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State Finals for Laker Mock Trial Team

By AMY HEIDEN

The court case being debated is whether or not a teacher was wrongfully fired from his job for allegedly promoting homosexuality in his classroom.

And the attorneys for the defense and the plaintiff, plus all the witnesses, are members of the Laker High School Mock Trial Team, which recently finished in the Final Four in regional competition.

That top finish gave them an automatic berth in the state competition coming up Saturday, March 27 at the Oakland County Courthouse.

Advisor for the group this year is Laker law and psychology teacher Kevin Klaeren.

"The key to their success is that they're doing a fine job and they're experienced people," Klaeren says.

"The competition is very tough this year. The judges told us that our witnesses were very believable, and out of four witnesses, three of them are new."

To win the state title, the Lakers will have to defeat



HERE'S THE LAKER MOCK TRIAL team: sitting in front is Erin Nimitz and Danielle Damen.

In the rear is Josha Talaski, Russ Truemner, Phil Leipprandt, Christa Keim, Heather Fisher and advisor Kevin Klaeren.

rival Kalamazoo Central, which won the state title last year and always presents a formidable challenge, Klaeren says.

USA all-star basketballers ready for Detroit Lions

At least six members of the Detroit Lions are getting ready to travel to Sebawaing and face the USA All-Stars in a basketball battle that will rattle the rafters, shake the floors and thrill Thumb-area football and roundball fans. Veterans of many an NFL battle, the Lions will be in top form, but the All-Stars are tuning-up, too, and the contest will be one you won't want to miss.

The game is a highlight of this year's Gary Loeffler Basketball Tournament, and will be played Friday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the USA High School gym.

In addition to the game, organizers have planned raffles of autographed footballs, T-shirts, the actual game ball, and a chance to sit on the Lions' bench with the players. Lions team members will also talk with young fans and autograph souvenir programs at halftime.

Advance tickets are on sale in Sebawaing at Dast Pharmacy, Bolzman Ace Hardware and Gettel Auto Mall. Fans also can purchase advance tickets at Community Bank, Caro; Interior Home Furnishings, Bad Axe; and Lindy's Sales in Quanicassee. Tickets also will be available at the door.

The annual Gary Loeffler Tournament is sponsored by USA Athletic Boosters, and proceeds from the Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 26, 27 & 28 event again will be used to help promote and encourage youth participation in sports.

Twelve teams will take part in the best and busiest weekend of the year for area basketball fans. The Loeffler Tournament attracts competitors from across the state, and has developed a solid reputation for high-quality play.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Week's weather watch

Warming, chance of snow High/low 36/18	Flurries possible, but sunny 33/22	Cooler but bright, snow at night 28/15	Warmer, partly cloudy but dry 35/25
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Wednesday Thursday Friday Weekend

Sugar Fest volunteers will meet Thursday, March 18

Thumb-area people interested in helping produce the 1993 Michigan Sugar Festival are invited to meet Thursday, March 18 at Annabelle's restaurant in Sebawaing. The get-together includes event chairmen and chairwomen as well as any other volunteer workers and potential event sponsors. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

The 1993 Festival is expected to be the largest in its long history, and will certainly be the most unique, as well. In addition to special events that include contests, rides, talent shows, parades and games, this year's Festival also will feature special performances by the Franzen Brothers Circus. Inside a tent that seats 1,200, spectators will enjoy traditional circus acrobatic acts, and be thrilled by entertainment that includes elephants, tigers, horses, exotic birds, camels, llamas and other animals.

Festival Chairman Mel Kuhl notes that local youngsters will be interested especially in the many unique animals on hand, and adds that the circus elephants will take part in the grand parade and be available for rides between performances.

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Volleyballers head for state tournament

DARLENE JAWORSKI AND AMANDA BARRY teamed up to block a drive last Saturday to help the Laker volleyball team win the Regional championship and earn their third trip to the state tournament since 1990. Coach Sue Fredericksen's squad will face Burton Atherton in the Class C quarterfinals this Friday at 7:00 p.m. at Kalamazoo College.

Laker basketballers made big news for themselves last week, too. Led by Justin Maust with 38 points, the Green Machine put another District title in its trophy case with a 81-64 win over Harbor Beach at USA Friday night.

Now they'll travel to Cass City to face the Brown City Green Devils Wednesday night at 7:00 in Regional basketball competition.

Down Memory Lane

From The Pages Of The Pigeon Progress & Elkton Advance

90 YEARS AGO MARCH 27, 1903

Charles Morris and Andrew Neiley, Jr. purchased the Huron House at Elkton. The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Winsor Township, died Saturday.

Charles Diefenbach's Rheumatism Cure for sale by Louis Staubus.

Thomas A. Edison says he will soon reduce the lighting business to so simple a proposition that every home will be its own electric light works. For heaven's sake, Tom, hurry up!

At Winsor Township Caucus, the following ticket was placed in nomination: William Koehn, Solomon Schluchter, D.C. McDonald, Henry Clabuesch, O.P. Chapin, Michael Heberly, J.J. Campbell, George Wilfong, Frank Holtzman, Ruben Schluchter, E. Stueck.

H.G. Dutcher, Bay Port, is again located as manager of the Heisterman Island Club House for the spring season.

Misses Nellie and Bella Wallace, who are attending college at Alma, are spending vacation with their parents at Bay Port.

80 YEARS AGO MARCH 29, 1913

At the first meeting of the new Pigeon Village Council, President Schluchter appointed Henry McAuley street commissioner and marshal, A.H. Sauer attorney, Otto Frenzel health officer. Salaries fixed for the coming year are: clerk \$75, attorney 25, assessor \$40, marshal and street commissioner \$50 per month.

Pigeon and surrounding area was visited by one of the worst windstorms in history March 21. Losses included damage to Pigeon Novelty factory, Diebel Hall, William Bros. pickle station

blown down, damage to Pigeon Telephone Co. Barns were destroyed or damaged on farms of Ed Pedler, Henry Muentener, Louis Dubs, Noah Geiger, George Cleaver, Jane Watterworth, George Henry, Jacob Wurtz, Frank Wolf and Peter Neibauer.

William Seeley purchased Joohn Soehner's property in Elkton.

Elkton Farmers and Gleaners Elevator will give a noon-day oyster dinner at the elevator on Friday.

70 YEARS AGO MARCH 30, 1923

W.H. Wallace has had a radio outfit installed in his house at Bay Port.

Clean Record Day was held at Bay Port School Friday. Those excused for the afternoon were Fern and Margaret Lee, Elizabeth Reid, Lyle Shannon, John Houch, Keith Ballard and Ralph Conger.

Joseph Albrecht has purchased the Fred Damm farm of 80 acres in Winsor.

Garfield Steadman and Zera Foster who are attending school at M.A.C., Lansing, are spending their spring vacation at their homes in Pigeon.

Kenneth Leipprandt, who is attending school at Alma, is home for vacation.

60 YEARS AGO MARCH 31, 1933

Mrs. Robert Gillingham and Mrs. Eva Drury, Caseville, entertained three tables at bridge at the home of Mrs. Gillingham. Prizes were won by Mrs. Paul Deford, Mrs. Bert Curran and Mrs. Mabel McCoy.

A large number of friends and relatives helped Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Ackerman celebrate their 25th anniversary at their home in Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Severn purchased the Seeley place at Elkton from Elmer Morin.

Mr. Severn intends to start a small berry farm.

50 YEARS AGO MARCH 25, 1943

John Yackle, 69, well-known retired Winsor farmer, died at his home in Pigeon. Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Carl and two daughters, Florence and Esther.

Mrs. O.L. Gregory, Mrs. Stanley Schubach, Mrs. Herbert Gettel, Mrs. Emil Elftman, Mrs. Robert Bowman Sr. and Mrs. Robert Bowman Jr. and daughter Elizabeth Ann, all of McKinley, attended a quilting at the home of Mrs. William Gettel, Sebewaing Township.

Sgt. Roy Eimers of Fort Benning, GA is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Eimers, Pigeon.

Oakley Best, who has been Pigeon School superintendent the past eight years, has notified the board of education that he does not wish to return for another year.

40 YEARS AGO MARCH 27, 1953

Delores Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartman, has been named valedictorian of the senior class at Pigeon High School and Doris Drummond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Drummond is salutatorian.

Paul Behm, Arlen Born, Harlan Christner, Robert Law, Lorraine Nieschulz, Ronald Schroeder, Patricia Stahl, James Stahl and Lloyd Ziel will be confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday.

Louis S. Staubus, 85, well-known pioneer merchant of Pigeon passed away at his home. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

June Hornbacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hornbacher, Sebewaing, was selected Huron County Dairy Queen from a field of 31 candidates.

Firm of Roy Damm & Sons

will hold the Grand Opening of their new implement building this Saturday in conjunction with "Oliver Day."

30 YEARS AGO MARCH 28, 1963

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held March 31 for the new educational wing of Pigeon Methodist Church.

Erika Lynn Stein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stein, Caaseville, was named valedictorian of the senior class at Caseville High School and Charles Hamlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ankney, was named salutatorian.

Charles Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schmidt, Pigeon, was elected president of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at MSU.

20 YEARS AGO MARCH 29, 1973

Village of Pigeon became an official part of the Pigeon District Library system during a special meeting of the Village Council. It joins with townships of Winsor, McKinley and Chandler in library operation and support.

Honor students at Owen-Gage Schools are Daniel Andrakowicz, valedictorian, and Kathy LaFave, salutatorian, both of Owendale.

Retiring teachers at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port school system are Gertrude Quinn,

Elaine Cook, Alfreda Boesch, Jennie Schultz and Ethyl Ebert. Caseville teachers retiring are Mrs. Vera Bushey and Mrs. Alys Dufty.

10 YEARS AGO MARCH 23, 1983

Members of Elkton Lions Club donated three new downtown benches to the village as part of their on-going beautification program. The Lions also planted 90 trees at Ackerman Memorial Park, in another project headed by Fred Santos, Sr.

From The Pages Of The Unionville Crescent

75 YEARS AGO MARCH 22, 1918

Ruth Geyer is assisting Louise Weingarth in her millinery parlor and learning the millinery act.

Two washouts on the railroad between here and Bay Port Wednesday delayed traffic. The trains for the north remained here until time for departure to Saginaw in the afternoon.

"Riches have wings." "They need 'em to keep up with the cost of living."

At a meeting of the Hotel Association last Monday night it was voted to go ahead with the hotel, complete the incorporation and get the

Pigeon Village Council's three newest members were sworn into office recently by Village Clerk Joe McArdle. They are Kenneth Licht (incumbent) and newcomers Tony Kula and Fred Orr.

Jack McCain and Roger Vollmer have purchased Lester Fogle's plumbing business in Bay Port and have opened it as Bay Shore Plumbing.

The Caseville Comedies & Tragedies Troupe is preparing for its eighth annual performance under direction of teacher Mary K. Quinn.

material as rapidly as possible. Sebewaing sandstone brick will be used and the hauling will be commenced as soon as the roads permit. It will be located on the site of the old Merry House.

Money talks and it is usually in a hurry to say goodbye.

65 YEARS AGO MARCH 23, 1928

Mrs. August Louis who has been ill for two weeks is improving.

Born Monday morning to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Culver at the Lutheran Teachers Home, a nine-pound boy.

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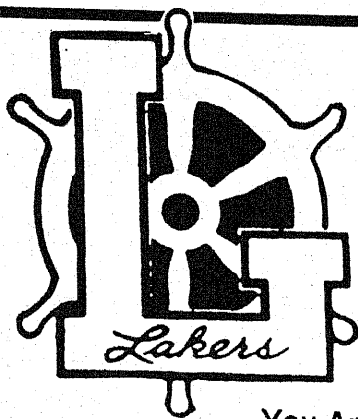
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