long, hard look. Japanese as compassionate overall as we are? Is their standard of living as high? Are they as spiritual or far-sighted, as generous or diverse? Do they have the wealth of art and literature that we have, is their treatment of women as fair and equal, or do they deal with their animals and livestock in a safe and humane fashion? Most importantly, do the Japanese people know freedom and opportunity like we do?

I'm not saying for one moment that they are or are not superior to Americans in all regards - it's entirely possible that they are, but what I AM saying is, we don't know because we haven't compared. And furthermore, who says the controller that a public that a chew 'em up-spit-it-out, produce-produce-producemindlessly-till-you-drop-mentality makes their way of life lage president, however, acor their culture superior to ours anyway? I personally believe that mass 24 hour a day, 7 day a week production is 10 meeting; not the mark of a great and powerful society, but rather the mark of Godless imbalance, and is responsible for the rapid, irreversible depletion of global natural resources.

I will not be made to feel inferior simply because Americans know how to stop and smell the roses. While of course there are miles of room for improvement in the American ment effective April 10. workplace, I'll just bet there is room for improvement somewhere in Japan as well. To start with, I hear they're cil meeting, a public hearing for the new water system. dreadfully short on horseflesh . . . maybe, conceding their was held on the 1992/93 Aletter was received from equine inferiority, they'd like to start importing the finest budget. At the regular meetpurebred blue blood horses on the planet - those would be ing the 1992/93 budget was AMERICAN MADE horses!!

DO YOUR HOMEWORK. Columbus is known for the boldness of his vision — but he was willing to back up his dreams with hard work. He didn't just muse about sailing across the Atlantic, he actively prepared for the journey through study.

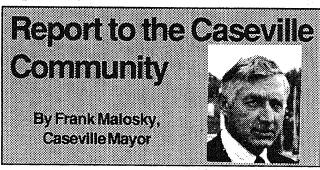
Columbus also traveled throughout Europe, talking to anyone who might have helpful information - sailors, scientists, map-makers, intellectuals and others. While a merchant seaman, Columbus carefully charted wind patterns and ocean currents - making him one of the world's greatest navigators at the time he finally set sale.

And, amazingly, the route Columbus charted is still in use today!

BELIEVE YOUR OWN DESTINY. Columbus was a God-fearing man throughout his life. As a youth, he had a vision in which the Holy Spirit told him his name would go down in history as a great sailor. He truly thought he was preordained to make his incredible voyage... and he never stopped trying until he did.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE. Contrary to the popular notion about rootin', tootin', rowdy seagoing men, Columbus was one sailor who never used profanity...

If these true observations don't tell us something about Columbus, which can still be applied to us today, we haven't paid attention properly during the past five centuries!



A special meeting was held on Jan. 27 because a quorum was not present at the regularly scheduled meeting for Jan. 13. The village auditor presented the 1990/91 audit showing a very low fund balance. He also presented a letter recommending a minimum of \$100,000 be maintained in the account at all times. Council:

extended the sewer hookup deadline to May 15, due to frost and cold weather; accepted the DNR lease agreement regarding the

river and beach boardwalk project for a period of 20 years. Officially the village will now maintain the area. including the parking lot and cleaning the restrooms. Construction should start this

pay raises for 1991/92 fiscal year, to the three village supervisors. The hourly employees of the village have oined the United Steel Workers Union, and are still in labor negotiations. A mediation hearing is scheduled for March 26;

discussed the demands of apology be made by this viltion was tabled until the Feb.

extended the deadline for to FMHA on loans and bonds accepting applications for for the new water system. village police chief 60 days from Jan. 31, 1992, due to the proximately \$450,000 on the present police chief's retire-

water tower and \$1,450,000 Prior to the Feb. 10 counto FMHA on loans and bonds Bud McCormick, that due to Please turn to Page 9 adopted, showing \$303,575

in revenues and \$303,575 in anticipated expenditures.

It was recommended that council take a look at increasing the millage to build up the fund balance to the \$100,000 recommended by the village auditor, to insure good operation of the vil-

Council approved the construction of a water line extension into the township on Sand Road, cost to be approximately \$4,000. There was a request for such an extension, with the requesting party paying the \$1,600 tap-in fee plus up to \$2,400 for the actual cost of the line.

Village Ordinance No. 309, passed on March 9, 1987 reads: "connection or tap-in charges are deemed necessary to recover prior incurred capital cost associated with the system."

As village president, it is my opinion council violated this ordinance by allowing the \$1,600 tap-in fee to be used for construction cost of this line. The requesting party also asked that a resolution be passed by the township board and village council, that if any future tap-in or connections are made to this line, the party is to be reimbursed up to the \$2,400 that was paid for the line.

Caseville still owes ap-

proximately \$450,000 on the

water tower and \$1,450,000

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the fire. He used to store all the ashes out and put coal or wood in the stove and it wouldn't be too long before

ister.

was very cold, we dug a grave bread in it and there always a the New Bay Port Cem- was warm water in the reseretery and I never saw it be- voir. After he had the fire fore, but the ground was made, he'd start to call us to warmer than the air, because get up, throw the covers back

was the main stove in the

Mother used to bake the

RECOLLECTIONS

Of By-Gone Days

BY GEORGE KEIM

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DEAR EDITOR:

what I used to do and what I

The other morning when it

did when I was young.

cold it hurt my lungs.

My folks didn't have a ther-

how cold it was or the chill

used to blow right through

steam came out of the and get up. ground. It just reminded me He always wanted everyof how I used to walk to body up for breakfast no school and the air was so matter if you had anything to do that day or not. He used to say we could go back to mometer so we never knew bed again, but he wanted everything done so my factor. It was just cold and I

knew and a lot of other done on time. people around my age will Boy, I can still remember tell you that it used to get those breakfasts she used to

mother could get her work

Years ago our houses were There was fried mush (that built while there was a lot of was cornmeal) she used to work around and they cook the day before and weren't very tight. So the air when it was cold, she'd cut it in pieces and fry it in lard and make gravy to put on it. Back in those days before Her pancakes just couldn't we had running water in our be beat and I'll never forget houses, we always had a pail the good oatmeal she'd make of water in the kitchen for and her coffeecakes just couldn't be beat.

drinking purposes. A lot of times the water dipper was Well, we've got it a lot betfroze in and we'd have to ter than we used to and I make hot water and then wouldn't go back to those thaw it out so we could get "good ol' days," but it is nice to remember them.

water for the house or fill the tank so the cattle could drink. In Psalm 37:25 it says, "I But we always put on a lot was young but now am old, of clothes and we hung but I've never seen the righaround and kept warm. We teous forsaken or his sad beghat a lot of warm covers on ging bread." the bed and lots of the houses

Well, times are hard, but if had a stove pipe going up we try to do the good thing through your room or a reg- and are righteous, we and our children will always I used to hear my father have something to eat. I know getting up and starting up that everything in the Bible is true, even if we don't always understand it.

SINCERELY YOURS. GEORGE KEIM

Letters from our Readers

Some observations on voting

DEAR EDITOR:

ries soon upon us, may I make the following observa-

1. A pre-primary registration of political party preference is a violation of our traditional voting privacy.

2. If the government is interested in the numerical count of party preferences,

they have only to tally the With the National Primaprevious election.

3. Since a split ballot is automatically voided, a preprimary party registration is unnecessary, and strictly an invasion of one's voting pri-

SINCERELY, DR. FRANCIS E. WILSON, Elkton

Rathje heads Port Huron football program Bowling

After spending the three from 1975-80 before being years as the head football coach at Yale High School and winning two Southern Thumb Association titles, Pigeon native Jim Rathje has taken over the football program at Port Huron High School

Former coach Tom Rodenbaugh resigned after coaching the Class A Big Reds to a 2-7 season with Rathje as assistant, and Rathje jumped at the chance to become head

He's no stranger to Port Huron High, though, having coached and taught there



laid off. Then he started at Yale as an assistant varsity football and track coach, plus he handled the junior varsity basketball team for a few When the head coach at

Yale resigned after the 1975 season, Rathje took over as head coach. While at Yale, the 1970

Laker graduate led the Bulldogs to their first STA championship in more than 20 years during the 1989 season. Yale was 7-2 overall and Rathje was named Coach of the Year by the Port Huron Times Herald.

The Bulldogs came back with another STA co-championship in 1990, and under another coach, shared the crown again this past sea-

During his years at Laker High, Rathje participated in football, basketball and track. After graduation, he received a football scholarship to Northern Michigan University, where he played four years. And after college, he spent a season with the Detroit Wheels.

Rathje is the son of Marlin and Marian Rathje of Pigeon.

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Beachy Eggs .. High team series and game: Griggs High team series and game: Griggs Greenhouse 1778, Thumbodies 644. High individual scores: D. Yahn 506 (204), D. Deming 501 (178), E. Bennett 489 (186), S. Meyersieck 485 (173), M.L. Lorencz 469, T. Lewandowski 467 (194), S. Errer 181, G. Gunden 181, M.J. Meininger 175, D. Deering 172, A. Kleinfeld

170.
Spits converted: 2-7 P. Lewis (2),
A. Kleinfeld; 4-5 L. Morin, L.
McIlhargie; 5-6 D. Deming, B.
Anklam; 3-10 J. Deering, T. Maust,
M.L. Elenbaum; 9-10 A. Nowaczyk;
5-10 C. Barevich.

FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE

Active Feed ... Co-op Elevator .. Don Erla Foods...... Berkley Indus. .. Albrecht Auction

High team series and game: Co-op Elevator 2610 (822-868-920), Eria Foods 821, Berkley Indus. 811. Erla Foods 821, Berkiey Indus. 511. High individual scores: J.D. Gunden 589 (226), R. Nowaczyk 568 (204), E. Shepherd 526, G. Deering 520, R. Damm 518, D. Deering 506. Splits converted: 2-7 R. Damm, N. Henne (2); 5-10 R. Nowaczyk; 9-

THURSDAY

NITERS LEAGUE J & B Plg. & Htg.14 Lee's Landscaping13 Elftman Hardware 12 1/2 Scheurer Hospital12 Country Maids Gerry's Distributing.... Village Barber ... McCormick Motors .. **Dutch Kettle**

Fink's Farm Equip. 6 1/2 High team series and game: J & B Plg. & Htg. 2203, Scheurer Hospital 2197 (782), Gerry's Distributing 2177, Fink's Farm Equip. 820, Dutch Kettle 775. High Individual scores: E. Gunden

Dubs 4/3 (210), B. Scholz 17-1. A. Parrish, W. Kovach 464 (176), A. Buschien 464, B. Heintz 460 (170), M. Murdoch 185, P. Roestei 172, V. Wurst 170.

Wurst 170.
Splits converted: 4-10 S. Buchholz;
5-7 M. Avalos; 4-5-7 P. Roestel; 2-57 M. Ropp; 2-7 T. Doran, E. Gunden;
7-8 R. Stoecki; 3-10 D. Niebel, T.
Gnagey, L. Smith, V. Wurst, S.
Buchholz; 5-6 B. Schulz, S. Maust,

TY'S TUESDAY P.M. LADIES

... 12 1/2 Four Cats... 11 1/2 Jokers High team series and game: Jokers 1479 (525). High individual scores: B. Forster 152.

GUYS AND DOLLS Dubs-Smith ... Seemann-Flebig15 Parrish-Irion ..

Heintz-Ritter Cusimano-Bauley13 Hundersmarck x212 *Hazzard-Grosberg11 Elbing-Smith *Gunden-Henne10 Beachy-Weidman

High team series and game: Dubs-Smith 1953.

High individual score: LADIES-P.
Parrish 515 (177, 175), A. Eibing 61, 177, 175, 4. Eibing 61, 170, J.
Heintz 206, P. Hundersmarck 180;
WEM 1 Smith 502 (210) B. Haintz MEN-L. Smith 593 (219), R. Heintz 505,R. Elbing 490, J. Dubs 489, M. Ritter 472 (188), E. Fiebig 478 (188). Splits converted: 3-10 J. Heintz, R.

Seemann, B. Smith, J. Dubs; 3-5-10 B. Heintz; 4-5 R. Semann; 7-8 D. Rapson; 5-6 W. Henne, D. Iron; 5-8-10 W. Henne; 5-10 H. Weidman, B. Parrish; 5-6-10 A. Elbing; 2-7 R. Irion.

PIGEON TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

People's Choice Mkt. 16 Osentoski Equip.16 Steinman Agency Dutch Kettle Ju-Dens Farm Crest Foods .. Michigan Quality Tile9

High team series and game: People's Choice Mkt. 2587 (942), Osentoski Equip. 2569 (919), Farm Crest Foods 2563 (870, 862), C.A.P. Construction 2488 (852), Michigan Quality Tile 2462 (854), Dutch Kettle

C.A.P. Construction9

900. High individual scores: T. Koch 573 (202), R. Ignatowski 572 (207), R. Koch 571 (203), D. Meyer 551 (203), L. Smith 544, B. Pawluk 541, **ELKTON MONDAY**

Thumb Hardware10 Ty's Bowling Lounge9 High Team Series: Thumb Window & Door 1639. High Team Game: Amle Petroleum 586. High Individual Scores: L. Zarnke 440 (174). B. Wichert 468 (178); K. MEN'S LEAGUE Don's Barber Shop35

NAPA Auto Parts19 PIGEON MONDAY Finkbeiner's Farm Eq...13 MAJOR LEAGUE Osentoski Farm Equip. .18 Greenfields... Bay Shore Collision 15 Damm's Inc. ...

Shop 2004. High I earn Game: Moor Beams 703. High Individual Scores: K. Hazard 570 (202). S. Huriburt 562 (226); K. Schember 542 (215); D. Young 530 (200); J. Jaworski 516 (200). Spilts converted: 3-10 J. Bern-hardt, J. Rich. 2-7, 5-7-9 B. McGee. Village Qwik Stop13 Pigeon Lanes

Real Estate One ... Lee's Landscaping .. **ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES**

J.O. Wurst ... J & B Plumbing ... High team series and game: Greenfields 2687 (963, 889), Osentoski Farm Equip. 2567 (883, 879), J.O. Wurst 2543 (910, 868), Real Estate One 2529 (936), Damm's Inc. 2478 (893), Village Öwik Stop

Splits converted: 6-9-10 S. Schember. 2-7 L. Zarnke, K. Carr. 3-

Pratt's Appliance Re.101/2 2469. 2469.
High Individual scores: M. Rathje
590 (224), G. Gunden 573 (229), S.
Gnagey 565 (220), T. Drabek 563
(201), G. Lenz 553, R. Nowaczyk 552, F. Smith 231, J. McQueen 223,

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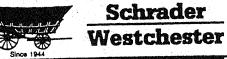
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PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Stories by author Eric Carle will highlight the Tuesday, Feb. 25 Preschool Story Hour. Stories to be read to the children will include "Pancakes, Pancakes" and "Very Busy Spider."

Exercises, flannelgraph, fingerplay, songs and a game are the activities planned for the children.

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. ses-

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Due to the demand, a second bus has been added for the trip planned to the "Amish Country" Shipshewana, IN. on May 6 and 7, leaving from the Pigeon District Library.

Please call the library for more information 453-2341.

EXCUSE US The Pigeon District Library

would like to apologize for the mess caused by the "shelve making" in the li-

"We hope the noise, dust and fumes were not to zens to a Film Festival on unbearchle and we would Thursday, Feb. 20 at 1:30 like to thank you for your support and comments. We appreciated everyone of Featured films are "It's A them," says Head Librarian Naomi lantzi.

Muentener - Dubs

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dubs of Bay Port and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Deering of Owendale are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Brenda Sue Muentener of Bay Port and Dean T. Deering of Elkton.

The bride-elect is employed by Don Erla Foods of Pigeon and the prospective groom is a self-employed carpenter and

A Sept. 12 wedding is being planned. Local club news Appointment and election of members to

CASEVILLE

RETIREMENT CLUB Club met Feb. 11 with 94

members present. Vice President Mike Scally asked all to stand and greet their neighbors before leading in the Lord's Prayer. The ating at home. Pledge to the Flag opened the meeting.

Scally thanked Helen Stilwell and Betty Smith for the "earlybird" goodies. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. The Advisory Board report was read by Scally. Travel Chairman Ray Gerrard reported on up-coming trips.

Birthdays were celebrated by Tony Neal and Mike Scally. Feted for anniversaries were Mike and Rosaleen Scally (37 yrs), Robert and Mary Bowman (33 yrs), John and Luella Gillingham (11

yrs) and Tom and Mazella Borders (51 yrs).

It was reported that Albert The Caseville Retirement Hyatt is hospitalized in Bay Medical and ill at home are enny Tomlinson and Doris Langley. It was also reported that Henry Zakrzewski and Marge Heckman are recuper-

> The 50/50 raffle was conducted by Frank Janes.



HURON COUNTY ASSUMED NAMES

Week of February 10 NO. 5487 ARNO E. RUTHENBERG USED EQUIPMMENT, 4898 Sebewaing Road, Owendale, MI 48754. By: Arno E. Ruthenberg, 4898 Sebewaing Road, Owendale, MI 48754. Filed: 2/5/92. NO. 5488 GREWE SYSTEMS, LIM-ITED, 112 South Port Crescent Street,

Bad Axe, MI 48413. By: Stephen K. Grewe and Janet T. Grewe, 755 Dunn Road, Filion, MI 48432. Filed: 2/5/92. NO. 5489 CHARLES J. GIVENS SHARE THE WEALTH INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE, 23 Renn Street, Elkton, MI 48731. By: George W. Willoughby and Beverly A. Willoughby, 23 Renn Street, Elkton, MI 48731. Filed:

NO. 5490 ZIMMERMAN ELECTRIC. 109 Madison Street, Port Austin, MI 48467. By: Donald Zimmerman and Kathryn Zimmerman, 109 Madison Street, Port Austin, MI 48467. Filed: 2/7/

NO. 5491 R & R REPAIR, 2742 Pigeon Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413. By: Roy Reynolds, 2742 Pigeon Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413. Filed: 2/10/92.

Eagle girls lose to O-G By KATHY MEYER

The Caseville girls' volleyball team lost to Owen-Gage 13-15, 7-15, 15-12, 5-15 last

Jill Miller had 5 blocks and 4 kills, while Heather Carson scored 11 points.



Haag - Holland

Norbert and Marilyn Haag of Sebewaing announce the engagement of their daughter, Penny Jo Haag to Mark Gregory Holland, son of Terry and Carole Holland of Union-

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Laker High School. The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School.

An Oct. 3 wedding is being planned.



Lowe - Lewis

Dale Lowe of Snover and Paul and Ellen Lockwood of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Anne Lowe to David James Lewis, son of James and Gloria Lewis

A June 13 wedding is being planned.



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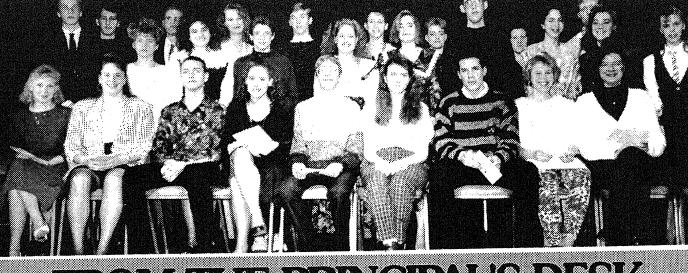
LAKER HIGH NHS INDUCTS 31 NEW MEMBERS

Over 100 beaming parents filled the Laker High School Auditorium to watch 21 members of the National Honor Society honor and induct 31 Laker High sophomores, juniors and seniors into society membership.

Robin Sturm, president of the Laker Chapter and daughter of June and Terry Sturm, presided over the ceremony which included a welcome by Laker High Principal Lisa Di-Camillo, an explanation and history of the National Honor Society and a member recognition by NHS advisor Duane Guenther. The traditional candle-lighting ceremony, presentation of inductees and the signing of the NHS register followed.

Parents and guests were entertained with piano selections by NHS member Sherry Elenbaum before the ceremony, and afterward, had refreshments in the student center.

New NHS inductees sre: SENIORS — Susan Englehardt, Monte Herford, Barbara Peck, Amy Woodward; JUNIORS - Amanda Barry, Chris Elliott, Becky Kropp, Stacey Krueger, Dan McBride, Jeremy Meyersieck, Wendy Osentoski, Heidi Schwandt, Kristine Southworth, Travis Stalter; SOPHOMORES - Jill Collison, Danielle Damen, Daniel Eichler, Liesl Eichler, Keri Fisher, Kevin Jantzi, Carrie Kasserman, Christa Keim, Theresa Kranz, Benjamin Krebs, Trisha Rosenthal, John Schuette, Julaine Schulz, William Smith, Kimberly Sturm, Julie Winkel,



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

By Laker High Principal Lisa DiCamillo

February is an incredibly busy month for LHS! lum work for the Laker staff. This communica-We started out the month with a two hour delayed start for school improvement issues. At the secondary complex, Mary Ellen Bluem, from the H.I.S.D., reviewed the Core Curricu-

Laker teachers and administrators. LJH SPAGHETTI DINNER FEB. 20

During the delayed start time the Laker teachers worked on school improvement goals with an emphasis on their respective accreditation programs, MAPS in the Jr. High and NCA in the high school.

tion helped everyone have a better understand-

The high school teachers also reviewed their mission statement and adopted a student profile. the mission statement gives Laker High a purpose; a direction; a plan for all employees and students. The mission statement has been placed on a banner located above the front showcases in the high school. The mission statement reads:

"The primary focus of Laker High School is teaching and learning. The High School staff is committed to having all students master basic skills. We also believe our purpose is to foster personal growth, decision-making ability and positive personal attributies to meet the ever-changing needs of society."

In addition to the mission statement, the high school staff adopted a student profile. The student profile tells us what kind of student we want each Laker High School student to look like when he graduates from Lakers. The student profile has nine components which include:

2. Demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively and collaboratively.

3. Demonstrate that they are productive

4. Demonstrate a responsible attitude toward education and the continuous learning ing of the process and the expectations for

■ 5. Apply critical and creative thinking skills in defining and solving problems. ■ 6. Demonstrate the ability to develop per-

sonal and professional goals. ■ 7. Demonstrate the knowledge and skills

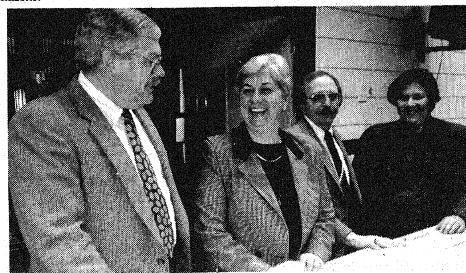
essential to utilize various technologies.

8. Exhibit a positive self-image.

9. Display respect for others.

On Tuesday, February 17th and 18th, Laker High School will host a visiting North Central team. The NCA team directed by Dr. Robert Mills will visit Lakers and help us work on the goals we have established for our fiveyear NCA cycle. We appreciate the guidance that the NCA team has given to us. The ultimate goal of the NCA Outcomes Based process is for Laker High School staff the design the BEST programs for all of our

In conclusion, we want to thank Mr. Terrill and the cast and crew of "Gettysburg" for a great effort at regionals. We are proud of you! In addition, we want to recognize the old and new members of the National Honor Society. The February 13th Induction Ceremony was special for students, administration and parents. WE need to stop on occasion to recognize student academic achievement. The NHS members are primary examples of what is right with American education. Congratulations to the new inductees and to all members. Keep on accepting the challenges of character, scholarship, leadership and service.



COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CHANGES

That's right.....The 16th annual Laker Jr. We hope to see you on the 20th...

180# noodles, 6 gallons catsup, 16 cans red Washington D.C. Please come out and join us

peppers, 2 cases of mushrooms, 150 loaves of on Feb. 20th, 5 to 7 P.M. The cost is \$4.00 for

garlic bread, 24 cases tomato paste, dozens of adults and \$1.00 for everyone 5th grade and

volunteer parent helpers, all the LJH staff below. Take outs for adult orders are also

What do you get when you mix 250# of ground beef, 7 gallons salad dressing, 10# of onions, 140# cole slaw, 20# parmesian cheese, each year to help send

members, and tables and tables of desserts??????? available.

cuss changes to the newly instituted graduation ence.

This requirement, beginning with the graduating class of 1994, will necessitate students to build and maintain a portfolio which will document writing skills; summarize life experiences; and provide a product useful in post-high school activities (e.g., in seeking employment).

The portfolio will include: a career plan; a written autobiography; a written paper on a will continue to meet and "fine tune" the docutopic of history; a resume; a fine arts or practical ment into a meaningful educational experience arts project or report; a personal statement; for Laker High graduates.

The portfolio committee met recently to dis-

This dinner is the 2nd and last fund raiser used

each year to help send our 8th graders to

The portfolio requirement is one "jump ahead" of a state mandate requiring such an article, and its institution will be tied to funding from the state.

The committee streamlined the career plan and substituted a personal statement in lieu of a philosophy and ethics paper. The committee

PIGEON AND BAY PORT ELEMENTARY - TODD BIGGER, PRINCIPAL

We are now midway through our third marking period. Teachers are busy assessing students progress, as well as comparing class progress. Together we are assessing individual progress, and focusing on those who are "at risk" of not finding success.

Our goal is to work together with the child's family by setting a course of action (i.e. remediation, better homework habits, etc...) that will help place the child back onto a more positive track. Any community person that is interested in working with our "at risk" students, before or after school, can contact the school principal at 453-3553, or at 656-2801.

The work session would involve a lot of praise, guidance, and support. The number of sessions a week would depend on th need of the child. This is a volunteer program. The best tutoring time would be 8:30 - 9:15 a.m., an 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. The elementary school would be the tutoring site.
The "ANNUAL BAY PORT CARNIVAL"

was Saturday, February 8, 1992. The Bay Port P.T.O. is to be commended for the super job they do of setting up this annual event. Also, the area merchants for the Laker District, as well as those from the Sebewaing area, are to be thanked for the annual donations and sup-

This event is a tradition that can only exist with the support of the Bay Port P.T.O., the Bay Port Staff, and assistance of our many loyal contributors. I cannot forget the wonderful volunteerism that we get from Mary Motz and her group of cosmetology students from the Huron County Skill Center. Thank you, every-

Many of you will be seeing K.A.D.S. shirts on our area fifty graders. These shirts are a part of a special program offered to area fifth graders by the Huron County Sheriff Department. Sgt. Brent Woodward, the presentor, provides a three day (3 hour) program for each fifth grade class in the county. K.A.D.S. translates into KIDS AGAINST DRUGS. Sgt. Woodward does an excellent job with this program, and we greatly appreciate his expertise in this area.

The fifth grade basketball program is halfway through its season. Coaches for Pigeon and Bay Port Elementaries are Mr. Harmon and Mrs. Keena, respectively. Cheerleading coaches are Mrs. Hill (Pigeon), and Mrs. Keena (Bay Port).

We are very pleased with the number of fifth graders who are playing and cheering this year. We are happy to be able to provide our students with this opportunity. If you wish to come and enjoy a game please call for scheduled games (453-3553 or 656-2801).

We are pleased to have the opportunity for our student's and parents to participate in the Annual Lions Slam/Dunk and Auction Family Day. This program is sponsored by the Pigeon Lions Club. Proceeds go towards the annual

The scholarship recipient is one of our own Laker students. The lucky recipient receives a an opportunity for area families to host a Michael Gehrs, staff representative. foreign exchange student for the summer. These programs are six week programs. The students come from Europe, Scandinavia, Japan, etc...

Local families interested in hosting can call me (Todd Bigger) direct at 453-2290. This is a unique experience, and I will be more than happy to discuss this with you. It is also possible to split a student's visit down to two three week family stays. If you have an interest please call.

The Pigeon P.T.C. is making plans to construct a portable concession stand to be used at our local events. Anyone having items (stoves, sinks, microwaves, pots, pans, bun warmers, roasters, etc...) that would be usable in a concession stand are asked to contact Pigeon Elementary.

We are hoping to have the shell of the stand IT'S ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL time tion of the inside is going to be by volunteers. Kurt Jurek.



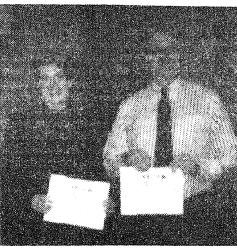
VOLUNTEERS 'GO POP'!: These volunteer popcorn poppers can be seen at Pigeon Elementary School every week. "Head Popper" Mrs. Ruth Schulz is helped by Deb Collison, until Mrs. Bussema returns from vacation.



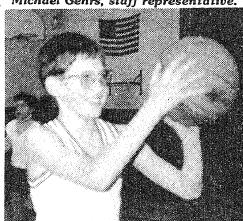
THESE FIFTH GRADE Bay Port students put up an outdoor squirrel feeder, made by Christin Brown's father, as the students study squirrels



BAY PORT ELEMENTARY STUDENTS Melanie Rathje, Rosa Schafer and Erika Allen enjoy a creative outdoor moment "showing their school pride."



THE WALL OF HONOR at Pigeon two year scholarship to a local college. What a Elementary School includes Mrs. Deb neat idea! The Pigeon Lions' Club also offers Armbruster, parent volunteer and



in the area by the middle of March. Construc- again. Pictured here is Elkton 5th grader

STUDENT OF THE **MONTH-JOSHUA** HAZARD



Josh is a 5th grader in Miss Stephenson's classroom this year. He is the son of Ken and Denise Hazard and has one brother, David. He is a consistent honor roll student and his favorite subject is language. His hobby is collecting baseball cards. He hopes to go into the Air Force after high school and then on to college.

ELKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - BEN PHILLIPS. PRINCIPAL

SPELLING BEE - Congratulations to all of the Spelling Bee participants. The overall winner was Brian Radomski, who is a 7th grader. Eric Deming made it to the final four and did a super job! The other Elkton partici-pants were: Jeff Nimtz, Erin Gulash, and Sharon Hebert

POSTER CONTEST - Our classrooms are participating in Detroit Edison's Environmental Poster Contest. The posters must be original and depict one or more of the following 3

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Conserving our world's natural resources Winners will be picked by Detroit Edison. All students participating will receive a special prize. any school that has 100% participation will receive a tree seedling for each student. Our goal is to have all of our students participate. The contest closes Friday, February 28th.

HONOR ROLL - Congratulations to all of our honor roll students for the second marking period. The following is a list of these students: (an * indicates all A's)

Ryan Fritz, Wanda Hebert, Scott Herford, Jim Johnson, Mackenzie Kerr, Aaron Licht. Brayden McCairns, Joshua Murphy, Cassandra Peyerk, Jennifer Peyerk, Cassie Smith, Braden Beachy, Matthew Bruce, Carrie Bulla, Trisha Clark, Cindy Collings, Kristi Fogarsi, *David Hazard, Reid Kilgus, Kimberly May, Michael Sienkiewicz, *Andrea Siver, Zachary Talarek,

Jeremy Tonn, Jill Wiederhold, Dan Armbruster. Daniel Bouverette, Lindsie Brown, *Jeff Nimtz, Matthew Reibling, *Jessica Weidman, Robin Wimmer, Heather Creguer, Nathan Flores, Jason Gettel, Erin Gulash, Lonnie Hedley, Stacey Kreh, Stacey Smukala , Justin Walker, Dana Albrecht, Alicia Bouck, Sandy Brakenberry, Eric Deming, Charles Krohn, Tia McCairns, Crystal Peyerk, *Sharon Hebert, Melissa Knowlton, Kim Langley, Jeremy Wissner, and Jeff Zarnke.

BOOKMARK BONANZA READING PROGRAM - March is National reading month and we are going to have a special reading program here at Elkton Elementary. The program will run from March 2-31. The guidelines are very simple and are as follows:

1. Each student will receive 10 Bookmark Bonanza coupons on March 2nd.

2. When a child has read a new book, the parent fills out the coupon. the coupon may then be turned in to the principal's office for a free bookmark. We will have many exciting bookmarks to choose from. A child may collect up to ten bookmarks.

3. Students turning in all ten coupons will receive a special bonus at the end of the

4. Kindergarten students may count books hat are read to them by a parent or guardiar 5. We ask that parents help us by making sure students read books that are at their child's approximate reading level.
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- Get the reading habit. Develop hobbies.
- 3. Be a joiner. Belong to organizations that share your interests.
- 4. A lifetime of learning. Take advantage of the opportunity to learn new things at any age. Watch TV selectively.
- Do you chores.
- 7. Don't isolate yourself. Make a point of
- Be nice to yourself. 10. Have a wish list. Always have a list of things you want to do, want to learn, want to

see, and want to be.

THE PROGRESS-ADVANCE - Wednesday, Feb. 19 to Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1992 — 15

19 Lakers earn State FFA Degrees

The Laker High FFA program has 19 students who have earned the State FFA Degree award, given annually to the top 1% of FFA students nationwide, according to Advisor Don Wheeler. They are:

SUSAN ENGELHARDT. daughter of Orin and Frances Engelhardt of Kilmanagh, received her State FFA Degree in Production Agricul-



MSU State Poultry Contest for four years, Parliamentary She owns 14 cows and 32 Procedure Team alternate. heifers. She has been in-1990 Ag Forum Team and volved in the dairy business has taken three steers to the with her family since 1982. Huron Community Fair. She has been showing cattle He plans to attend Dordt around the state since she College in Iowa to study was eight years old, having Dairy Science. received many awards for her achievements in show-

Degree in Agri-Business.

Ignash has been employed

at the Scenic Golf Course,

and at the Cooperative Elevator Co. part-time for the

Ignash's FFA activities

have included Greenhand

Conduct of Meetings, soil

samples, Poultry Contest and

His future plans are to at-

tend Saginaw Valley State

for his Master's Degree in

MIKE RICHMOND, son of

Glen and Carol Richmond of

Bay Port, received his State

Wildlife Conservation.

State Skills Contests.

past two years.

manship. Engelhardt has been involved in the FFA for four years, participating in Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the Farm Forum Team and Parliamentary Procedures Team. She is involved skills contests for dairy showmanship and recently was elected Laker FFA president.

She hopes to get involved in the field of physical therapy, earning her degree by attending night school.

MIKE KEEFER, son of Burt and Linda Keefer of Pigeon, earned his State FFA Degree in Ag Production.



His supervised Agricultural Experience Program was Diversified Livestock Production. During his four years in FFA, he has raised poultry, sheep, swine, beef cattle and horses. He has competed at the Huron Community Fair and the Michigan State Fair.

Keefer has been vice president of the Laker chapter the last two years and was also Regional President during his junior year. He has competed in various leadership contests, placing second in the state in Demonstration, Ag Forum and Greenhand Conduct of Meetings. Keefer was also an "Alpha Gamma Rho" Outstanding Junior.

education at a Big 10 univer-His activities have insity to major in Agricultural cluded working on the following farms: Paul Leip-PETER SHUPE, son of Tom prandt Dairy Farm, Bruce and Bernice Shupe of Elk-Baur Dairy Farm, Richmond ton, received his State FFA Farms, Roger Haley Cash Degree in Production Agri-Crop Farm and owning his

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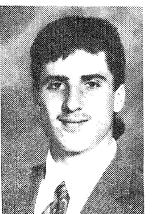
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State FFA Degree winners

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FFA Degree in Agri-Busi- Degree in Agri-Business.



Buchholz's activities included working for B&K Anderson Farms and Heck Livestock Trucking.

He participated in FFA by taking poultry to MSU for two years and taking sheep to the Huron Community Fair for two years.

Buchholz plans to drive for a trucking company or enlist in the service.

RICH BUCHHOLZ, son of AARON DUBS, son of Sharon and Dick Buchholz Wayne and Wanda Dubs of of Bay Port, received the State Pigeon, earned his State FFA



In his four-year FFA career, he raised poultry, participated in leadership contests and served on the Ag Forum Team, which placed second in the state.

He worked at Laker High School and helped at Pit Stop 76 Party Store in Owendale. Dub's future plans are undecided.

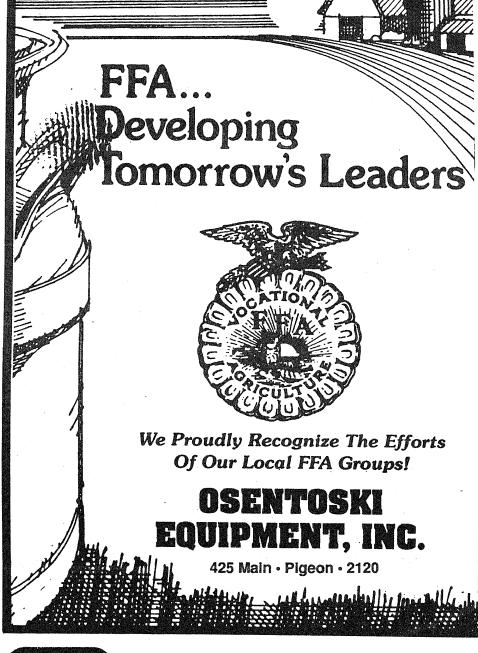
MICHAEL BUSHEY, son of Louis and Yvonne Bushey of Caseville, earned his State FFA Degree in Agri-Busi-



He has worked on the Louis Bushey and Sons cash crop farm and also is employed by Bushey Bros. Farm Til-

Bushey has been active in many FFA activities during his four-year FFA career. He plans to study Crop Production at Michigan State

The Laker FFA will compete in Regional Contests with 16 schools this Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Laker High School. Watch for pictures and stories next week.





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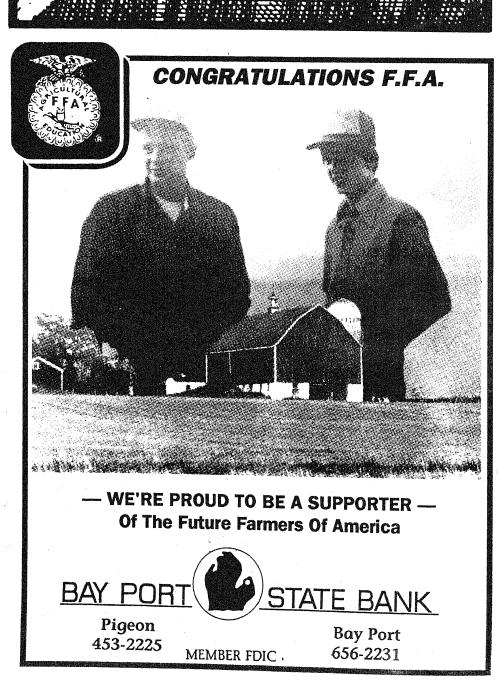
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OBITUARIES

MELVIN F. FARVER 1916 - 1992

Melvin F. Farver, age 75 of Pigeon (Caseville Twp.), passed away Sunday, Feb. 16 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.
Mr. Farver was born in Chandler Township on Nov. 1, 1916, son of the late Clarence and Lucile (Cox) Farver. On

Feb. 20, 1938 he married Meta A. Trost at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. He owned Farver Sand & Gravel until 1959, then was employed with Rooney Construction and the Elkton DPW, retiring from the DPW after 15 years of service. He was a former member of the Elkton Sportsman's Club and a member of Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon. Survivors include his wife, Meta A.; two daughters, Mrs.

Janalou (David) Blecke, Saginaw and Mrs. Karen A. (Jack) Hippe, Royal Oak; four grandchildren; one step-grandson; one great-granddaughter and one brother, Leonard Farver,

He was preceded in death by a brother, Elmer Farver. Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. from Cross Lutheran Church. Rev. Raymond E. Orth, pastor, will officiate with burial in the church cem-

Memorial contributions may be made to Cross Lutheran Church or Scheurer Hospital.

Visitation hours were set at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, on Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.; at Cross Lutheran Church on Wednesday from 2 p.m. until the time of service.

CHARLES GUY SIMMS 1897-1992

Charles G. Simms, age 94 of Sand Point, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. He was born Dec. 19, 1897 in Detroit Lakes, MN., son of the late William and Sophia (Halverson) Simms. He was united in marriage to Dorothy June Hanan on Oct. 26, 1927 in Oregon, WI.

Mr. Simms was a mechanical engineer, graduating from the university of Minnesota. While at the university he enlisted in SATC United States Army and was discharged in December 1918. Upon graduation he worked for the Wisconsin Public Service, Oshkosh, WI. In the mid-1920's he began employment as an automotive engineer with A C Spark Plug, Flint, retiring in 1962 after 36 years of service. He and his wife retired to Sand Point.

Through the years he was a member of the General Motors Executive Club, the Flint Ski Club, the Sun Valley Ski Club, the Hidden Valley Ski Club, the Power Squadron and the Scenic Golf and Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy J., Pigeon and a niece, Mrs. James (Patricia) McGuown, Tucson, AZ.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. from Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Robert von Oeye, pastor of Harbor Beach First Presbyterian Church officiated with burial in the Caseville Twp. Cem-

Memorials may be made to the Christian Appalachian Project, Lancaster, Ky.

W. MORSE BEACH 1914-1992

W. Morse Beach, age 77 of Caseville, passed away Tuesday. Feb. 11 at his home following a long illness.

He was born in Pigeon on May 31, 1914, son of the late Miles H. and Anna G. (Morse) Beach. He was united in marriage to Frances E. Brack on Dec. 26, 1946 in Pigeon. Mr. Beach was a farmer throughout his lifetime and was a former member of the Farm Bureau. He was a member of

Surviving him are his wife, Frances E. of Caseville; a son, Fred (Ruth) Beach, Ovid; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Carolyn and Evan; a brother, Dr. Allen Beach, Caseville; a sister, Jennie (Earl) DeBoer, Pigeon and several nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jack. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. from Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. James

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P. Schwandt, pastor of First United Methodist Church officiated with burial in Caseville Township Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Hayes United Methodist

Church, First United Methodist Church, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, or the Huron County Health Department Home Care program.

JOHN F. KIEHL 1905 - 1992

John F. Kiehl, Sr., 86, resident of Owendale and former

The next meeting will be

Euchre Night on Feb. 26 at

the Pigeon VFW. Lion Kent

OOOoops!

The Page 1 story in last

week's Progress-Advance

walk-roadway replacement

project should have said the

sidewalk portion is esti-

The \$800,000 figure pub-

lished is expected to the the

price for the overall project.

mated to cost \$300,000.

of arrangements.

McKenzie will be in charge

Thumb club news

PIGEON LIONS CLUB

The Pigeon Lions met at the Pigeon VFW Wednesday, Feb. 12 for the official visit of Lions Governor Robert Sonner of 11 D2 district. He was introduced by Lions President George Gardy who also introduced Chris Cryderman, cabinet secretary/treasurer of Lions. Sonner and Cryderman are from the Benville Lions Club.

Fifty-eight Lions and two guests, Randy and Rick Fluegge, sons of Lion Robert and Mary Lou Fluegge, answered roll call.

Reports were made by various committees for the Laker Scholarship and Family Fun Day on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Laker High School. "The reports were positive and it looks like a good day is in store for people who attend," say fund raisers.

A presentation was made by Lion Ed Oeschger for the Pigeon Lions to adopt a highway in the Pigeon area, to help keep the roadsides

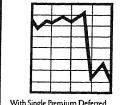
Governor Sonner reported on Welcome Home for the Blind at Grand Rapids, Leader Dog School at Rochester and Michigan Eye Bank at Ann Arbor.

During the Board Meeting Keith Kauffman of Sand Point, was accepted into the

News item

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lewis of Sand Point report that his mother, Ethel Lewis, age 87, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., away Feb. 15. Funeral services are

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Sigel Township farmer, died Friday, Feb. 14 at Huron Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe after a short illness.

He was born June 25, 1905 in Sigel Township, son of the late Gustav and Martha (Strauer) Kiehl. He and Alma Kirsch were married Oct. 25, 1930. She preceded him in death Sept. 20, 1975. He later married Bernice (Pedler) Ricker on Feb.

Mr. Kiehl attended the Kipper country school and farmed in Sigel Township until his retirement. He was a parishoner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rapson. He served as a Sigel Township constable and owned and operated a slaughter house for several years. Mr. Kiehl lived the past 13 years in Owendale. He was a Tiger fan and played baseball for Smiths Corners for 20 years.

Surviving as his wife Bernice; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Sageman of Harbor Beach, Mrs. Herbert (Joann) Roggenbuck of Bad Axe; six sons, Robert (Jean) of Bad Axe, William (Sharon) of Bad Axe, John Jr. (Betty) of Caro; Daniel (Marie), of Bad Axe, Edward (Mary) of Bad Axe, Richard (Joyce) of Bad Axe; 36 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one stepson, Robert (Katherine) Ricker of Owendale; one stepdaughter Mrs. Bruce (Gail) Anderson of Pigeon; six stepgrandchildren; 10 step great-grandchildren; and two step great-greatgrandchildren; one sister, Frieda Fuller of Rochester Hills; three brothers, Ernest and Arnold of Bad Axe, and August of Harbor Beach.

Preceding him in death were two sisters, Clara (Rogers) concerning Pigeon's side-Christoson and Esther Kiehl.

> Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 18 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The Rev. Donald Eppenbrock, past of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Linwood, officiated, with burial in the church cemetery.

> MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe handled funeral arrangements. Memorials may be offered to the organization of the donor's choice.

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Moods & Waters

Honesty in The Outdoors

By DUANE GUENTHER.

years back.

It happened on a cold, February morning while a guides of a long, green fly friend and I were fishing for rod and wrapped within the steelhead on the Big Manistee near Wellston. We had been working a big pool, known locally as "gravel bar hole", when my fishing partner snagged his line.

After much jerking, a little cussing, and a lot of grunting, the line finally came free, probably worth more than but only because the branch the rod. that had entrapped his fly broke free from the major

When he retrieved his line and leader, he discovered the over, examining the gold snag had snared a few fisher-

The water-logged branch was festooned with various lures, flies and leaders, one studying the script intently. of which was still attached to a bright, yellow flyline that snaked back into the hole the gravel bar, high above like a noodle-shaped ser- the waterline and returned

broke it free from the bottom we returned to the lodge

surface the line was still threaded through the wire grip of a shiny, silver fly reel attached to the rod's butt.

He whistled lowly, and when I reached his side I found out why. The rod was handmade and obviously very expensive, and the reel, a large capacity Hardy, was

"Whata find," I exclaimed loudly, slapping Bob on the back.

He nodded, turning the rod writing between the cork grip men before he came along. and the shooting guide. "Well, at least I know who

made the rod." he answered He laid the rod and reel on

to his fishing. A sharp tug on the flyline Later that afternoon, when

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see. Finally, one mentioned that the rod looked like one "so-and-so" had built.

Bob's eyes lit up and within moments he had donned hat and coat and was

The fisherman who had recognized the rod was right. The builder, who is also a river guide, identified it as one he had sold to a client from out of state, and he had lost it out of a drift boat near the very spot we had fished.

The rod and reel were packed in a box and shipped off to the rightful owner. As near as I know, Bob never got an acknowledgement back from the owner, but that didn't matter to my friend. What did matter, was what he did.

Not all outdoorsmen are so honest. I received a letter the other day from a disgruntled reader who lives in Reese. We had met several years ago, and when he ex-

I believe I witnessed hon- and he pulled it in, hand- where we both were staying, plained the circumstances, I a spud from the widows of 2 esty at its highest level a few over-hand. When it broke the he passed the rod and reel remember him well. He long-time fishing friends, around for all the anglers to wrote about honesty in the now deceased. outdoors, but from a different point of view.

Against the advice from several co-workers, he It seems that he inherit- placed the shanty on Sagied an ice fishing shanty and naw Bay and left the spud,

Outdoor Report...

past week. Most of the "ups" came during the week when the ice was deserted and the fish found a little peace and quiet. Weekends bring hundreds of anglers with their motorized transportation and power augers which seem to do little more than put the fish

A few successful fishermen in the Thomas area have been hitting walleyes, and quite a few White Perch have been hitting near North Island. If you're interested in catching a fair amount of "yellow-bellies" you may have to take a day off work, in the middle of the week. I hope your boss doesn't read



Perch fishing has been up and down during the

this, or mine either.

It looks like Michigan duck hunters are finally giving up the ghost. Duck stamp sales dropped to an all-time low for the 1991-92 season with less than 40,000 hunters buying the tags that allow them to hunt migratory birds in our state. The drop was over 18% from last year's figures and probably is an indication that the decline will continue next year. While the DNR points to the cost of the federal duck stamp, and the general economic conditions as being part of the reason, most duck hunters comment that the lack of ducks and the increased restrictions of hunting them are the major causes for hunters to drop out of the sport.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

John A. Champagne

THE GRANITE MEMORIAL

Many of us have walked and time consuming process through an old, historical since a flaw is often indiscerncemetery and seen tomb- ible until the final carving or stones from centuries earlier. polishing.

It is impressive to think that Lesser memorial stones stone was carved in the time such as marble and sandstone of Washington or Adams or, are sedimentary rock, vulner in the case of the Pyramids, able to erosion. Granite, or the Egyptian King Ramses. It the other hand, is an igneous is comforting to know that rock, created from pure min the memorial we choose will erals in a molten state deep stand the test of time. The within the earth, and is made best memorial stone, in to withstand the elements.

terms of durability, is granite. Like any natural substance it is subject to wide latitude in quality. Premium granite has a very fine, uniform grain, texture, and color. The best memorial nanufacturers subject their granite to constant, scrupuous quality checks - a costly

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Needless to say, when he returned to the shanty 3 days later the spud was gone. From the activity around the shanty, a number of people had used it, and the writer felt that this was all right.

But to steal a spud, and one that was only 3-feet long, was more than he could understand. He wondered what the thief would use it for, and also felt pretty sorry for that sort of person.

There was a time when it seemed like the outdoor world was made up mostly of people like Bob, but as my friend from Reese has found out, that time has passed...

Club news

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

President Mike Renn welcomed thirty-three members and guests, Ella Mae Hollingshead, Eldora Harrison and Mark Green to the Feb. 11 meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens. Welcomed back after being absent were Elder Frank Ross, Sam Boracki, Bart Turcsak and Har-

Elder Ross gave the table prayer before the pot luck meal. Ardus and Clayton Gemmel were in charge of music. "America" was sung and the Pledge to the Flag was given. The Birthday Song was sung for Florence Southworth.

Vice President Edna Wakefield had charge of the afternoon session and introduced Barbara Thompson, candidate for Village President, who spoke on the coming village election.

Mark Green of Green Photography in Bad Axe showed slides of historical sites in Bad Axe by R. Neil Smith.

Get well cards were signed for Lillian Kuntzman and Mildred Renn and sympathy cards for Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Day and Mory Day on the loss of their brother. Minutes of the Feb. 4 meet ing were read and approved. Mrs. Wakefield led the group in stretching exercises. Several members of the group told humorous stories. Chuck Willis is in charge of the Feb. 18 program.

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By AMY HEIDEN

One day in the future, students in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District may be learning about a subject with help from a teacher in another district.

Or a Laker teacher may not only teach 20 students in his originating from another or her own classroom, but 15 school. more students in a classroom across the county.

ality within the next couple of years, and the Laker Board of Education took the first step by agreeing to join a consortium of schools within the Huron Intermediate School District which are studying the feasibility of a two-way interactive telecommunications system linking the eight districts. The district will provide \$2,000 towards the study.

The study would provide each district with a plan de- at the Elkton Elementary tailing the tie-in costs, equip- School. Over 12,000 cu.ft. of ment costs, and the uses of the system, according to moved at the Elkton site and Laker Superintendent Robtrucked to a landfill near ert Drury.

"If one district doesn't have chemistry, for example, way interaction on video than to hire another teacher," determine if it's cost effective, if it's needed, and if so, then find the most economical way to hook up."

The communications system would allow schools to expand their curriculum without adding extra staff, he noted. While some larger districts offer French or Spanish as foreign languages, many small districts can't afford to offer those kinds of classes.

A two-way system would allow both audio and video signals to be both received and sent from a school. That would require cameras and television monitors in a classroom, with start up costs ranging from \$12,000-\$16,000, Drury said.



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ment all in place, your only cost is maintenance." Other uses besides daytime student instruction may include teacher in-service and staffdevelopment programs,

Saturday and evening classes originating from lo-That scenario may be a re- cal colleges may also be an option, Drury said.

The Laker Board also approved having TMI, Inc. of Midland test the soil around an underground 500-gal. gasoline tank located outside the the boiler room door at the high school in April. If contamination is found

the tank would be removed in June, immediately after school dismisses for the year The district already has removed an underground tank contaminated soil was re-

Carsonville, Drury said. The district's budget was revised for the third time this it's a lot cheaper to have two-fiscal year, as expenditures and revenues change.

New revenues are expected Drury said. "We want to to be nearly \$5.44 million, while expenditures are expected to be just over \$5.36

Previous budget figures

plus figure is almost \$74,000. Drury said.

Revenues not include in the budget that increased the ing of the board was changed surplus included a grant to from March 9 to Monday, hire a half-time teacher for March 16, so that Drury can remedial reading, and expen-attend a meeting of the Kural ditures were reduced by re- Initiative Search Community moving only two under- Program in Chicago.

three previously planned,

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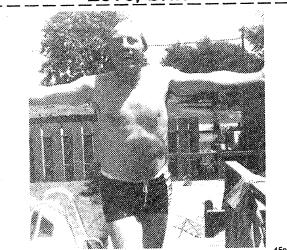












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And with that long, long list of names, graduates interested in joining a proposed Laker Alumni Club could be contacted, Di-Camillo said.

The idea began back in August as a brainstorm by members of the Student Council, who set goals for the coming school year. One of those goals to find a way to reach out to the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port community, and possibly expand it to Laker graduates.

And since then, the group has tried to gather names and current addresses of previous Laker grads.

DiCamillo said plans are being made to produce a newsletter three times a year, to be mailed to former graduates. The newsletter would include current happenings at the school, feature stories on past staff and administrators, and an update on former graduates.

"A list of graduates would be invaluable to those who are trying to organize class reunions," DiCamillo said. "We have the technology, the computers to organize the information. Now we need the names and addresses."

The three women have identified a contact person from each graduating class, and have found some addresses from that person. But they have only been trickling in, DiCamillo said.

"We asking people to contact either me or Gail at the

high school with current addresses," she said.

The address list and the newsletter are current concerns, and sometime down the road, an Alumni Club may be started. "We stress a lot in terms of tradition and a family atmosphere here at Laker, and that sense of community is very important," DiCamillo said. "We want to continue that sense with this new project."

Bowl-a-thon set March 8

Scheurer Hospital employes are sponsoring a "Bowl-a-thon" on Sunday, March 8 at Pigeon Lanes at 12:30 p.m.

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The regular meeting of the Pigeon Village Council was held on Monday February 10, 1992. President David Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Eichler, Miller, Gehrs, Smith and Licht. Absent: Pobanz.

A motion to approve minutes of January 13, 1992 meeting was made by Smith and supported by Eichler. Carried.

A motion to accept the Police Operations Report for January was made by Miller and supported by Smith. Carried.

A Resolution to adopt the Wellhead Protection Program was offered by Gehrs and supported by Licht. Carried.

A motion to approve the Accounts Payable for January was made by Gehrs and supported by Eichler. Carried.

Public Hearing was opened to solicit comments on a Variance Request by Clare Bechler. Mr. Bechler request was to construct a parking lot on the north end of his property to park his commercial vehicles. Residents voiced opposition to the request.

A motion to deny the Variance Request of Clare Bechler was made by Eichler and supported by Licht. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Carried.

A motion to approve the Financial Reports for January was made by Gehrs and supported by Smith. Carried.

A motion to approve the budget amendments for the 1991/92 fiscal year was made by Eichler and supported by Licht. Carried. Members were informed of participation in Curbside Recycling Program by Cove Sanitation representative. After considerable discussion, it was decided to change program from weekly pickup to twice monthly. Beginning March 1, curbside pickup in the Northeast area of Community will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

Public Hearing was held to review proposed Budget for the 1992/93 fiscal year.

A Resolution to adopt the proposed Budget for the fiscal year 1992/93 as presented was made by Gehrs and supported by Miller. Carried.

A motion to accept the proposed salary and wage increases for the coming year was made by Gehrs and supported by Miller. Carried. Proposals were as follows: Kohl - 20 cents per hour, Dubs - 10 cents per hour, Graf - 10 cents per hour, Heckman - \$1000 per year. Village will continue to pay costs of Blue Cross.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eichler and supported by Smith. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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