

# 'Kiosks by kids' help spread Huron tourism news

By **SALLY RUMMEL**  
Providing a unified marketing theme to aid tourism county-wide has been a top agenda item for the Huron County Council of Chambers.

Fitting into that goal is a system of informational "kiosks," which are now being constructed through the efforts of Ron Klebba's Building Trades instruction class at the Huron Area Skill Center near Bad Axe.

The kiosks, the brainchild of strategic planner Rob Steele of Pigeon, will be located in interested Thumb Area communities to serve as a source of information for tourists who are visiting the Thumb Area.

"The key to successful marketing of the Thumb area is a unified, visible symbol of Huron County tying each of the communities together," explains Steele, who has been working with the Huron County Council of Chambers on this project.

"The kiosks can serve as that symbol, while also providing valuable information to tourists about each specific community as well as the county."

Designed by Fred Fortsch of Pigeon/Caseville Lumber & Supply Co., each kiosk will be approximately nine feet tall with six sides available for posting information.

The kiosks will be built in one piece indoors, ready for placement in a permanent location and the finishing touches of paint, in a color to be decided upon by the HCCC.

Potential informational uses for the kiosks will be to post village, township and county maps; a list of the town's services and retailers; emergency services and phone numbers; local upcoming events; brochure racks; local newspapers; weather information; accommodations and camping information; real estate listings, etc.

The approximate cost of each kiosk will be \$1,400, with each community responsible for its own funding.

Some communities are approaching their service organizations for donations, while others are holding fund-raisers or asking local businesses and Chambers to help support the project. The communities who have made a definite commitment to a kiosk and have funding in place will receive the first kiosks constructed by the students at the HASC.

According to Building Trades instructor Ron Klebba, plans are to have at least five kiosks ready for communities by the end of the school year.

"The kids are really fired up about working on this kiosk project," he says. "They feel good about having their hands on a project that will be visible in their communities."

From a teacher's viewpoint, the kiosk project is a valuable learning experience for the students, according to Klebba.

"The kids provide some unique challenges for the kids, because they have a unique roof (an asphalt shingle, hip roof) and also contain wiring," says Klebba.

While the Building Trades classroom is often asked to provide labor for projects, Klebba won't allow his students to do a project unless the kids can learn from it.

"They have to be able to apply what they learn in a project to what they will experience in the workplace," he adds. "But if it's a community-oriented project, we like to do it, if at all possible."

For each kiosk constructed, the Building Trades class will receive \$100 from the communities as a donation to help underwrite travel and registration expenses for students who participate in industrial arts competition at the state level. The \$1400 cost of each kiosk is for materials only.

"It's a 'good deal' for us as communities, as well as for the students involved," says Steele. "Our donation back to the HISC Donated Fund will help the students as they go on to compete in skills they have learned."

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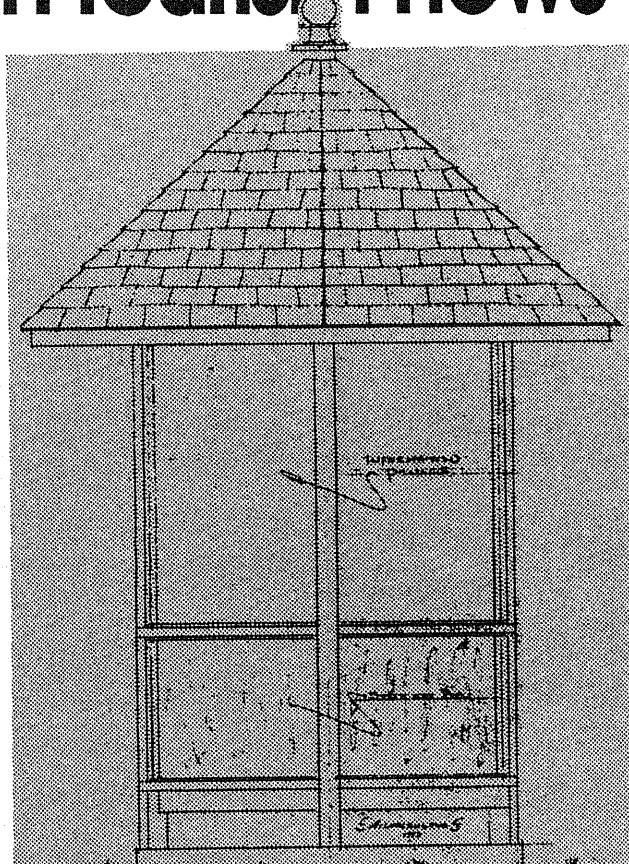
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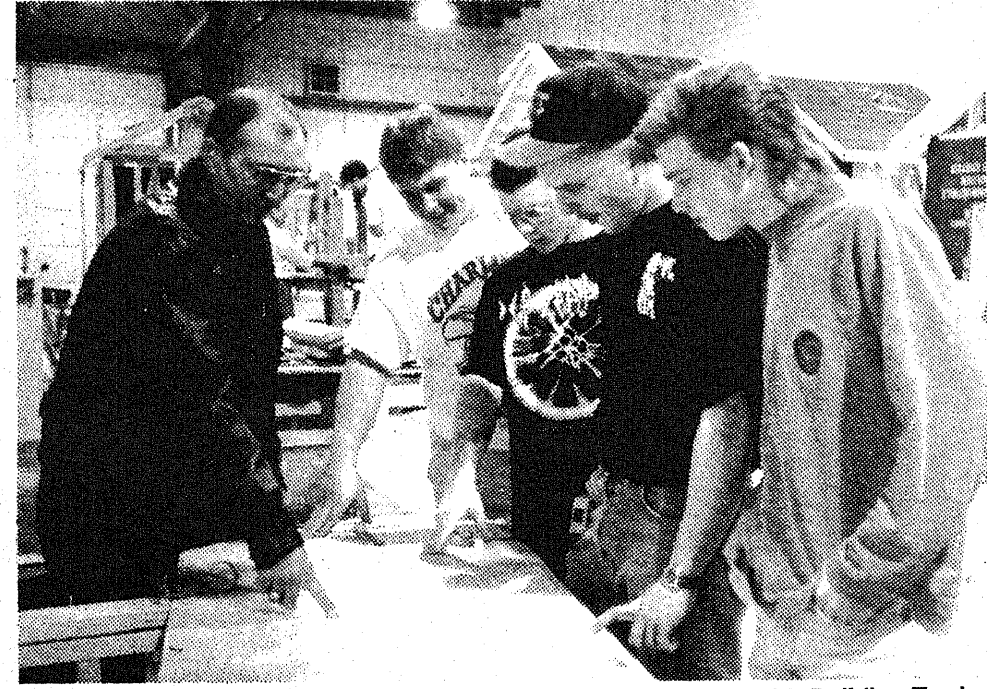
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HERE'S A DRAWING of a proposed kiosk.



FRED FORTSCH of Pigeon/Caseville Lumber & Supply Co., far left, looks over the blueprints for the kiosk with Building Trades students, from left, Jeff Knoblock, North Huron; James Pawlowski, Harbor Beach; Dave Maurer, Ubyly and Chris Johnsonbaugh, Laker.

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# 1,140 pies: THAT'S a lot of apples!

**SWEET PROFITS!**  
That's what is the result of the Pigeon Rotary Club/Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ pie-making project, which was concluded Saturday.

About \$3,500 was raised for community youth projects between the two groups, when more than 1,140 "homemade" apple crumb pies were prepared at Laker High School, then handed out to buyers.

Buyers could bake them at home or freeze them for another day.



HERE, Jerry Dietzel and Pastor Steve Miller prepare apples for the pies, helped by other volunteers and the high school kitchen staff.

The successful pie sale was helped through donations from Michigan Sugar Co. in Sebawaing and Leipprandt Orchards in Pigeon, plus lots of donations of time from dozens of volunteer "bakers."

Both organizations also thanked the hundreds of people who bought pies for this effort, which proved to be tasty AND profitable...

**K of C fund drive April 2-4 in Unionville and Sebawaing**

The 18th annual Tootsie Roll Fund Drive to assist the mentally retarded will be conducted by Council #8582 Unionville-Sebawaing Area Knights of Columbus this Friday through Sunday, April 2-4.

K of C volunteers will be on street corners in both towns to collect funds, says Council Grand Knight Lee Southgate. "Your continued support is greatly appreciated," he says.

Funds collected are used locally and throughout Michigan.

# Historians hear Carl Dast April 1

Carl Dast, area manager for the Wallace Stone Co. for many years — as were his father and grandfather before him — will present a program, "History of the Bay Port Quarry," on Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elkton Village Hall.

Dast will make his presentation of photos, memorabilia and artifacts at the second quarterly meeting of the Huron County Historical Society.

The Wallace Stone Co. produces well over 500,000 tons annually of the hardest limestone known, which is unexcelled in quality. Bay Port limestone has been used to construct a great number of churches, business buildings and homes throughout the Midwest.

In the early 1880s, stone was first quarried by A.J. Hoyt, who employed young Wallace. In 1900, Wallace bought the quarry from Hoyt and organized the Wallace Stone Co.

He employed Christian Dast as manager of the Quarry. Chris had five sons who all worked in the Quarry.

Since the retirement of grandson Carl Dast in 1971 and great-grandson Robert Dast in 1990, this is the first decade since the organization of the company that a Dast is not employed there.

The operation is now known as the Wallace Stone Division of the J.C. Burroughs Co.

Looking ahead, provisions have been made for quarrying to continue well into the 21st century.

The Huron County Historical Society is the parent organization of six local chapters including the Bad Axe, Bay Port, Elkton, Sebawaing area, Pigeon and White Rock Historical Societies.

The public is cordially invited to the program. There is no admission charge.

**K of C #8042 Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend**

The Knights of Columbus, Caseville/Pigeon Council #8042 will conduct their annual Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend, April 2, 3 and 4 in the Villages of Pigeon, Caseville, Bay Port and Elkton.

Monies raised will benefit mental retardation programs for Huron County.

"Donations of all sizes are encouraged and appreciated," organizers say.

All The News That Fits **We Print!**  
by Mark Rummel

**EIGHT THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW before reading here:**

- We'll start writing "April" on everything as of Thursday, and don't forget Daylight Savings Time starts this SUNDAY, April 4. Remember to: SPRING AHEAD (set clocks ahead one hour...)
- Last Monday's Caseville Chamber of Commerce meeting brought together, for the first time ever, the owners of the two island in the middle of Saginaw Bay. Henry Engelhard of Bay Port, who owns Little Charity Island, formally met Bob and Karen Wiltse of AuGres and Standish, owners of Charity Island.
- Henry said he'd come along to the meeting in support of the Wiltse plan to begin excursion boats to Charity Island this summer. "I'm here to help support him in any way I can," said longtime Thumb tourism booster Henry.
- Then, he told me the "truth" about stories of snakes on both islands: there are no more than "usual" numbers of snakes. That story got started more than 60 years ago, as a way of keeping folks off the islands who didn't belong there. I believe Henry — thanks to his longtime ownership of the Bay Port Fish Company, he'd know!
- Would YOU be interested in a boat trip to Big Charity? Bob Wiltse wants to market it as "See what Mackinac Island was like BEFORE it was settled." Such tours have GREAT potential, I'd think — especially for folks who don't have their own boats...
- The biggest Yellow Perch ever caught weighed 4 lbs., 3 oz., and it was caught at Bordentown, N.J., according to a recent magazine article I saw. That was in 1865... during the Civil War!
- Hey, local fishermen, what's the biggest Perch you've caught around here lately? (Be honest now... and tell us...)
- While we're at it, the biggest Walleye ever weighed 25 lbs., caught in 1960 on Old Hickory Lake, Tenn., says the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame...
- "What this country needs is a good 25-cent candy bar." We've got one. Have you seen "Medley," two varieties of a small (1.2 oz.) but tasty chocolate bar? Great idea... — 30 —

WISH I'D SAID THAT: "A vacation is when a man stops doing what his boss tells him and does what his WIFE tells him!" (anon.)

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drop to 21 cents per month once start-up costs are recouped.

■ **All of the charges** would bring the cost of 9-1-1 service to about 7 cents per day on phone bills for about \$2.20 per month, says Huron County Sheriff Michael Gage.

■ The charges would generate about \$400,000 to provide funding to man the central dispatch center and update 20-year-old radio equipment.

■ The other proposals are for millage renewals of 0.2 (two-tenths) of a mill for five years for the Huron Transit Corp. which oversees the operations of the Thumb Area Transit bus system and

■ Extending the Huron Medical Care Facility's millage rate of .50 (one-half mill) for 11 years, says County Clerk Helen Lemanski.

The medical care millage expires in 1998, but a time extension is needed for 11 more years to have funding in place so the county can sell bonds if necessary for a planned building expansion.

Lemanski noted the issue is only for an extension and is not a millage change.

■ **Medical care facility** officials are in the process of drafting plans to construct a 12,000-sq.-ft. addition.

■ The extension of the millage would be used partly for operating expenses and/or to retire bonds," says Administrator Arthur Woelke.

■ It is not exclusively for bond retirement but part of it could be used for bond retirement if the building project goes through.

■ If the building project doesn't go through then the millage wouldn't be levied."

**Port Austin gets state grant**

Gov. John Engler announced "Rebuild Michigan" grants Friday worth \$6.96 million for 26 counties, including one in Huron County.

Port Austin will receive a \$400,000 grant for a new water intake system, to provide better quality and quantity of water and protect against zebra mussels build-up.

"Infrastructure improvements are key to economic development and job creation," said Gov. Engler. "Rebuild Michigan targets smaller communities and helps them make the changes and improvements they need to retain local businesses, help them grow and attract new job providers."

**Court proceedings**

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

- Ronald F. Grady, 30 of Owendale, pled guilty to fleeing and eluding police, following two incidents on March 10 involving a shotgun, investigated by Michigan State Police and Bad Axe Police; ordered to serve 30 days in Huron County Jail, pay \$300 fines and costs, serve 18 months' probation, attend counseling and make restitution, amount to be determined;
- Christine M. Hoffman, 23 of Kinde, pled guilty to not wearing seatbelt; \$35 fines and costs;
- Phyllis Babiszewski, 42 of Bay Port, pled guilty to no operator's license in possession; \$90 fines and costs;
- Ricky W. Fritz, 34 of Caseville, pled guilty to driving with license suspended, second offense; 40 days in jail and \$200 fines and costs, and
- Donald G. Yott, Jr., 35 of Flint, pled guilty to failure to report accident and driving with license suspended, following a 1989 incident investigated by Sebawaing Police; three days in jail and \$300 fines and costs.

Michigan Department of Commerce, Bureau of Occupational and Professional Regulation, has announced that:

- Herbert L. Grosberg of Caseville has voluntarily surrendered his accountancy license as of Nov. 20, 1992, due to demonstration of lack of good moral character and/or conviction of a crime, an element of which is dishonesty, fraud or negligence, and
- Century 21 Homestead of Caseville, fined \$500 for failure to account for or remit money belonging to others, failure to retain money in trust or escrow account and three other reasons, as of Feb. 16.

In 71st District Court (Tuscola County), Judge Kim Glaspie recently heard the pleas of/ or passed judgment on:

- Jeffery D. Hartwick, 23 of Sebawaing, sentenced to serve 30 days in jail, with 25 days deferred, pay \$465 fines and costs and serve six months' probation, following his recent guilty plea on charge of larceny under \$100 from a Cass City business where he had been employed, and
- Dennis N. Ross, 37 of Deford, pled guilty to attempted fraudulent use of public utility from Thumb Electric Co-op, Ubyly; \$100 fines and costs.

# Don't miss 'Dolly' at USA!

USA High School students present the play "Hello, Dolly!" this Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on the middle school stage in Sebawaing.

The play is based on "The Matchmaker" by Thornton Wilder.

The story is about Dolly Levi, a matchmaker, who sets out to arrange a marriage for everyone, including herself.

Tickets are available at the door.

# Sarah Orjada in State Spelling Bee finals!

Sarah Orjada of Caseville is competing today (Tuesday) in the Michigan Spelling Bee at Lawrence Institute of Technology, Detroit, after winning the Regional Spelling Bee recently.

The Caseville seventh grader correctly spelled the word "menacing" to win the Regional Championship, sponsored by Lawrence Tech/Detroit News.

Winners of State Spelling Bees go on to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., next month.

She is the daughter of Mike and Joan Orjada of Caseville.



SARAH ORJADA

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**Placed as ward of court**

The 15-year-old former Laker High School student who brought a gun to school on Jan. 15 is now a ward of the court and has been placed outside her home. Huron County Prosecutor Leslie Hagen said the girl pled guilty to possession of a firearm with unlawful intent.  
She has been placed outside the county in a residential setting until her 19th birthday, or until age 21 if Hagen so petitions the court. She is now living in an approved home and is under house arrest, able to leave only to attend school and counseling sessions. Her record will be reviewed twice a year and her progress evaluated, Hagen says.  
The girl, whose name is not being published due to her age, was originally charged with conspiracy to commit murder and possession of a firearm during a felony. She faced life in prison if tried as an adult and found guilty.

**A-F K-garten sign-up**

The Akron-Fairgrove School District will hold kindergarten registration from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the elementary school in Fairgrove.  
Kindergartners will have the opportunity to see their room, talk to the teacher and take a bus ride. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate and immunization record.  
Also, kindergarten screening for vision and hearing is Tuesday, April 27, with appointment times arranged during registration. For more information, call 693-6163.

**TISD fact-finding is ahead**

Efforts to secure a teachers' contract in the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) will go to fact-finding.  
The TISD Teachers' Association filed for fact-finding when a fourth mediation session failed earlier this month.  
During the March 2 mediation, the district's offer of a 3.6 percent wage increase each year for three years was rejected by the association.  
"This amounts to an average increase of over \$4,800 per teacher, not counting the step increase for teachers at the lower end of the salary schedule. If the total for the step increase were considered, the average increase per teacher would amount to over \$5,600 including the step," said District Chief Negotiator Al Luce.  
"The teachers are demanding an increase of 18 percent over three years. This amounts to an increase of over \$9,200 including step."  
According to Luce, TISD teachers for the 1991-92 school year were the highest paid in the Tri-County Bargaining Association area of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties. The 80 people have been without a contract since Aug. 31. The district employs teachers, specialists, speech therapists, social workers and psychologists who work with 200 handicapped students at Highland Pines, and itinerant staff providing services to school districts throughout the county, plus vocational education to 800 students at the skill center.

**Little room in Fairgrove**

There isn't much breathing room for unexpected expenses in Fairgrove's proposed 1993-94 village budget.  
The budget that goes into effect Thursday projects revenues of \$115,140 and estimates expenses at \$114,670. This leaves net revenues of \$470.  
The new budget is about the same as last year's budget, according to village Clerk Ann Marie Ball. The next village meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, April 5.

**One USA Board spot open**

There is one four-year Board of Education seat expiring this year in the USA School District.  
The seat currently belongs to Board President Raymond Bauer, who is seeking re-election. He has served on the board for the last four years and also had served from 1973 to 1985.  
Nominating petitions are available at the Board of Education office, 628 East Main Street, Sebawaing. Last day to file petitions is 4 p.m. Monday, April 12.

**Taco Bell coming to Thumb**

Plans are underway to build a Taco Bell restaurant in Bad Axe by mid-summer.  
The Bad Axe Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. this Thursday, to review the site plan submitted.

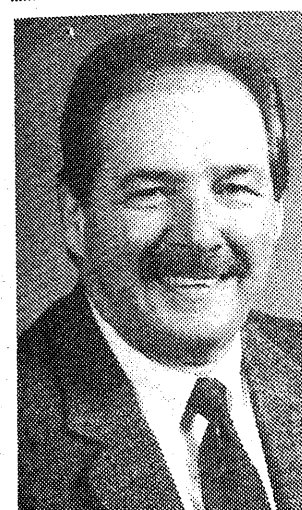
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**6 from Thumb attend FB Seminar in D.C.**

There were 110 Michigan Farm Bureau members—six from Huron and Tuscola Counties in the Upper Thumb—who participated in the Bureau's annual Washington Legislative Seminar last week.  
**It's a girl!**  
Tom and Chami Matteson of Bogor, Indonesia are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Erika Aral**.  
She was born Thursday, Feb. 25, 1993 at Metropolitan Medical Center, Jakarta, Indonesia and weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz.  
Proud grandparents are Jim and Evelyn Matteson of Elkton.

They sought support from Michigan Congressmen for key objectives requested by Farm Bureau.  
Attending from Huron were Allen Collison of Pigeon and Bob Gentner of Ruth, and from Tuscola were Deana Jacoby and Mark Jacoby of Unionville, and Jack Laurie and David Milligan of Cass City.  
Meeting with the group at a morning breakfast, Rep. Dave Camp said he "strongly advocates" a 100% tax deduction for health insurance premium paid by farmers and other self-employed persons. "Farmers and other small-business people had been able to deduct 25% of their health insurance premiums, but that provision expired this year," Rep. Camp said. "It is essential we reinstate that deduction and increase it to 100%. That change would be very helpful to farmers in taking care of their health care needs and controlling the high cost."  
Rep. Nick Smith said the proposed Clinton energy tax would be a "tremendous imposition on agriculture."  
He added, "Farmers can't pass along that added cost like manufacturers can. The Clinton economic proposal does not reduce spending. 'It's promising those spending cuts the third, fourth and fifth years of the plan, while we increase taxes now. That's not the way to get the economy rolling again.'"  
**Hunt for eggs April 10 in Unionville**  
Unionville Community Association will again sponsor its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, in Unionville Park.  
Children are asked to bring a decorated egg to be entered in the Egg Decorating Contest.  
Prizes will be awarded to 4-and-under category, 5-7 years and 8-11 years.

**Achievements**



**George Kubicki** has been appointed Assistant Cashier and Branch Manager of First National Bank's Sebawaing Office.  
According to Phillip Neeb, Board chairman of First National Bank of Bad Axe, Kubicki will oversee branch operations and assist customers with all aspects of retail banking, including consumer and commercial lending.  
With over 30 years in the banking industry, Kubicki has served in several capacities, including Branch Manager for Manufacturers National Bank in Detroit, and, most recently, Vice President and Loan Officer at South Bay Bank, Los Angeles, Ca.  
He is a graduate of Macomb Community College and the Lawrence Institute of Technology.  
Kubicki enjoys golf, reading and electronics. He and his wife Priscilla are in the process of relocating to the Thumb Area.

Two Western Thumb residents have earned Associate Degrees from Ferris State University, in Graduation Ceremonies Feb. 23 at the Big Rapids school.  
■ **Brian Becker** of Unionville earned an Associates of Applied Science in Food Service Management, and  
■ **Maureen McArdle** of Elkton earned an Associates of Applied Science in Food Service Management Degree.  
They are among 332 students who graduated following the winter quarter at Ferris.

Residential campuses in Michigan, Florida and Texas; the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center in Skowhegan, Maine; 24 external Plan of Study extension centers throughout the United States; and international study programs abroad, principally in Europe.

Don Metzger of Metzger Spray Service, Elkton, has joined Terra International, Inc., as Sales Manager, as of March 19.  
By joining Terra, Metzger offers his current customers Terra's larger product line, which includes fertilizer, crop protection products, seed and services.  
Terra offers services such as CROPMASTER™, Terra's computerized crop input recommendation package, field checks for pests, soil/leaf tissue analyses, custom blending and application services, as well as staff expertise to help customers select the right crop protection products for their specific goals. "Terra's experience and commitment to environmental responsibility and environmental improvements was another factor in my decision to work with Terra," says Metzger.  
Metzger brings over 28 years of experience in product mix and service to Terra and the growers of Huron County. Metzger will work out of Terra's Elkton Farm Service Center at 130 N. Farver Road, Elkton, phone 375-2292.  
His son, Dave Metzger, has

also joined Terra as a custom applicator at Terra's Owen-Idale location. Terra has four locations in Huron County. Terra International, Inc. is a leading marketer and producer of fertilizer, crop protection products, seed and services for agriculture.



The appointment of **Darryl Parsell** as Director of Student Services for the Thumb Campus of Jordan College has been announced by Dean Jerry White.  
Parsell, a practicing attorney, also serves Jordan as an adjunct professor of various business-related courses at the Cass City campus and is a member of the Library Committee.  
"We are delighted to have a professional of Darryl's stature join our staff," White says. "He will work closely with our students in developing and coordinating career planning services, social activities, student gov-

ernment, travel seminars and counseling programs."  
Parsell was formerly the chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Sanilac County and a staff attorney for the UAW-GM Legal Services Plan in Flint.  
He earned his law degree at the Cooley Law School in Lansing following graduation from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in English.  
A past-president of the 24th Judicial Circuit Bar Association and member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Huron County Bar Association, Parsell is also licensed to practice law in Texas.  
Born in Lansing, Parsell graduated from Olivet High School and currently resides in Lexington. He also has taught classes in the Sanilac County schools and at the Career Center.

**Carl Helden Jr.** of Elkton and **Julee Lepprandt** and **Charles Morden III** of Pigeon are among 250 candidates eligible to participate in Alma College's 1993 commencement.  
Ceremonies begins at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 24, in Cappaert Gymnasium, Alma.  
Heiden is the son of Carl and Sharon Heiden of Elkton and is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication.

Lepprandt is the daughter of D. Charles and Doris Lepprandt of Pigeon and is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and Spanish.  
Heiden and Lepprandt are 1989 graduates of Laker High School.  
Morden, a 1989 graduate of Caseville High School, is the son of Charles and Judith Morden of Sand Point, Pigeon and is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Alma College.

bor Beach and is affiliated with Real Estate One, Inc., Michigan's largest real estate company, headquartered in Farmington Hills.

**Navy Petty Officer Second Class Michael Bollenbacher**, son of James and Marilyn Bollenbacher of Bay Port, recently reported for duty at Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center, Pacific, San Diego.  
The 1986 graduate of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School of Pigeon joined the Navy in September, 1986.

**Angela Blackburn**, a student at Caseville High School and a Health Occupations student at the Huron Area Skill Center, placed in the top 10 of Extemporaneous Health Display and Extemporaneous Writing during regional competition on Saturday, Feb. 27.  
She traveled to Kalamazoo with instructor Lynn Babich on March 26-28 to compete at the state level in the same events.

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## \$2,000 raised in Bay Port Sunday



BAY PORT INN owner Eileen Fahl shows some of the tasty fish served during Sunday's fund-raiser.

Bay Port's second annual Benefit Fish Dinner provided meals for about 350 diners and raised "around \$2,000," according to Chamber of Commerce President Jan Forge.

The event, hosted by Eileen Fahl at Bay Port Inn, raised funds for three Bay Port projects—provide a floor for the new park pavilion, help purchase petunias along M-25 in the community, and help pay for dredging and boat launch facilities.

CC President Forge said that because the proceeds help provide funds for vital community purposes, the Chamber is considering the benefit dinner as an annual event.

There will be discussion on it at the next Chamber meeting, she said.

## Burning permits to be issued

Michigan DNR, U.S. Forest Service and local units of government authorized under State Forest Fire Law 329, will not issue burn permits from Saturday, April 17, to Sunday, May 16, in an effort to curb Michigan wildfires. Spring is the most critical time of year for wildfires in Michigan, DNR officials said, as 42% of all Michigan wildfires and more than half of those that burn over 100 acres, occur during that period.

## You're invited to Lenten Service Thursday Night

New Salem Lutheran Church of Sebawaing will hold its sixth Lenten Service this Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m. Guest speaker, the Rev. James Gorsegnor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, will conduct the service, using the theme, "Learn of Him to Forgive."

The Lenten series will be completed this week before the Easter Holy Week of special services begin. The community is invited to attend the worship and also share in the fellowship hour following the service. New Salem is located on the corner of Grove and Fifth streets in Sebawaing.

## USA Special Ed. kids enjoy skiing program



USA SPECIAL EDUCATION students learned a new skill in a fun way this winter, as they tried cross-country skiing in the Michigan outdoors. Physical Education Teacher Ned Rambo received a state mini-grant of \$250 for the skiing program, and third and fourth graders have learned the healthy skill from Rambo, a master skier, and from teacher Deb McClay.

## Sebawaing River fishing is underway

Water was flowing in parts of the Sebawaing River through the downtown area Saturday, and by Sunday there were fishermen trying their luck on bridges. By Sunday, the river was ice-free, and water was moving



PLAYING FOR THE CARDINALS: Laker High School senior Justin Maust of Pigeon signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, according to Coach Larry DeSimpelare. Maust, who led the Lakers to the Regional Championship this year, earns a scholarship worth about \$10,000 annually, which is renewable for up to four years, DeSimpelare says. He is the first of seven recruits being sought by the Cardinals for the 1993-94 season. HERE, Maust is shown, seated center, with DeSimpelare, as his family stands behind him: from left, brother Seth, mother Elizabeth and father Redford Maust.



AN EXCELLENT TURN-OUT was reported Friday and Saturday at Pigeon Lumber & Supply Company's annual Home Improvement Show and Sale. More than a dozen manufacturers and suppliers had displays on hand and experts to answer questions, according to Manager Don Dast. Shown here, Diane Milton, above right, answers questions. Door prize winners are listed elsewhere.

## Sign design winners



STUDENTS HELP WITH SIGN: When Laker High School art teacher Lee Deneen was asked if he had any students interested in helping design a logo for a new sign for the Pigeon Farmers' Market, he had a dozen or so entries on his desk.

The Farmers' Market Committee went through the entries, and asked two students to change their artwork slightly to meet the needs of the committee. Pictured here are Brian Beachy and Carol Hebert with their finished artwork, both of which have been submitted to a local signpainter for lettering and design ideas. "The Farmers' Market Committee thanks the students and teacher Lee Deneen for their ideas and cooperation.

## Blade & Progress NEWS ROUND-UP

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The Taco Bell Corp. plans to build a restaurant at the Huron Crest Plaza, in front of Walmart, on N. Van Dyke (M-53 and M-142) to open by July 4. The new 1,700-sq.-ft. restaurant will seat and employ about 40 people.

When construction is complete, the Bad Axe facility will be the third small-town site in Michigan opened by the Taco Bell Corp., after Marshall and Three Rivers.

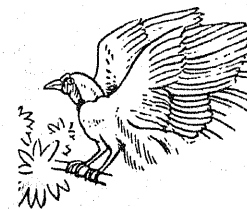
## Third grade USA play April 6

USA Elementary School third-grade students will present the play "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Elementary School in Unionville. In the play, the Snow Queen has taken over the forest, keeping it in a winter state and not allowing Santa Claus to bring presents to the animals. So, four children will take the audience through a magical wardrobe to the land of Narnia where animals tell tales.

Gail Kelly is the director. Refreshments will follow the play.

## Time for Kids' Corner...

■ LAPLAND is not a country... it's a region that extends through Northern Sweden, Norway, Finland and into Russia. The Lapp people follow the reindeer herds, which provide meat, milk and skins from which clothes are made...



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## Huron Board schedule

Here's the schedule of regular meetings for the Huron County Board of Commissioners, planned in Room 211 of the County Building, Bad Axe. Morning sessions start at 9:30 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 1:30 p.m. on these dates:

April 13 ..... 27	Sept. 14 ..... 28
May 11 ..... 25	Oct. 12 ..... 26
June 8 ..... 22	Nov. 9 ..... 23
July 13 ..... 27	Dec. 14 ..... 28
Aug. 10 ..... 24	

R. Dale Wertz of Bay Port is 1993 Chairman, and Bad Axe's Robert Hogan is Vice Chairman. Helen Lemanski is Clerk. The County Board's phone number is 269-8242.

## Huron EDC's schedule

Here's the schedule of 1993 meetings of the Huron County Economic Development Corporation, which meets monthly at 1:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday. Office is Room 305 of County Building, Bad Axe, and meetings are either in the second-floor Commissioners' Room (April & May) or third-floor meeting room:

April 6	July 6	Oct. 5
May 7	Aug. 3	Nov. 2
June 8	Sept. 7	Dec. 7

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## Pigeon District Library News

### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

On Tuesday, April 6, the Preschool Story Hour theme will be about "Maps." The story includes "A Map Is A Picture."

Exercises, a flannelgraph game, song and fingerplays will be part of the activities for children.

Children 3 to 5 are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. sessions. An annual registration is required.

### HOBBY AND CRAFT SHOW

HURRY, REGISTER NOW for the Pigeon District Library's Annual Hobby & Craft Show during National Library Week, April 19-24. Registration will continue now thru April 19. Craft & Hobby set-up will be Monday, April 19, from 9 to 5.

Those planning to sell items at the show are asked to be present. The hours are: Tuesday 9 to 5, Wednesday 9 to 5, Thursday 9 to 5, Friday 9 to 5 and Saturday 9 to 12.

Crafts may be picked-up after 12 noon on Saturday, April 24.

All local teachers are invited to bring their class in for a tour and demonstration of crafts. Please call ahead and make a reservation, 453-2341 and ask for Mrs. Jantzi head librarian.

### AMNESTY WEEK IS NEAR

"Amnesty Week" is April 19-24, at the Pigeon District Library during National Library Week.

Any overdue book(s) or fines may be brought into the library and granted amnesty.

You don't have to pay the charges no matter how big or

little, but you must come in person.

### TOUR AMISH COUNTRY

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY! Time is running out for you to reserve your seat for the Amish Country Tour. We need 6 more reserves or the bus tour will be canceled. Final payment is due THIS FRIDAY, April 2.

Call a friend or friends and help to make this a successful tour of fun and relaxation for you and your friends.

What a way to renew a friendship or to get away from the kids. For more details call 453-2341.

### CAN'T FIND A BOOK?

Have you checked the library shelf for a particular book or audiotape, and find

that it never seems to be in? Although this is frustrating, there is a reason and a solution to the problem.

Books on the best-seller lists, and popular audiotapes, for example, are often returned to the library, checked in, shelved and checked back out again within a few hours.

But the library staff can help you acquire materials that are off the shelves.

All you have to do is fill out a reserve card. A reserve is then placed on the item you request.

The staff "catches" the reserve when the materials are returned to the library and they are saved for you.

The circulation staff will notify you by telephone when the materials you have requested are available.

Books and other materials reserves are kept for a limited time at the desk and may be picked up there.

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**THANKS & MEMORIALS**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK-YOU** to our friends and neighbors who showered us with an out-pouring of Christian love at the death of my mother, Irene Hass. We do so appreciate the cards, prayers, kind words, helpful deeds, food, flowers and memorials. God bless you. The family of Ken Hass.

**THANKS** to friends and relatives for cards, gifts, flowers and visits during my stay at Huron Memorial Hospital. Special thanks to the nurses and doctors for their care, to Pastor Hagenow and Vicar Helbig for visits and prayers. It was greatly appreciated. Frank Draschil.

**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK** all my dear friends, neighbors and family for the prayers, flowers, cards, food and visits while I was a patient at Bay Medical Center and since I've been home. Special thanks to Pastor Stohlmann for his prayers and visits. May God bless you all. Eva Balzer Unionville.

**THE FAMILY OF CHRISINA SCHULZ** wishes to thank our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, food, flowers and dear letters of encouragement and the many acts of kindness shown to us during her illness, also all of the generous donations of money and prayers. Special thanks to Pastor Smith and congregation, the Good News Committee at Kmart, the Elkton Chamber of Commerce, Paul & Barb Brooks, Oliver Township Fire Dept., employees of Thumb Truck equipment and all who made our Spaghetti dinner such a big success. We cannot express our thanks enough for your kindness and consideration for our family. God Bless all of you. Your thoughtfulness will always be cherished and remembered.

**WE WANT TO THANK** each and everyone for the kindness shown to us at our mother's passing away. Your prayers, memorials, cards and food were appreciated. A special thanks to Pastor Stohlmann for his comforting words, Rollie Gaeth for his concern for the family and the Ladies Aid for their wonderful luncheon served to all. The Lord's blessing on each and every one. The Mollie Holzwarth Families.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY GLASSER** who left us March 28, 1993. The happy memories you left behind have helped silence the tears but you are never far from our thoughts and always close to our hearts. Byron and sons, Ward and Mark and their families.

**MANY THANKS** to all who sent flowers, cards, food, phone messages and prayers while I was a patient at St. Mary's and since returning home. Special thanks to Pastor Johnson for his visits and prayers, also my children and grandchildren who were there for me and continually helped me during my recovery. May God bless all of you. E. Alice Faber.

**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK** Pastor Hagenow, Vicar Helbig for their visit and prayers while I was a patient at Hill & Dales Hospital, also my family, relatives and friends for their prayers, visits, calls, cards and flowers. God bless you all. Mrs. Lena MacCollum.

**THANK YOU** to the following people who helped with the renovation of Home Sweet Home Retirement Manor at 95 Brush Street, Pigeon: Pigeon Lumber, Elftman Hardware, Jim Millgard Decorating, Stein-Walker Co., Custom Cleaning Service, Schaaf Plumbing & Heating, Diener Electric, Inc., Kretschmer Home Center, Inc., Ken Brill Paint, Carpet Mart. A special thank you to Don Dast and Clayton Kauffman for their remodeling expertise. MAGGIE GUNDEN

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**WANTED - Building property,** USA School District, 2-40 acres, reasonable, 674-2203, Unionville.

**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK** my dear family and friends for the prayers, flowers, cards and visits while a patient at Bay Med. and since returning home. Special thanks to Pastor Hagenow for his visits and prayers. Joanne Smith.

**BABYSITTING** in my home 453-2613.

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1. Facts
5. Card holding
9. Siamese, for one
12. Once — a time
13. Ital. river
14. Chalice
15. Silver dollar (slang)
17. Aries
18. meadows
19. Kind of machine
21. Shoestrung
24. Fr. composer
25. Culture medium
26. Musical intro.
30. Hockey star
31. Schemes
32. Intelligence org.
33. One given to ridicule
35. A chain of mountains
36. Toward the mouth
37. Senses
38. Heathen
40. Sport group
42. Melody
43. Protected roll of film
48. Mountain on Crete
49. Redact
50. Corner of a room
51. Beaver's edifice
52. Sown, in heraldry
53. Dies — DOWN
1. French nobleman
2. Braz. tree
3. High hill
4. Deer's headgear
5. Sunk fence
6. War god
7. Compass reading
8. Mexican pesos
9. Scroll-like ornament
10. Oriental nurse
11. Docile
16. Moist
20. High, in music
21. Asian country
22. Site of the Taj Mahal
23. Kind of map
24. Religious season
26. Fetid
27. Duct
28. Monetary unit of Iran
29. Consumes
31. Capers
34. Author Levin
35. Sign of the zodiac
37. Distant
38. Reimbursed
39. Verdi opera
40. Decorate
41. Diminutive suffix
44. American humorist
45. June bug
46. Tibetan antelope
47. Piece out

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# The Newsweekly's Thumb Area CALENDAR

## Sebewaing egg hunt, parade coming April 3

An Easter Parade and Egg Hunt starts at 11 a.m. from the Sebewaing Township Fire Hall to the village park with prizes for each age group of: preschool and under, Kindergarten through third grade, third to fifth grade. The Easter bunny and Huron County Sheriff Department's McGruff will attend also. In case of rain, the event will stay at the fire hall.

### Thursday, April 1 - New Salem Lenten Service

New Salem Lutheran Church, Sebewaing will hold its sixth Lenten Service 7 p.m.

### Thursday, April 1 - Huron County Historians

"History of the Bay Port Quarry" is the topic presented by Carl Dast, area manager for the Wallace Stone Co. for many years at 7:30 p.m. at the Elkton Village Hall, for the Huron County Historical Society. Public is welcomed.

### Thursday, April 1 - Lyme Disease Support Group

The Thumb Area Lyme Support Group will meet 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Caro Regional Mental Health Center. For more information call Jan Monson at 673-1586 or Sharlene Kleinfeld at 656-9921.

### Thursday, April 1 - A-F School early dismissal

Akron-Fairgrove Schools will dismiss early Thursday, April 1, because of parent/teacher conferences. Release times are 11:30 a.m. for elementary students and 11:40 for secondary students. No hot lunch is offered that day and no kindergarten will be conducted.

### Friday - Sunday, April 2-4 - K of C Fund Drive

The 18th annual Tootsie Roll Fund Drive to assist the mentally retarded will be conducted by Council #8582 Unionville - Sebewaing Area Knights of Columbus in both towns. Funds collected are used locally and throughout Michigan.

### Friday - Sunday, April 2-4 - K of C Fund Drive

The Knights of Columbus, Caseville/Pigeon Council #8042 will conduct their annual Tootsie Roll Drive in the Villages of Pigeon, Caseville, Bay Port and Elkton. All donations to help mentally retarded are appreciated, sponsors say.

### Saturday, April 3 - Woman's retreat in Bad Axe

Author/speaker Elise Arndt will address "Stress or Success, Living Life in the 90s" at 10 a.m. at the Free Methodist Church, Bad Axe. Registration: 269-8664 or 269-6429.

## M-24 project Continued from Front Page

was scheduled for bid-letting in September.

The design would use the mile-long Bieble Road, impact 6.6 acres of wetland as well as 1,300 feet of drains in Almer and Fairgrove Townships.

MDOT has bought land to create 8.6 acres of new wetland nearby, to compensate for the loss.

**Brothers Robert and Donald Mantey** of Fairgrove, whose seed-corn business is impacted by the project, are strong opponents of construction along Bieble Road.

"It is my belief that a highway built along this route regardless of the design would have a major detrimental impact," said Donald Mantey, noting farming practices have changed to address wind and land erosion, chemical use, no-till and irrigation management.

"This route location was selected in the 1970s and doesn't fit in the '90s and beyond."

Of the project's 171 acres along the Bieble Road route right-of-way, 72 percent has been purchased.

**Besides Bieble Road**, there are also two alternate route proposals:

■ The Dutcher Road alignment would not impact wetlands but would displace 10 homes and relocate 17,900 feet of county drains, and

■ The Fairgrove Road alignment would impact one acre

of wetlands, displace 17 homes and relocate 3,800 feet of county drains, said MDOT Environmental Manager Larry Alber.

All proposed routes met with some opposition during the Caro meeting.

The DNR has 90 days to make a decision on the wetlands issue.

**Because of the scope** of the project, it also comes under jurisdiction of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, besides the DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"If the application is turned down, there is a 'no build' possibility, looking at another route, or do massaging on the existing proposal," said MDOT District Engineer John Kelsch of Saginaw.

"At this point, I can't say what would happen, but I can say there would a definite delay going to another route of four to seven years."

**MDOT has an \$11 million** grant now for the extension that may go to other projects if M-24 is significantly delayed.

Even if the DNR denies the application, MDOT officials could make modifications to satisfy the DNR or file an appeal.

The DNR will still take written input for 15 days. Interested persons should send comments to:

**Michigan DNR,  
P.O. Box 33028,  
Lansing, MI 48909.**

### Saturday, April 3 - Unionville League sign-up

Pony League (7-9 years) and Little League (10-12 years) will hold tryouts at Unionville Elementary School Gym. Pony League will be 1-2 p.m. and Little League from 2-3 p.m. For more information call Tom Koepf, 674-2935.

### Saturdays, April 3, 10, 17 - Hunter safety classes

Hunter Safety Classes are planned at the Caseville Rod and Gun Club on Dunn Road, sponsored by the Caseville Rod and Gun Club and the Pigeon Conservation Club. Young hunters must reach their 12th birthday during this coming hunting season to attend these classes. Details: Ray Licht at 453-3744.

### Monday, April 5 - Preschool Open House

Tom Thumb Co-op Preschool invites interested persons from Caseville, Bay Port, Pigeon, Elkton and the Western Thumb to an Open House at 7 p.m. at 8271 Crescent Beach

### Tuesday, April 6 - Sebewaing 4-H sign-up

Sebewaing 4-H Feeder Beef sign up meeting 7 p.m. at the VFW, for persons interested in participating in the Fair.

### Tuesday, April 6 - USA Third-Grade play

USA Elementary's third-grade students will present the play "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" 7 p.m. at the Elementary School in Unionville.

# Say YES! To Our Future... ...Say YES! To M-24!

Right now the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is considering the State Department of Transportation's proposed mitigation of Wetlands on the planned Bieble Road route of M-24. The extension of M-24 from Caro to M-25 in Unionville will be the final step of a plan to provide direct access from southeastern Michigan directly into the heart of the Thumb. *The easy access provided by a modern State Highway holds a great deal of promise for businesses and jobs in the Thumb.* Our developing tourism industry obviously will be an early beneficiary, but our manufacturing industries and our agriculture industry could well reap even richer rewards.

*The extension offers us more options in our future, most importantly, perhaps, the potential to let more of our children find meaningful, rewarding work here at home instead of far away.*

We urge you to have your friends and family fill-out the petition form below, and mail it to the address we've included. There's no time to delay. We have to act now to make our voices heard in Lansing. *We have to act today...for Tomorrow!*

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## Petition of Support for M-24 Extension on the Bieble Road Route

We, the undersigned Thumb-area residents, hereby support and urge completion of the M-24 Extension on the Bieble Road route. We recognize the importance of this project to the economic development of the Thumb-area. We strongly recommend that the DNR accept MDOT's proposed mitigation of Wetlands and grant the requested permit.

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