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## Jody Bowman, Madeline Edwards lead USA Class of '93

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 1993 at Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School have been named by Principal Richard Green.

Valedictorian is Jody Bowman and Salutatorian is Madeline Edwards.

**JODY DOUGLAS BOWMAN**, (3.9714 grade-point on 4.0 scale,) is the son of Wayne and Joanne Bowman, Sebewaing.

He plans to attend Michigan Technological University to major in Computer Science. He has been involved in National Honor Society and Band. Hobbies include collecting books, comic books, reading, video games.

Honors: Best in Class: Trig., Algebra II, Chemistry, American Literature. 1st Place - School Poetry contest Band - 3 Division I's, 3 Division II National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist Who's Who Among American High School - 1990-1991-1992

**Salutatorian Madeline Joan Edwards** (3.9238) is the daughter of Duane and Kay Edwards, Unionville. Plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to major



Valedictorian Jody Bowman



Salutatorian Madeline Edwards

in Accounting. She has been involved in: Academic Games, Mock Trial, French Club, National Honor Society President, Student Forum Member at TASC, Business Professionals of America Vice-Presi-

dent, Video High School at TASC.

Hobbies include skiing and bowling. Employment has included Linzner Farms, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Caro Building Center.

**Other USA Class of 1993 Honor Students are:**

**KIMBERLY SUE LUTZ** (3.7881) daughter of William and Cynthia Lutz, Sebewaing. Plans to attend Grand Valley State University to major in Physical Therapy.

**HEIDI MARIE SCHARICH** (3.7600) daughter of Connie Scharich, Sebewaing, and David Scharich, Jr., Sebewaing. Plans to attend the University of Michigan to major in Pre-Medicine/Biology.

**STACY JO MANNINEN** (3.7575) daughter of John and Maria Manninen, Unionville. Plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to major in Secondary Education.

**RHONDA SUE GARZA** (3.7262) daughter of Carolyn Garza, Sebewaing. Plans to attend Central Michigan University to major in Secondary Education.

**MARJORIE ANNE ACKERMAN** (3.5850) daughter of Duane and Ann Ackerman, Unionville. Plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University, double major in Busi-

ness Administration and Secondary English.

**RHODA LEA HAHN** (3.5767) daughter of Ron and Diane Hahn, Unionville. Plans to attend a trade school in Norway.

**MICHELLE MARIE MELL** (3.5619) daughter of Mr. & Mrs. DeWayne Austin, Unionville, and Mr. & Mrs. Norman Pepin, Jr. Vassar. Plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to major in Accounting.

**AMY CHRISTINE HORN** (3.5262) daughter of Sharon and John Horny, Sebewaing. Plans to attend Central Michigan University to major in Chemistry.

**KARI NOEL RIEMAN** (3.4952) daughter of Duane and LoAnn Rieman, Sebewaing. Plans to attend Concordia College to major in Secondary Education.

**WILLIAM OTTO NIETZKE** (3.4571) son of Allan and Karon Nietzke, Sebewaing. Plans to attend College to major in Economics.

**KOURTNEY DONEL FIEBIG** (3.4381) daughter of Don and Kathy Fiebig. Plans to attend Ferris State University to major in Nursing.

**DANIELLE MARGARET LANGFORD** (3.4119) daughter of Steve and Helen Langford, Sebewaing. Plans to attend Ferris State University

to major in Optometry. **HEIDI LYNN KING** (3.3667) daughter of Donald and Barbara King, Akron. Plans to attend Central Michigan University to major in Pre-Law.

**DAVID ALLEN KEMP** (3.3333) son of Allen and Lori Kemp, Unionville. Plans to attend Michigan State University to major in Science/Engineering.

**TROY PATRICK STRIETER** (3.2881) son of Paul and Diane Strieter, Sebewaing. Plans to attend Michigan

Tech University or Saginaw Valley State University to major in Engineering.

**JOEL DAVID BOLZMAN** (3.2714) son of Joan Bolzman, Sebewaing, and Donald Bolzman, Unionville. Plans to attend Delta College to major in Data Processing.

**STEPHANIE JOY WILTSE** (3.2548) daughter of Dave and Pam Wiltse, Sebewaing. Plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University

**DANIELLE KATHRYN GUCWA** (3.2071) daughter

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### NEWS ROUND-UP

#### Week's weather watch

Cold, cold, cold and cold! High/low 22/2	Still cold, may go below zero 20/-5	Continuing cold, blowy in daylight 20/0	Scattered snow, slightly warmer 25/10
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend

#### Move it or lose it in Pigeon

If you're a Pigeon resident and you've got a junk car or debris in your yard, it's time to get it moved or cleaned up. That's the word from the Pigeon Village Council, which adopted a blight ordinance at last week's meeting.

The ordinance says that the village can enter the property to do the cleanup if the resident doesn't, and put the cost of the cleanup work on the property owner's taxes, according to Village Clerk Janet Heckman.

The village police department is authorized to enforce the ordinance, which goes into effect March 1.

Council also adopted a budget for the 1993-94 fiscal year, totaling \$725,000 with revenues of \$387,279 and expenditures of \$386,444.

In other business, council:

■ Agreed to hire Huron Excavation, Inc. to clean up the burning ground area at a cost of \$4,200. The final cost will be based on the number of cubic yards of material removed from the area.

■ Hired Carl Osentoski of the Huron County Economic Development Corp. at a cost of \$2,000 to help seek grants for the village.

#### Elkton tries to balance budget

The Village of Elkton is looking at a \$62,000 deficit in its 1993-94 budget, but fund balances left over from the 1992-93 budget will cover the shortfall.

The Village Council adopted the budget at last week's meeting. It calls for almost \$527,000 in revenues and just

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**QUILT HELP:** Last winter, a dozen handmade quilts were donated to the Huron County Probate Court's Juvenile Division to give to abused children who were taken from their homes. Now, only two of those quilts remain and the members of the informal quilter's club that meets at the Pigeon District Library gathered last week to sew another dozen quilts.

Ann Marie Clabuesch, busy working on a quilt with auddy bear pattern, said the quilts help give some comfort to young children who are bewildered and upset because of the trauma in their lives.

PICTURED WORKING on a quilt are, from left, Isabel Pippardt, Zita Sturm and Joyce Kretzschmer.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

## Huron native, DNR leader, speaks to Conservation Club

Huron County native John Kennedy, chief of Policy and Program Development for the state Department of Natural Resources, last week spoke to 300 people at the Pigeon Conservation Club. He spoke on Saginaw Bay/Basin problems and the actions which are currently being taken to improve the water quality of the Bay. The 22-county Basin Area is officially called the Saginaw Bay National Watershed Initiative, based at Saginaw Valley State University.

Purpose of the initiative is to coordinate environmental efforts and avoid duplication in remedial action plans, organizer Virgil Bouck of Pigeon says.

### Drill team members wanted

Area veterans interested in joining the local drill team are invited to attend a meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Sportsmen's VFW Hall, Sebawaing.

For more information, call Maurice Bolzman 883-2559.

environmental groups, and the Saginaw Bay Watershed Council works with local government and educational institutions.

Kennedy stressed the importance of the preservation of wetlands and marshes surrounding the Bay. He emphasized that prevention is the key to clean water, rather than clean-up after the damage is done.

Kennedy congratulated the Pigeon Conservation Club for its work with the DNR on its pheasant restoration programs and its farm chemical safety programs.

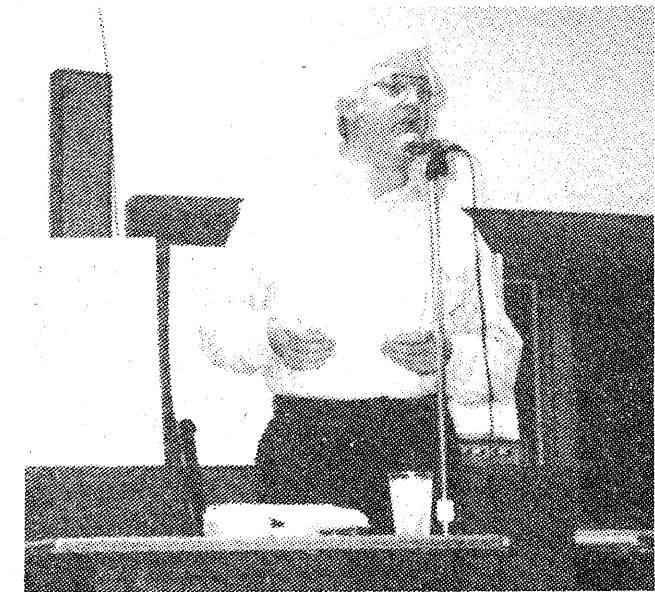
He commended the young people involved for their at-

tendance and interest in the environment.

**Pigeon native** Bob Libka brought a group of seven foreign students from Walther Lutheran High School in Melrose Park, Ill., to the meeting. Four are from Spain, one each from Japan, Yugoslavia and Russia.

"I brought these boys here so their view of America wouldn't be limited to their experiences in Chicago," Libka said.

"I'm proud of my hometown and of the work the Conservation Club does. Tonight your impact is carried around the world."



JOHN KENNEDY at Pigeon Conservation Club meeting.

## Solid TN fiscal '92

The largest number of shareholders ever to attend an annual meeting of Thumb National Bank heard President/CEO Paul Clabuesch

say the company had taken another solid step in returning to "accustomed levels of profitability" in 1992.

The meeting was held at Greenfields in Pigeon last Tuesday.

Acknowledging the "Agriculture Crisis" of the late 1980s and early 1990s, Clabuesch said since 1989 the trend has been to improve the prior year's performance.

He added that while the operation has taken enormous amounts of energy, time and effort of the entire

company, "we are very pleased to report our results."

**In net profits** there was an increase of 12.72%, he said, from \$431,761 in 1991 to \$486,688 last year. While return on average equity in 1991 was 6.92%, that return had risen to 7.64% in the latest year.

Clabuesch's talk to shareholders centered on Thumb National's role as the biggest lender in Michigan.

He said that in the three Upper Thumb counties—Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac—the 10-year average of farm loans was \$106 million, of which Thumb National's share was \$32

million, or 30.5%. Thumb National wrote off \$3.9 million in losses in the 10-year 1981-91 period, he said, adding that if the local bank's share of losses had been in proportion to its share of ag loans, the actual loss would have been closer to \$10 million.

**Clabuesch declared** that Thumb National is basically through with the farm loans difficulty. "We now have our problems behind us," he said.

In closing he stated, "There is sound reason for good feelings for old and new shareholders. We have a good loan base, and we have held our money together."

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## Caseville's Shanty Days 'hit the ice' this weekend

By AMY HEIDEN

It's here! The first annual Caseville Shanty Days kicks off this Friday through Sunday, Feb. 19 - 21, as sponsored by the Caseville Chamber of Commerce.

Offers a cure for those mid-winter blues with three days of activities designed to appeal to snow lovers and cocooners alike.

Chamber organizer Linda Hogan said Shanty Days are designed to show that the Caseville area doesn't curl up and hibernate during the winter.

"We want people to know that Caseville is a year-round area and we want them to visit and enjoy what we have to offer," Hogan said. "A lot of people who previously only came up during the

summer are now coming up during the winter, too, to get away from the city."

**On Friday**, the festival gets underway with turkey bowling at the Caseville IGA from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There's a pool tournament at Riverside Bar at 8 p.m. and live entertainment at Blue Water Inn at 9 p.m. And the Bay Theater will have special movies at 7 and 9 p.m.

**Saturday** offers a full day of activities, starting with the ice races at Mud Creek, with registration and practice starting at 9 a.m. The races get started at noon with a wide variety of snowmobiles and four wheelers taking to the ice.

Hogan noted the ice races will be handled by Moreland's Racing Facility of Stanton, who has years of experience putting on ice races all over Michigan. Later, awards will be handed out for the ice racing winners at the Eagles Club, and everyone can enjoy a spaghetti supper at the club. All day long, organizers will be judging decorated ice fishing shanties and anglers will

be trying to catch the fish that wins the ice fishing contest.

Registration for either contest is at Wildfowl Bay Resort or Hoy's Saginaw Bay Marina.

**For spectators** and the kids, there'll be a warming tent, concessions a kids ice rink and cash raffles all day long near the ice races.

For the first time, Hidden Harbour Golf Course will open for cross-country skiing, with acres of open land and graceful woods to ski through.

In the evening, the Bay Theatre will open for two movie showings, while the Caseville firemen take visitors on a hayride around town.

Or for those who don't care to ride, they can enjoy hot chocolate around the bonfire next to the Bay Window Restaurant, then enjoy a movie, listen to live entertainment at the Blue Water Inn or try their singing skills in karaoke at the Riverside Bar.

**After Sunday breakfast** at the Eagles Club, those whose interests run to hitting little dimpled balls around a field can try their hand at snow golf at the Caseville Golf Course at 10 a.m.

There's more cross country skiing at Hidden Harbour, and the ice fishing contest will continue until 1 p.m.

There'll be team games at the state docks, also at 1 p.m. and finally the ice fishing and shanty decorating awards will be handed out at the harbor at 2 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce installed a toll-free 800 number for information on happenings in the Caseville area, and Hogan said most calls coming in have wanted information on the new festival, particularly the ice races.

Flyers have been posted all over Michigan, so organizers are expecting a large turnout for all the events, she said.

Special Caseville Shanty Days sweatshirts designed by Island Graphics' Mike Snider are available at most Caseville businesses, and they're sure to become collectors' items.



NORM SAMBORSKY, left, and Pless Henry haven't yet decided how to decorate their shanty for the shanty decorating contest, but they're leaning to fish heads and tails. "But we have to catch the fish first to that," Samborsky said. They'll join lots of others in the contest to find the most beautiful, tastefully decorated shanty on Saginaw Bay, during Caseville's Shanty Days.



ICE SHANTIES ARE a common sight on Saginaw Bay in the winter and they'll be full of fishermen trying to catch the winner of the Caseville Shanty Days ice fishing contest.

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7:00 & 9:00 p.m. ....MOVIE — at Bay Window Theatre  
7:30 p.m. ....TURKEY BOWL — at Caseville IGA  
8:00 p.m. ....POOL TOURNAMENT — at Riverside Bar  
9:00 p.m. ....LIVE ENTERTAINMENT — at Blue Water Inn

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. ....SIGN-UP — for Contests  
Ice Fishing Contest and/or Shanty Decorating Contest  
Sign-Up at Wildfowl Bay Resort or Hoy's Saginaw Bay Marina

9:00 a.m. ....ICE RACING SIGN-UP & PRACTICE — at Mud Creek  
Noon - 4:00 p.m. ....ICE RACING — at Mud Creek  
Noon - 4:00 p.m. ....CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING — at Hidden Harbor  
6:00 p.m. ....ICE RACING AWARDS & RAFFLE DRAWING  
— at Fraternal Order of Eagles' Hall (Band begins at 9:00 p.m.)

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. ....MOVIES — at Bay Window Theatre  
7:30 p.m. ....BONFIRE & HAYRIDE — at Bay Window Restaurant  
9:00 p.m. ....LIVE ENTERTAINMENT — at Blue Water Inn  
9:00 p.m. ....KARAOKE — at Riverside Bar

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ....ICE FISHING CONTEST  
8:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ....F.O.E. BREAKFAST  
10:00 a.m. ....SNOW GOLF — at Caseville Golf Course  
10:00 a.m. ....CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING — at Hidden Harbor Golf Course  
1:00 p.m. ....TEAM GAMES — in Downtown Caseville  
2:00 p.m. ....FISHING & SHANTY AWARDS — in Downtown Caseville

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## Laker Theatre Team qualifies for state!

The Laker High School Theatre Team won the Regional Theatre Festival at Frankenmuth High School Saturday.

Their One Act Play, "The Actor's Nightmare," was the highest rated play of the six plays presented at the regional festival.

The Laker Team will now compete for state honors with a performance on Friday at 9:35 a.m. at the University of Michigan.

Receiving certificates of

excellence for the Lakers at regional competition were Heidi Schwandt for acting and Jon Helmuth, Steve Corron, Pat McArdle and Kris Kranz for sets.

Receiving a superior certificate for performance was Greg Nimitz for acting and the ensemble for costumes.

Other student actors were Jason Stahl, Stacey Krueger, Ben Lange and Danielle Damen. Jenny Wheeler was the stage manager at the regional performance.

Other high schools competing on Saturday were Bay City John Glenn, Essexville Garber, Waterford, Kettering and host Frankenmuth.

In 1990, the Laker One Act Play, "I Never Saw Another

Butterfly" won the Class C-D honors at the state festival and several of the members of that team are seniors on this team.

Just what did the students have to say about their regional win?

Senior Ben Lange said, "I missed going my freshman year so I'm looking forward to it."

Heidi Schwandt said, "I went to State my freshman year and yet this is an awesome feeling to be able to go again my senior year!"

Kris Kranz added, "We won, what more is there to say?"

Laker teacher Mike Terrill is theatre and drama advisor.

## Down Memory Lane

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met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Alex Lich. Mrs. Hartner was welcomed as a new member. Her daughter, Sharon Hartner, was a guest at the meeting, showing slides and telling of her experiences in missionary world in New Zealand.

Several students of Unionville Community School music department participated in the Senior Solo Ensemble Festival Saturday.

### 15 YEARS AGO FEB. 16, 1978

Last Thursday, FFA members from USA traveled to Reese and won the District

Competition. Team members included Brian Markle, Renee Meissner, Rhonda Haag, Annette Schumacher, Kevin Elston, Greg Haag, Bruce Kundinger, Jan Hornbacher, Scott Bedore, Bryce Kundinger, Neal Gettel, Renee Kuhl, Cathy Jacoby, Dave Claerhout, Mark Zimmer, Scott Zimmer, Craig Rieman and Jim DeSimpelare. Carl Kieser is instructor.

Charles Guenther formerly of Unionville has been named as the Chief of the DNR Enforcement Bureau. Charles is the son of Mrs. Victoria Guenther of Unionville and the late Edward Guenther. Five generations of the Van

Hove family gathered recently in Frankenmuth. They were great-grandfather, Roy Thompson, father, Robert Van Hove II and grandmother, Blodwen Van Hove, great-great grandmother Mata Thompson and Robert Van Hove III.

A son, Tavis John, was born Feb. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. David Schlicker of Suring, Wisc. Grand-parents are Rev. and Mrs. Harold Schlicker. Travis was born on his grandmother's birthdate.

Alex Holzwart fell and broke his shoulder Monday and is a patient at Caro Community Hospital.



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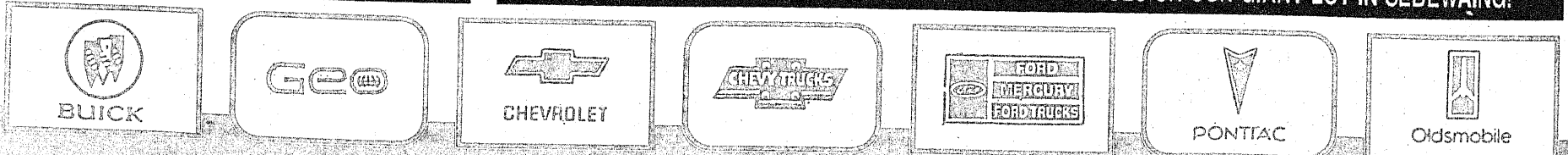
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