

The Newsweekly Forum

Still the greatest story ever told...

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child.

So it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shined about them, and they were sorely afraid.

Then the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be the sign to you: You shall find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, good will toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing which the Lord has made known to us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

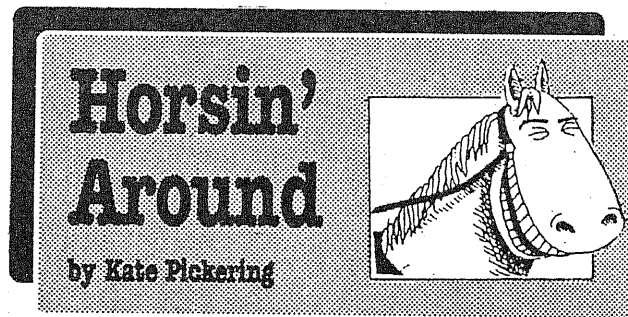
While the older preschool children sang "Away In a Manger," Benjamin Shepherd rode his crook as if it were a hobby horse, while Brian Wiseman and Willie Angel made eyes at the audience.

Time flies. Here it is 15 years later. The Angel, Shepherd and Wise Man of the 1977 Christmas program have grown into young adulthood. Benjamin (The Shepherd) Eichler is a freshman at Michigan State where he acted in fall play productions. Brian (The Wise Man) Pieper is a freshman and pre-dentistry student at Spring Arbor College and our son, Will (The Angel) Eichler is an MSU freshman in the James Madison College with plans for a law career.

Christmas memories take me back to the precious times of 15 years ago, to little boys with shoes that always needed to be tied, with tilted crowns and with bent angel wings. Now it is 15 Christmases later and these three young men will come tripping home from college this week.

"Hey, Ma! Where's something to eat? Got any Christmas cookies? Can we order a pizza? Can I have the car?"

The best Christmas memories of all come when they, and all the other kids like them, come home — full of new ideas and experiences, laden with dirty laundry and shining with memories of tilted crowns and Christmases past.



Horsin' Around

That is YOUR color! I have a yellow sweater. It's a rather un-interesting cardigan, but is still the brilliant lemon-yellow that it was the day I bought it. That's because — despite the fact I have had this sweater for some time and always receive numerous compliments on it — I seldom wear it. You see, the sweater is haunted by a ghost of self-doubt.

When I graduated from business school and got my first full-time job, I got that euphoric (extremely temporary) rush that one gets with their first real paycheck. Thus I decided that, since it had been such a long, lean struggle through school, I would treat myself to at least one thing I'd been forced to do without — a new wardrobe.

I shopped all our home town stores, and in a short time had acquired — piece by piece — a somewhat modest, but innovatively interchangeable, separates-based wardrobe. However, for the piece of resistance, I saved a few extra dollars to spend at a rather exclusive big-city department store. (Being somewhat "outsized," I sometimes experience a little difficulty finding specific outfits or designs). So with a pocketful of cash, I headed to Saginaw to buy a beautiful, soft, butter-yellow pullover sweater that I had seen several weeks ago.

I had tried this sweater on before, but took it into the dressing room one more time just to be sure. It didn't fit anything like a glove (as the glove effect is not what the "outsized" woman looks for). But it was just as stylish and sumptuous as I had remembered.

I was so ecstatic that it hadn't been sold out, that I slipped it off forthwith and made haste to the cash register. I jubilantly handed it over to the saleslady and burrowed deep into my purse for my bundle of cash. With childlike joy I plunked that cash on the counter... but the saleslady was motionless! The register wasn't ringing. The sweater wasn't being bagged and my change wasn't being made.

With one hand on her hip and the other on the counter, she leaned toward me shaking her head and drawled, "Honey, that's just not your color." With that she stepped back from the register and folded her arms across her chest. I stared at her blankly for a moment. "Well, this is the color I want," I told her dumbfoundedly.

With an authoritative sigh she said, "With your sandy hair and sallow complexion, yellow will make you look like a corpse. We also have this in pink, but if I were you, I'd go with the mint green." She went on to explain that I was a "summer" or some damn thing, but all I could think was, "No I'm not, I'm a Sagittarian."

So while she babbled, I quietly thought to myself, "I must be a pretty big bumpkin because where I come from,

they sell you what you want when you bring it to the register. Is it common in the city to be refused a sale based upon the cashier's opinion of your selection?"

I had seen the pink and green sweaters, and yes, they were lovely shades. Colors, in fact, that I normally gravitate toward. But something had drawn me to that yellow right from the start. It was like a warm, soft ray of sunlight; it was like something that angel might wear; it was a happy summery color that I didn't have in my wardrobe. And this lady was telling me it wasn't my color! I wanted to say, "Well, it would be if you'd just ring it up and put it in a bag!" But instead I said, "Never mind then. I don't want it in any color."

I shoved the fistful of cash back into my wallet and stomped out of that store resolutely miffed (at the time it seemed like the right thing to do).

As it turned out, I shopped at several other stores that evening and, despite my foul humor, ended up with some lovely, reasonably priced things... but nothing in angel-hair yellow.

And it was many, many years before I finally broke down and bought anything in yellow after that, because despite the fact that she had infuriated me, every time I spotted a yellow blouse, sweater, skirt, blazer, jacket, vest, hat, coat or pair of socks, I would hear the ghost of that irksome saleslady subliminally whispering, "That's not your color!"

Well, I'm considerably older and wiser now... and I laughingly defy those confining, conformist, cookie-cutter color analysis seams every chance I get. And while I can't tell you if you're a "cool" or a "cucumber," I can tell you quite simply if you like a color, then it is your color!



It's TUESDAY, DEC. 22, the 357th day of the year, and we're just three days from Christmas and 10 days from the start of 1993. DEC. 22 is the birth date of Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson, widow of the 36th President of the U.S., Lyndon Baines Johnson. A native of Karnack, TX, Lady Bird is 80 today... Barbara Billingsley, who played the role of mother of Beaver Cleaver in the TV series "Leave It to Beaver," is 70... Journalist Diane Sawyer is 46 today... And,

finally, today is the 36th anniversary of the first gorilla born in captivity. It was "Colo," weighing in at the Columbus, OH, zoo...

It was on DEC. 23, 1948, that Hideki Tojo, prime minister of Japan at the time of Pearl Harbor and during most of World War II, was hanged for war crimes. He and six others were tried by a military tribunal and sentenced to death on Nov. 12, 1948. The executions were carried out by the U.S. 8th Army. Akihito, Emperor of Japan, is 59 today...

It's THURSDAY, DEC. 24, Christmas Eve, the 174th anniversary of the writing of "Silent Night, Holy Night," the world's best-known and best-loved Christmas carol. The hymn was first used in Oberndorf, Austria, on Christmas Eve, 1818... Howard Hughes, the eccentric, reclusive millionaire, was born DEC. 24, 1905. He died April 5, 1976...

It's CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 25, the most popular Christian festival which commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Although the precise birth date is not known, the Western church selected Dec. 25 for the feast. Non-Christian festivals are numerous around the start of Winter, including Winter solstice rites. Christian additions include lights, holly, ivy, the holiday tree, gift-giving and many others...

One of the early historic events we studied in elementary school was how Washington crossed the Delaware River on DEC. 25, 1776, which became the turning point of the Revolutionary War because of the American victory in the Battle of Trenton. It happened in 1776... Nicolae Ceausescu, deposed president of Romania, and his wife, were executed by a firing squad bringing to an end the last hard-line regime in the Soviet bloc. That occurred on Christmas Day, 1989... Actor Humphrey Bogart was born on Christmas Day, 1899. He died Jan. 14, 1957... Birthdays, Band Leader Cab Calloway 85, Singer Barbara Mandrell 44 and Actress Mary "Sissy" Spacek 43...

SATURDAY, DEC. 26, is the second Christmas Day in some countries... In Clio, MI, it's National Whiners' Day, dedicated to those who return Christmas gifts and need lots of attention. The most famous whiner of the year will be announced by Kevin Zaborney, Box 123, Clio, 48420. For more information, call 517/375-7805... Chinese Revolutionary Mao Tse-Tung was born on DEC. 26, 1893. He died in Peking (now Beijing) Sept. 9, 1976... Entertainer Steve Allen is 71 today, and Actor Richard Widmark is 78...

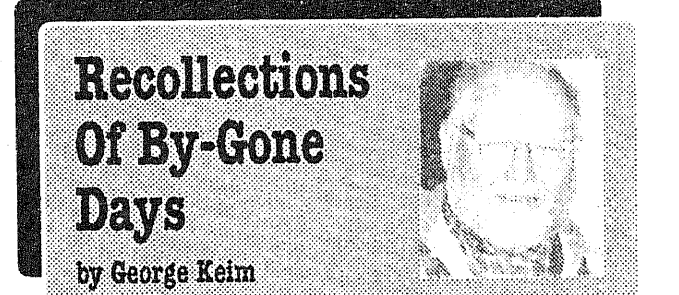
Johannes Kepler, German mathematician and known as "the father of modern astronomy," was born in Wurttemberg on DEC. 27, 1571... Louis Pasteur, French chemist/bacteriologist, was born on this day, 1822... Radio City Music Hall, New York City, opened DEC. 27, 1932, 60 years ago today...

DEC. 28 is known as Holy Innocents Day, also called "Childermas," to commemorate the massacre of children in Bethlehem, ordered by King Herod to destroy the newborn

infant Savior. Some churches consider the killing as the first symbols of suffering and death for the privilege of "following the Savior," an evidence that Christ's way means "not peace, but a sword"...

Since MONDAY, DEC. 28, is the first regular "working day" after Christmas, the day is known as "Boxing Day" in many countries with ties to the United Kingdom. (Incidentally, "Boxing" has nothing to do with pugilism. It's a day when gift boxes were "expected" by those who render service to the public-at-large without receiving payment from any individual. That included the postman, lamplighter, chimney sweep and similar workers.)

Boxing Day is a legal holiday in Canada, the United Kingdom (except Scotland) and in many other countries... Birthday today, Singer/Musician Edgar Winter (not Sebewaing's E.W.) this one is from Beaumont, TX, and he's 46...



DEAR EDITOR: Christmas is almost here and I can remember a lot of them. Some were good and some were not so good! When I went to school, we used to draw names and get each other presents. Once in awhile we'd get a good present and sometimes it would be pretty small.

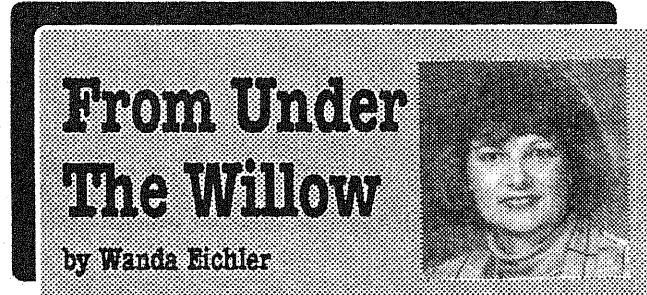
I once just got a two-cent eraser, while the kid who had my name got a real nice present. The kids whose name I had got a tablet and a pencil.

But the one Christmas I remember real well was during the Depression. On the Saturday night before Christmas, the whole town was lit up and Willis Leiprandt was the town marshal.

He had charge of the Santa Claus. He had him dress up in the fire ball. It was a nice winter night and he told Santa Claus to get out and talk with the people. Back in those days, most all the people could talk German, so Santa Claus talked German to the people. He'd go up to the old women and ask them if their men were always home at night and he'd give them a sack of candy and peanuts. The old men all laughed and everybody had a good time. They had a good Christmas program. The Pigeon Lutheran Church band played some Christmas songs and Please turn to Page 6



Fuer 51 Wochen dieses Jahr haben wir Dummheiten geschrieben in die Wahre Geschichten. In diese Woche, als Weihnacht's Woche, drucken wir die Groesste Geschichte, die wichtigste Geschichte, die je fuer die Menschheit geschrieben war, das Evangelium Christis Geburt.



From Under The Willow

Tilted crowns and dirty laundry Christmas memories — what a treasure store of Yuletide stories and happenings come to mind when we begin reflecting on the past at Christmastime.

Let's turn back the pages of the Willow column in The Progress-Advance. Ah yes. Here's 1977 — the first year of the column. Our Willie was an active four year old and almost two-year old Liesl Marie was learning fast from her high speed brother.

I wrote about the Sunday school Christmas program at church. Here's a chunk of that Christmas memory from 1977:

Perhaps the warmest Christmas moment with the kids was Sunday night's Christmas program at church. Irene Ferguson, who directed the program, kept telling us mothers of nursery children, "Don't worry. All they have to do is be angels or shepherds and stand by the manger."

Sunday night came and at supper, Willie informed us that he didn't want to be a shepherd. He wanted to be an angel.

We played along. "Sure you can be an angel. Now let's get ready. Hurry, go find your shoes."

The time came for the three little boys who are the whole nursery class to mount the stage for their part.

Benjamin, who got stuck being the shepherd, carried the shepherd's crook but he didn't want to wear the shepherd's headpiece. So Willie, who thought he was an angel, peer out from under a brown turban.

Meanwhile, Brian Thomas, in a last minute change of plans, was garbed in a wiseman's purple robe (just right for stepping on) and a too-big gold crown that fortunately stayed just above eye level.

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Letters from our readers

Ted & Gail Kelly are special friends of USA

By USA MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF, and especially fifth grade teachers Lynn Francomb and Tammie Whittaker

It is not often that we are privileged to work with dedicated volunteers.

We are fortunate at the USA Middle School to have Ted and Gail Kelly as volunteers. For a number of years, we have benefited from their talents and effort.

Again this year, Mrs. Kelly directed the fifth grade Christmas program. After our selection of a program, Mrs. Kelly adapted the play to the special qualities of our students.

Gail busily planned the music, props and costumes. She organized parents to

help where needed. Mrs. Kelly began planning the program in the summer, and by October she was spending time twice a week rehearsing for the play with our students.

Mrs. Kelly asks nothing of us in return. Her reward comes from the pride and satisfaction she sees on the faces of the students she works with.

Gail also comes to school for times during the year for a program call "Art Goes to School." This program introduces the students to famous art works and teaches art appreciation.

Mrs. Kelly's enthusiasm for the arts is having a positive influence on the lives of our children.

Thank you Gail. We truly appreciate all you do for the students at the Unionville Sebawaing Area Middle School.

Questions on Caseville millage requests

By THOMAS CARRAVALLAH, Pigeon

After reading the article by Amy Heiden in your latest edition ("Community could use new Caseville pool, auditorium"), the following questions should be printed in all fairness and answered by (Caseville School Supt.) Mr. Stahl.

While not denying that our school needs upgrading, some of us are of the opinion that the plans are too grandiose for our present economic recession and have the following questions and suggestions:

1. Why are outside firms being used for consulting and planning? There are pros in Huron County who could do the job.
2. Why is the voting taking place at a time that 35 percent of taxpayers are down south?
3. Seventy-one percent of our tax dollars are going to schools. How much more do they need?
4. Better schools do NOT enhance my property values.
5. Are our out-of-town taxpayers being notified about these plans and that absentee ballots are available?
6. Proposal #3 if adopted would add \$1600 per year for 10 years.
7. Retirees comprise a large portion of taxpayers and are looking for relief, not high taxes.

Laker food drive help is certainly appreciated

By AMANDA BARRY, President, Laker High Student Council

The student councils of Laker High School and Junior High would like to extend their most sincere thanks to all of the students, teachers and community for their participation in this year's food drive.

The drive was a tremendous success. The food was separated equally and distributed this past Thursday to the food pantries of Pigeon, Elkton and Bay Port.

It is during this season of sharing that we must remember those who are less fortunate. The Laker community should be commended for its contributions to the community food pantries and for taking the time to care about others.

Once again, the Laker High School and Junior High student councils would like to offer our appreciation to those who donated, and especially to those people who gave up their time to sort, deliver and help make this year's food drive such a tremendous success.

Engaged!



Smith - West

Sid and Kay Smith of Pigeon announce the engagement of their daughter, Mari Kay Smith, to Robert J. West, son of Fred and Margaret West of Crowwell.

The bride-elect will be a May 1993 graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed as an environmental chemist with the Dow Chemical Co. in Midland.

A Dec. 18, 1993 wedding is being planned.

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Gambling coming to Thumb?

If a Detroit Area developer and the Bay Mills Indian Community have their way, mid-Michigan would-be gamblers won't have to drive to Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Windsor, Ont., or even Detroit for casino-style gambling.

Published reports say the developer, Michael Malik of Clay Township near Mt. Clemens, and the Indian group would establish a mini-Indian reservation in the vacant former Sears store in downtown Port Huron, and lease the building to Harrah's of Las Vegas to operate a major casino gambling operation.

Malik has been involved in a recent effort to build a 1,300-slip marina on Harsens Island, near Algonac, which has been stalled by state Department of Natural Resources regulations.

State law allows casino gaming only on Indian reservations. Michigan has eight such locations: Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Baraga, Brimley, Mt. Pleasant, Suttons Bay, Watersmeet and Wilson. A Sault Ste. Marie tribe is seeking to open a casino in Detroit's Greektown, while Ontario officials have okayed plans to start a Windsor casino.

New directors for Alliance

The Saginaw Basin Alliance recently elected directors. Four two-year terms ended, plus Coordinator Terri Novak recently resigned with one year left to serve on that term.

The following were elected: two-year positions went to Michael Forster of Saginaw, Ted Ilgenfritz of Midland, John Witzke of Kawkawlin and Nancy Jacob of Saginaw; and David O'Keefe of Flint won the one-year position.

Virgil Bouck of Pigeon and Ben Schrader of Tawas are completing their terms on the board, which represents 22 counties in the Saginaw Bay watershed area.

Proposal for TISD settlement

A proposed teachers' contract for the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) was presented Monday. Both sides had met with state mediator Judith Rhode for five hours last week in Lansing.

"We gave what we thought was a pretty bare-bones proposal and they (district representatives) didn't accept it, but the mediator suggested taking it before the board," said Tuscola Intermediate Education Association (TIEA) President Kathy Daniels.

George Keim

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the Pigeon Methodist pastor and the Berne Lutheran pastor also gave good talks.

The people all sang Christmas carols and some people said Santa Claus sang good bass.

They gave all the children a big sack of candy and peanuts. I don't know how many people are here anymore who were there because that was over 62 years ago.

I was that Santa Claus and if I'd have given all the doll trunks I had promised to give, I'd almost have to give a whole truckload.

Back in 1934 when the Depression was on, my Dad made brooms and sold them. I helped him and we made a living at it, but it wasn't a very high living.

He got a newspaper from Ohio. There was a letter in there from Florida that said you could get a job anywhere down there, picking fruit or working in the celery fields.

My Dad knew his Dad, so I wrote him a letter and he told me to come down and try, so I got a way down. But they had a frost that froze the celery and there was a lot of people there to pick fruit, so I was out of luck.

But I did get a job in a canning factory. Christmas was a beautiful day, but I was so homesick I didn't see anything nice about it.

I didn't know anybody and the guy I stayed with went to church and didn't tell me to go along.

So I walked around in the city and did go to a Christmas program that night. The pastor told me to come to his place anytime I wanted to.

I still think that Matt. 2:1-28 is the best story you can read about Christmas. If you have a Bible, read it and you'll enjoy it.

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE KEIM

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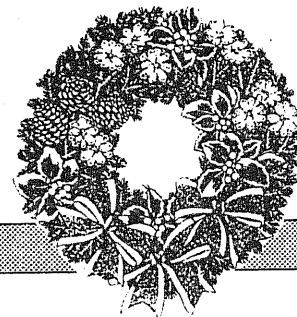
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My Favorite Christmas Memory

Special Holiday Recollections of Newsweekly Readers



My most-memorable Christmas

By MILDRED NELSON KAIN, Filion

During WWII, in December 1943, my husband Victor and I, newly weds, lived in New Jersey where he was stationed. The prospect of our first Christmas away from home and families made us lonesome, thinking of sights, sounds and festivities we would miss.

Then, on Dec. 24, there was a knock on the door. I opened it. A smiling delivery man handed me a large box, saying "Merry Christmas" before leaving.

We eagerly opened the package to find fresh Saginaw Bay perch and date-filled cookies, unavailable in that strictly rationed area.

Vic's oldest sister Florence knowing our fondness for those treats, made sure we would have them!

So, on Christmas Day, the "smells" and "tastes" of home plus the thoughtful love of a sister spanned the miles, enriching our memories of a "Special Day" long ago.

Vic's sister, Florence Dinkel, still lives in the Bay Port Area.

My Christmas memories...

By SUZANNE LeMAIRE, Pigeon

My sister and I grew up in the loving arms of our Ma and Grandma. Christmas morning brings back memories of events that started the day. My sister and I crept down the stairs to confirm Santa's visit, then went back upstairs to listen for Ma to get up.

Grandma was the next one up and didn't wait for Ma. The cat got hollered at, pots and pans were clanging. That was our clue to get back downstairs.

We would find Grandma in front of the tree, lights on, no cat to be found (there never was a cat in the house).

And Grandma never did cook anything. We still aren't sure who was more excited.

80th Christmas was memorable

By MRS. THELMA L. EDLER, Tucson, Az

My birthday is on Christmas Day.

Last year (1991), I was 80 years old and I received a birthday card from President and Mrs. Bush on my birthday - It really was a surprise.

The children's great grandparents and my grandparents had lived on the same road in the 1940's. Their little eyes grew wide as saucers when they learned about the history. Those chairs seemed to im-

mediately pull the generations together to the present. As we left Grandma's house for home we were given a "Maiden Blush" apple and thought that was such a pretty yellow and pink apple.

Thirty years ago I found a tree in Miller's Nursery in New York, so now I am grateful, I can share "Maiden Blush" apples with my grandchildren. Guess I'd better stop writing as I'm loaded with sweet memories of Christmas!

Little girl's look was memorable

By BETTY BRKLACICH, Sebawaing

Although this happened several years ago, I will always remember the look on this little girl's face as she opened her gift.

It was nearly Christmas and my second grade children were busily awaiting their Christmas party. The room was beautifully decorated. We had made and wrapped our parents' gifts. Names had been drawn for the traditional gift exchange and awaited opening. After many exciting days of preparation the party day finally arrived.

We played some games, had a few refreshments and drew numbers to find our gift. As always the teacher has a gift in her desk draw (just in case) and hopes it won't be needed.

The gifts began to disappear and it was finally Leslie's turn. She went to the table and chose a gift wrapped in a Sunday comic paper wrapping. As she quickly tore the paper away she found a somewhat soiled and used stuffed animal.

She looked at the gift, then at me - back at the gift and to the little girl who brought it. Not knowing what would happen at this point, my heart went out to both children. Leslie picked up the animal and gave it a big hug and thanked the little girl.

Then realizing I might be disturbed by the gift she received, Leslie looked at me still hugging the stuffed animal and said, "Oh, Mrs. Brklacich, I love it!"

At that point I fought back tears. Needless to say Leslie accepted the gift most graciously and she proved that Christmas was all about.

I might add before Leslie went home that day she also received the gift from my desk drawer, but I have no idea what it was - I only remember the stuffed animal.

Recalling Christmas smells of '40s

By ERMA MAUST, Bay Port

It is with fondest of memories that I remember Christmas

smells of the 1940s. We often went to my dad's parents house, because they lived within winter driving.

When Grandma opened her door to our family, you saw the enamel water pail and dipper inside the door to the left. Unique, yes, their water tasted of minerals and we just thought that was a neat taste. So, all grandchildren went home that afternoon water-logged.

Going farther in, you'd pass the wood cook stove where Aunt Katie would be polking in another piece of wood to finish cooking the potatoes, vegetables, and oven full of farm grown meat. How do you write the smell of home cooking and the wood fire? Maybe, just minutes of eating in a few more best.

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By DONNA WALSH, Sebawaing

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table was her baby pickles. They tasted different than my mother's, so I always ate Grandma's pickles real slow to make the good taste last as long as I could.

The pie and home-made ice cream served in the pink depression saucers is a taste and sight no child can ever forget, especially if you thought those pink dishes were as pretty as I did.

After the gift exchange of home-made mittens, Grandpa sat in his hickory rocker and Grandma sat in her rocker and they'd rock and visit with the family and I'd sit half way between — all ears and try to listen to both sides.

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each of us received one gift on Christmas Day. But for Christmas Eve, the older five kids would each buy a gift for the younger five "from Santa."

While we all ate Christmas Eve dinner, we were told Santa would come through the livingroom window and leave gifts under the tree.

When dinner was over, five gifts would magically be under the tree.

To this day, I've never been told how those gifts got there, or by whom exactly. But, they sure made Christmas more special!

from Caseville Eighth Graders...

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

My favorite Christmas memory is the Christmas of 1992. Yes this year! It has already become a memory for this reason. When I heard of the starving Somalia children, it made me think how lucky I am.

Not one single human, whether it be black, white, male, or female, should have to suffer like that. Some Americans are jealous because we are helping them and they think the food and money should stay in the U.S. I disagree.

Because of these children, I have not wanted much. When I compare myself to them, I have everything. This is why this year will be my favorite Christmas memory.

NICOLE CAMPBELL

"MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS"

My best Christmas was... um... Oh! Alright I admit it! I don't have a best Christmas!

Every year at this time, in every grade I've been in, in both of my old schools, in Sunday school, in catechism class, in any class I've been in, I've been asked to write about my best Christmas. I'M TOTALLY SICK OF IT!!!!!!

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, I feel much better.

I'm just going to write about a Christmas I've had in the past. Three years ago, when I was 10, I spent Christmas in Detroit.

On Christmas Eve, after we went to church, my dad took us for a ride in a chopper (or helicopter) to see Detroit all lit up. My dad flies choppers for the Detroit Police Department's aviation section. Detroit looked

like a colorful paradise that night.

We landed back at the building where my dad works. I think it's called a hangar. Then my dad stayed at work to work his shift, and the rest of us went home and to bed.

Then my dad came home at 8:00 am and woke us up and we opened presents.

After presents, we all went to church, came home, tidied up the house, and waited for the rest of my dad's side of the family to arrive.

After the rest of the family arrived, it was a typical family reunion.

That's it. Hey! Well what do you know! I really do have a best Christmas after all!

The only thing that's really left for me to say to you is: I wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!! And a Happy New Year!!!! SARAH H. FINNEREN

MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

My most memorable Christmas was last year's Christmas. Christmas Eve day I went over to my dad's house and we went shopping for presents for my mom and dad.

When we got back from shopping we went to sleep. The next morning we got up early about 8:00 and came back to Caseville. When we got to my mom's house, my mom was already up cooking dinner.

We opened all our presents, and ate dinner. We had turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and meatballs. About 3:00 my dad went home. Then later some of my mom's friends came over and we ate what was left over from dinner.

JOSHUA STAUFFER

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS

I was only two years old on that one Christmas of 1980, in fact I had just turned two that very day. It was good Christmas despite the fact that my sister had gotten a new bike and I was very jealous.

What lifted my spirits was that I got a kitchen set, something my sister never had and never did get.

So that Christmas turned out to be a very merry Christmas. I no longer have that kitchen set and my sister no longer has the bike that she got that Christmas. All we have now are the good memories of them.

MISSY HEWLETT

MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

My most memorable Christmas was a few years ago when my grandma from Florida came up to my house, and then my Aunt and Uncle from Minnesota came to my house. I remember unloading all the presents and wondering what was in all of them.

I just couldn't wait until Christmas morning! I remember helping my mom, aunt and my grandmother making the traditional cake and getting a head start on the next days feast.

That night my sister and I went to bed early, but I just could not sleep! So I went downstairs and had a glass of hot chocolate with my aunt, for she could not sleep either.

When I finished the last drop of my hot chocolate, I went to our Christmas tree, that my whole family decorated, and started pulling out my presents and shaking them furiously. Soon I got tired, so I went quietly back upstairs and went to bed.

The next morning I woke up early and ran downstairs just to see my sister sitting there waiting for the rest of the family to come down. Well then I asked my sister if she wanted to go wake everyone up, she said, "yes!" and we were off.

We ran upstairs and jumped on everyone's bed and started screaming telling them to wake up. But they weren't moving fast enough so my sister and I started singing a tune. They plugged their ears and started moving faster, so we stopped for a while, threatening to sing if they did not hurry.

My sister and I ran down the stairs and started getting our presents out from under the tree.

The rest of the day we played with our new toys, and ate the food my mom, grandma, aunt, sister and I had made, and then we were fully content.

MARY ROTH

MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

I think my most memorable Christmas is when I got my first bike. I was in the store and I saw a few bikes but I found the one I liked best. It was a little red Huffy. had no idea I would get it.

I woke up Christmas morning, I ran out into the livingroom. I saw a big box. I knew a bike was in it. When I pulled off the paper and saw a bike I didn't care about the other presents.

So I hurried and opened all the others. I got some things I wanted but I didn't care. When I opened the box to the bike and saw the little red bike I liked the bike more. After it was put together I begged my mom to let me ride it. She said "OK".

I was at Kretzschmer's house and I couldn't take control, so I slammed on the brakes and wiped out. All my Christmas clothes got soaking wet. My mom yelled at me, and she went ahead cleaning them so we could go to grandma's.

During the summer I ride it every day with Chad Q. and August. I've gotten two bikes since then. And I still have my very first bike ever.

SHAD KANYAK

MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

My most Memorable Christmas was the year of 1986. That was the first time I was able to spend Christmas with my mother in four years. I moved to Caseville in 1986, and ever since that date I lived with my Grandpa. two years later I went to see my mom for Christmas. I was really happy.

When I was visiting my mother, she had bought a new place to live in Detroit, but it still was a bad place to live.

When I was there, it brought back lots of memories to me that I wished I still lived in Detroit. While I was visiting Detroit I met some black

friends that were not having very good lives but there was nothing I could do. I really missed the city of Detroit, and all the friends I had before hand. I am fourteen years old. Now I live in the town of Caseville, but I miss the date of December 25, 1986. I have not seen my mom ever since that year, now she lives in Utah.

AUGUST JONES

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

My favorite Christmas memory happened first time my brothers, sister, and I got along. On Christmas Eve we sat in the living room singing Christmas songs.

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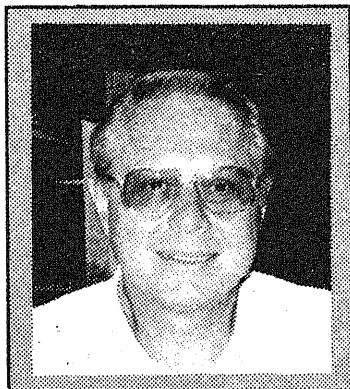
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 mas carols and opened one gift that was under the tree. My brothers actually bought my sister and me a present.
 Usually we always argue and fought over who gets more or who gets the most expensive gift from our parents.
 That Christmas changed all of our feelings of Christmas which was taking, not giving and wanting, not thanking. That made the last two and more years to come more pleasant and meaningful.

LORI LORD

MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

My most memorable Christmas is when my family went to California. We were there for almost a week and it was great. I got to meet an actress by the name of Mary Fran. She was funny and her sisters were nice. I also got my picture taken with her. That is my favorite Christmas.
 Everyone was together and happy. For once in my life it actually felt like Christmas again. This coming Christmas will be fun because I'll be happy. I just have one thing to say. My grandma says it to me all of the time. She says "Remember the good time, everything changes whether you want it or not."

JODI ANCZEWSKI

CHRISTMAS MEMORY

My most memorable Christmas was probably when my brother and I stayed up all night waiting to wake up our parents. We could never sleep Christmas night. So we just decided to stay up all night until we could let the festivities commence.
 We watched TV for a long as possible. We ran into a snag though. The TV stations pulled a fast one on us and stopped broadcasting. So we were left with no TV. This posed a problem. We had not planned for such an event.
 But we found something to entertain us relatively quick. We thought it would be fun to sort all the presents. so we made four piles.
 We made one for my mom, Jeremy, my stepdad, and one

for me. When we had completed this task we tried to see what our presents were. It was of no use though because my parents wrapped so tight and put so much tape on them.
 By the time we had finished this the TV stations were broadcasting again. So we finished the night off by watching TV.
 When it was one minute after six we went and got my parents up. Then we all unwrapped our presents. When my brother and I had finished unwrapping our presents the exhaustion finally hit us and we went to bed.

JAMIE JENSEN

MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

My favorite Christmas memory was when I was five or six and living in Fernelly, Nevada. That morning I woke out to see that the family room was filled with presents. There under the tree was a beautiful pink Huffy bike that had my name on it. I had tears in my eyes and the only thing I cared about was getting to that bike.
 Because of the weather there we never had snow on Christmas. So an hour later I was ready to try my favorite present out. I was ready for adventure. I had that bike for almost seven years until my grandparents made me sell it in a garage sale. I cried the whole day.
 It reminded me of one of the greatest days of my life.

DESTINY GUSTER

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS GIFT

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas with every Christmas card I write. May your days be merry and bright and may all your Christmases be white."
 "Bing Crosby, eat your heart out!" (my dad says) ("he, ha!")—CLICK
 It was Christmas Eve, 1985. My family and I had just finished singing Christmas carols into a tape player that I had received for Christmas the previous year.
 This tape player was a gift to remember because it taught me a lesson in patience.
 Let me explain. Every year in our family, we were never allowed to open presents until

Christmas morning. But, that particular year, I begged to open a gift on Christmas Eve. My parents finally agreed and chose the smallest present.
 When I opened it, I wasn't happy or excited, I was confused. The gift was a package of batteries. Everyone was laughing, but I didn't see the humor in it. Now, I would have to wait until Christmas morning to find out which present needed the batteries.
 I don't know which gift was more special, the batteries or the tape player, but since then I've learned to be patient and wait until Christmas morning to open my gifts.

MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

My most memorable Christmas was when everyone in my family were able to be there. My Aunt Mary Ann didn't have to work at the hospital that night so she was there. But best of all, Uncle Dave, Aunt Ann, Christine, and Dave Jr. came all the way from El Paso, Texas, to spend Christmas with us at our grandparents.
 This was the most memorable Christmas for me because my whole family was there to give away gifts and spend a happy time together.

JON SCEPANSKI

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS WITH MY NEW FAMILY

On Christmas Eve, we all went over to my Aunt Helen's house. My cousins Chrissy and Colleen were there with their boyfriends, too. At about 5:00 some of George and Helen's friends came over and a little later we had a big supper.
 We all talked and watched T.V. or played games until late. Then, some people went home, some of us went into bedrooms, and some people camped out in the living room.
 In the morning, Nick and I woke up around the same time. We met each other in the living room with the same unbelievable looks on our faces.
 The entire side of the room was filled with presents. Big and small, they were packed everywhere.

After everyone woke up we started opening our presents. Each person got one and we all opened them, showed them off, and started again.
 But the best part was just being with all of George's family and knowing they soon would be my family. There were lots of presents that year, but even better—there was lots of love!

STEPHANIE MAUST

CHRISTMAS MEMORY

My most memorable Christmas was when all my relatives came over and we had a gigantic tree with thousands of bulbs and lights on the tree, and on the top was an angel with golden wings.
 On Christmas Eve, we listened to some music, and everyone was socializing. We all were eating off the trays of fruits and vegetables, and all of the candy.
 We were all singing oldies and Christmas songs, and all of the kids were drinking eggnog, and we had a huge Christmas party. The next morning we all got up and opened the presents and then had a great Christmas dinner.

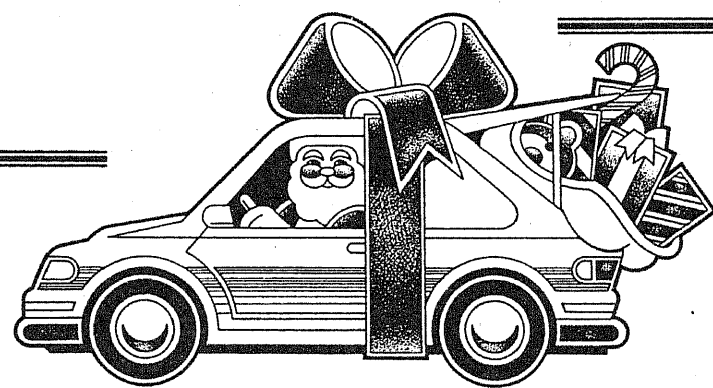
CHRISTMAS MEMORY

My favorite Christmas memory is the Christmas that I got to spend in California. I went to California to spend Christmas with my mom. She lives near Huntington Beach.
 I remember getting off the plane. It felt like heaven. It was about 75 degrees out and at the gate was my mom waiting for me. We went down and got my luggage and started for the car.
 Once we got home and settled down we decided to go and eat dinner. We went out and had ribs. After dinner we went home and went to sleep.
 Next thing I remember it was Christmas morning and my mom was tapping me trying to wake me up. I started heading for the tree as soon as I got up.

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

I'll never forget the year of 1991 when my family went over to my grandparents' house. My grandparents always gets the

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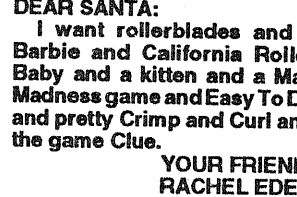


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DEAR SANTA:
 I want a Fastraxx for Christmas. And Legos for Christmas.

LOVE, AARON SMITH



DEAR SANTA:
 I'm sorry I haven't been very good. But if I could have two presents, I would like a Nintendo and Creepy Crawlers. That's all I can think of.

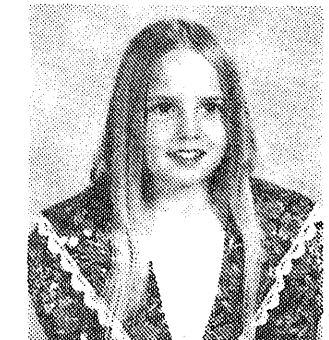
FROM, JENNY STURM
FRIENDS FOREVER, DANNY AZAROVITZ

Ashley would like things for Kireten. I would like a pony with all the stuff. Sydney would like things for Samantha. Santa, my best Christmas gift would be to feed the people who are starving.

LOVE, CALEIGH RASMUSSEN

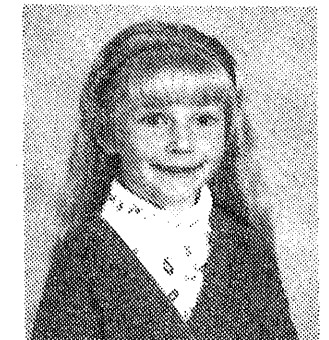
DEAR SANTA:
 I would like a tea set for Christmas and a doll and a new bike I can ride and any kind of Barbie and anything that I like and any kind of book. I hope your reindeer are feeling good.

LOVE, ERIN LORENZ



DEAR SANTA:
 I would like a lot of things for Christmas but I do want some presents we like to open. That is fun to do.

LOVE, TRESSA SCHULZE



DEAR SANTA:
 I would like for you to get my family a keepsake box. I would like a pet cat. Carrie would like a scarf. Willy would like a Nintendo. My Mom would like a necklace and my Dad would like a tabacco for Christmas.

YOUR FRIEND, KATE SCHUETTE

DEAR SANTA:
 The things I want for Christmas are: \$10, five GI Joe guys, two fish, Nerf Master Blaster, seven candy canes, some Lego sets, Nickelodeon Gak, some key chains, some Jigsaw puzzles, some books, some movies, a Precious Moments Nativity Scene, 10 packs of baseball cards, no



Missy and Laura. I want a car for Julie. I want Angela to do good in college. I want Mom to have a new stove. Some tools for Dad, that's all.

LOVE, JESSE WINKEL

from USA Elementary School

DEAR SANTA:
 This Christmas I would like to go to my grandpa and grandma's.

ROBERT NUTT

homework, some clothes.

YOUR FRIEND, RONALD BADGEROW



DEAR SANTA:
 Can you please get my three cats something? I hope you can get my brother a gold Ninja Turtle. Can you get my Mom a shirt? I hope you can get my Dad some tools. I would like a diary. I have to go now.

RENEA HODDER

DEAR SANTA:
 This year I was not perfect but I was good. This year I would like for Christmas, Fast Traxx, Legos, GI Joes, sports cards. Please bring some gifts for my parents and my sister. You will find a snack when you come down my chimney.

GOOD LUCK, BRANDON OSENTOSKI

DEAR SANTA:
 All I want for Christmas is some farm toys for me and Jeremy and some dolls for Missy. I want a new bed for

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I don't want my Dad to die on the road. I want a long hair Barbie and that's all I want for now.

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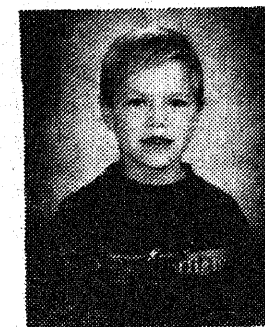
DEAR SANTA:
I want a 10-speed and something for my Mom. I want a Super Nintendo and for my brother and my father.

LOVE,
KELLY



DEAR SANTA:
I wish my family will have a good Christmas. I hope my family will get what they want. I would like to have some surprises and Legos, too.

LOVE,
JASON SKIRLO



DEAR SANTA:
I would like a pair of rollerskates for Christmas. I hope my Aunt Lori wins the Garth Brook tickets.

JON ZUZGA

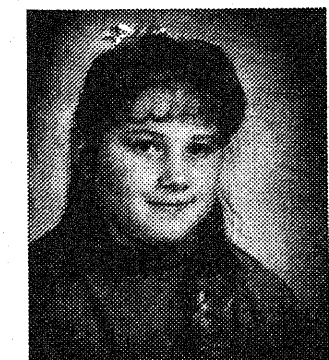


food for my hamster. I would like some rollerblades, too. My Mom wants a house.

JENNIFER BLACK

DEAR SANTA:
I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas. And that the poor's presents will be food from people that gave it to them. I hope that lots of people will give money to the people that ring the bells and give the money to the poor. And I wish that all the poor will have a Merry, Merry Christmas.

ANASTASIA ATKINS

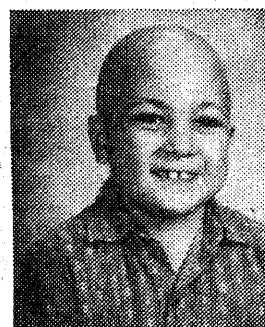


LOVE,
KYLE WIERGOWSKI



DEAR SANTA:
Can I have a 10-speed, please? And a diary too, please? And some earrings, too? And a Bundle Baby? And something for my grandparents, too.

STEPHANIE SCHMIDT



DEAR SANTA:
I hope my Grandma gets better soon. And I hope she has a Merry Christmas, too. I love my sister. And I love my whole family, too.

BRAD GRUEHN

DEAR SANTA:
I would like some hamster

JON ZUZGA

get a typewriter for my Dad and a lot of toys for my brother. And a lot of surprises to me!

STEPHEN CRAMER

DEAR SANTA:
I wish you will make everybody happy, please. I wish for a guitar. Good luck.

KEITH MCINTYRE

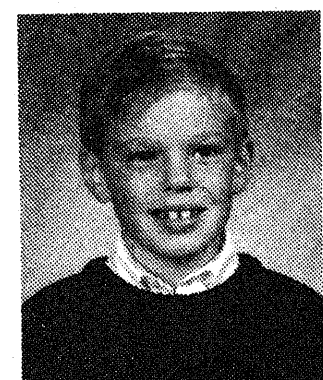
DEAR SANTA:
I have been pretty good this year. Will you please get me a toy remote control robot? And please, make my family happy because they have been pretty good, too, OK? And how good do you think I've been? That's how much you fill my stocking. Please make our pets have fun, too. And bring joy to the world. Thanks!

JAMES RABUN

DEAR SANTA:
I've been good this year. Please bring everyone lots of presents. Because my Grandma is sick. I would like lots of presents, too.

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DEAR SANTA:
I wish the world was more nice and peaceful and perfect. I also wish the world won't be polluted.

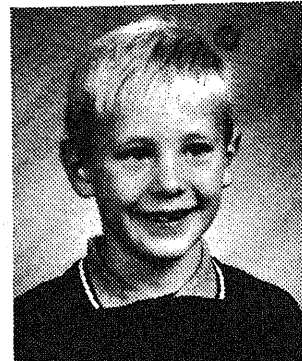
SIGNED,
AARON MARKER

DEAR SANTA:
I wish we could go swimming in the winter and go to the wa-

ter slide in the winter.

LOVE,
KIM FRITZ

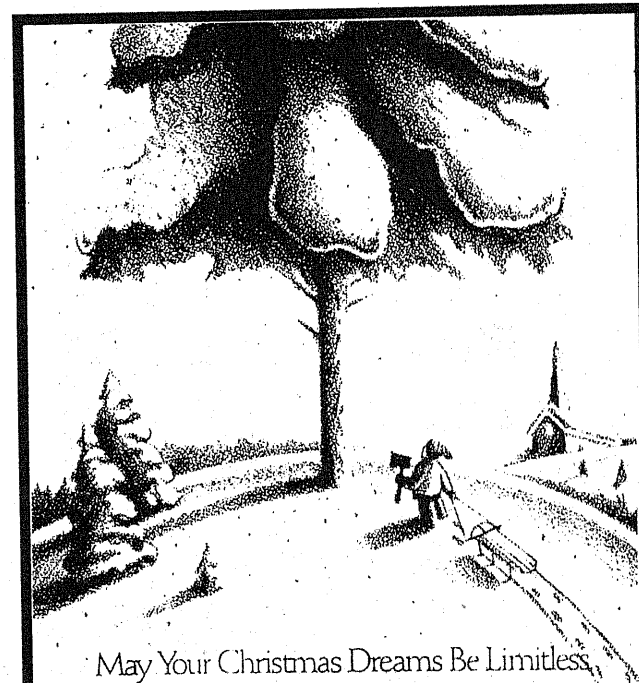
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YOUR FRIEND,
JUSTIN McLAREN

DEAR SANTA:
One Christmas Eve night, I saw you coming down the chimney. I saw you put my presents underneath the Christmas tree and put oranges and apples in my stocking, and a car. I saw you at Pigeon with my cousin. You gave me a tractor. Thank you. How do your

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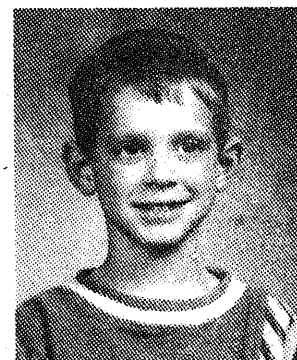
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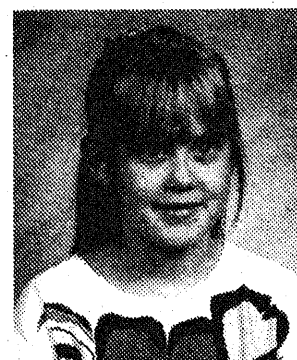
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reindeer fly? What do you feed them?

YOUR FRIEND,
SCOTT KUNDINGER



DEAR SANTA:
My favorite thing about Christmas is the pretty trees and the pretty lights on the house. How is Rudolph and the Reindeer and Mrs. Claus. I love the things I get in my stocking and under my tree. I will leave you some milk. I love Christmas. Are you magic?

YOUR FRIEND,
JENNY SPARKES



DEAR SANTA:
Did you like my letter that I wrote you? Put yes or no. How do you get your reindeer to fly? And I will leave you some cookies and milk.

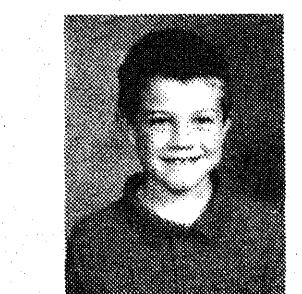
YOUR FRIEND,
MATT EDLER



DEAR SANTA:
My favorite thing about Christmas is the Christmas trees and the lights. I love the lights and you.

YOUR FRIEND,
CARRIE SHEUFELT

from St. Paul
Lutheran School



DEAR SANTA:
I want the truck called "Animal." I want some Legos. I want a race car track. I want some trucks. I want two pocket knives. I would also like a drum and an electric airplane.

YOURS TRULY,
ROBB GARSKE



DEAR SANTA:
I would like a remote control car called "Fast Tracks" and I would like two more toys, a bow and arrow and a Sega Genesis.

YOURS TRULY,
ADAM SCHMUCK

DEAR SANTA:
I want a toy car and a toy

dump truck. I would also like a remote control race car. And I want a basketball Nintendo game.

YOURS TRULY,
TROY VANDIVER



DEAR SANTA:
I want a Sega Genesis. I want a Super Nintendo. I would also like a remote control semi-truck.

YOURS TRULY,
MATT SATTELBERG



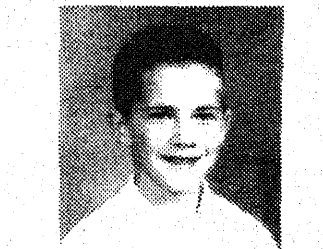
DEAR SANTA:
I want a new bike and a Super Shredder. I would also like a motor control car and Sega and Super Nintendo.

YOUR FRIEND,
ADAM ANOLD



DEAR SANTA:
I want a glue stick. I want a dirt bike. I want some markers. I want the Claw. I would also like the Bad Dog and Sega Genesis.

YOURS TRULY,
SHAUN EISENGRUBER



DEAR SANTA:
I want a remote control airplane. I want a race track. I want a Fast Track. I would also like any kind of Nerf stuff. I want a football suit and a Michael Jordan jersey. I really, really want a little puppy.

YOUR FRIEND,
STEFAN BITZER



DEAR SANTA:
I want a tent and a flashlight. I would also like golf clubs, a golf bag, golfballs and tees. I want some turtle vehicles, too.

YOUR FRIEND,
BRIAN GEIGER



DEAR SANTA:
I want the doll Baby

Rollerblade and Kitty Surprise. I would also like a troll.

YOUR FRIEND,
SARA LOWTHIAN



DEAR SANTA:
I am seven. My name is Kevin. I have a dog. I want an electric

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whole family gifts.

And when Christian who was three opened up his gift, he didn't even get it out of the box before he yelled, "Oh Baby!" Then he took the teddy bear out of the box and went over to the other people and showed them his new Teddy. One person at a time opened their presents. Christian went over to the person that was opening a gift and he helped them.

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

By JODI DUFTY, Caseville
After getting out of bed, I walked out in the living room and looked at the tree.
There I saw my cat with its claws stuck in a branch. My cat was hanging from the tree. I thought about calling the fire department, but I figured they would just laugh at me, so I decided to get my cat down myself.
Ever since that Christmas my cat has never climbed the tree again.

MY WORST CHRISTMAS MEMORY

By JOSH POWELL, Caseville
My worst Christmas was when I was about ten. I was in my bedroom and I was jumping up and down.
A few minutes later I heard a three wheeler drive up and I fell to my knees and hit my chin on the wall. My lip hurt really bad so I put my hand on it and when I pulled my hand off it was full of blood so I screamed for my mom.
She ran in and told me I would have to go to the hospital and get stitches in my lip. But that wasn't the worst part.
The worst was when I couldn't ride my three wheeler for a week because the stitches might get knocked out. And that was the worst Christmas I've ever had.

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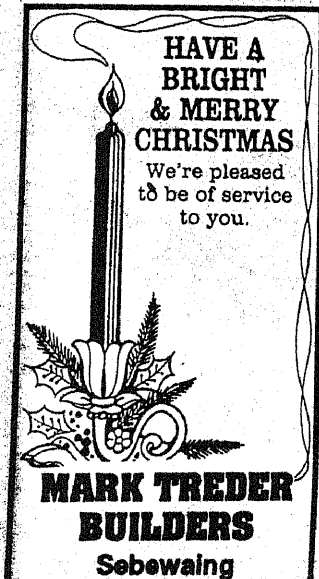
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By AMIE CIESLINSKI, Caseville
In my eyes Christmas is a time for giving and that's what made 1991 the best Christmas ever. Our family got together

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and made crafts to raise money to buy food.
We put on a Christmas dinner for the not so fortunate. My family spent Christmas Eve in a hot kitchen, but there no complaints. The smiles and thanks we received made each and every one of us feel special.
Remember one little girl, saying Santa Claus was not coming to her house this year. So I went out to my mom's car and got a teddy bear that I had bought an hour before.
I gave the teddy bear to her and said, "Santa gave this to me to give to you." The smile on her face was ten miles wide.
That smile was the best gift ever.

After everyone was in the car, her mom always forgot her purse in the house and one of her brothers had to go back in the house and get it.
When they got back from church Santa had already been there.
One time when my mom got home from church she ran to the Christmas tree, Santa Claus was still there. She saw him as he turned and went out the door.
She tried to tell her brothers but they would not believe her.

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

By MELISSA LEACH, Caseville
My favorite Christmases were when I lived with my mom. She put up the tree; she smiled and laughed!
Celeste, mom, and I decorated the tree with pretty bulbs, candy canes and lights. Celeste and I helped her make cookies and pie. I loved every Christmas!

Every Christmas Eve, my mom's family went to church.

Season's Greetings

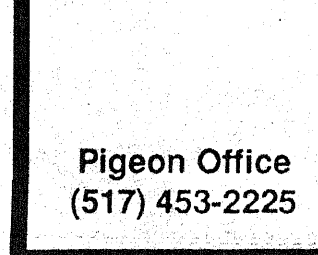


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MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

By MICHAEL TILKINS, Caseville
My favorite Christmas memory will be this year. My brother that I haven't seen in two years will be at our Christmas party.
Because of his job, he was unable to be with us for the past Christmases.
But this year will be special! He has Christmas and Christmas Eve off.
I will be able to see the rest of my family this year. But I'm looking forward to seeing my brother and my new nephew.
So I'm looking forward to this Christmas to be the one to remember.

home from Texas. She was in second grade.
And on Christmas Eve morning she got sick with the flu. My mom had had reconstructive jaw surgery and the doctors said if she got sick and vomited she might choke and die.
Every Christmas Eve we go to my Grandpa's house so my other Grandma came over to watch my sick sister.
On Christmas morning we didn't have much company because my sister was still sick and everything was crazy. But the next day everyone was fine.

MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

Not one particular Christmas is the most memorable for me. Every Christmas is memorable for many different reasons.
For one thing it was when Jesus was born and that will always be memorable even if I wasn't born at the time.
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MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

By JACOB PIONK, Caseville
The best Christmas was the winter of 1986. You probably think of Christmas being cold out, right?
But this winter was seventy two degrees out. Everybody in my family like my cousins, aunts, uncles and some people I didn't even know came over my Grandma's house.
We all went outside and talked and sat around the picnic table. There was a volleyball net set up in the backyard.
We all got together and put teams together and played. I could remember as it was yesterday I could hear my cousins saying, "This is the best Christmas I ever had".
I was only ten but this is the best Christmas I ever had.

shared with my mom.
But now Celeste and I spend many great Christmas with our grandmas and grandpa.

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We started tearing into the boxes; then when I opened the top of mine, I discovered it was in a box of cereal.
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By BETH ANN KRENN, Caseville
I was around 12 year old and I wanted to see my father for the first time on Christmas. He came with two gifts, they both came in one plastic bag. There was a big white Teddy Bear and an Etch-a-Sketch. We talked for the longest time until he had to leave. I hugged him good-bye.
Today I still have that that bear named Bradley, but the Etch-a-Sketch didn't last as long. I still wonder how he knew what I wanted. I didn't ask for those presents but enjoyed them greatly. Bradley sits on my bed, forever watching over me.
I see my father now on holiday and special occasions. Although he gave me a Nintendo and Paper Boy tape last year, I know I'll cherish Bradley more.

Right there in the middle of the living room stood my dad, still wearing his Navy uniform and holding his duffel bag. I was so happy that I ran into his arms and hugged him so tightly until I thought he wasn't breathing. I told my dad, "this will be the best Christmas ever!"

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Me, I just watch because I'm not a good cook and it makes everybody happy knowing I'm not trying to burn the house down.
MISTY MCCRIMMON

from Mrs. Mayes' English Class...

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old and on my way to Grandpa's house in Indiana.
It had been almost a year since I had seen my dad, because he was in the Navy. I walked in the house ready to hug my dad, but when I looked, he was nowhere to be seen.
I burst into the kitchen hoping to find my dad and a few Christmas cookies. I didn't see dad and started to cry. Grabbing two cookies, I walked to the back porch, and gave one cookie to my dog Yogi.

By the time I reached the hallway, my cousins, aunts and uncles were laughing at me. then I realized why!
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By BETH ANN KRENN, Caseville
I was around 12 year old and I wanted to see my father for the first time on Christmas. He came with two gifts, they both came in one plastic bag. There was a big white Teddy Bear and an Etch-a-Sketch. We talked for the longest time until he had to leave. I hugged him good-bye.
Today I still have that that bear named Bradley, but the Etch-a-Sketch didn't last as long. I still wonder how he knew what I wanted. I didn't ask for those presents but enjoyed them greatly. Bradley sits on my bed, forever watching over me.
I see my father now on holiday and special occasions. Although he gave me a Nintendo and Paper Boy tape last year, I know I'll cherish Bradley more.

Right there in the middle of the living room stood my dad, still wearing his Navy uniform and holding his duffel bag. I was so happy that I ran into his arms and hugged him so tightly until I thought he wasn't breathing. I told my dad, "this will be the best Christmas ever!"

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I can feel the cold wind nipping at my cheeks.
I can see the snowflakes looking so pretty.
I can smell the lake with its ice glaze stop.
I can smell dinner cooking in the pot.
I can hear the giggles and laughs of happiness.
These are the senses I so often miss, these are the signs of a family Christmas.

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Woods & Waters

A Christmas fish...

It was the day before Christmas and I was up long before daylight packing for a morning fishing trip to a nearby river.

The night before, my family had staggered into the cold, musty smelling log cabin, and within an hour had turned it into a respectable winter home. But the

Rainbows were often looking for breakfast, and in the packboard on my back were the "fixins" for a portable fish cafe.

A river in winter is a water-bridge flowing to a marriage ceremony with the lake. Dressed in a snow-white veil and bedecked with garlands

when I parked the truck the fresh snow captured enough moonlight to make walking a pleasure. It was attested to that, but within minutes I stopped to shed my parka and tie it on the packboard. I had to be careful to avoid perspiration. Although it's warm when you walk, the accumulated moisture can chill you to the bone the moment you stop.

The river wound through a grassy flatland, cut through a couple of hardwood hills, and slipped into a dark and dreary cedar swamp. At the end of the swamp it widened to form a small lake, whose surface was made solid by the deep, winter freeze.

At the opposite end of the lake, the river reappeared. That is where I would fish.

On other occasions, I had spudded tiny holes in the lake ice and fished with

spawn bags and jury-rigged tip-ups. Today, I planned to fish the running water just below the lake.

Casting artificial wigglers and egg flies on top of the ice, I would let them drop off the edge to bounce along the gravelly bottom. While experts tell me river-bound winter Rainbows do not feed, I know from experience that feed or not, they hit spawn bags and other artificial lures with gusto.

I began casting before daylight, partly to get the feel of the bottom, but mostly because I was anxious to get fishing. I had a big, homemade wiggler on the end of my leader and a limegreen egg fly on a dropper a couple

of feet forward. Where the leader joined the flyline I left a short tail of monofilament on which I clamped several split-shot. Although distasteful to any fly fisherman, split-shot are a fact of life when you fish steelhead in the winter.

Without them, your offerings never get to the bottom, and that's where the fish are.

When it was light enough to see the fly, I began to flip the line on the ice nearer the far bank, a large cedar sweeper cut the water there and it looked like a fishy spot.

My third cast proved my theory to be correct for an unnatural bump telegraphed up the line and set the action

into motion. **The fish was hooked**, made a low jump which cleared the dead cedar and then streaked downstream. I palmed the reel to slow the dash to freedom, and applied just enough pressure to turn the fish.

Several minutes later he lay in the snow at my feet. He was thick, like a linebacker, and although his color was dark from the tawny water in which he lived, the brilliant stripe along his flank lived up to his name.

Later that day, he was skinned and filleted, and on the following day graced the table as a truly Christmas fish....

Woods & Waters

by Duane Guenther



work had taken its toll, and when the alarm buzzed its morning welcome, I was the only one eager enough to answer the call.

My plans were to strap on some snowshoes and hike upstream a couple of miles to a secluded lake. There, when dawn broke, hungry

of spruce and cedar she beckons the winter fisherman to her wedding.

And yet, few are hardy enough to attend, and that's a shame. And this morning was no exception, for mine were the only tracks in the snow.

Even though it was dark

60 Seconds

What do you want for Christmas?

"When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law..." Galatians 4:4-5

When you see stacks of Christmas catalogs, children's gift lists and shopping carts heaped high, we feel people want a great deal for Christmas. Deep down, most people want something beyond material gifts. They want something good for their family members.

If someone were critically ill, what persons would not gladly give up all their gifts to see their loved one healthy? What family who lost a member wouldn't forego all gifts to have that one back with them? Or, what better gift than to have a far-away member return home to celebrate with the family?

Whatever serves the well-being of a person is precious. Now, consider the greatest gift in all human history, the love and mercy Almighty God revealed when he sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, into our world to be our Savior.

The Christ Child, not even born in a home but in a cattle stable, was unknown and unrecognized by the world around Him.

By human measure, that Child was just one of many born that night, yet He was the fullness of God, the Bringer of Salvation to the World, the greatest Christmas gift ever, by whom millions of people will spend their eternity in full joy, in the presence of that Savior.

What do you want for Christmas? You have it already! It's yours! Only believe! A blessed, joy-filled Christmas to you! Thank you, dear God, for giving us The Best! Amen.

TIDINGS OF COMFORT & JOY ARE HEADED YOUR WAY

Here's hoping your holiday delivers an abundance of cheer. Thanks for helping to make this a most special year.

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IN THE HOLIDAY TRADITION
We're taking this moment to say thanks for doing business with us.
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The Three Kings or Magi came in search of the Infant Jesus, Scripture tells us. Today, wise men still seek Christ as they follow His star in their hearts.

A joyous noel to one and all.

Fred, Mona, Denny, Al and Debbie

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Wishing You Joy and Peace at Christmas Time and Throughout the Year

May the gift of good health be yours also, as we remember our blessings this Holiday Season.

From the Staff of:

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YOUR FRIEND, KEVIN MARKER

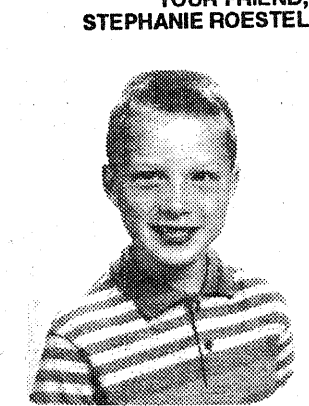
from St. John's Lutheran School



DEAR SANTA: How are you? Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a Baby All Gone, a Barbie and a new bike, books, too! Will you bring me a Game Boy? I hope you are having a lot of fun. I sure am. I have a new baby brother. He is five months old. I have to babysit Jay when my Mom goes out to milk cows, and my sister, too. The end.
YOUR FRIEND, JENNIFER RICHMOND



DEAR SANTA: I hope you are well. I want a Girl-Magic Nursery Baby, a game, Baby All-Gone, Super Nintendo and a Game Boy. I would also like a Precious Moments doll and My Magic Potty Baby, also Puppy Surprise.
YOUR FRIEND, STEPHANIE ROESTEL



DEAR SANTA: I cannot wait 'til Christmas. My brother Matt wants his Mom to not go away from home. My brother Tim hopes he even gets a gift. I want tools.
YOUR FRIEND, KEVIN GOTHAM

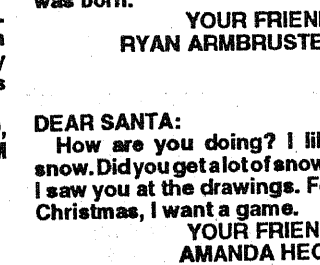


DEAR SANTA: Are you getting fat for

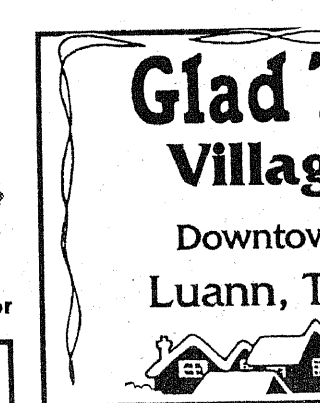
Christmas? I hope you are! You cannot fit down my chimney. It has been fixed. It is too little. Will you bring me a Game Boy and a Super Nintendo? I hope you are doing good.
YOUR FRIEND, BRANDON SWARTZENDRUBER



DEAR SANTA: How are you? I am fine. How are your elves? I want a Super Nintendo. Christmas really reminds us of Jesus when He was born.
YOUR FRIEND, RYAN ARMBRUSTER



DEAR SANTA: How are you doing? I like snow. Did you get a lot of snow? I saw you at the drawings. For Christmas, I want a game.
YOUR FRIEND, AMANDA HECK



Glad Tidings Village Salon

Downtown Sebewaing
Luann, Tammy, Shar



Peace
May the true blessing of peace be yours.

KOHTZ FLOOR COVERING
Sebewaing

DEAR SANTA: Are you coming for Christmas this year? Are you having fun? I like you, Santa. You are nice, too! We just put up our Christmas tree. I would like a dog. Please make it a girl dog.
YOUR FRIEND, JEFF SCHULZE



DEAR SANTA: I saw you. For Christmas, I want a doll, books and a game. How are you doing? I am doing fine.
YOUR FRIEND, ANGELA SWARTZENDRUBER

from Owen-Gage Elementary School

DEAR SANTA: I want a pretty dress and shoes. I want all of the sick people to get better. I like you, Santa!

YOUR FRIEND, SHANNA RENN

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Wishing You A Blessed Christmas
This holiday season, may you enjoy spending time with your family, friends, and loved ones, and may you keep the true meaning and joy of Christmas close to your heart. Thank you for letting us serve you this past year.

Marv & Lori, Tim, Clarence & Kevin
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Joyous Noel

In this holiest of times, we are again warmed by His gifts of love and hope.

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Christmas Is For Sharing

With fondest wishes for health and happiness, we send our friends and customers our sincere thanks.

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Western Thumb Bowling Report

MONDAY NIGHT LADIES

Unionville Lanes, 12/14
Thomas Marine 32
 American Legion Aux. 421-24
Schmidt's Motors Inc. 23
Deislers Funeral Home 18
Go's Girls 15
 High Team Series and Game: American Legion Aux. #421 729-1098.
 Ladies High Series and Game: B. Coones 491-168; S. Sella 500-178; B. Linzner 171; P. Amcock 465-182.
 Splits: B. Linzner 5-10; S. Sella 5-10; G. Singer 5-10.

MONDAY NITE LADIES "B"

Sebewaing Lanes, 12/14
Sporty's 65.0
 Sattler's Stars 62.5
 People's Choice 60.5
 Tree Haven 59.0
 Crystal's Salon 55.0
 Millerwise TV 41.0
 Ben Franklin 40.0
Scheurer Hospital 37.0
 High Team Series and Game: Sattler's Stars 2555-920; Sporty's 2526-891; Tree Haven 2451-451.
 Ladies High Series and Game: G. Vasquez 567-201; 198; S. Buschlen 546-205-182; L. Eberlein 537-213; L. Hawry 535-193-181; S. Brandenburg 533-209; M. Gettel 512-188; C. Taschner 499-178; F. Hombacher 485-181; L. Ewald 483-187; A. Bach 176; C. Guilds 175; V. Story 174.
 Splits: F. Hombacher 5-7; M. Haag 3-5-7; A. Bach 5-7; B. Wintler 5-6; K. Buchholz 4-5.

WED. AFTERNOON LADIES

Sebewaing Lanes, 12/16
Go Getters 59.5
 Four Rollers 53.5
 Lucky Strikes 47.0
 Tri County 36.0
 High Team Series and Game: Four Rollers 1611-614.
 Ladies High Series and Game: N. Perez 449-178-145; M. Eibenbaum 442-157-147; V. Wroblewski 418-152; D. Gruen 408-151; L. McLaren 406-162; H. Schaller 406-157; B. Kuhl 401-151; G. Mascorro 401; M. Draschil 168; W. Eberlein 147.

WINNERS OF FIRST HALF GO GETTERS

WEDNESDAY NITE MEN'S Unionville Lanes, 12/16
FBI Guys 40
Trapper Johns 36
Porky's 35
Ed's Bar 32
Paul's 29
Sattler Law 27
American Legion 21
The Hare Shop 20
 High Team Series and Game: FBI Guys 2459; Ed's Bar 845.
 Men's High Series and Game: B. Amcock 587; J. Kata 205; A. Gokey 201.

WINNERS OF FIRST HALF SEBEWAING LANES

WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES Sebewaing Lanes, 12/16
Kaufold Ins. 81
See N Sea 59
Sporty's 57
Mr. B's Frame Shop 55
 High Team Series and Game: Kaufold Ins. 1900-666.
 Ladies High Series and Game: K. Spielkerman 492; P. Gokoy 491-203.
 Men's High Series and Game: R. Strieler 525; B. Achenbach 212; T. Lowthian 498-205.

Pool Standings

WOMEN'S MID-WEST POOL LEAGUE (As of Dec. 8)
Bay Port 20
Ralph's 17
Sporty's 16
Sugar Shack 12
Pigeon 9
George's 9
Ed's 7
Bud's 7

MEN'S MID-WEST POOL LEAGUE (As of Dec. 9)

Gagetown 55
Bud's 52
Ed's 46
Pigeon 46
Ralph's 45
George's 44

Sebewaing Tool & Eng.

..... 49
Nitz Valve Hardware 47
Sears 43
 High Team Series and Game: Sebewaing Lanes 2452-855.
 Ladies High Series and Game: B. Gremel 599-217; M. Gettel 532-198; S. Buschlen 522-201; J. Heck 519-185; S. Lutz 511-191; L. Eberlein 506-189; K. Fritz 495-174; L. Fuerst 482-173; C. Stoockle 470-170; S. Gremel 178; R. Gaeth 177; K. Champagne 171.
 Splits: M. Gettel 4-7-10; S. Buschlen 5-6-10; K. Fritz 3-10; J. VanDiver 2-7-8; C. Stoockle 5-10; C. Hodder 5-6; C. Bohn 3-10; S. Gremel 3-10; J. Smith 9-10.

WINNERS OF FIRST HALF SEBEWAING LANES

SUN. NIGHT GOODTIMERS Unionville Lanes, 12/13
Lenzner-Strieler 18.5
Coones-Amcock 17.0
Norrington-Varmersch 17.0
Sakon-Barrig 15.0
Ackenbach-Strieler 12.0
Thomas-Southgate 12.0
Gokoy-Spielkerman 10.5
Lowthian-Karnath 10.0
 High Team Series and Game: Coones-Amcock 1900-666.
 Ladies High Series and Game: K. Spielkerman 492; P. Gokoy 491-203.
 Men's High Series and Game: R. Strieler 525; B. Achenbach 212; T. Lowthian 498-205.

THURSDAY NITE MEN'S

Unionville Lanes, 12/10
McAlpine Ins. 41.0
Roy's Service 30.5
Trapper Johns 30.0
Ed's Bar 28.5
Sebewaing Auto 26.0
Paul's Service & Mkt. 26.0
Trapper Jr. 23.0

THURSDAY NITE LADIES

Unionville Lanes, 12/16
Sportman's Bar 69.5
Budweiser Light 63.0
Satow's 54.0
Happy Campers 44.5
Gettel Motors 35.0
 High Team Series and Game: Sebewaing Lanes 2406-848-799.
 Ladies High Series and Game: S. Goebel 556-193-189; B. Gremel 518-195; S. Ralston 507-202; L. Hawry 504-181; M. Gettel 500-203; J. Grew 493-202; R. Amcock 202.

SUN. MIXED SQUARES

Sebewaing Lanes, 12/13
Ewald-Williamson 36
Finkbeiner-Holland 35
Wolverine Rollers 34
Ewald-Ertel 33
Triber-Hoppe 26
Roemer-Ertel 25
Pitcher-Rievort 25
Spannagel-Prime 22
McBrayer-Appold 22
Ewald-Bitzer 21
Bolzman-Bolzman 19
Finkbeiner-Finkbeiner 19
Ralston-Stevenson 19
Aumann-Gremel 7
 High Team Series and Game: Spannagel-Prime 2054-705; Wolverine Rollers 2035-720.
 Ladies High Series and Game: S. Stevenson 496-173; D. Ewald 485-190; P. Buniack 483-200.
 Men's High Series and Game: J. Kuhl 671-258-228; R. Appold 600-211; P. Traiber 589-234; L. Ewald 589-221.

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SUN. WHOLLY ROLLERS

Unionville Lanes, 12/6
 Ladies High Series and Game: R. Hughes 500-181-173; R. Bush 469-178-162; H. Krauss 460-179-145; L. V. Hawry 453-177-151; E. Keyser 437-173; M. Adlam 143; B. Kunding 141.
 Men's High Series and Game: R. Krauss 512-204-158; E. Weithner 502-180-178.
 Splits: D. Diehl 5-7.

TUESDAY NITE LADIES

Unionville Lanes, 12/15
FBI Guys 42
Sociers 30
Pauls 29
Strieters 28
VFW Gals 26
Hare Shop 26
Trappers 22
VanBavens 20
 High Team Series and Game: FBI Gals 2128-731; Hare Shop 773.
 Ladies High Series and Game: D. Schmidt 518-173; G. Norington 507-180-173; P. Schember 461-176; N. Prokanko 459-189; M. Schwarz 458-187.
 Splits: G. Norington 2-7-10; S. Kramer 2-7; P. Schember 2-7; C. Scott 5-7, 9-10.

WED. NITE LADIES

Sebewaing Lanes, 12/9
Sebewaing Lanes 76
Kaufold 57
See N Sea 56
Sporty's 51
Mr. B's Frame Shop 47
Nitz Valve Hardware 48
Sebewaing Tool & Eng. 45
Sears 40
 High Team Series and Game: Sebewaing Lanes 2505-879.
 Ladies High Series and Game: M. Gettel 572-197-191; S. Lutz 505-189; D. Haisl 495-181; K. Champagne 494-176; M. Haag 490-178; B. Gremel 487-177; L. Eberlein 478-170; S. Buschlen 473-180; H. Krauss 188; D. Sonntag 181; R. Gaeth 180; J. Koehler 179; L. Kain 178; S. Gremel 175; G. Vasquez 173.
 Splits: S. Lutz 3-10; C. Taschner 3-10; Please turn to Page 41

USA SENIORS TUES. MIXED LEAGUE

Sebewaing Lanes
Luks's Mkt. 34.0
Ben Franklin 34.0
First National Bank 30.5
Deislers 29.5
 High Team Series and Game: Luks's Market 1725-638; Ben Franklin 652.
 Ladies High Series and Game: R. Hughes 500-181-173; R. Bush 469-178-162; H. Krauss 460-179-145; L. V. Hawry 453-177-151; E. Keyser 437-173; M. Adlam 143; B. Kunding 141.
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GOELIN-SAKON

..... 17.5
Adams-Gangler 17.5
Matthews-Mascorro 15.5
Sy-Sy 13.5
Sakon-Sakon 12.5
Rasch-Schember 12.0
Smith-Norrington 12.0
Kata-Sy 11.5
 High Team Series and Game: Goslin-Sakon 1928; Sakon-Sakon 705.
 Ladies High Series and Game: S. Sakon 501-183; G. Norington 192; C. Gangler 481-191; S. Adams 189.
 Men's High Series and Game: P. Goslin 551-189; A. Sakon 222.

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Thumb Area Obituaries

MARY FISCHER 1906 - 1992

Mary Fischer, 86 of Bridgeport and formerly of Gagetown, passed away Dec. 4, a victim of Alzheimer's Disease. She was born in Gostynin, Poland on Nov. 27, 1906, daughter of the Michael and Josephine Lukasiak and immigrated to Chicago in 1908, then moving to Caseville in 1919. She met her husband, Art in 1934 and moved to the family farm in Gagetown at that time. Upon retirement, she and her husband moved to Bridgeport in 1966. Mrs. Fischer is survived by daughters Jo Ann Infante and Janice Weigle, Bridgeport, Sandra Pingrey, Coon Rapids, IO and a son, John of Fremont; 12 grandchildren; sisters, Ann Polcyn, Brighton, Jane Hineman, Redford, Fan Edwards, Grandview, MO and a brother, Walt Lukasiak, Pigeon and special friends Debbie and Courtney. She was predeceased by her husband, Art and two brothers, Jack, Detroit and Victor, Elkton.

JAMES A. CORRION, SR. 1916 - 1992

James Albert Corrión, Sr., age 76 of Essexville (formerly of Pigeon), passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Doctor's Hospital in Sarasota, Fla. Mr. Corrión was born in Munger on Nov. 28, 1916, son of the late Renny and Mary Corrión. On Sept. 10, 1949 he was united in marriage to Ethel M. Rounds in Angola, Ind. She preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 1991. Mr. Corrión owned and operated Corrión Excavating from 1946 until 1977. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Beth Corrión of Decker; two sons, James A. Corrión, Jr. of Bay Port and John (Patricia) Corrión of Bad Axe; two grandchildren, Steven and Samantha Corrión; two sisters, Mabel Bond and Frances "Dolly" Walters, both of Bay City; a dear friend, Adeline Andrezjewski, Essexville, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers and 10 sisters. Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21 from the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Burton L. Kincaid, pastor of Bad Axe Free Methodist Church, officiated, with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

JASON MATTHEW HEBERT 1976 - 1992

Jason Matthew Hebert, 16 of Caseville, passed away Monday, Dec. 14 at home. He was born Jan. 15, 1976 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, son of Dale and Priscilla (Bieri) Hebert. Mr. Hebert, a junior at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School, lived in Lake Township all his life. He enjoyed weightlifting, basketball, tennis, hunting and fishing. Surviving are his parents, Dale and Priscilla of Caseville; a brother, Dale of Bad Axe; a sister, Amy (Garet) Tesho of Wolverine; grandparents Jane Beiri of Elkton and Ernest and Margaret Hebert of Caseville and his great-grandfather, Warren Treadwell of Battle Creek. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. The Rev. Richard Meyette, pastor, officiated with burial in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family.

JESSIE SCHUETTE 1900 - 1992

Jessie Schuette, 92 of Pigeon, passed away Thursday, Dec. 17 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. Jessie Kendrick was born in Glasgow, Scotland on Nov. 8, 1900, the daughter of the late Archbold and Sarah (Flannagan)

Kendrick. She came to the United States in 1926. On Feb. 8, 1930, she was united in marriage to Charles E. Schuette in Detroit.

Mrs. Schuette operated a ladies' and childrens' apparel shop in Detroit. She and her husband moved to Huron County 55 years ago. They attended the Caseville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Charles E. of Pigeon; a grandson, Mark David Schuette of Zelenople, PA; a sister, Sally Russell of Huntington Beach, CA and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lenore Schuette Holpp in 1988 and three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, Dec. 21 at 10:30 a.m. from the Caseville United Methodist Church. Rev. Gregg Mayberry, pastor, officiated with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

WALDO E. DOEPKER 1905 - 1992

Waldo E. Doepker, 87 of Lima, Ohio passed away Thursday, Dec. 17 in St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima.

He was born July 15, 1905 in Pigeon, son the late John and Viola (Zimmer) Doepker. In 1923 he married Ruby Clara O'Connor, who preceded him in death in 1986.

Mr. Doepker was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lima, and had been in retail sales for General Electric Corp. Survivors include one son, William Doepker of Garden City; two daughters, Hope E. Craig of Lima and Fay Stoll of Livernost; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and one sister, Eleanor Abbe, Henderson, NC.

Private family service will be held. No public visiting hours are planned. Funeral arrangements are by Bayliff & Son Funeral Home, Cridersville.


Memorial contributions may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2120 Lakewood Avenue, Lima, Ohio 45805.


DOROTHY A. TAGLAUER 1919-1992

Dorothy A. Taglauer, 73 of Bay City and a Sebewaing native, died Thursday, Dec. 17, at Mid-Michigan Regional Medical Center, Midland, following a brief illness. Please turn to Page 32

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Thumb Area Obituaries

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She was born Dorothy A. Gremel in Sebawaing on Jan. 20, 1919, daughter of Arnold and Esther (Baur) Gremel. She was graduated from Sebawaing High School, Class of 1937, attended St. Mary's Hospital Nursing School in Saginaw, and worked at the former Bay City General Hospital, prior to her employment at the former Samaritan Hospital, from which she retired in 1980. She was a registered nurse at both hospitals a total of 40 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Nurses Alumni Association.

She was married to Alfred A. Taglauer in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebawaing, on Feb. 9, 1946, and he survives her. They resided in Bay City all their married lives.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bay City and an associate member of Faith Lutheran Church, Sarasota, Fla.

Surviving are her husband, Alfred; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas L. and Chris Taglauer and Richard J. and Denise Taglauer, all of Essexville; eight grandchildren, Scott, Kelly, Clair and James Taglauer, Stephanie, Danielle and Christopher Compau and Dorrie Hayes; her mother, Esther Gremel of Sebawaing; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Orville and Hilda Gremel and James and Judy Gremel, all of Sebawaing; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Kundering of Sebawaing and Norma and Vern Bates of Caro, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral and committal services took place Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at Penzien and Steele Funeral Home, with Rev. Leslie D. Tyvela officiating. Cremation followed and inurnment will be at Floral Gardens Cemetery.

Friends wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider Immanuel Church of Bay City or American Cancer Society.

HANNAH W. WERSCHKY 1909-1992

Hannah W. Werschky, 83 of Sebawaing, died Friday evening, Dec. 18, at her home, following a one-year illness.

She was born in Sebawaing Sept. 22, 1909, daughter of Charles and Laura (Killinger) Bauer. She was married to Clarence Werschky in Sebawaing on Oct. 19, 1930, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1979.

Mrs. Werschky was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, its Ladies Aid, Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Wednesday Morning Bible Class.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Darlene Werschky of Sebawaing; one daughter and son-in-law, Irene and Alvin Lapak of Richville; three granddaughters, Gail Lapak of Richville, Mrs. Tom (Bonnie) Ellison of Reese and Raylene Werschky of Sebawaing; two great-granddaughters, Charlene and Katelyn Ellison; two sisters, Meta Winter of Morrilton, AR, and Mrs. Erwin (Laura) Kaeding of Unionville; two brothers, Frank Bauer of Cincinnati, OH, and Bernard Bauer of Caro, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, in Immanuel Church, Sebawaing, with Rev. Martin Hagenow officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery at Sebawaing. Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Friends wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider the Radio Mission Fund, American Cancer Society or the Immanuel Scholarship Fund.

MARTIN J. GAYARI 1921-1992

Martin J. Gayari, 71 of Sebawaing, died Saturday evening, Dec. 19 in Bay County Medical Care Facility, Essexville, following a 3 1/2-year illness.

He was born May 21, 1921, in Sebawaing, son of Christ and Louise (Funk) Gayari.

He was married to Josephine R. Zaleski in June, 1947, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 13, 1975.

Mr. Gayari served in the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II. He had been employed at Sebawaing Industries for many years, before retiring in 1982.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Sebawaing, VFW Post #4115 of Sebawaing and American Legion Sebawaing Post #293.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and John Sigmund of Sebawaing; two grandsons, Jeffrey Martin Sigmund and John Sigmund II, both of Sebawaing; three sisters, Susan Gunsell, Dorothy Uhl and Elizabeth Naffien, all of Sebawaing; two brothers, Christ Gayari of Pigeon and Jacob Gayari of Clio, and several nieces and nephews.

The Mass for Christian Burial is taking place at 11 a.m. Tuesday (today) at Holy Family Church, Sebawaing, with Fr. George Serour officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery, Sebawaing. Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider Holy Family Church.

MILDRED O. JONES 1901-1992

Mildred O. Jones, 90, onetime resident of Unionville and now of Curtis, died Sunday, Dec. 20, in Tender Care Nursing Home, Cass City, following an extended illness.

She was born Mildred O. Parsons on Dec. 25, 1901.

She was married to David Frank Jones and resided in Unionville during the 1930s, when Mr. Jones served as postmaster. They had operated a resort business at Curtis in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In their resort they rented cabins and provided meals for hunters and fishermen.

Mrs. Jones was a member of Unionville Moravian Church. Mr. Jones predeceased his wife on Nov. 30, 1979.

She is survived by five nieces and one nephew. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, in Deisler Funeral Home, Unionville, with Rev. Terry Weavil officiating. Burial will be in Moravian Cemetery.

Other Thumb Area deaths

Tyler and Zachary Jandereski, infants, Port Austin, passed away Dec. 10.

Leo Goniwicha, 66, Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 11.

James Bomia, 3, Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 12.

Elsie Westfall, 97 Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 12.

Peter Klosowski, 88, Port Austin, passed away Dec. 14.

Margaret Guigar, 78, Ubyly, passed away Dec. 15.

Gladys Hichens, 96, Ubyly, passed away Dec. 15.

Cecilia Pastor, 76, Bingham Township, passed away Dec. 15.

Sebawaing Meal-Site menu

The Sebawaing Senior Meal-Site, 970 Union St., welcomes all Seniors, 60 years and older and their spouses. The Meal-Site 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: Monday, Euchre - 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Bingo, 10:30 a.m.

Menu: Wednesday, Dec. 23: Pork Steak & Creamy Kraut, spiced squash, tossed salad, French bread, sliced apples with cinnamon.

Thursday, Dec. 24: CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 25: CLOSED - MERRY CHRISTMAS

Monday, Dec. 28: Macaroni & Cheese, green beans, cukes & sour cream, rolls, tapioca pudding.

Tuesday, Dec. 29: Baked Cod Fish, Sophia's slaw, cauliflower, tomato wedges, French bread, tropical fruit.

All meals are served with a variety of breads and drinks.

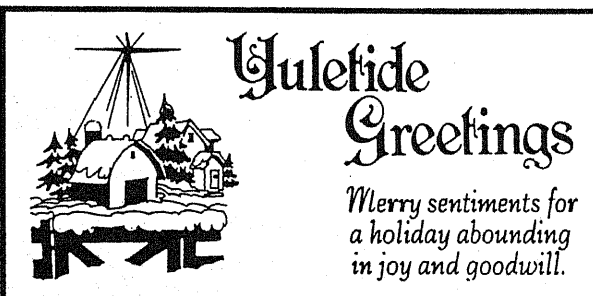
This week's grain markets

Cash markets for Thumb Area Grain as of Monday from Cooperative Elevator (call 453-ELEV anytime) are:

Commodity	Old Crop	New Crop	Last Week
Wheat (bu)	3.12	2.74	3.22
Corn (bu)	1.77	2.08	1.82
Oats (bu - #2 & #1)	1.60/80	---	1.60/80
Soybeans (bu)	5.35	5.55	5.36
Navy Beans (cwt)	22.00	---	22.00



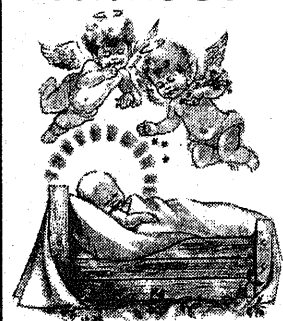
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Peace be with you.

Deisler Funeral Home
Unionville & Saginaw

AMERICAN LEGION AUX. #421

American Legion Aux. #421 met at the Legion Hall Dec. 10 for a program and dinner.

President Kathy Spiekerman presented carnations and pins to the following members for years of service:

Edith LeValley 44 yrs., Maxine Moore 46 yrs., Amanda Nast 45 yrs., Rosemary Skirlo 49 yrs., absent members to receive pins are Anna Mae Houthoofd 45 yrs., Iva Hartner 48 yrs., Francis Schilling 52 yrs., Victoria Burgess 48 yrs., Hazel Spero 48 yrs., Carolyn Sattler 48 yrs. and Marie Cartwright 48 yrs.

Tracy Strieter and Michele Mell, representatives attending Girls State gave interesting reports.

Carol Kata led the group in playing card Bingo. Winners received center pieces made by Kathy Strieter.

There will be no meetings in January and February.

USA SENIOR CITIZENS

The USA High School Drama Club gave its presentation of "Gift... Without Price" to the 40 members of the USA Senior Citizens when they met for their meeting Dec. 11.

The business meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag and "God Bless America" after the pot luck meal.

The secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved. The January com-

mittee was announced and the December birthdays were recognized.

Door prizes were won by Ed Welther, Ralph Reithel and Marion Bohn. Bingo rounded out the afternoon.

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

President Mike Renn welcomed 37 members and guest Elizabeth Fabian to the Dec. 15 meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens.

Clayton Gemmill offered the table prayer before the potluck meal. A Christmas Birthday Cake honoring all the December birthdays was served with ice cream.

The Gemmells led the music, including "America" and The Pledge to the Flag. Honored with "The Birthday Song" were Clayton Gemmill, Vera Sherwood, Sherman Day, Christine Conkey, Mildred Renn, Hazel Beach and Ray English.

"Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was sung to honor the 58th wedding anniversary of Clayton and Ardis Gemmill. "The Anniversary Song" was sung for Frank and Lydia Ross and Ruth and Willard Ulrich.

A get-well card was signed for Louella Ewald. Set-up committee for January will be Marie Hoffman, Eleanor Wilson and Millie Renn. Clean-up will be Edna Wakefield, Mayme Kasser-

man and Ardis and Clayton Gemmill.

Hoffman chaired the program, which featured Christmas readings and music by Chuck Willis, Verdun Newkirk, Audrey Rinnert, Dorothy Newkirk, Della Trudgen and Ardis Gemmill.

The next meeting will be Jan. 5.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Thanks were given to Marge Heckman, Helen Stilwell, Loraine Dell, Terry Pravitone and Stel Budrick for the "earlybird" goodies.

June Poisson, Martha Weremniuk, Lou Vallance and Helen Stilwell celebrated birthdays.

An anniversary was observed by Emil and Margaret Nieschulz.

It was reported that Dorothy Kavalari and Jim Keena are at home. Jan Colbeck is hospitalized.

Twenty-five blood pressure readings were taken by Joyce Deichmann, R.N., from Allen Home Care, assisted by Louise Gerrard.

President Mike Scally asked all to stand and greet their neighbors and recite the "Lord's Prayer."

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Thumb Area club news

75th birthday is celebrated

Clara Nitz of Sebawaing was the guest of honor Sunday at a family celebration of her 75th birthday anniversary.

The entire family—sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren—60 in all, attended Immanuel Lutheran Church together.

The theme of the celebration was "And the Greatest Gift of All is Love." Flowers were placed on the altar in Mrs. Nitz's honor and there was a musical selection for her. Granddaughters Lisa Clawson, Tammy Bitzer and Ginger Scheffler sang "Silent Night," with one verse in German, accompanied by organist grandson Jamie Nitz.

Following the service, potluck dinner was served at the Willard and Lorraine Kuhl residence.

Many gifts were presented to the honoree. A grandson in Maryland phoned greetings to Mrs. Nitz in the afternoon.

Deadline for next week's issue: 5 p.m. this Wednesday!

Here's hoping your holidays are fulfilled and delightful!

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From all of us to all of you, Happy Holidays and many thanks.

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Sebawaing

Laker District finally joins Thumb C Conference

By AMY HEIDEN
The Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District has been working for several years to gain admittance to the Thumb C Conference, and at Monday's meeting, finally realized that goal. The Laker School Board formally accepted the invitation of the TCC to become

part of the longtime sports league. Lakers and the other three schools in the Blue Bay Conference were invited to join, along with Bay City All Saints and Crosswell-Lexington schools. Those schools are expected to also join the TCC at their December meetings, bringing to 13 the TCC

total. The merger of the BBC and TCC won't be complete until the 1994-95 school year, according to Laker Athletic Director Duane Guenther. With the addition of the Blue Bay Conference, the Thumb C will be divided into two divisions — the

current seven-team Division A and the newest six teams in Division B. "There will be a few problems scheduling with 13 teams," Guenther said. "We'll play teams in our division twice and cross over once to the other division." There are other advantages to joining the Thumb C, he noted, including sharing Student Councils and expanding competition in Academic Track. "This will effect us more than just athletically," Guenther said.

Supt. Robert Drury's contract was extended for another three years, in other board action. He will also receive a five percent raise in the first year of the contract, increasing his annual salary to \$62,632. The contract extension was granted after Drury's annual evaluation by the board.

Cooks and cook's helpers in the district will also receive a five percent increase in their hourly wage, after signing a contract last week. The pay raise will be retroactive to the beginning of the school year. Cooks are paid \$7.69 per hour, while helpers receive \$6.90 per hour. Varsity cheerleaders will be allowed to perform certain mounts in their performances, after the board granted a one-year variance in the district's "no-mount" policy.

Guenther asked the board for the variance at the request of new cheerleading coach Brenda Erla. Guenther will judge each mount on its safety and will decide whether a particular exercise may be used. Currently, the Michigan High School Athletic Association has specific guidelines on cheerleading

mounts, and the district's one-year policy will mirror that one.

"The state's guidelines say that whether or not a squad can do mounts is based on the experience and gymnastic abilities of the cheerleaders," Guenther said. In other business the Laker Board:

■ Learned new math teacher Nathan Blecke started work Dec. 14. School officials are still interviewing final candidates to fill the band instructor vacancy.

■ Revised the district's budget to reflect a slight increase in revenues at over \$5.5 million, and a slight decrease in expenditures at \$5.6 million. The district will have a shortfall of over \$133,000, according to the revised budget. The board revises its budget four times a year to reflect changing expenses and revenues.

Sue Damm gets MDA thanks

By AMY HEIDEN
For the past seven years, Bay Port resident Sue Damm has spent her Labor Day weekends hip-deep in fund-raising activities for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

She puts in a long day on Labor Day standing at a roadblock in Sebawaing to collect funds, mans a table at the bake sale at Luke's Supermarket — and finally helps man the telephone phones at the Bay City Mall.

After helping with the Sebawaing telethon for four years, Damm took over the Sebawaing fund-raising efforts.

The national MDA headquarters decided to eliminate the Sebawaing phone bank, but Damm decided that the fund-raising efforts wouldn't stop.

"I just couldn't let it die because I knew if it did, it would never get started again," Damm said.

Damm was recently recognized for her dedication in helping MDA's fund-raising drive, along with the rest of the Sebawaing Telethon Committee.

WNEM-TV's news anchor Kimberly Harms presented framed certificates to Damm for herself and the Committee, at a recognition banquet in Frankenmuth last month.

"I don't know why I do it," Damm said. "It just gives me a lot of satisfaction to know I'm helping in some way."



Joyous Tidings
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May God's Blessings Be Upon You All!

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Michael L. Gage, Sheriff

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The logs are on the fire, the snow is on the ground and our very best holiday wishes are on the way to our many friends and neighbors. We really appreciate having the opportunity to serve you in any way we can and look forward to your continued patronage. Merry Christmas and many thanks for brightening our year.

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USA Middle School band earns 9 first ratings at festival

USA Middle School band students participated in a solo competition and once again represented their community very well, according to band director Marie Breed. Seventeen seventh and eighth grade Junior Band students traveled to North

Branch Junior High School Dec. 12 to participate in MSBOA District III Solo/Ensemble Festival.

Participants included: Leslie Aubry, Jennifer Hearn, flute solo; Leslie Aubry and Jennifer Hearn, flute duet; Melissa DeMaertelure, Jamie Keena, clarinet solo; Jamie Keena, April VanBevern, Christina Arebello and Kristy

Houthoofd, clarinet quartet; Jamie Keena and Christina Arebello, clarinet duet; Kristy Houthoofd, bass clarinet solo; Matt Weavil, Linda Davila, alto saxophone solo; Heidi

Androl and Shannon Horst, alto saxophone duet; Corey Packard, trumpet duet; Mike Lewis and Chad Dewald, trombone duet; Angie Davila and Elizabeth Hampshire, snare drum duet.

Nine of the events from USA received first division ratings, seven received second division ratings, and one received a third division. Ratings are given by adjudicators on a scale of one to

five with one being the highest. Twenty-four schools participated in the festival. Accompanists for the USA Participants were Art Eberlein and Roxanna Weisenbach.

USA FFA trip takes in Buick City

Three dozen students from USA High School District's auto service and general metals classes toured Flint Buick City and GM powertrain V-6 engine plants on Dec. 15.

At Buick City they watched the assembly of new Buick LeSabre and Oldsmobile 88 Royals.

The trip was informative as well as very interesting, said FFA Advisor Carl Kieser. "They saw flat sheet metal being pressed into part and the parts welded together to make cars."

At the engine plant they saw V-6 engines being assembled and test run.

These engines are used in many vehicles from Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Chevrolet.

"The students learned many things, such as the way laser x-rays are used to inspect parts before they are put together," said Kieser.

All-alumni reunion coming July 3 at Sts. Peter & Paul

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Parish of Ruth is planning an All-Alumni and Parish Reunion, for Saturday, July 3.

The event will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the rebuilding of the school and church.

Members are compiling a list of former students, teachers, coaches, nuns, priests, parishioners and former parishioners.

"We would like help in getting addresses for out-of-parish parties," says organizer Gail Maurer.

If you have family or friends who should be contacted, please call the school at 864-3649 or Maurer at 864-3002.

"We would like the list compiled by Feb. 1 and all interested parties will be mailed detailed reunion information in March," she says.

"Make your vacation plans now... don't miss this one."

Merry Christmas

From All Your Friends At

IGA Pigeon IGA
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Pigeon 453-2800

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Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ Staff and families.

As you come to this time of gift giving, please consider the ministry and outreach of Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ in the counties we serve. Your prayers, your presence through-out the year and your monetary gifts are very much appreciated by us.

"We Wish Everyone A Blessed Christmas"

Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ
Box 447 Pigeon - 453-3239

Calendar of Events
Dec. 27-Jan. 3 ... Work Camp, Homestead, FL

1993

Jan. 11	Caro Regional Banquet
Jan. 13	Reese Regional Banquet
Jan. 14	General Board Meeting, Bad Axe
Jan. 30	USA/A-F Regional Banquet
Feb. 11	General Board Meeting, Caro
Feb. 18-28	Mid-Winter '93, Anaheim, CA
Mar. 14-20	Carniel Productions (high school assemblies)
Mar. 29	YFC Annual Sharing Banquet
April 2-11	YFC Florida Trip
April 9-18	YFC Florida Trip
June 12-13	3 on 3 Basketball Tourney
July 17	YFC Auction
Aug. 7	Volleyball Tourney

Legal News Round-Up

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CO-PARTNERSHIPS

Dec. 3 - 10

JVH INVESTMENT COMPANY at 3864 Saginaw Road, Vassar, MI 48768. Owned and operated by John D. Gunden, Virgil R. Albrecht and Herbert J. Albrecht. Filed: 12/4/92.
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erson Road, Akron, MI 48701. Owned and operated by Ann K. Tomcho. Filed: 12/11/92.
CAPTAIN MAC'S DIVE CHARTERS at 6650 North Lake Road, Mayville, MI 48744. Owned and operated by Glenn Edward MacDonald. Filed: 12/11/92.
J&R JANTORIAL at 5669 Hawthorne, Millington, MI 48746. Owned and operated by Jeffrey Richard Smith. Filed: 12/14/92.
BENDER U-HAUL at 9739 Saginaw, Reese, MI 48757. Owned and operated by M. Bender Tool Grinding, Inc. by Melbourne D. Bender and Victoria L. Bender. Filed: 12/16/92.
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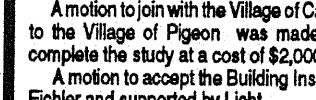
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Closing at 2:00 pm Thursday, Dec. 24
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MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Week of Dec. 14

Jason A. Henne and Rebecca J. Kropp.

HURON COUNTY ASSUMED NAMES

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NO. 6726 BEACHY POULTRY, 143 North Caseville Road, Pigeon, MI 48755. By: Michael E. Beachy, 143 North Caseville Road, Pigeon, MI 48755. Filed: 12/11/92.
NO. 6727 PRECISION TRANSMISSION, 2090 Sand Beach Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413. By: Gregory J. Booms, 2151 Charleston Road, Minden City, MI. Filed: 12/11/92.
NO. 6728 PORT AUSTIN KOA &

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

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RESORT, 8195 North Van Dyke, Port Austin, MI 48467. By: Raymond L. Heins, Pres., 425 Sand Road, Port Austin, MI 48467, Richard Fields, Vice-Pres., 720 Cove Drive, Port Austin, MI 48467, Lorene Babcock, Sec.-Treas., 8510 Lake Street, Port Austin, MI 48467. Filed: 12/11/92.
NO. 6729 K & B COUNTRY CREATIONS, 36 North Center, Sebawing, MI 48759. By: Patricia Bok, 638 Shore Drive, Bay Port, MI 48720 and Elizabeth Kelcher, 2209 Unionville Road, Sebawing, MI 48759. Filed: 12/14/92.

DISSOLUTION

DAN'S DIESEL SERVICE, 3812 Bay Port Road, Sebawing, MI 48759. By: Dan Czewski. Filed: 12/9/92.

Huron County Register of Deeds
Frances Holdwick

WARRANTY DEEDS

Dec. 9 - 15

Robert H. Miller and Dorothy and Sally Ann Miller to Tilius L. Brown and Erlene A.; a parcel of land located in Fairhaven Twp.
Bonnie L. Adams to Sylvia M. Kanyak; a parcel of land located in Section 35 of Caseville Twp.
Carolyn A. Assenmacher to J. David Williams and Sandra L.; a parcel of land located in Hume Twp.
Michael F. Faury and Genevieve M. to Richard J. Kociba and Lori A.; a parcel of land located in Section 20 of Verona Twp.
Ival A. Milton to L. Edwin Cubitt and Joan E.; a parcel of land located in Section 32 of Lincoln Twp.
Albert Aubouchon to Troy A. Grigg and Donna S.; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Lincoln Twp.
Klaas H. Vanruyt and Elviera A. to Michael Domzal and Eleanor; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.

CHANDLER TOWNSHIP

Will hold their Board Meetings
January — March at 7:00 p.m.
at the Township Hall.

FARMLAND AND DWELLING FOR SALE

In order to sell the following farmland and dwelling sealed bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 1993 for the following farmland:

The Southwest One-quarter (1/4) of the Southwest One-quarter (1/4), Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, Winsor Township, Huron County, Michigan.

This 40 acres of land is located 1 mile South of M-142 and Caseville Road intersection and is situated at the Northeast corner of Caseville and Weale Roads.

Bids may be mailed or delivered to Michael D. Otto, Attorney for Seller, at 7340 Michigan Avenue, Pigeon, Michigan 48755, on or before January 12, 1993, and will be opened at the office of Michael D. Otto on said date at 1:00 p.m.

Bidders may bid separately on the farmland and dwelling (including out buildings). If the dwelling and out buildings sell separately a survey will be provided. The parcel to be sold with the dwelling and out buildings will encompass the present boundaries of the dwelling and out buildings.

Seller reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. BIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A 10% deposit. Persons who have submitted bids will be given the opportunity to raise their bid at the bid opening. Evidence of title will be furnished to successful bidder for examination prior to closing of sale. Possession of farmland and dwelling to be given on date of closing. Direct all inquiries to Michael D. Otto at the address or telephone number below. Persons interested in inspecting the dwelling should contact Michael D. Otto to arrange an appointment. The farmland described above is owned by the Estate of Alfred C. Schmidt, Deceased.

Michael D. Otto
Attorney for Seller
7340 Michigan Avenue
Pigeon, MI 48755
(517) 453-3225

Section 3 of Rubicon Twp.
Paul M. Mott and Lynn and Robert C. Stevens to Fredrick G. Gillespie and Ruth Ann; a parcel of land located in Section 3 of Rubicon Twp.
Ruth Munroe to Arthur J. Dhyse and Lois M.; a parcel of land located in Section 19 of Huron Twp.
One J. Trull and Alberta L. to Patricia Schwalm; a parcel of land located in the Village of Caseville.
Gale Schwalm and Patricia to Jeffrey L. Crowley and Colleen; a parcel of land located in the Village of Caseville.

VILLAGE OF CASEVILLE
ICE RINK ATTENDANT

The Village of Caseville is accepting applications for the position of Ice Rink Attendant for the 1992-1993 winter season. Approximately 20 hours per week, \$5.00 per hour, no benefits. Applications may be picked up at the Village/Township Hall. Deadline to submit applications is 4:00 p.m. January 6, 1993. The Village of Caseville is an equal opportunity employer.

Village of Pigeon
NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Village of Pigeon Recycling Center will be CLOSED Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. The Center will be OPEN Saturday December 26 and Saturday, January 2 from 9:00 - 12:00.
James Kohl
DPW Supt.

BID NOTICE

The Village of Elkton will be accepting sealed bids for the Village insurance policy effective April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1994.
Bid specifications can be obtained at the Clerk's office during regular business hours.
Sealed bids are to be returned by 4:00 p.m. February 23, 1993. Bid opening will immediately follow.
The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Janet Santos,
Clerk

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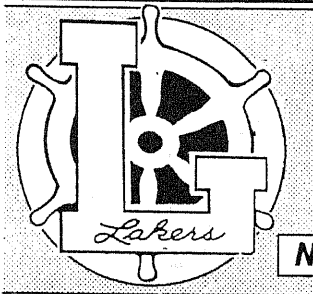
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LAKER HIGH HOSTS FINANCIAL AID MEETING JAN. 7

Around this time of year, many parents become anxious when they hear the words "financial aid." Perhaps their oldest child has finally become a senior and they must face the reality of high tuition cost for the first time, or they dread filling out the "FAFs" for the "ump-teenth" year in a row.
Whatever the reason, the fact remains that anxious or not, if you expect any financial aid for next year's college cost, you must fill out the form.
This year, the financial aid form has taken a drastic turn. First, it will be called the FAFSAA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Some good news is that it is free, and some bad news is that it hasn't been printed yet. There are major changes in the dependent student contri-



The Laker Wave

News and Information About The Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District — Vol. 5, No. 4 — December, 1992

LAKER NHS SELECTS NEW LEADERS

The Laker High School chapter of the National Honor Society recently selected leaders for the 1992-93 school year.
For the first time in its 34-year history, the organization will be led by co-presidents. Elected as this year's leaders are Heidi Schwandt, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Schwandt and Justin Maust, son of Mr. and Mrs. Redford Maust.
They will serve as co-presidents while Keri Fisher, daughter of Diane Fisher, will serve as vice president. Meagan Duerer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duerer, was selected as chairman of the NHS Tutorial Program.
The National Honor Society is primarily an honor organization and is made up of students with high academic achievements. Students are selected for membership on the basis of their GPAs and the annual induction ceremony is traditionally held in February. This year's membership is planning a trip to some cultural event in the near future.

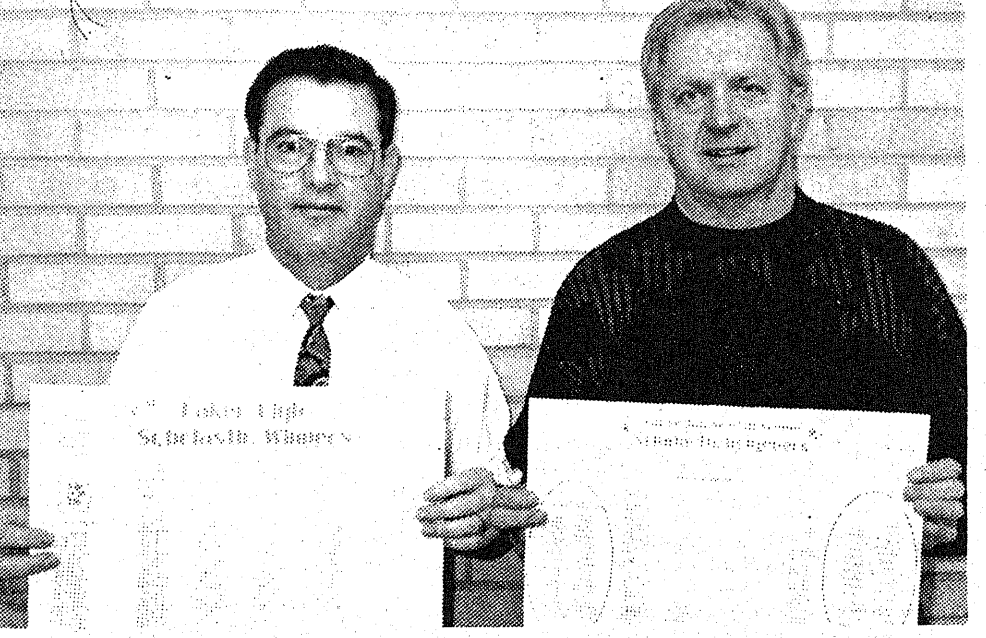


GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS STUDY MICHIGAN A UNIQUE WAY

Sometimes the study of geography can be very boring. But that's not the way it is in Mr. Anthes' first hour. Students in this class are not only challenged to learn more about their state and county, but end up having fun doing it.
In a recent unit, Mr. Anthes devised a project that would not only be fun completing, but also have the students learn many interesting facets of their State. The project involved creating a map of Michigan. Students then collected small pictures of locations and placed them on the map. These locations were tourist attractions, scenic spots and even different activities. Once the map was filled, each attraction or activity was labeled and a description was written on the back of the map.
Mr. Anthes stated that the objective of the unit was to develop a fun project that would make the students more aware of locations and attractions in their own state. He got the idea from his son, who had a similar project in a geography class at Central Michigan University.

TARGET GOAL COMMITTEE SEEKS COMMUNITY RESPONSE

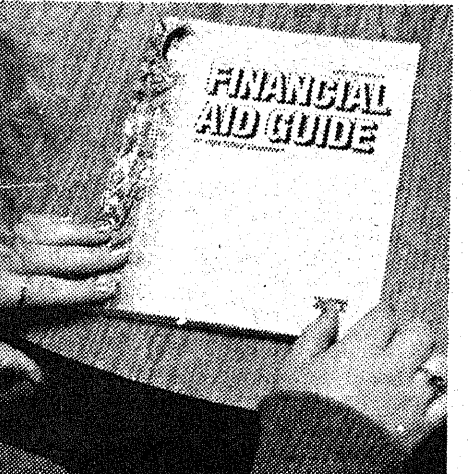
As part of the Outcomes Based Accreditation Model that Laker High School is presently completing, certain target goals have been established and are currently being evaluated.
The first target goal speaks to improving parent/community involvement with the school.
In an effort to promote awareness of student achievements, the committee compiled data and had placemats printed for distribution to area restaurants.
The placemats, listing last year's student achievements for Laker High School on one side and Laker Junior High on the other, have been well received, but the committee needs pertinent information for their data collection.
They are requesting that parents, and/or community members who feel this undertaking has had a positive effect, should contact with the school with their reactions. They may do this by calling 453-2348 (high school) or 453-3131.
Please take a moment and let us know how you feel.



Superintendent's Report: We Must Work Together To Overcome Personal Struggles

By ROBERT DRURY
Season's Greetings! As the holidays approach, we want to take time to reflect over the past year. The Lakers have experienced many proud moments, such as academic successes, community involvement, wonderful parent support at the conferences, and athletic victories.
We, as a school family, have also experienced some very difficult and emotional struggles, particularly in the areas of grief and loss. It is these concerns we would like to address. Since one of the initial ways to deal with stressful situations is to understand or gain information about it, we have included in this newsletter an explanation of issues related to the topics of grief and loss.
Many times, individuals have fears about seeking help or admitting they are having personal struggles. The staff would like to continue to be supportive and work with you to address student and parent concerns. If you have a need for further information or if you have concerns, please feel free to contact any of these people:
Bay Port/Pigeon Elementaries Todd Bigger at 656-2801 or 453-3553
Elkton Elementary Ben Phillips 375-2250
Elementary Counselor Dave Wojcicki
Laker Jr. High Richard Pauly 453-3131
Jr. High Counselor Kathy Dickens

It is important that we work together to help students and their families reach their full potential in all areas of social, academic, physical and emotional growth.
Again, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and remind you that we are here to help in any way.
Have a great holiday!



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Down Memory Lane

From The Pages Of The Sebewaing Blade

50 YEARS AGO DEC. 25, 1942

Frederick Schmitt, 95, Sebewaing's oldest resident, died Friday at the farm home of his son, Otto. He came to America from Germany when he was three, and was a well-known farmer here many years. Surviving are five sons and one daughter.

The day of miracles is not over, as was proved to Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker and his companions rescued after they had spent three weeks in rubber life boats in the Pacific, and prayed for help. Major Carl Siglin, son of former Sebewaing residents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Siglin, was killed in battle in North Africa on Nov. 27.

A Royal Canadian Air Force training plane was forced down on a farm near Kinde Sunday. The pilot was uninjured. The plane was seen maneuvering over Sebewaing earlier and was reported from the aircraft warning station here to Fort Brady at Sault Ste. Marie.

40 YEARS AGO DEC. 26, 1952

Milliken Funeral Home of Sebewaing has been sold to Charles Wiltse, funeral director of Dearborn, who will begin his work here Jan. 1.

Kenneth Wenzel of Rogers City, who will graduate from Central Michigan College at the close of the first semester, has been signed to teach commercial classes in Sebewaing High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Florondo Schweitzer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 1 with a family dinner and open house.

Arthur Reinhold, Jr., of Newport, RI, arrived home Saturday to spend both Christmas and New Year's with relatives.

70 YEARS AGO DEC. 28, 1922

Mrs. Mary Schuch, 86, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Dutcher. She was born in Germany and came to America when a young girl. Surviving are three daughters and three sons.

Stanley Krupp and Floyd Bueschlen are home from MAC at Lansing for the holiday vacation. Many alumni of Sebewaing High School attended the second annual dancing party of the Alumni Association held at Arbeiter Hall Tuesday evening. Attending from out of town were Otto Gettel, Pigeon; Otto Schmidt, Miss Albreta Howell and Bertrand Baur, Bay Port; Miss Leah

30 YEARS AGO DEC. 27, 1962

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Volz, a daughter, Dec. 15.

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Allen Nietzke was named to the honor roll for fall term at Northeastern School of Commerce. He is enrolled in the professional accounting courses at NESCO.

60 YEARS AGO DEC. 23, 1932

Three Sebewaing business places were broken into over the weekend, and about \$25 stolen in cash and merchandise. The stores were Paul Rueffar's meat market, S.T. & H. station and Myers & Riedel.

About 70 attended the Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night honoring the high school team, winners of the Upper Thumb Association championship this year.

A savings of \$10 million will be held in costs of the State government if the 1933 Legislature adopts the reports of the cost commission. Useless board and bureaus would be abolished and other savings made.

20 YEARS AGO DEC. 28, 1973

Winner of the \$500 Grand Prize at the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce was 11-year-old Marvin Yachim of Sebewaing.

Julius R. Hessler, 61, Bach Postmaster, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 23. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter.

10 YEARS AGO DEC. 21, 1982

It's Christmas! It has a special meaning for young and old alike, all over the world. It's a time of love, hope and happiness. At this most joyous time of year let us pause to give thought to our blessings large and small.

30 YEARS AGO DEC. 27, 1962

American Legion Auxiliary, Stamnitz-Linderman Unit 293, celebrated its 50th anniversary Dec. 15. Charter member Naomi Finkbeiner was guest of honor.

Army Pvt. Joseph Schwartz, son of Ruth Schwartz of Sebewaing, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC.

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School convened Wednesday. Ruth Ceyer assisted in the Sees Variety store during inventory.

John H. Kemp is offering his home for sale as his new

55 YEARS AGO JAN. 7, 1938

Church marked the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. August Gaeth of Unionville.

25 YEARS AGO JAN. 4, 1968

Theodore Christian, 65, of Unionville, was killed Dec. 29 in an accident in the business district.

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 attend the funeral of William Miller, died suddenly while here. Remains were taken to his home in Ridge-town, accompanied by his brother, Louis Dubs and son Clarence.

Pigeon Alumni Association held their annual banquet at Hotel Heasty Dec. 28. New officers elected at Leonard Leipprandt, Viola Sting and Gladys Heasty. After the program, an alumni dance was held in the Automotice Sales and Service Hall with music by Pariseau's Orchestra. College students speaking during the program were Otto Baur, Nick Rothe, Norman Maier, Art Gettel and William Sturm. Flora Richmond gave a talk on her trip abroad.

New officers were installed at the meeting of Pine Arbor Cleaners New Year's Night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murdoch, McKinley. They included John Richmond, George Hartman, Eli Wilfong, Sarah Richmond,

Luella Wilfong, Margaret Smith, Ida Murdoch and Allen Wilfong.

**60 YEARS AGO
 JAN. 6, 1933**

Ex-President Calvin Coolidge, 60, dropped dead at his home in Northhampton, MA yesterday. He was the 30th president of the United States, becoming president after the death of President Harding Aug. 3, 1923 and serving until March 4, 1929.

Arthur White, 82, former well-known McKinley resident, died Dec. 31 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chester McDonald, Blanchard. He leaves three sons and four daughters.

New officers of Elkton Evan. Church Ladies Aid are Mrs. W.C. Schiele, Mrs. Solomon Eidt, Mrs. G.W. Ackerman, Mrs. J.H. Motz and Mrs. Ervin Stauffer.

Bad Axe State Savings Bank closed. Friday for reorganization. This bank, known for

many years as the Bank of Post & Steeley, is one of the oldest banks in the Upper Thumb.

**50 YEARS AGO
 JAN. 1, 1943**

Officers who will serve Huron County for the next two years are Representative Howard Nugent; sheriff, M.R. McBride; prosecuting attorney, Thomas McAllister; clerk, John Doyle; treasurer, Robert Richardson; register of deeds, John Upthegrove; drain commissioner, Michael Murray; coroners, Allen MacAlpine, W.T. Collon; surveyor, William Case.

Pigeon Fire Department, as has been their custom for many years, delivered Christmas baskets to the needy. Number this year was 13, fewer than in former years.

Miss Ruth Roberts, Detroit, spent Christmas with her par-

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They presented unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.
 (Matthew 2:11)

The celebration of His birth and the spirit of giving make Christmas the most special time of the year. To all of our wonderful friends we wish an extra-extra special holiday season and New Year.

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ons, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberts, Pigeon. She left Tuesday with 20 other nurses for training in the general hospital in Brigham City, Utah, preparatory for overseas service.

Ladies Aid and their husbands of Cross Lutheran Church, held their Christmas party Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Trost, Pigeon.

Paul Foster, Detroit, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Paul Foster, Pigeon. He is enlisted in the Navy Air Corps and is awaiting call to service.

**40 YEARS AGO
 JAN. 2, 1953**

A new \$800,000 home for student nurses at Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio has been named Draher Hall,

in honor of a Pigeon native, Miss Minnie Louise Draher. She has served the hospital for more than 50 years as student, registered nurse and supt. of nurses. She helped found the present hospital school of nursing and retired in 1945.

Student Recognition Sunday was observed at Hayes Methodist Church. John Wesley Smith, Adrian College, preached, assisted by Ted Leipprandt, Douglas Gettel, M.S.C., Bob Protzman, U of M and Richard Gwinn, C.M.U.

**30 YEARS AGO
 JAN. 3, 1963**

Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Ackerman will observe their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday afternoon at their Elkton home, hosted by their children, Mr.

and Mrs. George Ackerman and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Seley. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Karen Clabuesch, home ec student at MSU, East Lansing, showed pictures of her European trip last summer at the second annual College Night, sponsored by the Rotarians at Laker High. Other speakers were Orville Snider, toastmaster; Rev. M. McCallum, Theodore Buchholz and Joe Baur, Adrian College student. Music was the boys quartet, Ted and Ron Bauman, Robert Haist and John Ramseyer, accompanied by Nola Herford, E.J. Clabuesch led group singing.

Plans to relocate and improve M-25 north of Sebewaing were announced by the State Highway Commissioner John Mackie. He said

the 4.4 mile project will cost about \$650,000.

**20 YEAR AGO
 JAN. 4, 1973**

Laker High School basketball team was a repeat winner in this year's holiday tournament at Crosswell Lexington High School. Scoring were Jim Barbrat, Paul Beachy, Mike Champagne, Tom Knetchel, Ray Leppien and Jim O'Connor.

Edwin Webber graduated from Delta College in applied science and law enforcement. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webber Sr., Pigeon he and his wife Carol Lynn (Baur), will now attend Ferris State College.

First "Burning of the Greens" program will be held Jan. 6 at the ball diamond behind Pigeon Elementary School, sponsored jointly by

churches and Pigeon Area Jaycees. It will include hymn singing, prayer and burning of Christmas greens.

**10 YEAR AGO
 DEC. 30, 1982**

Top story for 1982's Year In Review: Thumb Co-Op Terminal, Inc. of Elkton is sold to the Cooperative Elevator Co. of Pigeon for nearly \$3 million, marking the largest business sale in Huron County in nearly a decade.

Bowling Reports

**MONDAY NIGHT MEN
 Ty's Lounge, Elkton, 12/14**

Rolando's 58
 Moon Beams 55
 Ron's Party Store 54
 Don's Barber Shop 52 1/2
 Jim's Garage 41 1/2
 O.U.I.L. 33

announced growers in the Sebewaing factory district produced by far the most tonnage, 406,163 tons, highest sugar content, 18.89 percent and attained the highest quality factor, 1.0370, based on the company's quality factor at 1.000.

Two new 4-H clubs are in the process of organization in the Huron County Area, according to Robert Johnson, county extension agent. The new groups forming are in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Areas and the Kinde Area.

High team series and game: Don's Barber Shop 2063 (710). High individual series and game: J. Jaworski 593 (232). Other high scores: R. Gotts 558 (210); D. Young 530 (206); L. Garza 519; R. Christner (209). Splits converted: 3-10 J. Fich, R. Christner, R. Christner, C. Mansfield. 2-5-7 F. Kluger. 3-7 S. Bannick.

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