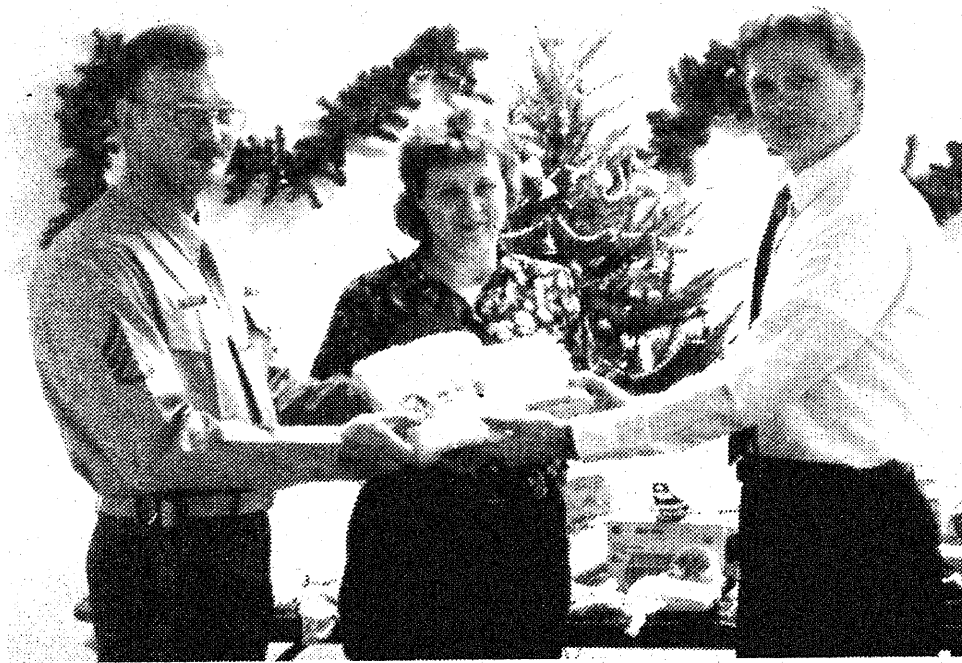


Thumb Cellular donates to 'Toys for Tots' drive



THUMB CELLULAR General Manager Paul Picklo, right, presents some of the donated toys to Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Snider and Rose Collings of the Bad Axe Jaycees.

Thumb Cellular has donated \$300 worth of toys to the "Toys For Tots" program in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties, according to General Manager Paul Picklo.

"We at Thumb Cellular feel strongly about supporting our community," he says. "Since our current holiday promotion offers customers who purchase cellular phones as gifts, the option of having Santa deliver their gifts in person the week before Christmas at no extra charge, we wanted to pro-

note the spirit of giving in our community by providing gifts for children who might not otherwise celebrate Christmas."

"Toys which are donated in a county stay in that county and are given to children in area," said Staff Sergeant Snider, recruiter for the Marine Corps which sponsors Toys For Tots.

"We welcome Thumb Cellular's support for such a worthwhile cause."

Thumb Cellular Limited Partnership, a subsidiary of Pigeon Telephone Co., is the

designated exclusive wire-line cellular telephone service for Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties. Ameritech and Century Cellnet are roaming partners of Thumb Cellular.

"The U.S. Marine Corps has been making children smile at Christmas for 45 years," said First Sergeant Brian Munoz.

Marine Reservists collect and distribute new unwrapped toys to needy families to provide their children with gifts during the holiday season.

Ten win in Sebewaing promotion

Ten area residents received \$25 Sebewaing Gift Certificates last week in the Chamber of Commerce's 1992 Christmas promotion.

The drawing winners are: Debra Fritz, Marian Kuhl, Sophia Hinton, Connie Reidel, Lewis Mitchell, Sally Comer, Christina Krueger, Nora Wissner, Carol Mihacs, and Mary Ann Haag.

Area school lunch menus

WEEK OF DEC. 16-22 CASEVILLE SCHOOL

WED., DEC. 16: Hamburgers or burrito, potato wedges.

THURS., DEC. 17: Beef and macaroni or chicken sandwich.

FRI., DEC. 18: Mexican taco pizza or hot dog.

CROSS LUTHERAN WED., DEC. 16: Hot dogs, chicken patty, fries, pears, pineapple, milk.

THURS., DEC. 17: Tater tot casserole, salad, bread, fruits, milk.

FRI., DEC. 18: Christmas Dinner: turkey/dressing, mashed potatoes, corn/cranberries, bread, pumpkin dessert, chocolate milk.

MON., DEC. 21: Tacos, relishes, peaches/pears, cookies, milk.

TUES., DEC. 22: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, raisins, milk.



RAYMOND HECK HAS BEEN hunting since he was just a little tyke, but he's never brought home a trophy like the elk he bagged last week. The bull elk, felled with a shoulder shot from a .308 Winchester rifle, was taken near Atlanta, Mich. during the controlled elk season.

Heck was one of only two hunters in Huron County to receive an elk license, and he said he was lucky to get a Hunters' Choice permit, allowing him to take either a bull or cow. When Heck spotted his target, the bull was with a group of 10 other bulls. Hunters aren't allowed to hunt before 8 a.m., and Heck dropped the huge bull at 8:05 a.m. "It was a pretty short hunt for us," he said.

The elk dressed out at 672 lbs. and its antlers measured 41 inches at the widest point. One antler measured 47 1/2 inches long, while the second was just a bit longer at 47 3/4 inches.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

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Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Noon - 4:00 p.m.

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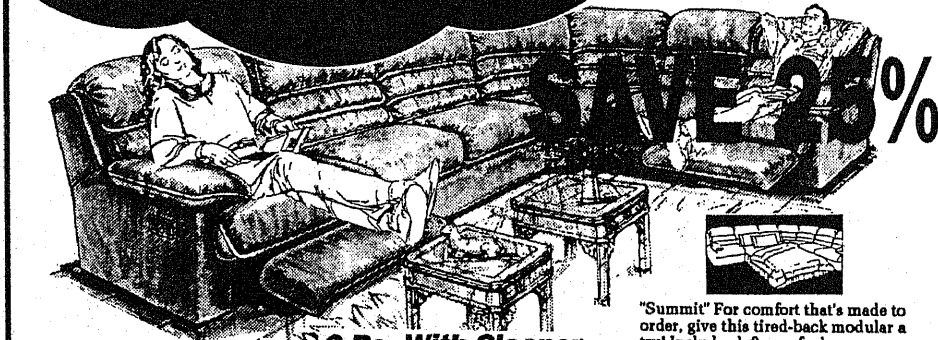


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CALENDAR

Final deadline for this Calendar: 5 p.m. Thursday

Now 'til Christmas - Sebewaing tree sales

Sebewaing Rotary Club is selling Christmas trees behind Village Pizzeria, every day while supplies last. Stop in for best selection, and help a community project!

Now through Dec. 20 - Deer hunting

Muzzleloading deer season in Lower Peninsula.

Tues.-Wed., Dec. 15 & 16 - "In Bethlehem Inn"

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Caseville presents its third annual Christmas Dinner-Theatre at the Church, 7899 Crescent Beach Road. By reservation only, by calling 856-4864 or 856-3866. You're invited to come join in the fun!

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Elmwood Township

Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Elmwood-Gagetown Municipal Building, Gagetown. James Turner is Supervisor. Office phone: 665-2416.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Caseville School meeting

Caseville School District's informational meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the school, to answer questions on the proposed \$3.6 million bond issue and \$1.2 million bond election Jan. 11. See story on Page 2 for details.

Thursday, Dec. 17 - Akron Township

Township Board meets the third Thursday of each month at the Municipal Building, Akron at 7:30 p.m. Wilbur Partlo is Supervisor. Business phone: 674-2669.

Thursday, Dec. 17 - VFW Auxiliary #4115 Meeting

The Sebewaing VFW #4115 Auxiliary's monthly meeting starts at 7 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at the Clubhouse. Doris Liken has details.

Friday, Dec. 18 - USA Elementary musical program

USA Schools' First and Second Graders offer a holiday musical program at 2:30 p.m. at the Elementary School in Unionville. A skit and Christmas songs are featured.

Friday, Dec. 18 - Heidelberg Gallery Sing-Along

The Lake Huron Community Arts Council will present An Evening of Christmas Songs at the Heidelberg Gallery, on Center Street in downtown Sebewaing beginning at 7:00 p.m. Featured performers are Fred Volz, organ, and Rich Wroblewski, guitar. Everyone is invited to enjoy the music of the season.

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HMC list now available

Livestock producers who can use high-moisture corn—HMC—this winter will be able to find ample supplies from corn growers.

Sources for HMC are available from Cooperative Extension Service at MSU.

The listing is free to people who need HMC. For a free copy of the listing and a guideline for pricing, call 336-1555, or write Michigan High Moisture Corn Information Exchange, c/o MSU Outreach Communications, 312 Ag Hall, East Lansing, MI, 48824-1039.

Farmers who have corn that can be sold as HMC should call MSU or Michigan Farm Bureau at 1-800-968-3129 to get on the list of suppliers. There is no charge for the listing.

Family news

Laura Sting, daughter of Kevin and Mary Sting turned 2 on Thanksgiving Day. Helping Laura celebrate her birthday were sister April, brother Marcus, the Mark Chiotti family, Joyce McGathy and Thad, Shawna and Brittney, Grandma Pauline Sting, Barry Sting and friend Pam Roestel.

5% in '92, 4% in '93, 6% in '94

USA Schools officially settle with teachers

By MARY DRIER

After almost two months of waiting, terms of the recently finalized teachers' contract in the Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District are available.

Although both sides had approved the contract this fall, each had refused to give details of the agreement until the final draft was signed.

The terms of the three-year contract for the district's 56 teachers were released Monday, during the USA Board of Education meeting.

Superintendent William Dodge noted the language is virtually the same as the previous contract.

The contract outlines a wage increase of 2% for the first semester of the 1992-93 school year, retroactive to

July 1 when the previous contract ended, and a 3% wage increase for the second semester.

The 1993-94 second-year phase includes a wage increase of 2% the first semester and 2% the second semester.

The third year calls for a 3% wage increase the first

semester and 3% for the second semester.

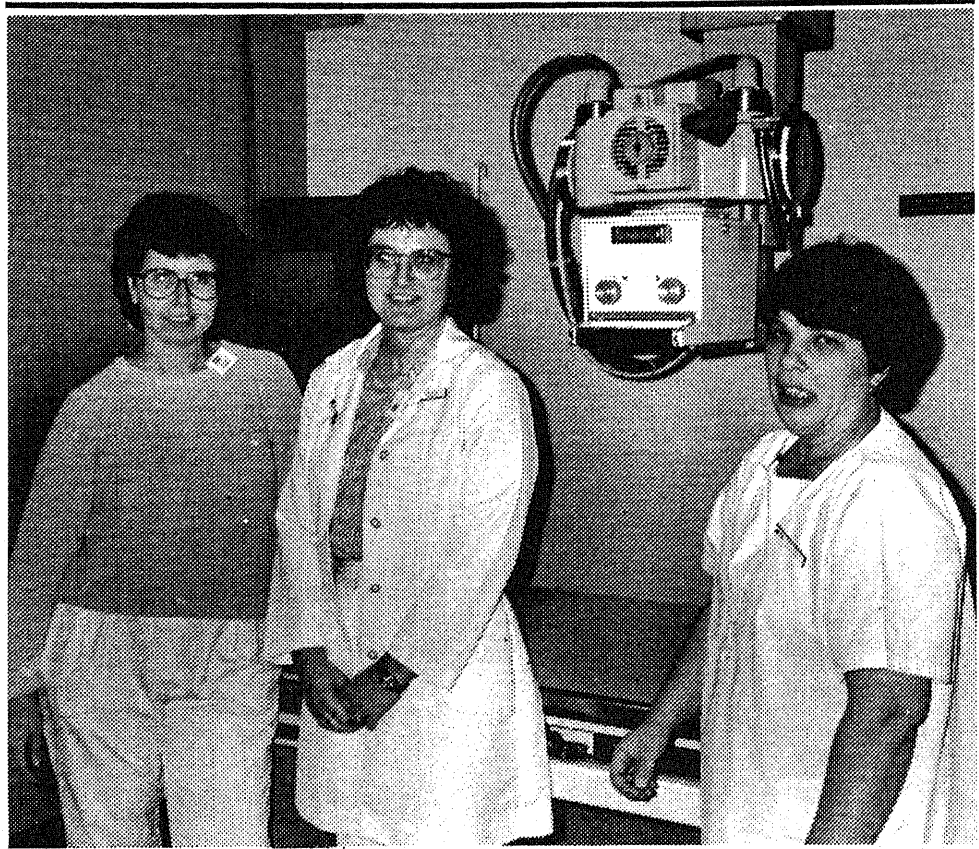
A dollar figure of what the wage increase will cost the district was not available at press time.

Also, Dodge noted the agreed-upon school calendar was basically the same as the Tuscola Intermediate School District's calendar, to

maximize attendance for high school students at the skill center.

The Owendale-Gagetown School District is the last district in Huron County still without a contract.

Also in Tuscola County, the Tuscola Intermediate School District is still without a contract.



THREE SCHEURER HOSPITAL x-ray technologists recently received certification from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. They join two more certified technologists at the hospital who are already certified, according to Radiology Dept. Supervisor Norris Diebel.

Kim Buchholz and Laurie Buchkowski received their certificates for Radiological Technology, while Donna Thede received certification in Advanced Mammography. The certification process is voluntary, Diebel said, and it is the standard of excellence for radiologic technologists.

Pictured, from left, are Buchkowski, Buchholz and Thede.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Get financial aid at USA on Jan. 7

USA High School will host a financial aid workshop at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the high school cafeteria.

Bruce Goodburne, associate director of financial aid at Delta College is guest speaker.

The workshop will address the types of financial aid available, how to complete financial aid forms and the financial aid process.

Every student who plans to attend college or vocational school during the 1993-94 academic year should attend says USA Guidance Director Carmel Savera.



STILL FLOWING: Last week's unexpected snowfall found the water in this branch of the Columbia Drain slowing down, but not yet iced-in for the winter. This photo was snapped southeast of Sebewaing last week, and we all know more snow — and ice — are on the way soon enough. After all, Monday is the first day of winter...

New leaders for USA High's FHA group

The Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School's Future Homemakers of America installed this year's members at a banquet earlier this month.

Chapter President Deb Mitchell led the program, as she and other officers presented information about the FHA/HERO organization and explained the chapter's activities for the 1992-93 school year.

This year's chapter officers are: Deb Mitchell, Kim Lutz, April Eremia, Rhonda Garza, Kari Rieman, Paul Wiese, Stephanie Wiltse, Janelle Keyser, Melissa Vermeersch, Stacy Fleming and Terri Schulz. These also include Regional Officers Michelle Smith and Karen Schwartz,

and State Officer Marjorie Ackerman.

The officers were responsible for the planning and activities of the program, but could not have successfully completed the program without the help of the chapter advisor, Martha Schmidt.

The FHA/HERO organization is one of six national vocational student organizations recognized by the US Department of Education.

FHA focuses on students developing leadership skills for life, while keeping its emphasis on the family. Since its founding in 1945, the FHA/HERO organization has involved millions of young men and women from across the US, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

USA earns medals at broiler contest

USA High School's Future Farmers of America participated in the State FFA Broiler Contest conducted by the state FFA Association and the Poultry Department at Michigan State University.

Members participating were Mike Hoagg, Ryan Kuhl, Chris Czubachowski and Andy Zagata.

Zagata and Czubachowski received a Gold State Award and Hoagg received a Silver State Award.

The statewide competition began Oct. 22 as FFA members received their broilers for this educational contest. Participating members weighed their birds Dec. 5.

The minimum of 50 broilers were purchased and a top quality straight run feed was selected to increase the speed of growth of the broilers.

Management skills, proper ventilation and uniform heat are the keys to getting the largest broilers in the shortest time, noted FFA Advisor Carl Kieser.

Members kept records and feed use, feed efficiency, mortality and all financial accounts to show their expenses and profits.

Charts are used to better show the growth of the birds and their feed use. The five largest and most uniform broilers are selected and taken to MSU.

After scoring the records awards are presented to the top FFA members for their broilers.

This is a very educational and enriching experience with field trips, projects for FFA members and potential

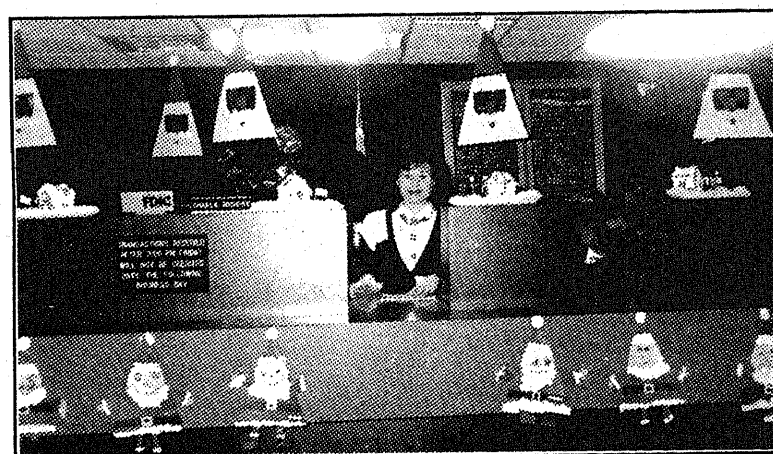
wards for the competition, Kieser noted.

Throughout the state there were over 250 entries.



USA FFA members participating in the State Broiler Contest were Mike Hoagg, Ryan Kuhl, Andy Zagata and Chris Czubachowski, shown here with MSU Poultry Dept. Chairman Dr. Sam Vargese, who judged the contest.

Come and see the colors and traditions of Christmas through the eyes of children.



Thanks to the time and talents given by Pigeon Elementary School Children, our bank lobby in Pigeon has been transformed into a brightly decorated Holiday Wonderland! Stop by and see what our area children have done for the Holiday Season.

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Woods & Waters

Quills and cows' knees

The dawn of a late-season deer hunt always amazes me. Its coming is not announced like the herald angels did for our Savior's birth which we will celebrate next week.

This beginning of another winter morning is more apt to slip up on you slowly, like the encroachment of old age, or those extra pounds added to your hips or midriff this holiday season.

So it was last Saturday in a woodlot in central Huron County.

The day began early. An inter-alarm system, which most ardent outdoorsmen possess, caused my eyelids to pop open a full minute before the electric one setting next to my bed would arouse the soft purring of Sweetwife lying next to me.

I slipped from bed and quietly stoked the fire, drew on long johns, socks, a shirt and soft wool pants before stealing out of the house and slipping into my, already loaded, pickup.

Gas for the truck and coffee for my fuel tank were available at the all-night station on the corner and shortly before 6 a.m.

I headed the vehicle east, from which the morning's light would come. The woods were dark when I entered and the moisture, forecasted from last even-

ing's 11 o'clock news, intermittently switched from snow to rain and back to snow again.

It would stay this dark for over an hour, and that's what I had planned. In a reversal of Robert Frost's poem, I had many miles to go before it was light.

Well, it was really only a half a mile to the edge of a small, unsuspecting swamp where this area's deer population usually spent the day lounging amid the cedar boughs. My plans were to intercept them on their way back home from last night's feeding.

I reached my stand while the woods were still pitch black and melted into the landscape.

I chose to hide in a clump of beech trees near the edge of the cedar thicket, my black pants and winter camouflage jacket blending perfectly with the wet wood and snow covered surroundings. Only my blaze orange hat would give me away, and that wouldn't happen unless I chanced to move.

The snow filtered down through the naked branches of the beech tree against which I leaned. When it finally made contact with my hat, the shoulders of my jacket, and the exposed portion of the rifle protectively

nestled in my folded arms, it changed to a menacing wetness.

If my rifle would have been the slick 7MM beauty my son had busted his buck with a few weeks earlier I would not have been concerned.

That product of modern technology could have been dragged through the mud all day and still come up blasting perfect 10's on any target imaginable.

But the flintlock rifle tucked under my arm was cantankerous, like the women for which they were often named.

Fickle, especially in wet weather, it would refuse to fire unless properly pampered and coddled.

In the faint light of the pre-dawn, I checked and re-checked mine again.

Over the lock was an oiled cow's knee. It wasn't really a cow's knee, but rather a piece of leather sewn to resemble that shape and fitted with leather straps which, when secured to the lock area of the rifle, would protect it

Woods & Waters

by Duane Guenther



and the cow's knee back in place the flintlock rifle was primed and ready to fire, completely protected from

the outside elements. All I needed now was for some unsuspecting buck to come along.....

Lake-Chandler news

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Mrs. George Southworth joined in the C. Southworth family for Thanksgiving at the Charles Southworth home, Pigeon.

Sunday Thanksgiving weekend guests of their mother, Opal Dufty, were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dufty and children Jessica and Kristin of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Richmond, Mrs. Richard Dufty and daughter Tami of Caseville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey accompanied Burt and Carol Plaus and David of Midland to spend Thanksgiving Day with their granddaughter, Linda Conkey Shaw and husband Mark and family of Shaker Heights, OH. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Conkey of Atlanta, GA.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dell and sons Rick and Brice had Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter Tami and Cliff Cook at their Sand Point home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhl

were Thanksgiving guests of Ron and Marilyn Elenbaum at Mayville. All five Kuhl sisters, Lois, Shirley, Judy, Marilyn and Debra, were present.

Bill and Donna Cotts spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Erer and family of Elkton. Their son, Ray Eer, was home from Michigan Tech in the U.P.

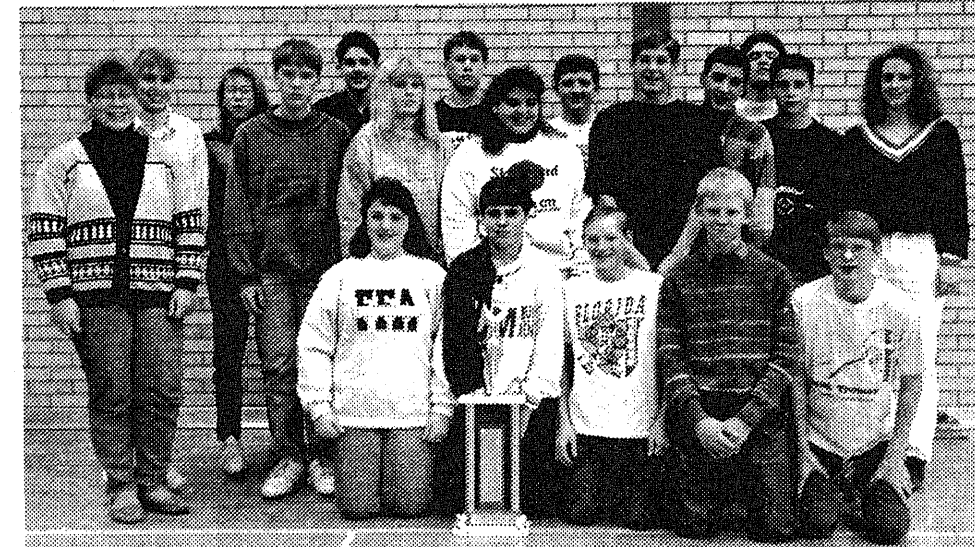
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simmons and family of Pontiac spent a few days with the Richard Simmons family. The Les Simmons' had Thanksgiving supper with them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh were Wednesday overnight guests of Bill and Jan Ballagh of New Lothrop and accompanied them to Three Rivers to spend Thanksgiving Day with Fred and Mary Grunert and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Simmons and Richard Groth were Thanksgiving Day guests of Bev and Les Simmons of Caseville.

Laker FFA teams bring home state awards

OTHER LAKER FFA members won gold and silver awards for their chickens, and the chapter won the coveted Zlende! Trophy, awarded to the chapter with the best overall quality birds.



Winning gold awards were Paul Shupe, Tracy Smithers, Eric Gardy, FFA #2-Brian Shaw, FFA #1-Nate Gots, Brian Lebeski, Danielle Dumaw, Bryan Clark, FFA #3-Leigh Fluegge, FFA #4-Melissa Barry, and Jenny Wheeler. Winning silver awards were John Helmuth, Andrew Lockard, Josh Herman and Aaron Duever.

CALENDAR

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Saturday, Dec. 19 - Cub Scout bake sale

Sebewaing Cub Scouts have fresh-baked goodies for sale from 9 a.m. 'til they're gone, at Luke's Market, Sebewaing, as a fund-raising event. Don't miss 'em!

Saturday, Dec. 19 - Santa's in Unionville!

Santa Claus comes to Unionville at 12 noon at the Fire Hall, thanks to the Unionville Community Association. Children can meet Santa, take a hayride and enjoy a free lunch of sloppy joes and hot chocolate. All area youngsters are invited.

Sunday, Dec. 20 - Christmas Cantata, Pigeon

Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church Choir presents its Christmas Cantata "The First Noel" at 4 p.m. at the church in Pigeon. Public's invited.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Am. Legion Post Business meeting

Sebewaing American Legion Post #293's meeting starts at 8 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, at the Legion Hall.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Port Austin Township

Township Board meets the third Monday of the month at 8 p.m. at Port Austin Fire Hall. Marvin Goretzki is Supervisor. Office phone: 738-7525.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Sebewaing Village

Village Council meets first and third Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Municipal Building. Lloyd Adam is Village President. Office phone: 883-2150.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Unionville Village

Village Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Village Hall. Ted Balzer is Village President. Office phone: 674-2244.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Wisner Township

Township Board meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall at 7894 M-25. James MacFarlane is Supervisor.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Fairgrove Township

Township Board meets at 8 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Township Hall in Fairgrove. Keith Aeder is Supervisor.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Caseville School Board

Caseville Public School Board of Education meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Supt. James Stahl: 856-2311.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Am. Legion Post Business meeting

Sebewaing American Legion Post #293's meeting starts at 8 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, at the Legion Hall.

Monday, Dec. 21 - First Day of Winter

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - USA Christmas vacation

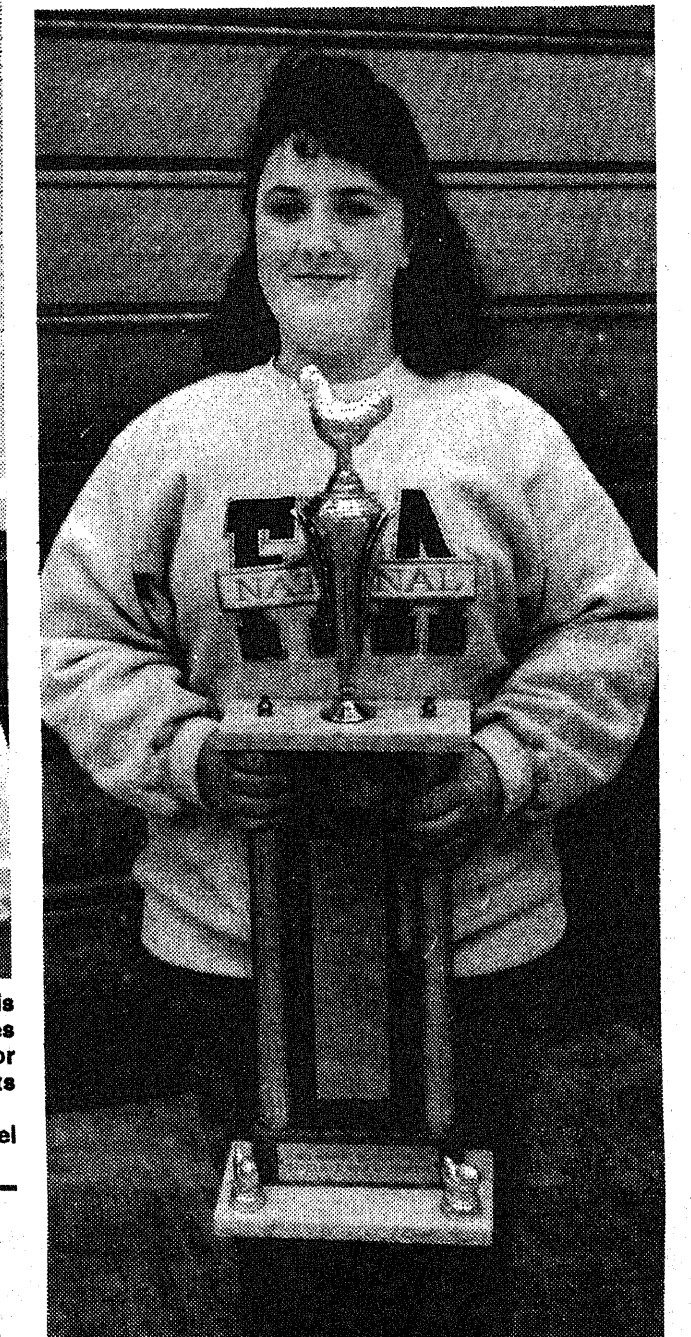
Christmas vacation begins for USA School students at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - Huron County public hearing

County Board of Commissioners meets at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Commissioners' Room 211 of County Building, Bad Axe. A public hearing on the proposed '93 budget is planned at 10 a.m., and the public can view copies from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in the Board Office. Martha Thuemel of Port Austin is 1992 Chairman. Call 269-8242.

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Jenny Wheeler wins top state poultry prize



LAKER FFA SUPPORTERS are enjoying fresh fruit this winter, thanks to the Laker FFA fruit sale. The sales provide funds for the chapter to travel to Kansas City for the National FFA Convention and helps purchase jackets for the members. This year's top fruit salesmen were Carl Kern, Rachael Krohn and Tracy Smithers.

Easter Seals need old equipment, toys

Used medical equipment and toys can help the needy and be claimed as a tax deduction when donated to the Easter Seal Society's Loan Equipment program. Equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches and bath benches are vitally needed to upgrade this program.

The Easter Seal Society is expanding its loan equipment program. The organization urgently

needs communication devices and is looking for devices that will allow a person with speech/language/hearing impairments to communicate more effectively.

There is a need for rattles, ride 'em toys, puzzles and pop-up toys, conventional, unique or battery operated, wooden, or plastic.

To borrow or donate equipment, call Elke Plescher at 1-800-292-2729.

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Legal News Round-Up

Legal experts say December banking surprise is good news

By P.J. WALTER

The press and media have grossly misinterpreted the FDIC's Improvement Act's prompt corrective action rules pertaining to closing critically undercapitalized banks. The facts are:

■ On Dec. 19 the outlook for the banking industry will be much brighter than what is being reported.

■ Currently, only 20 banks with assets of \$6 billion are critically undercapitalized,

and by Dec. 19 the FDIC will have resolved many of these institutions using its current resources.

■ This is a major improvement since June 30, 1992, when there were 54 banks with almost \$22 billion in assets that were critically undercapitalized.

■ 93% of the banks in this country are well-capitalized, meaning those banks meet the three-prong capital test that permits them to avoid prompt corrective action.

Well capitalized is defined as meeting or exceeding 10% risk-based capital, 6% Tier 1 capital, and the 5% leverage ratio.

■ An additional 5% of the banks are adequately capitalized, meaning that 98% of the banking industry meets or exceeds the minimum capital ratios and are not

subject to prompt corrective action.

■ Less than 2% of the banking industry, holding an estimated \$14 billion in assets, is significantly or critically undercapitalized. This \$14 billion represents less than one half of one percent of the banking industry's total assets.

■ Even assuming a worst-case scenario with all of the

significantly and critically undercapitalized banks failing, the FDIC would ultimately face a net loss of approximately \$3.5 billion, recovering some 75% of the value of the assets it assumes. The FDIC has adequate reserves to handle these losses.

■ Jan. 1, 1993, FDIC's resources will increase. On that date the new risk-based premium schedule goes into effect, increasing average bank premiums to 25.3 cents, up from the current flat rate premium of 23 cents.

■ For the last three quarters the banking industry has experience record profits, which has enabled banks to strengthen their capital positions by building up reserves and raising capital in the markets.

CMU sets class in BA

Central Michigan University is offering an elementary education class for credit in Bad Axe this winter.

"Reading in the Content Areas" will be taught for three credit hours Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the four weekends of Jan. 22-

23, Feb. 5-6, Feb. 19-20 and March 5-6.

Students should enroll by Jan. 8. For course location and registration information about CMU courses in Bad Axe, Port Huron, Flint and Saginaw, call the CMU extended degree program office in Saginaw, 790-0200.

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Lester J. Ludlum and Ruth B. to Margaret H. Thomason; a parcel of land located in Caseville Twp.

Russell Poole and Betty and Ward J. Poole to Gary Roberts and Lori; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.

Toni C. O'Neill, Marilyn L. Kress and Erma Poole to Gary Roberts and Lori; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.

Melvin J. Lappek and Virginia A. to Eugene S. Godzinski and Marlene M.; a parcel of land located in Section 19 of Paris Twp.

Robert E. Vidosh and Lois P. to Michael J. Musich and Mary; a parcel of land located in Section 16 of Hume Twp.

Ricky L. Walchner and Tracy L. to Larry J. Engelhardt and Nancy L.; a parcel of land located in Section 6 of Brookfield Twp.

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Nancy Anne Elliott vs. Robert Wayne Elliott
Linda S. Joseph vs. Donald Joseph.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING of the ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT BOARD of EDUCATION November 17, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by President Yvonne Bushy.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Lockard, Clare Swartzendruher, Virginia Leppprandt, Yvonne Bushy, Jane Christner, Burt Keeler, & Jim Clabuesch. MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

A motion was made by Virginia Leppprandt, seconded by Burt Keeler to ratify the three-year tentative agreement with the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Teachers' Association. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Leppprandt, seconded by Jim Clabuesch to approve a 5% pay increase for the administrative personnel. Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted, Jane L. Christner Secretary - Board of Education

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DEAR MR. ROSS: I'm 16 years old and I'm big trouble. I know what I'm going to ask for is very unusual, but I'm going to ask anyway. I need \$10,000. See, I used to be into drugs and gangs, but now I'm in jail for murder, and I'm living my life for God.

"They want to give me life in jail, but I want to get out on bond so I can help people see that drugs and gangs aren't the way to go. I've been praying to God to release me."

Today, he told me to write and ask you for the \$10,000. I feel that deep down in your heart, you know that God wants you to do this. — T.B., Houston, TX

DEAR T.B.: You say you're living your life for God, so I believe you. What I don't buy is that divine intervention led you to write asking for \$10,000.

If you want to serve the Lord, you can begin by setting a good example for the other inmates. Now that would truly be doing the Lord's work.

DEAR MR. ROSS: My husband and I are senior citizens. One of us has a hearing impairment, and it isn't me. A few months ago, a momma dog and her female puppy came to our

house. We took them in. Before this, we had four burglar break-ins and one was attempted after the dogs came. The dogs made so much noise, we were alerted. Even my husband heard them!

Now the problem, it's time they were spayed. The vet's charge is \$83 each, which we can't afford. I've tried to decide which one to send to the dog pound, but I love both of them and it would break my heart to have to choose.

Could you please see fit to help me get them both spayed? They are a wonderful source of companionship and, even more importantly, protection. — Mrs. M.M., Memphis, TN.

DEAR MRS. M.: A good watchdog is among the top deterrents for burglars. If one is good, two have to be better, which means good news for you.

After receiving my \$200 check, I'm sure you'll scream so loud even your husband will hear. The extra is to make sure the girls have a few treats and soft pillows while recuperating.

DEAR MR. ROSS: Do I have an offer for you? For the small investment of a sewing machine with a

zigzagger, you could become an honorary member of our group.

We are the Wednesday Morning Quilters of Christ Lutheran Church in Eveleth, MN. Our goal each year is to make as many quilts as possible for Lutheran World Relief.

We use clothes people give us and piece together patchwork quilts from the material, recycling something old into something usable again.

It's been hard on our sewing machines, and our last one has been relegated to the junk pile. It was stricken with age, just like the bible-

DEAR MS. D.: You gals cut me up! This won't go down in the archives as the parting of the Red Sea, but it's sure to make a few more warmer nights for those in need.

I'm sending you my check to purchase a new sewing machine so you can continue your quilting efforts.

All I ask is that as an honorary member of your club, should the day come I outlive my money, please remember me with a little of that warmth.

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FORE!

by Mavis Pechetta

Andrew aftermath

It was good to see that CROP beans are being shipped to feed victims of Hurricane Andrew. Recently I had the opportunity to see the destruction and devastation left in the wake of that storm. Pictures that we see in newspapers and on TV hardly begin to show what it really is like in that area and words can't do it justice either.

In what was downtown Homestead the tops of many buildings are gone. Some businesses were trying to carry on—a store with boarded up front windows had a sign, "Open in the back." Only one gas station was operating and it had cardboard across its broken-out window. Walls, which may be all that's left of a home, are painted with names of insurance companies.

We passed a mobile home, park, or at least that is what it had been at one time. Paved streets surrounding a clubhouse are all that's there now. The clubhouse looks like it is on an island of grass. A nearby golf course was open for play but didn't seem to have much business. Have you ever seen stumps six feet tall? That's what was left of the trees on the course. The perimeter was ringed with brush that ground crews had moved off fairways and greens. Eventually the brush will be added to the other debris in piles outside of town.

Do you remember that high pile of slag that was at Coal Mine Corner, west of Unionville? That is what came to mind when I first saw the piles of trash outside of Homestead. Then I saw this pile ran for about two miles. It contained all kinds of vegetation, appliances such as stoves and refrigerators, aluminum strips that had been mobile homes, cement chunks, an RV that had been tossed around and who knows what else. Dump trucks were adding to this collection even as scavengers were digging out materials that could be sold for recycling.

We hear of high unemployment in the area as people don't have jobs to return to. With the closing of the military base, many of the businesses will never reopen. It is encouraging to see many fields have been planted for the winter vegetable crop. The migrant workers are returning but with no houses to move into, they are joining the ranks of tenters.

Many Northern organizations did a fine job with donations immediately following Andrew. Lifegoes on and there are still many needs in the storm-ravaged area. The beans from Huron County will be welcomed, I'm sure. Groups in my winter-time town are gathering toys so that the children of Florida City and Homestead will have Christmas with a toy. One request-no batteries, please. Supplies of batteries are scarce.

We didn't go to Homestead just to look. The crowd of gawkers has thinned but we didn't want to be part of that crowd anyway. Some friends and I were on our way to Key West, our route taking us through the damaged territory. The Key West visit will make another story for another time. Fore!

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Former resident Kirk Bruce bags big buck

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article appeared in the Record-Patriot, the "home-town newspaper" of former Pigeon residents Ted and Kathy Bruce, now of Benzon, and their family. It was written by Outdoor Writer George Richey.)

Opening morning dawned brisk and cold and Kirk Bruce sat patiently underneath a huge white pine. A runway passed nearby and the 16-year-old knew there were some deer in the area.

As he sat and waited, he wondered if this might be the year to bag a decent buck. I'd talked to him a few days before deer season opened

Youth bowlers are needed

American Legion Post 421, Unionville, is interested in starting a Young Bowling League at Unionville Bowling Alley Saturday mornings. Bowlers' ages would be 6-13 years and 14-18 years.

Anyone interested in joining is asked to contact Connie Sy at 674-2213, or Lee or Gloria Mascorro at 674-2576. After 6 pm call 674-8451.

Plans are to start the Young Bowlers League Saturday, January 9.

and he told me he knew some bucks ranged through the lowlands near his home on Swamp Road, south of Benzon.

"I knew some decent bucks moved through the area, but it's really nasty and hard to hunt," Kirk said. He was totally unprepared for what was to happen to him.

"Suddenly, here was a buck and it was huge. I'd never seen a buck that big and carrying that big of a rack," he told me.

"As the buck moved along the runway, I eased up my 30.06 and took careful aim. When I shot, the buck took off and ran through the woods for about 50 yards before falling. I eased up behind him and the buck started to get up but a second shot from my rifle put the buck down for good," Kirk told me.

What a buck! His trophy ended up with 11 points with a 17-inch side spread and tall tines. The deer was estimated to weigh about 185 pounds live weight.

The deer didn't appear to be too old, but was really in prime condition. Kirk has plans to have the deer mounted with a shoulder mount.

"I think people could hear me two miles away when I hollered, after I knew the buck wasn't going to get away," he said.



PIGEON NATIVE KIRK BRUCE shows his first "big buck" shot this year. PHOTO FURNISHED

Thumb Area club news

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Thirty-five members and guests Dr. and Mrs. Francis Wilson were welcomed to the Dec. 8 meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens. Bernice Wilde was welcomed back after a long absence.

Dr. Wilson offered the table prayer before the pot-luck meal.

Mary Willis and Verdun Newkirk were in charge of music. "America" was sung and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag were given to open the afternoon session.

A thank-you note for the donation to the Chris Schulz fund was read.

A get-well card was signed for Eva Day.

Program chairman Renn introduced Dr. Wilson who spoke on the topic "Gifts the Three Wise Men Brought."

Marie Hoffman is to chair next week's program. An open Christmas program is planned.

The meeting closed with story-telling.

IMMANUEL MARY MARTHA GUILD

Immanuel Mary Martha Guild of Sebawaing held its December meeting following the Advent Service on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

A candlelight devotion entitled "Christmas Glow" emphasized: G for giving and forgiving; L for loving; O for owing love and sharing; W for witnessing.

Christmas poems were read and Christmas games were played.

Prizes were won by Gloria Beringer, Marion Lutz and Mary Lou Adam. Carol Trueman won the house prize.

Cheesecake dessert was served by Ellen Volz, Shelby Janke, Mary Kelly and Janice Vogel, the December committee.

RUSH LAKE FARM BUREAU

A 1 p.m. dinner was served for the December meeting of the Rush Lake Farm Bureau.

CALENDAR

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Tuesday, Dec. 22 - Tuscola County meeting
County Board of Commissioners meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Board Office, Courthouse Annex, Caro. For details, call 673-5999.

Wed., Dec. 23 - Red Cross Blood Drive, Bad Axe
American Red Cross blood drive, 2 to 7:45 p.m. at Green Elementary School, 309 N. Outer Drive, Bad Axe.

Friday, Dec. 25 - Christmas
National holiday observance of birth of Jesus Christ.

Saturday, Dec. 26 - Pt. Aux Barques Twp.
Township Board meets last Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Supervisor Robert Boomer's phone is 738-8464.

Monday, Dec. 28 - Port Austin Village
Village Council meets second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall. Edwin Korn, Jr., is Village President. Office phone: 738-5199.

Wed., Dec. 30 - Red Cross Blood Drive, Bad Axe
American Red Cross blood drive, 10:20 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Huron Memorial Hospital, first-floor conference room, Bad Axe.

Monday, Jan. 4 - American Legion Post #293
American Legion Post #293 in Sebawaing will hold a social meeting the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1993 - Extension meetings
Huron County Cooperative Extension offers four "Money Management Workshops" at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday at the County Building, Bad Axe. Details: 269-9949.

Thursday, Jan. 7 - Financial aid sessions
Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port Schools, Unionville - Sebawaing Area Schools and Caseville Schools each host a financial aid meeting at 7 p.m., at their high schools, which have details.

Friday, Jan. 8 - Financial aid session
Owendale - Gageton Community Schools host a financial aid meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the high school, Owendale.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1993 - Boating Classes
The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is sponsoring a Boating Safety and Seamanship Class Tuesday nights, at 7 p.m. at USA High School. For information, contact Jim Ravel in Bad Axe at 269-6614 or Ed Fibranz in Vassar at 673-4734.

PIGEON ROTARY CLUB

The week's program was foreign exchange student Juan Oficialdegui. Rotarians viewed slides from Juan's country of Spain and enjoyed asking questions. Juan is living with Dan and Jill Terrian. Peter Bitskey, an exchange student from Hungary, was a guest.

The January meeting will be at the William Ballaghs.

On Dec. 7 the Rotarians met at Greenfields for their Christmas party, together with the Bad Axe Rotarians. The Rotarians enjoyed a dramatic reading performed by Pigeon Rotarian Scott Meyersieck and a dual piano concert performed by Mindy Sutherland and Pam Dubey. It was an enjoyable night for all.

ELKTON WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB

The home of Phyllis Snider was beautifully decorated for the Christmas meeting of the Elkton Woman's Civic Club last Thursday.

President Snider conducted the meeting, leading in the Pledge to the Flag and Club Collect. Ten members answered the roll call with "A Story about a Preacher." The Rev. San Yoon Chung, pastor of Elkton United Methodist Church was a guest.

Rev. Sang gave an interesting talk on life in Korea, and about Christmas in Korea, and of his family in Korea, where his father is a minister.

Each club member brought a toy to be given to the "Clothe a Child" Project. The hostesses served a Christmas luncheon. The Club will take a winter vacation and resume meeting in April.

WORTHY STUDY CLUB

Members of the Worthy Study Club met at Greenfields in Pigeon for a noon luncheon on Dec. 9.

Frances Beachy, president, led in the pledge to the flag and club collect. Roll call response was "Something about Christmas." A get well card was signed and sent to Helen Schultz, who had surgery.

Beachy introduced Carol Mallory of Haist's Flowers, who told of her work and made two flower arrangements that she presented to the club.

Members gave one to Ina McMullen, a patient in Bad Axe, and the other to Fred McBride, a patient at Sunny Acres.

The Club will resume their regular meetings in March.

CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

Ninety-seven members attended the meeting of the Caseville Retirement Club on Dec. 8.

The Lord's Prayer was said in unison before lunch.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the flag.

President Mike Scally thanked Loraine Dell for the early bird goodies.

Treasurer Martha Lutat and Secretary Betsy Kirtek read their monthly reports. They were accepted as read.

Club members voted to have roast beef for the Christmas potluck.

Travel chairman Jetta Muhme reported everyone had a good time at Meadow Brook. Muhme announced a trip is in the making for July to Branson, Mo.

BIRTHDAYS WERE CELEBRATED

Birthdays were celebrated by Eleanor Myers, Hazel Simmons, Cathryn Ross, Sue Reynolds and Katy Galante. Frank and Stannette Malosky celebrated an anniversary.

Rose Koenig and Marion Parent received plaques for their many years of reading blood pressures for the club.

Bob Ritchie is having radiation treatments.

CHANDLER GUILD

The Chandler Presbyterian Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated for the annual Guild Christmas party. Ladies from the Kinde Presbyterian Church were guests. The buffet table was centered with an evergreen and white candle arrangement.

Alberta Nelson greeted the members and guests. The Christmas story "A Gift So Wonderful" was read by Marge McPhee and Margaret Fleming with group singing of hymns and Christmas carols, with Theda Leigh at the piano.

Games were directed by

ALBERTA NELSON AND MCPHEE WITH PRIZES AWARDED

Pastor Matthew Arneson won the door prize.

BACH ST. PETER LADIES AID

A noon luncheon hosted by Ann Sting and Nancy Nast Thursday, Dec. 3 at the church preceded the regular meeting of St. Peter Ladies Aid of Bach.

A Christmas devotion was led by the hostesses after which the meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Hafner.

Final reports of the Bazaar Committee were given and plans for the Dec. 8 Christmas Party were presented. Rev. Raymond Orth of Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon will be speaking on his recent trip to Russia.

The Aid will be reserving the dinner for the Thumb Circuit Pastors' Conference also on Dec. 8.

New officers elected are Lorene Reich, secretary and Bernadine Kundering, Treasurer.

SEBEWAING MEAL-SITE MENU

The Sebawaing Senior Meal-Site, 970 Union, welcomes all Seniors, 60 years and older and their spouses. It is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. For reservations call Kathy Emery at 883-3303 between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m.

Activities: Euchre - Mondays, 10:30 a.m. Bingo - Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Christmas Party - Monday, Dec. 21, 12:30 p.m.

Menu: Wednesday, Dec. 16: Roast Beef W/Gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, variety bread, apple sauce.

Thursday, Dec. 17: Honey Glazed Chicken, spinach, corn muffin, peach halves, Waldorf salad.

Friday, Dec. 18: Beef Stew Over Noodles, peas & pearl onions, sliced pineapple, dinner roll.

Monday, Dec. 21: Baked Ham W/Raisin Sauce, mashed potatoes, California blend begges, variety bread, tossed salad, Christmas cookies.

Tuesday, Dec. 22: Chicken Ala King, steamed rice, mixed vegetables, carrots/pepper strips, fruit jello, roll.

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East.
Bakan and fellow crew members were also involved in extensively in the Hand-clasp Program to provide goods and services to the underprivileged communities throughout the world.
Bakan, a 1975 Owendale Gagetown graduate, visited Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong.



Jan Santos, fitness instructor at New Image Racquetball and Fitness Center, Bad Axe, has earned her primary certification from the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America.

Santos has passed both a practical and written exam which covered basic exercise standards and guidelines, exercise physiology, basic kinesiology and injury prevention, nutrition and body composition, and practical instruction in body alignment, sequencing, exercise selection and modification.
Santos and her husband Pedro and their son Brett live in Elkton.

Santos has been an instructor at New Image for one year. She also serves as the clerk and bookkeeper for the Village of Elkton.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Marin Bakan**, daughter of Helen Pyrek of Gagetown, recently returned aboard the destroyer tender USS Acadia, homeport San Diego, from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf.

USS Acadia provided repair and supply support to units serving in the Middle

Ariene Kanaski, Certified Activities Director from Harbor Beach Community Hospital attended the ninth annual fall seminar of the Michigan Association of Activity Professionals on Oct. 7, 8 and 9 at Boyne Falls.
The conference was held at the Boyne Mountain Resort and focused on "Promoting Your Professionalism in the 90's." Mary Lucero, President of Geriatric Resources presented along with Mary Ann Claggett and Pegi Haggerty-Schlis of Creative Forecasting.
The purpose of MAAP is to promote educational opportunities, personal development and the continuing excellence of activity programs in skilled nursing facilities, geriatric residential housing, adult day care programs, nursing homes and senior centers.

Michelle Tkacz, a senior at Owen-Gage High School, was a unanimous choice to the North Central Thumb D League's All-Conference girls' basketball first team.
Lori Ondrajka and **Carl Saicjo**, also seniors at Owen-Gage, were named to the second team, while **Jill Susalla** of O-G and **Celeste Leach** of Caseville High were named to the third team.

At age 12, she had a chance to train for the Olympics, but decided against the competitive, singular life of an

Scott Norcross, a 1991 graduate of Owen-Gage High School and the son of Leta and George Norcross of Pigeon, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army for an eight-year tour of duty as a food service specialist.
He is scheduled to report for active duty for training in March 1993.

Jodi Lewis, granddaughter of John and Dorothy Diener of Pigeon, was featured recently in Concordia College's campus newspaper, "Spectator," in an article entitled "Figure Skating Enhances Lewis' Life."
Skating since the age of three, Lewis credits her success on the ice rink to her faith in God and self-confidence. She currently belongs to the Collegiate Skating Institute, which allows her to retain her amateur status and still compete. It enables her to teach for money, but the money has to go for either skating or school.
Currently, Lewis, a freshman at the Ann Arbor school, is studying for a double major in exercise science and fitness management and business management, where she is achieving "all A's" on her report card.
She is presently teaching skating lessons at Richmond Commons in Oak Park.
The daughter of Bill and Deann Lewis of Saginaw, Lewis already has a long list of accomplishments to her credit. At age eight, she had her first private lesson in the advanced program, passed her first U.S. Figure Skating Association test, won her first gold medal, landed her first double jump and attended her first summer camp.

Olympic hopeful. Now she skates for the self-confidence it brings her, teaching perseverance, setting goals for herself and providing her with life-long friends across the country.
"It has its ups and downs," says Lewis, "but it has made me who I am today."

Here, Schuette presents the quilt to Deaton.

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JANICE DEATON OF ALMONT was the winner of the grandmother's flower garden quilt at the Laker Community Bazaar on Dec. 5.
Her winning ticket was drawn from out of over 1,600 tickets, according to Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary co-chairman Viola Schuette. All proceeds from the quilt raffle will go to Scheurer Hospital.

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teams participated. Results are:

1. Jerry Hawk, Jack Hopkins, Joe Christie and Joe Korman - 35
2. Frankie Kimble, Clarence Hoffman, Vern Johnson and Ollie Jacob - 36
3. Carl Fry, Dave Crews, Ron Bogaert and Carl Heichel - 36
4. Hershel Woody, Pete De Bruyne, Larry Girard and Jim Babbitt - 36
5. Bob Novack, Carmine Guarino, Robert Godbout and Tony Lipiec - 37
6. Frank LaFontaine, Fred Ufford, Leo Bondy and Tom Wilson - 37
7. Ray Kapcia, Jeff Grigg, Fred Withey and Mick Connors - 37
8. Bud Creaves, Bill Willson, Don Lackie and John Lahey - 38
9. Carl Wisniewski, Casimir Lewiowski, Tom Rose and Ed Leiman - 38
10. John Goddard, Walt Chapman, Bob Morey and Dave Thicke for Tom Edwards - 39

The fourth annual Caseville Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3690 golf outing was held at the Caseville Golf Course Sept. 12. The outing was a four-man best ball scramble. Ten



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Remembering a long-ago tragedy on Saginaw Bay

By **WALT RUMMEL**

Each Nov. 17 is an anniversary to Henry Engelhard of Bay Port. This year's date marked the 58th anniversary of a Saginaw Bay tragedy when three local men, friends of Henry, died by drowning.
It happened on Saturday, Nov. 17, 1934, when the Saginaw Bay Fish Company's 35-foot, one-year-old Poppy, sank unexpectedly in fair weather.
Drowning in the accident were Edward Deming, 28, married and the father of 6 small children, Walter Dufty, 23, only son of Claude Dufty, owner of the boat and man-

Letters from our readers

Food baskets to be distributed Dec. 22 in Pigeon

By Pigeon Community Food Pantry Committee

Food baskets will be packed on Dec. 21 for distribution on Dec. 22 by the Pigeon Community Food Pantry.

Volunteer help is especially needed to deliver the baskets. Volunteers are asked to be at the Food Pantry, located at the Pigeon First United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. Tuesday Dec. 22 to help pack packages.

The baskets are heavy because of the canned foods. Forty-five baskets were filled for Thanksgiving and we already have a higher number of requests for Christmas.

ager of the fish company, and Lewis Hartman, Jr., 22, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hartman.
Although the Poppy was operated out of Caseville, all towns along this side of Saginaw Bay had associations with the men or their company.
The homes of all three men were in Caseville. Deming was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Deming.
The tragedy was the most stunning blow ever experienced by Caseville, according to newspaper reports of that day.
In Caseville there was a hush about the village, that

reflected the tragedy's seriousness. All through the week-long search for bodies, business in the town was nearly at a standstill.
Engelhard, who spent his long career associated with commercial fishing operations, recalls that the men set out from Caseville Saturday morning, Nov. 17, to lift fish nets, as the herring run was on.

The Poppy vanished suddenly although other fishing craft working in the same vicinity were within a mile of the ill-fated boat.
Crewmembers in neighboring craft reported they had seen the boat and when they looked up next time, the Poppy was gone.
The mysterious disappearance puzzled longtime fishermen and other seamen. Search for the missing boat continued Saturday, all that night, Sunday and Sunday night.
On Monday, four aircraft from Selfridge Air Base flew over a wide expanse of water, even to the mouth of Saginaw Bay, hoping the boat might be found drifting because of engine trouble. Coast Guard from Pointe Aux Barques also joined in. Dragging operations were carried on daily by numerous boats directed by William H. Wallace, Jr. of Bay Port.
The sunken boat was found Wednesday afternoon, and she was raised and towed into Bay Port, reaching the dock that evening.
Dufty's body was found at 2 p.m. Thursday with use of grappling hooks, according to oldtime newspapers.
Hartman was found the next day and Deming on the day after that, Engelhard recalls.
Engelhard has his own ideas about what happened, and it involves a relatively new self-bailer that might have malfunctioned, or might have been used incorrectly.
Engelhard also said the sinking occurred in relatively-shallow water, 15 to 18 feet, on a calm day, about one mile off Sand Point.
At first searchers thought that there might have been an explosion on board, but when the craft was found and raised, everything on board was intact.
"Even the headlight was glowing when she was raised," The Sebawaing Blade account said at that time.
"The most plausible theory advanced for the foundering of the boat is that her rear end was overloaded and that she shipped water and filled," The Blade stated.
Engelhard said many times such a boat would have carried between 6-8,000 pounds of herring.
The Poppy was a new craft, built in Sebawaing in 1933 by Joe Coffell, who was well-known for his boat-building company. The 36-foot craft was equipped with a 35 h.p. gasoline engine.
Pondering his thoughts about November weather and storms, Engelhard recalled that in the previous year, the freezeup came between Nov. 11 and 15, when temperatures dropped to 4 degrees.
"That time the fish company lost 14 nets, he recalled, and Wildfowl Bay was frozen up so boats—wooden boats in that era—couldn't enter the Bay anymore."
"Once you pass the first third of November, you're always on a collision-course with freezeup and losses of equipment—and sometimes even lives—when you're in the fishing business on Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron," Engelhard said.
He ought to know—he's been in the business officially and as a matter of association and interest, since 1927, a period of 65 years.

Farmers appreciate citizens' support

By Patrick L. Gruenh Gruehn Farms, Owendale

I would like to take this opportunity to write about the support of all the citizens of the farming community. They have been very tolerant during this unusual harvest season.

With the mud on the roads, to the long line of sugar beet and corn trucks, to us driving slow on the roads to get to the sugar factory and elevators.
Without their cooperation and tolerance of the farmers, it would have been an even longer harvest season.

Thanks for putting up with us farmers. We appreciate all the support.

Drier Humor
by Mary Drier

I want THOSE dishes!

I have long believed history guides today's events.
On April 15, 1921, during a maiden voyage from London to New York, the Titanic sank. The vessel that had been billed as "unsinkable" struck an iceberg and sank.
For 75 years, the tragedy has sparked the imagination with writing of several books and the making several movies about the tragic fate of the luxury liner.
Then, a few years ago, a French-American salvage team found and probed the 12,000 foot deep resting place of the Titanic. Film and pictures of finding the Titanic ran in newspapers and on TV.
I missed the television show of the event the first time around, but recently saw the program on TV.
When the ship was first discovered, the salvage team came under fire as exploiters and grave robbers.
However, the salvage team signed an agreement prohibiting the sale of times recovered from the Titanic—so

items can be displayed, but not sold.
I did a little checking after seeing the television show and learned that the contract not to sell anything still holds.
I'm a little disappointed in this. I was hoping by now some of the Titanic's items would be up for sale.

I'm especially interested in the dishes that were found. I'm willing to pay top dollar for the set of breakfast dishes from the Titanic that were found intact on the ocean floor and arranged as though someone had set them there!
I can't remember the last time I owned a set of dishes that matched. I think it was back in the early 1970's B.C. (Before Children).

I want to buy the Titanic dishes because I figure any dishes that survived hitting an iceberg, a sinking and being whipped around under the ocean for 75 years should be able to withstand the everyday use abuse of my kids.

Letters from our readers

Dear Sir:

Of great interest to me in the Oct. 6 edition of The Newsweekly was the term Zwetschgen Kuchen.
I am a native of Pigeon, sibling of the Buchholz-Bergman relationship. In the fall of 1925, having finished the 12th grade at Saginaw's Michigan Lutheran Seminary, I was called to teach at New Salem's Lutheran one-room country school.
I roomed and boarded in town, walked the 2 1/2 miles, 6 days a week, officiated as organist on Sunday mornings at New Salem and afternoons at the small St. Johns in town.

So I became quite well acquainted with folks at Sebawaing and enjoyed my work there. In the fall of 1926 I entered DMLC at New Ulm, MN, then taught WELS schools in various cities, grades varying also, although I preferred the beginners.
Every day on my way to school I passed Immanuel School and became acquainted with their four capable teachers.
My teaching years numbered a joyful 40 years. Fifteen of those years at Madison. Wisc's Consolidated Lutheran School, included conversational German to grades 1-7, as well as all other subjects.

Even now at my elderly days, widowed, living alone at my country home, I'm interested in my Janesville's St. Paul Lutheran School, and still have some contact there.
I have translated church histories here and nearby, recently for three Lutheran

churches whose early settlers had migrated from Germany, one dating from 1860-1935 (all German script).
And now to the problem: Zwetschen-kuchen.
I have consulted my three German-English dictionaries concerning Zwetschen or Zwetschgen.
1. My most recent dictionary, edited by Jenni Karding Moulton of Princeton U, of Random House, NY, 1986, lists:
Zwetschge -n.n.f. plum (Zwetsche).
2. Zahner's Taschen-Woerterbuch, copyright, 1881 of Hurst & Co, publisher states: Zwetsche, f.-n-plum (Zwetsche).

This morning I questioned one of my more recent emigrant friends from Germany who maintains she was acquainted in Goettingen, Germany, where there definitely were two different varieties of plums.
In her home they preferred Zwetschen that were juicy for her Kuchen, rather than other plums or prunes.
I do know that Sebawaing's and especially Frankenmuth's emigrants are Bavarian Germans, others from farther north are Hanoverians.
Might Helene Letsche be of Bavarian German parentage? Where might Italian prunes fit in this problem? I use them for jams.
Richest blessings to the staff of the Weekly News!

Yours truly,
An always-interested reader,
ESTHER M. HILLMANN Milton, WI.

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