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1983 was a year of building, growth and people

EDITOR'S NOTE: 1983 will probably be regarded as a year of improvement for Thumb Area residents. True, not all is perfect or even normal yet, but the national and local economy has made strides forward.

Growth and expansion in these flat economic times contributed to our choice for the story of the year, which actually is a combined winner. We hope this makes us ALL winners as 1983 ends, and 1984 begins.

THE THUMB'S TOP STORY FOR 1983: Millions of dollars in construction and expansion programs are announced, including cable TV service, Co-op Elevator silos at Elkton, Pige-R-U's farrowing operation, McCormick Motors' new building in Pigeon, Bay Port State Bank branch at Pigeon and Scheurer Hospital expansion.

JANUARY, 1983

JANUARY'S TOP STORY: Cable TV service is on the way to the Western Thumb, as Pioneer Cablevision of Caseville signs local franchises.

Marking only the second such change in its 85-year history, The Progress-Advance switches from a Thursday to Wednesday morning publication.

Pigeon Area Jaycettes mark 10 years of community service with a special dinner Jan. 9 at The Lamplighter Restaurant.

The Thumb bids farewell to Pastor Wayne Wentzel and family of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh as they move to the Mt. Clemens area to pastor St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Pigeon Village Council formally signs cable television franchise with Pioneer Cablevision.

Martin Randall Sturm is the first baby born in 1983 at Scheurer Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy (Cheryl) Sturm of Pigeon.

Long-time Pigeon insurance agent Russ Anderson retires. His State Farm Insurance office will be taken over by his son, Dave Anderson.

Laker girls win first-place volleyball trophy following a 12-team Laker Varsity Volleyball Invitational Tournament.

E.J. Clabuesch of Thumb National Bank and Trust of Pigeon donated over \$312 to send all Pigeon Elementary School students to the 39th annual Shrine Circus in Saginaw.

Linda McGathy is elected the 1983 Pigeon Chamber of Commerce president, succeeding Pat Abdalla. New incoming board members are Dave Geiger, Judy Niebel and Bill Weitzel.

Over 200 Thumb area farmers attend Huron County Bean Day.

State Rep. Dick Allen (R-Fairgrove) of the 77th district was administered the oath of office on Jan. 12 by Chief Justice G. Mennen Williams.

Laker sophomore Bea Garza was chosen to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation International Leadership Seminar competition. Sponsoring organizations are the Pigeon Worth While Club and the Pigeon Junior Woman's Club.

Three semi-trailer truckloads of Huron County beans left the Cooperative Elevator, Pigeon, to feed more than 21,000 families in Michigan's U.P.

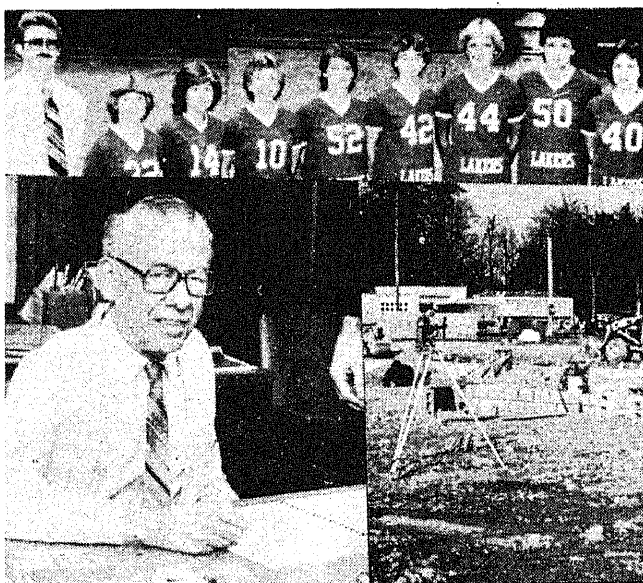
Robert Rathje is named Outstanding Young Man and Pat Abdalla is named Outstanding Young Woman at the second annual Winter Carnival Awards Dinner and Banquet on Jan. 29 at the Pigeon VFW Hall. Also feted for their accomplishments are Outstanding Male Business Professional Tony Loewe; Female Business Professional Lorraine LePage; Male Educator Scott Siakel; Female Educator Gwynne Buschlen; Male Health Professional Phil Seemann; Female Health Professional Donna Thede; Young Mother Tonja Nelson and Young Farmer Dennis Fritz.

JANUARY DEATHS: Harry Klinger 80, Harry Lombard 83, Ivar J. Peterson 78, Mrs. Olive M. Olson 77, Zora Ellis 68, Fred Beck 53, Anthony Burzych 89, Gertrude L. Mackey 81, Willard M. Sprague 73, Philip Hunt 55, Angus D. McLellan 64, Pearl Rothfuss 74, Kenneth A. Stein 55, George D. Heintz 83, Victoria Ulyan 94, Ernest D. Maxwell 80 and Henry E. Moeller 72.

FEBRUARY, 1983

FEBRUARY'S TOP STORY: Barney Licht steps down as Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Co., manager, retiring with 37 years' experience.

Two Pigeon youths and an Elkton youth are charged with felony warrants in the Nov. 28 shooting spree which killed five cattle near Bay Port, Pigeon and Bad Axe.



what's
outside ...

Today More snow flurries

Continued COLD, highs near 10, lows to -4
SAGINAW BAY: Cloudiness, breezy, cold, 4" ice at shore

Thursday Sunny, continued cold

Highs of 10 to 12, lows to -6

Friday Cloudy, warmer

Highs of 15, lows to 0

Weekend Snow and cold!

Up to 4 inches, lows to 0

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inside ...

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JAN. 13 IN BAD AXE

The strange "Raccoobuck" is sighted walking slowly near Michigan Avenue in downtown Pigeon, trying to find shelter near the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks.

David Eichler of Pigeon will leave for a three-week tour of Europe and Africa as part of the Michigan Agricultural Leadership Program. Joining him on the trip will be Al Hass and Kent Gettel, both of Bad Axe.

Laker hoopsters bounce to top of Thumb B League following victory over Sandusky, then lose league game to Caro, placing them a half-game out of first-place in the Thumb B League.

Laker girls volley to 18-1 record.

Bay Port's Team Blu snowmobiling racing crew is rewarded with a first place flag in the 15th annual International-500 Snowmobile Race at Sault Ste. Marie. Drivers are Duane Baur and Ralph Swartzendruber. Pit crew members include Paul Swartzendruber, Ray Krohn, Kent Christner, Jim Meining, Mark Elsesser, Cass Sikoski, Rod Forster, "Bear" Kerr and sponsor Bruce Baur. Jackie Elliott serves as lap counter.

Michael D. Otto and Werner Clabuesch have formed the new firm of Otto and Clabuesch, Attorneys at Law.

Area farmers help Saginaw neighbors through Project AIM, by donating food transported by the Cooperative Elevator to the Good Neighbor Mission in Saginaw. Elevator Manager Ted Leipprandt accompanied the shipment of 150 dozen eggs, a ton of potatoes and a ton of navy beans.

Norris Diebel of the Scheurer Hospital Radiology Department is the first recipient of the "Employee of the Month" award, chosen by a selection committee of hospital employees, including Administrator George Desmarais.

Sandy Johnson is crowned 1983 Caseville Snow Bonanza Queen by last year's queen Lisa Novak.

Huron County Sheriff Richard Stokan and Sgt. R.B. Woodward present a Drinking and Driving Seminar to Laker High School students, in anticipation of the stiffer drunk driving laws that would go into effect April 1.

Five Laker BOEC students are honored at the Regional Competition of the Business Office Education Club in Flint. Placing for Lakers are Teri Damm, Cindy Trost, Brenda Richmond, Ken Brendel and Susan Kohr.

Laker volleyballers rank eighth in the state in Associated Press poll.

Caseville High School student Chris Murdoch qualifies as a finalist in the competition for Merit Scholarships.

A new church, the Abundant Life Fellowship, finds a home in Caseville, with Pastor Jim Miller leading the congregation.

The American Cancer Society Ski-a-thon has been cancelled for 1983 because of the lack of snow, which forced elimination of several set dates.

Two Laker seniors, Shelly Baur and Camie Gaskill, have been selected as representatives of Laker High School's chapter of the National Honor Society, for scholarships awarded by the national organization.

FEBRUARY DEATHS: Ernest R. Mueller 72, Claude Gilbert 85, Joseph Warywotski 62, Eleanor R. Miller 63, Sofi Steckley 97, Albertina Sturm 78, Charlene F. Timmons 35, Walter Schedjeski 78, Ervin Weidman 69, William F. Brundage 93 and Stanley Bauman 66.

MARCH, 1983

MARCH'S TOP STORY: Three Cass City area children - Michael, Shannon and Jeremy Hallock - perish in a March 22 house fire.

The Country House Restaurant of Caseville wins Broom-ball competition during the un-snowy annual Caseville Snow Bonanza.

The annual Sugar Beet Day at Cass City's Colony House brings local growers the news that this year's crop was far better than last year, with growing and harvesting seasons practically perfect.

Fourteen-year-old Jamie McBride wins the Pigeon Lions Club Two-Minute Shopping Spree at the Pigeon IGA, tallying a total of \$245.32 worth of groceries at the check-out counter.

Eight six-month old pigs owned by Richard Strieter of Bay Port are stolen, at a loss of more than \$900.

Pigeon District Librarian Roberta Richmond receives a check for \$100 from the Caseville Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, for the purchase of large print books.

Four Laker Future Farmers of America, Dawn Schuette, Steve Gayari, Mark Dubs and Darrin Lutz will compete at the State FFA competition at Michigan State University following wins at regional contests.

Bill Renn and Wes Edington are elected president and secretary, respectively, of the board of directors of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association.

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Christmas made merrier for children



REASONS TO SMILE -- At least twenty-six area children will have a Merry Christmas this year, thanks to the efforts of the Pigeon Area Jayettes, who coordinated a raffle to raise money to purchase toys worth almost \$400.

Pictured at left flanked by Santa Claus himself, is Project Chairman April Kingsbury, who came up with the idea just six weeks before Christmas and spearheaded the community drive. At right is Santa's helper Cyndy Rathje, who helped gather the toys and deliver them with Santa on Monday evening.

"The community support was overwhelming," added Kingsbury. "Next year we'll be able to give even more toys away."

Raffle winner Dorothy Beachy of Pigeon will be able to use her \$100 shopping certificate at either Fluegge Foods or the Pigeon IGA.

Safe holiday suggestions given

Holiday party givers who want to creatively quench the thirst of guests without making them tipsy and unable to drive should serve "The Great Pretenders," according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Pretenders" are alcohol-free drinks created by professional bartenders for the Auto Club's annual traffic safety campaign, "First a Friend, Then a Host." Advice to party givers and the drink recipes appear in a free booklet available to all motorists at the Auto Club's 60 statewide offices and claim centers.

In addition to the alcohol-free drink collection, the booklet lists recipes for alcohol-absorbent hors d'oeuvres which party hosts can add to their menus.

Party hosts can also help their guests avoid post-party traffic mishaps by following the ABC's of party giving

outlined in the Auto Club's booklet.

A - Alcohol alertness. Make sure your guests' ability to drive is not impaired. The booklet suggests

"Detect-A-Drunk" games and explains a driver's legal drinking limits.

B - Buffet. Serve food to help absorb alcohol and offer alcohol-free drinks to divert

attention from the bar.

C - Car Pool. Arrange safe transportation home for guests who have had too much to drink.

Residents beware of 'thin ice'

Michigan residents and visitors are reminded by State Police Director, Col. Gerald L. Hough, about the potential danger to persons who venture onto thin ice on outdoor water areas in early winter.

Hough says Michigan water accident statistics in the past have shown that non-boating accidents each year include some deaths caused by falls through ice.

Because winter ice sometimes may look stronger than it is, Hough advises outdoor enthusiasts that ice thickness should be tested for safety where any

doubt exists. Be wary of areas where moving water under ice may keep the ice surface dangerously thin. These unsafe areas generally are on rivers and streams or over spring areas of ponds and at the inlet and outlet locations on lakes.

To safely bear the weight of individuals or small groups of persons, ice on lakes, rivers and ponds should be from two to four inches thick. For heavier weights, such as snowmobiles, thickness should range from five inches and up for protection purposes.

WATCH HERE . . .

for community information you should know. Deadline for publication is 5 p.m. Mondays.

Thumb area clubs

BAY PORT WOMANS' CLUB

The Bay Port Womens' Club met at the home of Mrs. B.C. McLeish for their Christmas meeting, with nine members and three guests present, including Mrs. Jan Kupiec, Nel Opensenko and Dottie Carrington.

The ladies enjoyed dessert and refreshments served by Nellie Dutcher. They they packed Christmas plates for shut-ins. The members will visit the shut-ins and present their gifts.

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Faltny with the Club Collect and Pledge to the Flag given by the group. Donna Deming reported that she sent nine cards.

Nellie Dutcher, program chairman, read several poems, "A Christmas Wish," "The Meaning of Christmas," "Christmas Parcels." Each lady was presented with a Christmas code for a gift exchange.

Roll call was a remembrance of a special cookie and each person was asked to relate the incident. Recipes were exchanged.

The next meeting will be in March at the home of Mrs. Lillian Boegert.

OWENDALE WOMANS' CLUB

Members of the Owendale Womens' Club held their Christmas meeting Monday evening when they gathered at the home of Mrs. Judi Reinhardt for a potluck turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

A very short business meeting was conducted by President Reinhardt. A Christmas Santa decoration was donated in conjunction with the Lions Club for the village updating of local Christmas decorations.

It was reported that 18 shut-in fruit boxes were packed earlier in December for persons around the community.

The final cheeseballs were made and delivered last Friday. It will be discussed at the next meeting whether this was a profitable project the club undertook this year. The cheeseball making replaced the annual fall fashion show which the ladies presented for several years.

A Christmas item was exchanged with the hostess naming an anniversary month as each member picked her gift from the tree.

The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Jane Faust with Mrs. Myra Sparks in charge of the drama program.

SVSC offers classes

Saginaw Valley State College is offering a number of classes at Cass City during the winter term, which is scheduled Jan. 9 through April 27.

Advance registration at Cass City High School is planned on Jan. 4 and 5 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Classes will be offered in Computer Science, mathematics, economics, Criminal Justice, management, biology, communication, accounting, music, sociology, psychology and English.

For more information, contact Gerry Survant at the SVSC Continuing Education office by calling 790-4066.

It's a girl!

A daughter, Erica Amanda, was born Nov. 15 at Scheurer Hospital to Melvin and Marge Kuhl of Sebawaing.

Maternal grandparents are Loren and Dolores Elftman of Pigeon. Paternal grandparents include Lloyd and Belva Kuhl of Sebawaing. Maternal great-grandmothers are Mrs. Minnie Elftman of Pigeon and Mrs. Lydia Gaeth of Sebawaing.

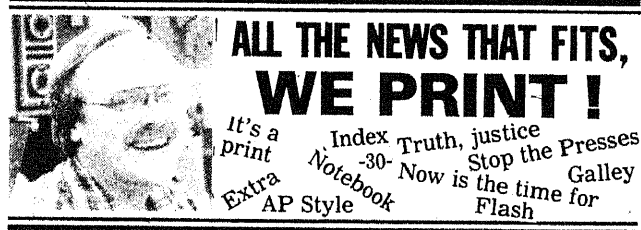
Erica was welcomed home by brothers Ryan and Joshua.



LOTS OF BOXES: Linda Fritz of The Progress-Advance's "Package Center" looks over some of the hundreds of boxes shipped via UPS and other shippers before this year's Christmas rush.

The Package Center is open from 8:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and packages brought in by 11 a.m. daily will be shipped UPS or other methods same day.

The service is available year round, although the pre-Christmas rush was greater than had been expected.



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT!

It's a print Extra AP Style Index Truth, justice 30-Now is the time for Flash Stop the Presses Galley

OBSERVATIONS BY PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!

INTERESTED IN SAVING MONEY? -- If you'd like a last chance to keep a few extra dollars in your pocket, be sure you read through our first "Tax-Cutter and Investment Guide" published as this week's second section.

It offers all kinds of tax-saving tips, which you can use now through tax filing time in April. Some do you more good if done before Dec. 31, so inspect it -- and apply it to your needs! We're happy to present it to you.

EARLY DEADLINES -- We hope your Christmas was very very happy and merry. And we trust your new year will be excellent, too.

Work pressures and problems caused us to work most of Monday, but we're going to again attempt a very unusual two-day holiday vacation this Sunday and Monday.

Consequently, we're moving deadlines ahead for news stories and pictures for next week's paper.

Please submit news stories by 3 p.m. this Friday for next week's paper. Final ad deadline is 5 p.m. Friday for next Wednesday's Jan. 4 issue.

Our office will be closed all day on Monday, Jan. 2 -- as will most businesses in the Western Thumb. Drive carefully and enjoy the end of '83 and start of '84!

AN ANNIVERSARY -- With this issue, Sally and I complete our sixth year at the helm of the old P.A. It's also the same date -- but 40 years later -- that founding publisher George H.A. Shaw announced sale of this business to George V. Hartman of Elkton.

Mr. Shaw finally gave up the ownership on Dec. 31, 1943, following 46 years of running this business. Often he ran a one-man shop, doing all the printing, writing, editing and selling ad space, too. In his early years, he traded firewood for subscriptions and food items for ads.

"In turning the Progress over to Mr. Hartman, our 1400 subscribers, patrons and friends may feel secure in the continued leadership of the paper as a community institution," Mr. Shaw said in that last 1943 issue.

During George Hartman's tenure here (which lasted until 1947), he formally combined operations between the old Pigeon Progress and Elkton Advance. George sold to my Dad, Walt Rummel, in 1947 and he ran it until 1951. His buyers included Harry Klinger and Asel Collins, whom Sally and I bought the business from on Jan. 1, 1978.

We look forward to continued community service, in the Shaw, Hartman, Rummel, Klinger and Collins tradition!

BIG TREE -- Phillipine Overby (Leonhard Baur's sister) sent along a nice story from Lantana, Fla., where the National Enquirer's 115-foot tall Christmas tree lights up the whole area. It's about 11 stories tall. Seeing its many lights is "an unforgettable joy," she says.

If any Pigeon area folks come to Palm Beach Country, they shouldn't miss this splendid tree, she adds. More than 17,500 lights were used -- plus a half-mile of garland.

LATE GIFT IDEA -- Chocoholics, carbo-lovers and salt savors can satisfy all those cravings at once with chocolate-covered potato chips, says USA Today.

Ruffy potato slices are dipped in pure chocolate (both light and dark) and a pinch of salt is added to heighten flavor. A 16-oz. box costs \$18, from Boston Proper, 29 Needham Street, Newton Highlands, Mass. 02161.

We've never tried them, but we don't doubt it! (I like chocolate, but I'm not sure I want to pay that much. Just pick up a handful of chips and a candy bar -- and save at least \$16!

WISH I'D SAID THAT -- The way to a woman's heart is through the door of a good restaurant. (Elliot Joseph)



TAPE AVAILABLE: The Pigeon District Library is one of a handful of libraries in the United States to preview a new video cassette titled "The Lamaze Method: Techniques for Childbirth Preparation."

The VHS-format type is 45 minutes in length and is being produced early next year by Embassy Home Entertainment of Farmington Hills and Los Angeles. Pigeon District Library patrons who check out the sample tape are asked to complete a short review of the production, which is introduced by Oscar and Emmy Award-winning actress Patty Duke Astin.

Pigeon District Librarian Roberta Richmond invites interested persons to inquire about the tape, which should go on sale in March, 1984. It is available for normal rental through the Library's tape club.

Pigeon native Al Eicher, Embassy Home Entertainment senior vice president, was executive producer for the program. It was recorded at the Osmond Studios in Orem, Utah, was written by Lois Winsen and directed by September Moon Productions' Woody Robinson.

ABOVE PHOTO, Patty Duke Astin introduces a segment with expectant couple Mariene and Mark Ellingson.

ABOVE RIGHT, the actress chats with Pigeon native Allison Eicher, who was executive producer of the unique program.



First 1984 baby will be welcomed!

The first baby born at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon in 1984 will be welcomed by gifts from the Pigeon Junior Womens' Club.

A \$15 gift certificate to the Polewack Store, Pigeon and a \$25 savings account will be presented to the new mother and baby, according to Club President Patty Schultze.

Anyone else who would like to present additional gifts to the "First Baby of 1984" should contact Barbara Trost at 453-2943.

Village candidates are ready

Feb. 20 is the first day and March 12 the second day when local village residents will get to choose elected leaders in February primary or March general village elections.

Deadline was 4 p.m. last Tuesday for nominating petitions in Pigeon, Elkton and Owendale, among other area towns.

IN PIGEON, the February primary election will find seven candidates vying for the three available Council seats.

Incumbents James Armbruster and Paul Walsh are seeking re-election to the two-year terms, while incumbent Dryden Haist is not running. Others seeking the positions are Lois Chisholm, David McCormick, Linda McGathy, John Schaefer and John Walsh. All are Republicans.

With no opposition, these seats will formally be decided in March 12's general election.

Village President Norris Diebel is running, as are Clerk Joseph McArdle, Treasurer Janet Heckman and Assessor Roy Lawrence. All are incumbents and Republicans.

IN ELKTON, opposition for just one village post is found. Incumbent Treasurer Dennis Learman is being challenged by newcomer Ron Bumhofer.

No other contests are seen in village elections. Incumbent President Randy Haley is seeking re-election, as are Clerk Darlene Ginter and Assessor Phyllis Tamblin.

Incumbent Council members Barbara Thompson and David Fisher are seeking their two-year posts again, but incumbent Wayne Knechtel did not seek re-election. Newcomer Terry Heck filed his nominating petition, so all are virtually assured of election.

IN OWENDALE, no opposition is found for all incumbents, who are seeking re-election. They include President Walt Howard, Clerk Marie Susalia, Treasurer Lois Blondell and Assessor Leean Stirett.

Owendale trustees again seeking their posts are Martin Blondell, Robert Ricker and Joseph Schmidt.

BIG AFTER CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE

SALE

5 Days - Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

- ✓ All Boxed Cards - Reduced 30-80%
- ✓ Best Sellers
- ✓ All Records and Cassettes
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Pigeon - 453-2725

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Any item not specially tagged will be automatically discounted 10%

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Sale ends at 12 noon Dec. 31

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As we see it editorially

High school dropouts are sorry now

About the last thing most high school kids want to hear these days is more advice. Parents, teachers, counselors, friends and others constantly seem to have answers to all the questions, plus a couple answers to questions young folks hadn't even considered yet.

But -- at the risk of taking a moment or two from the middle of a nice holiday break -- some of their former school mates offer ideas for today's high schoolers.

And if teens won't listen to parents and other old folks, maybe they'll give better attention to these former peers.

A government survey shows that high school sophomores dropped out of school at a 14% rate in 1980 -- but more than half of them now regret their decision.

The study, tracking 30,000 students from 1980 through this year, showed about 51% of the males and 55% of the females felt leaving school was not a good decision. Their advice to today's young people who are sick and tired of school: **STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!**

As reported in USA Today, the survey showed that nearly 15% of boys dropped out of school, versus 12.6% of girls. A total of 12.2% of whites left their education three years ago, versus 17% of black sophomores, 18% of Hispanics and 29% of American Indians and Alaskan natives. On the low end, just 3.1% of Asian Americans left their formal educations.

Public schools had a 15% dropout rate, versus just 2% for Catholic schools. Regionally, slightly more students left West schools, at 16.6% against a low of 11.3% in the depressed Northeast.

What are they doing now?

More than 27% of those surveyed said they were jobless -- that's more than one in four -- or said they are dissatisfied with their jobs. Most who hold jobs do low-skill or unskilled work. Many feel they're in a rut and have no skills to help climb out of it.

Why did they leave school three years ago?

Among boys, 36% left school because of poor grades. Another 35% left because of dissatisfaction with school, 27% because of job offers, 21%

because of teachers (note to educators: that's one out of every five), 14% to support their family and 13% because of expulsion or suspension. The figures add up to more than 100% because some young men surveyed gave more than one reason for leaving.

Pregnancy made a difference among girl dropouts in 1980, but not that big a difference. The young lady dropouts cited marriage plans (31%) for the main reason to leave school. Another 31% said they were dissatisfied with school, while 30% said they left because of poor grades.

Just 23% of dropouts surveyed left because of pregnancy, while another 11% of girls said they had job offers.

And it wasn't all because of bad grades, either. Nearly 3% said they had mostly As, while 8.1% had mostly Bs. Another 18.5% said they had mostly Cs.

If there's any lesson to be learned here, it's simple: *You're better off if you stay in school.* Even one more year -- or a few months longer to graduation -- is better than dropping out as a sophomore. A large number of former students couldn't even be located, which proves again leaving school wasn't a good decision.

So if you don't want to be a 1983 (or 1984) statistic, stay in school, young people. The learning you get will do you an amazing amount of good!

Pete Progress says:

"People who drink to drown their sorrow should be told that sorrow knows how to swim!"



Fore!

By Mavis Pechette

Happy New Year



Amid the aftermath of Christmas we hard heading for the New Year. 1984 is arriving and it will be more than the title of a book. When that novel was published people were terrified by the year. Now it's here and things aren't really so different than they were 35 years ago.

Technical advances have come about, to be sure. Jets fly daily through the skies. Almost every home has television. Computers are part of elementary education.

But we still hung our stockings by the fireplace. Santa still comes on Christmas Eve. And we begin to think about New Year's resolutions as soon as the last Christmas Day football game is over.

The week between Christmas and New Year's is a good time to start formulating resolutions. It gives us time for practice and thought on them.

Do you really want to stop smoking? Try it for a few days before putting it in writing on your list.

Going on a diet in 1984? Christmas leftovers may be just the thing you need to get started. At least when they are gone, you can think about counting calories.

Resolved to be kinder to family members? That should be easier in the season of peace and joy. Extend the season a little longer. And just remember the nice gifts they gave you. Maybe your resolutions involve reading more books. The library is open between the holidays. Stop in and pick up an armload. Just leave some for me.

Are you going to do more visiting in 1984? This week offers opportunity for that. Schedules are not so hectic perhaps. There are no wrestling matches, basketball or volleyball games at the schools. Clubs and service organizations are not meeting this week. If you see a light on at your neighbor's house, drop in and say hello. Do you have a new neighbor? Go visit there and invite the family to your home. You don't have to wait for the New Year.

Resolutions are fun to think about and try to carry out. We all want to improve ourselves and the beginning of a new year is a good time to start. Orwell's Big Brother of "1984" may hover over us, but we are still free to make our resolutions and do our best to carry through on them.

Happy New Year!

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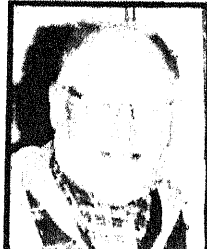
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RECOLLECTIONS of by-gone days



By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR, I have been to a lot of Christmas programs. Some were very good and some weren't so good.

I was in some and once in a while. I wasn't a favorite with the teacher, so I didn't get a part, but I still remember the first one I was ever in.

We were visiting my Grandma Swartzendruber. My Uncle Dan said there was a Christmas program at the Snell School and he was going and my Dad and I could go along. When we got there, there were many people already there. I only knew a few. Most of the men were short and stocky and had moustaches and the women had on big hats with feathers in them and hobble skirts.

That was in 1916 and some of us remember when hobble skirts were in style. If I remember right, there was a sliding door between the two rooms. If they pulled it back, it made one room out of the two.

We sat far back and I stood on a chair so I could see what was going on. They had a play with an old man. The later Sherman Maust was the old man. He had a false white beard.

I don't remember too much about the play, but a bunch of boys were dressed up like negroes. They had their faces blackened up and sang a little. One of them read a funny story. He was Eli Shetler. People clapped their hands just like they do now, but they waited until the program was done.

Then they divided up the candy. There was one sack left and the teacher didn't know who to give it to. Then she saw me standing on the chair and she said, "I know what I'll do with it." And she came back and said, "Catch it," and threw it at me. And I caught it.

On the way home, I opened it and found a lot of hard candy like we had those days and a banana, which was something we seldom got. I peeled it and started to eat it. The road was very rough and that Model T hit every bump -- and that banana flew up and hit me in the eye!

And I thought my Dad would split, laughing at me. Well, sometimes these children who put on a program are a lot more sincere than we older folks are. Christ said that unless we become as little children, we can't get into heaven. That doesn't mean we should be childish, but believe and be humble like a child, which is sometimes hard to do.

SINCERELY YOURS, GEORGE KEIM

Inspector Gordo's Minute Mystery

THE CASE OF THE Civil war saber

"From the length of your face I deduce it was slapped by some young lady whose good opinion you were endeavoring to win, but which you lost instead," said Inspector Gordo.

"Quite right, as usual," muttered Brett Makerin, the cap-sizing Casanova. "This time I even went out and got a prop -- a saber -- to lend my story authenticity.

"You've heard of General R. Horatio Albercrombie? The old walrus fought for the Union during the Civil War. His great-great-granddaughter, Cassandra, is secretary of the Civil War Round Table. She won't give you a second glance unless your great-great-grandfather fought in the great American conflict, too.

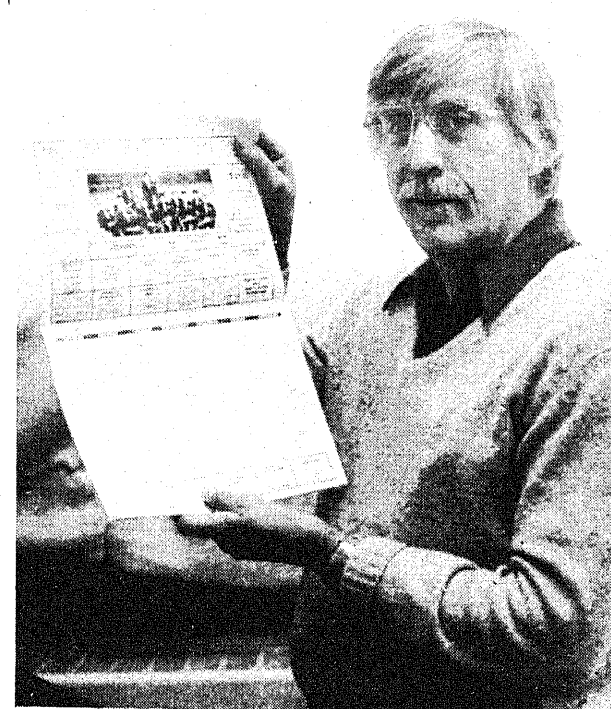
"Unfortunately," went on Brett, "both my great-great-grandfathers were London chimney sweeps. They never fought anything but soot. So to impress Cassandra, I invented an ancestor, Lieutenant George Makerin, 80th New Baltimore Highlanders.

"I told Cassandra that at the first battle of Bull Run, when the commanding officer was killed, Lieutenant Makerin took over the regiment and saved it from annihilation. Again, at the second battle of Bull Run, the year following, he rallied the troops despite the loss of 105 men.

"The month after First Bull Run, the men of his company presented George with a saber. Here I showed Cassandra the saber I'd purchased at a costume's shop and had inscribed. "To Lt. G. Makerin, for gallantry at First Bull Run, July 21, 1861, from the men of his company, in appreciation. "I was feeling pretty cocky when I gave her the blade -- "And then she promptly gave you the front door," said Gordo. "I hardly blame her!"

What was Brett's mistake? Answer on Page 8

Laker band calendars available



LAKER BAND DIRECTOR Bill Denbrock proudly displays a 1984 Band Booster calendar, the latest project undertaken by the Laker Band Booster Club. The 12-month calendar, available from any Laker band member, features meeting dates, sporting events, and dozens of individual anniversaries and birthdays. Coordinated by Band Director Denbrock and Deann Damrow, the calendar will be an annual fund-raising project.

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Most January tasks are indoors!

Thanks to the weather, most of the gardening tasks are indoor ones this month.

Michigan State University Extension specialists suggest the following activities are timely now.

Plan the vegetable garden, flower beds and landscape plantings now and order seeds and plants this month or next.

Keep checking stored bulbs, corms and tubers and garden produce. Discard any that may have begun to mold or show other signs of decay or deterioration. Leaving these in the storage area will speed the deterioration of the rest.

Bring bulbs potted in October out of cold storage for forcing into flower this month or early in February.

Plant amaryllis bulbs in pots and watch them grow daily. Expect flowers in six to eight weeks. Amaryllis that flowered at Christmas should be watered and fertilized according to the care instructions that came with them.

Pinch coleus and geraniums you saved from the garden. Without frequent pinching, they'll grow long and spindly.

For a breath of spring, but small branches of quince, forsythia, cherry, apple and pussywillow and bring them indoors for forcing into flower.

Keep holiday plants looking good well into the new year by continuing to give them bright light and cool temperatures and protecting them against hot and cold drafts. Water whenever the soil feels dry and fertilize ac-

cording to the care instructions that came with each plant.

Continue to be a miser with fertilizer and water for houseplants. If they're growing at all now, they're growing slowly, and they need little water or plant food. Too much of either, combined with low winter light levels, can cause problems. Place house plants near a sunny south window so they can make the most of the light that's available, turning them occasionally so they grow evenly. Do not place plants directly on a cold windowsill -- roots will become chilled or even frozen, especially if drapes or blinds close the plants off from the heated room at night. Make sure plant foliage doesn't touch cold window glass.

If you haven't done so already, plant your living Christmas tree as soon as possible. Mulch after planting, and support the tree with guy wires and stakes if necessary. To prevent the

foliage from drying out, shade it with canvas and burlap on the south and west sides.

Put your cut Christmas tree to good use by recycling it into a plant protector. Placed on the south and west sides of rhododendrons and other broadleaved evergreens, it can shield them against drying sun and wind. Branches from a discarded tree can be laid on the mulch on perennial beds and strawberries, where it will help trap a layer of insulating snow.

Avoid walking on the lawn where grass blades are frozen or snow-covered. Frequently trod paths will show up in the spring as worn areas.

Save wood ashes from your stove or fireplace to spread on the garden in the spring. Ashes contain small amounts of valuable trace elements and some potash (potassium).

Avoid using de-icing salt on sidewalks and driveways

whenever possible. When you must use salt, use it sparingly and shovel salty slush away from lawn and garden areas and the root zones of valuable plants.

If you are feeding the wild birds, plan to continue through March or even April. Birds will become dependent on your feeder and they may starve if you stop feeding before natural food sources become available.

Clabuesch wins varsity letter

Jim Clabuesch of Pigeon, a freshman at Grand Valley State College, has earned a varsity letter in cross-country.

The announcement was made by Dr. George MacDonald, athletic director at the college.

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Huron Bean Day on Jan. 13 features Ag Leaders

Michigan Agricultural Leadership Program participants David Eichler, Kent Gettel and Al Hass will review their worldwide educational travels in the past three years to highlight the annual Huron County Bean Day, coming Friday, Jan. 13 at the Farm Bureau Building, Bad Axe.

Eichler of Pigeon, former Pigeonite Gettel and Hass, both of Bad Axe, will show slides and artifacts from their journeys through the MSU-coordinated Young Farmer Program. That presentation kicks off Bean Day, at 9:30 a.m.

Dry Edible Bean Research Advisory Board spokesman Greg Varner will review results of the Dry Bean Variety Trials and answer questions about new varieties available for the 1984 growing season, according to County Extension Ag Agent Jim LeCureux.

MSU's Food Science Department lecturer Dr. Mark Uebersax will outline news in bean production development. He has worked with the Michigan Bean Commission to develop new uses for beans and to expand existing markets.

Dale Kuenzli of Valley Marketing Co-op will give a market update for growers, to cap the morning program.



Jim Byrum



Chairman Don Roestel

State food growers to host lawmakers

Michigan food producers will host state lawmakers at a legislative dinner Jan. 11, the opening day of the 1984 legislative session.

The Michigan Agricultural Conference (MAC), made up of 42 state agricultural organizations and agribusinesses, is organizing the event planned for 6 p.m. in the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University.

Gov. James Blanchard and Paula Blanchard have been invited to attend, along with members of the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate.

MAC president J.W. Erwin and MSU president Cecil Mackey will welcome the audience of about 900 farmers and friends of agriculture. The toastmaster will be John Welsler, former dean of the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, who is now director of agricultural research at the Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo.

The featured address, "Food and Freedom," will be given by Bryan Patrick, Jr., former secretary of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

As part of a 36-year tradition, each guest will receive an "ag bag" filled with foods contributed by 20 Michigan food producers. Some of the items in this year's bag are new products.

There is a charge for tickets to the legislative dinner. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Frank Madaski at 355-3771.

Huron County elevators will again provide free lunch, and the annual growers' meeting is planned following that. Promotion, bean queen and election committees will be reporting.

The Bean Growers' Association will report on several promotions undertaken in 1983. LeCureux will provide an update on insect, disease and weed problems and will discuss cost of production analyses for crop farmers.

To end the Bean Day, Michigan Bean Commission Executive Secretary Jim Byrum and Commission Chairman Gerald Elenbaum will report on Commission activities in 1983.

Don Roestel of Pigeon is chairman of the Bean Day sponsors, the Huron County Bean Growers' Association. Bill Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach is vice chairman, and Bill Remm of Pigeon is secretary-treasurer.

Other directors include Martin Schuette of Pigeon, Dan Baranski of Port Austin, Larry Adam of Sebawaing, Melvin Gingrich and John Baranic, both of Bad Axe, and Dennis Kociba of Harbor Beach.

The Progress-Advance and Pigeon Co-op present

Out in the field

Algeria a soybean market?

Algeria promises "great trade growth potential in the long-term" for U.S. agricultural products, says Michael Phillips, director of American Soybean Association's (ASA) market development programs.

A renewed emphasis on agricultural development in Algeria, along with a rapidly growing population, will make Algeria an important new market for U.S. ag commodities, Phillips says.

The African country is estimated to import a total of \$3.5 billion worth of agricultural and food products in 1983-84. That's grown sharply from imports totaling only \$2 billion in 1980.

Algeria currently imports about 125,000 metric tons of soybean meal, mostly from Europe. But a rapidly growing poultry industry and a new emphasis on increasing beef and dairy production will increase Algeria's demand for high-protein feed ingredients, especially soybean meal.

There are now 15 feed mills in Algeria producing about 1 million metric tons of mixed feed.

Farm borrowers will see more conservative credit in '84

Even though money supplies are adequate, farmers seeking production credit in 1984 may be facing more conservative lenders.

"Lending trends for the past few years and forecasts of those trends into the future suggests that 1983 is

going to look like a high-water mark for a long time to come," said Richard Niess, second vice president for the National Bank of Detroit (NBD). "In light of the current economic problems plaguing the agricultural community, large institutions are going to be very careful where they place their money."

Niess made his remarks to about 1,500 farmers who attended the Seed, Weed and Fertilizer School on Dec. 13-14 in Lansing. The school was sponsored by the Michigan State University

Cooperative Extension Service. Large banks - those with lending limits over \$1 billion - have an adequate supply of money because of the

deregulation of lending and money markets, which opened greater opportunities. Smaller banks may have trouble raising money, according to Niess.

"We haven't got a clear idea yet of what places like the Farmers' Home Administration will be doing," Niess said. "It is my opinion that they will not be looking for new customers and will be weeding out the better established farmers who can get credit elsewhere."

SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN

We welcome your favorite recipes (no more than three at a time, please), which should be sent to: "SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN" c/o The Progress-Advance P.O. Box 489 Pigeon, MI 48755

We don't care if you copy them down from memory or send us a photo copy from a favorite cookbook. Give them to us, with your name and address. We're looking for January favorites (cold weather stews and casseroles - so send them in!

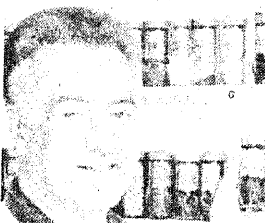
WESTERN CHILI

Zippy, cheesy chili will warm you on those cold winter days. Great for those afternoons after you have been chopping wood for the furnace.

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 can-15 oz. tomato sauce
- 1 can-1 lb. kidney beans, undrained
- 1 1/2 T. instant minced onion
- 2 t. chili powder (more or less to taste)
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 cups-8 oz. shredded Cheddar cheese

Brown meat in a large skillet. Stir in tomato sauce, beans, onion, chili powder and bay leaf. Bring to a boil and simmer 30 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Remove from heat; stir in cheese until melted. Return to low heat to finish melting cheese, if necessary. (Do not boil). Garnish each serving with additional Cheddar cheese. Yield: 5 1/2 cups.

Helpful tip ... If you spray new tennis shoes with starch before wearing them, dirt can't become embedded in the canvas and the shoes will always be easy to clean.



Our Michigan Kitchen

By Mr. Jean Charest

Open House for any occasion

Occasionally, there is a need to entertain a dozen or more people easily and without any fuss. It may be on the occasion of a friend's anniversary, birthday or graduation or merely an excuse to entertain ourselves.

On such occasions we recommend the "without fuss" buffet. When we entertain large numbers of people informally one provides for their sustenance and refreshment in the easiest and most relaxed way. Thus the "help yourself" food bar originated.

The next point is that if you plan to simply serve "help yourself" fare the ingredients must be of the finest possible quality and entirely fresh. Always provide freshly baked rolls, butter, cutting boards, knives and assorted dressings and condiments.

You may choose to roast a turkey, a Virginia ham or a roast beef but when served with fresh rolls and your guests favorite beverage, you are certain to get many compliments on your hospitality.

We attempt to serve everyone something we are certain they will enjoy. When children are expected to accompany their parents we usually serve hamburgers and soda pop, for diabetics we have fresh fruit and for those people careful of their salt intake, we serve sweet butter.

We usually borrow a large urn for coffee and a large tub is decorated and used to keep iced beer, soda pop and a selection of red and white wines. In winter it is also suggested that a huge cauldron of bean soup may be appreciated and enjoyed by your guests.

Cooking and preparation time is not lengthy for this type of party, just roast the meat and cut the first few slices of each item to show the guests how the rest should be done. Let them help themselves and the host and hostess are left to enjoy themselves too!

THE DARING HOSTESS: The daring hostess may prefer to give her "Open House" the Danish accent by using some very simple Smorrebrod open-faced sandwiches.

These sandwiches are made on thinly sliced white or brown bread and will give you a great opportunity to see if you have any hidden artistic talent.

CROWDED SHRIMP: Overlap rows of tiny salad shrimps on buttered white bread; garnish with sliced lemon.

SMOKED FISH AND EGG: Thoroughly beat whole eggs and bake in a shallow buttered oven-proof dish so that a smooth firm layer of egg is formed. Cool, cut in strips and arrange on dark bread with strips of smoked fish and thinly sliced apple, scatter with chopped chives.

HELLO TO SCHNAPPS: On buttered pumpernickel arrange strips of marinated herring, herring in wine sauce or herring salad made of chopped herring, diced beets and apple in mayonnaise, seasoned with tartar sauce and colored with red food coloring; garnish with dill.

LET'S MIDNIGHT SNACK: Spread pumpernickel with savory pork fat (recipe follows) and arrange liver pate' and sliced ham on it or chopped aspic. **Savory Pork Fat:** Melt 1 lb. lard in a saucepan. Add 6 medium onions, peeled and finely chopped, and simmer until the onions are brown. Chill and use as needed.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON: Spread buttered rye with liver pate' and top with crisp bacon and tomato slices, chopped aspic and freshly grated horseradish.

SALAMI: Spread pumpernickel with savory pork fat; arrange thinly sliced salami on top.

ROAST BEEF: Place thin slices of rare beef on buttered rye with tartar sauce; top with fine slices of raw or fried onion.

COPENHAGEN SANDWICH: Place folded slices of ham on buttered pumpernickel with a salad of cooked carrots, peas and chopped asparagus tips, mixed with mayonnaise.

LION'S SALAD: Spoon fresh uncooked ground steak on pumpernickel; place an egg yoke (cooked) like a flower in the middle, and arrange tiny shrimps around it.

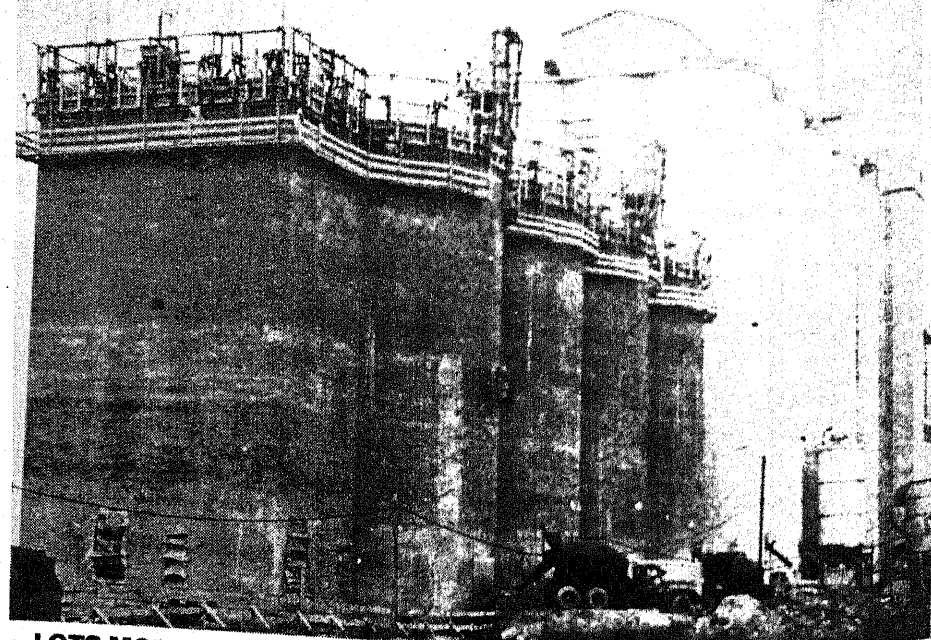
VIKING GALLEY: Overlap slices of cooked tongue on buttered pumpernickel with a salad of cooked diced carrot, diced beef and apple mixed with mayonnaise. Top salad with drained sections of mandarin orange.

CHEESE SANDWICH: Arrange slices of cheese and crisp bacon on buttered pumpernickel; top with triangles of Camembert.

DANISH LIVER LOAF: Ingredients: 1/2 lb. calves or pig's liver, 1 c. milk, 1 T. flour, 1/2 c. lard, 1 t. salt, 1/2 t. pepper, Pinch allspice, 1 onion, 1 egg. Procedure: Stir milk into flour, add lard and heat mixture in a saucepan, until it thickens. Simmer 1 minute, add seasonings and cool. Grind liver and onion finely and stir into cool milk mixture with the egg. Pour into loaf pan and bake in a moderately hot oven (375°) for 45 minutes or until firm and brown. For a soft crust, bake as above, setting the pan in a warm water bath. Cool and slice as needed. Unsliced pate' will keep, covered, up to 3 days in the refrigerator.

(Quite frankly, whenever we are pressed for time, we use liverwurst from one of the local markets).

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



LOTS MORE SPACE: One of the biggest agricultural stories of 1983 is construction of 800,000 bushels of additional capacity at the Elkton Plant of the Cooperative Elevator Co., of Pigeon. Here, construction of the storage silos is beginning, in early summer.

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USA SNAPSHOTS

A LOOK AT INTERESTING NATIONAL STATISTICS

Foreign food buyers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has made a list of food items which foreign governments and foreign businesses want most, from U.S. ag producers. We sold \$34.8 billion of such goods in fiscal 1983, but that's down nearly 11% from 1982's \$39 billion. Here are the top five commodities, in order, foreigners seek:

1. Chicken, fresh and frozen
2. Rice
3. Assorted grocery items
4. Corn
5. Beef, fresh and frozen

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Trade Opportunity Referral Service

Armond Herford feted by PAG

Armond Herford of Elkton was honored by being named to PAG Seeds' 1983-84 Executive Dealer Club at a special business meeting recently at PAG headquarters in Wayzata, Minn. Herford's award was in recognition of his outstanding sales achievements during the 1982-83 sales year, says a PAG spokesman.

FARM NOTEBOOK...

- ✓ **Certified Seed Marketing Seminar** is coming Wednesday, Jan. 4 at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. Watch for details or contact the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, P.O. Box 21008, Lansing, MI 48909.
- ✓ **Michigan Crop Improvement Association's Annual Field Seed Membership Meeting** is also hosted by the Bavarian Inn, on Thursday, Jan. 5. More details from the same place as above!
- ✓ **Michigan Soybean Association** has its annual meeting at Ann Arbor's Marriott Inn on Friday, Jan. 6. For details, contact regional soybean manager Doug Leith at (614) 864-7692 or State President Grant Putman at 655-2083.
- ✓ **Michigan Agricultural Conference's Legislative Banquet** is coming Wednesday, Jan. 11, at MSU's Kellogg Center. For details, contact Fred Madaski in Room 11, Ag Hall, MSU, East Lansing, 48824 or call 355-3771.
- ✓ **Thursday, Jan. 12 is the date for the Tuscola Bean Day** at the Akron-Fairgrove VFW Hall. Call the Extension Office in Caro at 673-5999 for more facts.
- ✓ **Farm Building Contractors Conference** is set for Jan. 11-12 at the Sheraton Inn in Lansing. For details, contact Barbara Brochu, MSU Department of Ag Engineering, at 355-3477.
- ✓ **Michigan Cattlemen's Association Convention and Trade Show** Jan. 12-13 at Long's Convention Center, Lansing. For details, call Harlan Ritchie at 355-8401.
- ✓ **Huron County Bean Day** is planned Friday, Jan. 13 at the Farm Bureau Building in Bad Axe. It starts at 9:30 a.m. and runs all day. Details by calling 289-9949.
- ✓ **Great Lakes Vegetable Show** is coming Jan. 25 to the Lansing Civic Center.
- ✓ **State 4-H Council Meeting** is coming to Kettunen Center, Tustin, Jan. 27-28.
- ✓ **Circle Wednesday, Feb. 8 on your calendar.** That's the date for the **1984 State Bean Day** at the Saginaw Civic Center. The biennial event features more than 50 exhibits and presentations on the latest research information and market updates. Doors open at 9 a.m. It's sponsored by the Michigan Bean Commission, state Bean Shippers Association, Cooperative Extension Service and industries providing supplies and services to the Michigan dry edible bean industry. For details, call 373-0090.
- ✓ **Michigan Grain and Agrt-Dealers Trade Show** is coming Feb. 14-16 at Grand Rapids. Details soon.

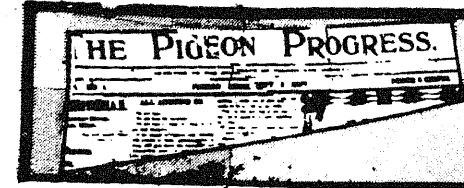
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The Past in Print



80 YEARS AGO JAN. 8, 1904

Three boys, Jay Lounsberry, 12, Glen Lounsberry, nine, sons of James Lounsberry and Daniel Dutcher, 10, son of Pearl Dutcher, both Bay Port families, became lost on the Bay during the snowstorm Saturday. When the lads did not return early in the afternoon, searchers started looking for them and the search continued all night. About 8 a.m. Sunday the boys were found about 1 1/2 miles from shore. Two of the bodies were frozen stiff but the youngest, Glen, still showed signs of life. He died a short time after being brought to shore. This is perhaps the saddest affair that ever happened in Bay Port and the parents have the sympathy of the entire village.

Luke S. Johnson, Caseville, celebrated his 56th birthday with a number of friends at the Hotel Smalley Wednesday evening.

Jurors from the western part of the country for January term of court are: Julius Diefenbach, Winsor; David Coulter, Brookfield; John Stortz, Caseville; D.W. Freeland, Chandler; George White, Fair Haven; J.W. Brackenberry, Grant; Edward Severn, Lake and Peter Sorenson, Oliver.

70 YEARS AGO JAN. 9, 1914

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. William Heasty, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Campbell and Mrs. George Winter, George Heasty and the Progress editor were butchering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Geiger, Winsor, Tuesday. It was a jolly occasion. Carl Milliken has again

taken charge of the Pere Marquette depot in Pigeon and Mr. and Mrs. Milliken will make their home in Pigeon.

Pigeon Tourist Club will open their library to the public next Saturday. It is located in the Holtzman music store and will be open each Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. Those who have presented one dollar or two books to the library are entitled to library membership cards.

John Kuhl, an old resident of Fair Haven, died Sunday.

Arthur Schutt and Miss Clara Hoerman were married last Thursday.

50 YEARS AGO JAN. 12, 1934

Conservator Ernest Clabuesch announced that the Pigeon State Bank will reopen shortly after Jan. 29. The entire stock of the new institution has been sold to local people.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mrdevortz Heckroth, 79, died at her home in Elkton. She is survived by her husband, William, two daughters, Anna and Violet and four sons, Ivan, William, Walter and Charles.

Mrs. Charles Hurd, 62, died at her home near Gagetown. Surviving are her husband, five daughters and a son.

McKinley Farmers Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Licht Tuesday evening and new officers elected are Theo Leipprandt, Alfred Sturm, Robert Bowman, Jr., Alvin Newman, E.L. Raven, Bad Axe, was the guest speaker.

Pigeon High basketballers

easily won their fourth victory this season when they defeated Sebawaing 24-12. Pigeon line-up: Clabuesch, Luedtke, Niebel, Bolger, Rol. Danks, Hichue, ray Danks, Hamill, Brown.

Officers elected at the annual meeting of Berne Lutheran Church were Henry Strieter, Henry Elbing, Carl Sting, W.H. Nieschulz.

40 YEARS AGO JAN. 14, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Schneider, Winsor, received a telegram from the Navy Dept. advising that their son, Marvin, had met death while on duty on the S.S. St. Augustine in a collision off Cape May, N.Y. Besides his parents, he leaves one brother and four sisters.

Pigeon-Winsor war bond committee asks all who signed war bond pledges last April to purchase the drive during the fourth war loan drive beginning Jan. 18. The quota is \$56,725 in E, F and G bonds. Local war saving comm. R. Harry Leslie, ch.

Herman Neischulz, Sr., 80, died at his home east of Pigeon in Oliver Jan. 8. He leaves his widow, one daughter and three sons.

Adam H. Fuss, 75, died at his home in Pigeon last Friday. He was foreman of Bay Port Quarry for 21 years. Besides his widow, he leaves two sons.

George Miller, 88, passed away at his home in McKinley Wednesday.

Rev. W.N. Mertz, pastor of Bay Port Methodist Church, will leave for service in the Navy. He will attend William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va. to receive training as a navy chaplain.

30 YEARS AGO JAN. 8, 1954

Pigeon State Bank will hold open house in their new bank building all day on Thursday, Jan. 7 with gifts of corsages for ladies and

wallets for men. Merry Circle of Pigeon Methodist Church will serve free refreshments in the afternoon. Present officers are Ernest Clabuesch, Hugh Harder, E.J. Clabuesch, Arthur Luedtke and Delores Licht. Board members are Herman Buchholz, Clifton Bailey, E.J. Clabuesch, R.H. Leslie, Hugh Harder and Ernest Clabuesch. During 1908 the bank reported assets of \$70,000. By 1953 assets had swelled to a high of \$2,876,212.

Bill Dornay staged his annual dinner for Pigeon Rotary Club members at his Blue Water Inn, Caseville, Monday evening, serving prime rib roast.

Mrs. Joan Ricker, 18, Owenale, died in an automobile accident Sunday morning while on the way to church. Mrs. Vern Ricker, a passenger in the car, suffered back and neck injuries. Mrs. Ricker is survived by her husband, James, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Proudfoot, two sisters and a brother.

Ellen Ahearn, a 1953 Pigeon High School graduate and a winner of a \$200 college study grant awarded by Detroit Edison Co., was among a group of golden anniversary scholarship winners honored by Detroit Edison in Detroit on Dec. 30. Miss Ahearn is a freshman at Central Michigan College.

20 YEARS AGO JAN. 9, 1964

Bert Howard, 61, Caseville, passed away Dec. 29. He is survived by his widow, five daughters and six sons.

Joseph Maier, 61, died Dec. 31 at his home in Oliver. Surviving are two aunts and one uncle.

Mrs. Paul Wachner, 80, the former Helen Barbara Schutt of Pigeon, died Dec. 21 in Detroit. Surviving are five daughters and one son.

Roger Forster has purchased the Blythe Kellerman farm service business in Elkton.

Rev. and Mrs. Morris E. Bauman, Elkton, traveled to Korea to bring home their two adopted Korean orphan children, James Edison and Kathy Marie.

Lyle Thompson, Elkton, has been appointed new agricultural agent for the Bay County agricultural extension service. He graduated from MSU in December and prior to that, farmed in Huron County for seven years.

Alvin DeGrow showed slides of his and Mrs. DeGrow's recent European trip at the January meeting of Pigeon PTA. Also on the program were John Eichler, Lyle Shetler, Mrs. Clare Tosch and Mrs. John Leipprandt.

10 YEARS AGO JAN. 19, 1974

The famous wooden steeple of Caseville United Methodist Church is being torn down at a cost of nearly \$4,000, only \$1,000 less than the construction cost of the original church 100 years ago. The steeple will be replaced by a similar one of steel and other metals and will have a strobe light instead of the previous incandescent light.

It has been a landmark for Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay vessels since 1873.

Loren Getel and Norman Schulze, Pigeon, have been elected to the board of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., an affiliate company of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

More than \$750 in destruction was caused early Saturday in the Pigeon area when vandals damaged windows and signs at a service station, library grain elevator and the U.S. Post Office in Pigeon.

Jean M. Osborne, R.N. Caseville, has been named director of nurses at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, replacing Herta E. Shope, R.N., who resigned Dec. 31, after holding the position 11 years. Meta A. O'Connor, R.N., Elkton, was appointed assistant director of nurses and day supervisor.

Neilson W. Kuehn, 54, died Jan. 4 at his home near Sebawaing. Surviving are his

widow, one daughter and one stepson.

54 YEARS AGO JAN. 9, 1930

From the files of The Elkton-Advance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bleam, Elkton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 5 with a gathering at their home. They have eight children and many grandchildren who were able to be with them.

Ray Krohn of near Elkton was badly burned when a partly filled kerosene can exploded as he was starting a fire in the kitchen office. He was treated at the office of Dr. A.W. Campbell.

The pageant, "A Gift for the Christchild," which had been planned for Christmas Eve in Elkton Evangelical Church, will be given Sunday evening. Director is Mrs. Alvin Knechtel and cast includes E.J. Ramseyer, Berta Plyley, Ermythe Ackerman, Mrs. M.C. Ginter, Alene Eby, Virginia Schultz, Beulah Herford, Kenneth Ginter, Emory Motz, Stanley Paupel, Helen Lotter, Mrs. Al Eby, Mrs. Moss Herford, Cordelia Plyley, Don Wilson, Olin Ackerman, Aaron Paupel, Etral Miller and Fern Herford.

A snowstorm which began early today has piled up drifts of four to six feet in this community.

Elkton High School Echoes was published in this edition with news staff: Vera Eicher, Margaret Fox, Adelle Osborne, Charles Krohn and Roy Ramseyer. Reporters are Eleanor Thompson, Virginia Schultz, Helen Campbell, Marian Wiley, Virginia Ackerman.

MINUTE MYSTERY ANSWER

As the second battle of Bull Run did not occur until "the year following" the first, the men of Lt. Walker's company could not have known "the month after First Bull" that there would be a second battle. They would have inscribed the blade "... at Bull Run," and not "... at First Bull Run."

Looking back at the 'highs and lows' of the year

CON'T FROM PAGE 1

Laker spikers fall to their rival USA team by losing the championship match at the district tournaments. Harold Gremel Jr. of Sebawaing is elected to represent District 9 on the board of directors of the Michigan Milk Producers Association, succeeding Mike Renn of Elkton, who did not seek re-election.

Winners of the "America and Me" essay contest for eighth graders have been announced: Cross Lutheran School, CheriAnne Coyer; Caseville Schools, Yvonne Miller, and Owen-Gage, Kendra Reehl.

The Thumb Area experienced its worst snowstorm of the season on the first official day of spring, dumping over a foot of snow on unexpecting local towns.

Jack McCain of Bay Port and Roger Vollmer of Pigeon have purchased Lester Fogle's plumbing business in Bay Port and re-named it Bay Shore Plumbing.

Pigeon Village Council's three new members - incumbent Kenneth Licht and newcomers Tony Kula and Fred Orr

- are sworn in following March 14 election wins. Laker Schools purchase two new 66-passenger school buses to add to their fleet.

The entire starting line-up of the Thumb B Champion Laker Volleyball team is selected for post-season honors. Eva Sturm and Tina Parver are named to the Thumb B All-Conference first team and Sue Ritter is named to the second team. Shelly Baur, Shelly Ginter and Sue Kohr all receive honorable mentions.

Eight Laker musicians earned top ratings by judges at state competition at the University of Michigan, including Diane Koch, Suzy Sprague, Pam Stein, Stacy Schadd, Kevin Laursen, Camie Gaskill, Camie Gaskill, Shelly Baur and Pat-ti Dutcher.

Bay Porter John Dutcher is presented with a braille watch by Pigeon Lions Club President Dennis Diener.

John Rathje is named Most Valuable basketball player by Coach Bill McLellan at the Laker Winter Sports Night.

Six new members are welcomed into the St. John's Lutheran Church congregation through confirmation, in-

cluding Ray Deering, Becki Schaaf, Nicole Webber, Ami Rathje and James Roestel.

MARCH DEATHS: William Andrus 51, Clara G. Bedford 89, Herbert E. Beck 83, Eugene A. Hand 42, Jean Bolger 70, Alice Frank 70, William E. Radabaugh 57, Emory G. Motz 77, Paul P. Fischer Sr., 69 and Harriet B. Keppel 82.

APRIL, 1983

APRIL'S TOP STORY: The Caseville Library Club presents a \$1,000 check to Scheurer Hospital Administrator George Desmaris at the club's annual Spring Fling, to purchase needed hospital equipment.

Mel and Dorothy Baerwolf retire after 44 years of management of the Pigeon Polewax Store. Dave Jarvis is named new manager.

"Rollie Smith Day" is proclaimed in the Village of Pigeon, honoring the local booster for his 40-plus years of sports training to Pigeon area youths. Center Street is officially renamed Rollie Smith Drive in his honor.

A record turnout of over 600 area residents gathered at the annual Bluewater Youth for Christ Sharing Banquet.

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Band entertains Scheurer patients



MEMBERS OF THE CASEVILLE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES 'Kitchen Band' had as much fun playing for the Scheurer Hospital Long-Term residents, as did the listeners themselves! They performed for the patients on Friday, Dec. 16, as a special Christmas treat.

School menus

LAKER SCHOOLS

Salad bar will feature daily a choice of hot vegetable, canned or fresh fruit, chopped lettuce and accompaniments. Additional items when available. Chocolate and white milk daily. Daily choice of three main dishes.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Meaty lasagna, pizzaburger or bologna sandwich.

WEDNESDAY: Cheesy pizza, toasted cheese sandwich with french fries or egg salad sandwich with french fries.

THURSDAY: Taco pocket, homemade tuna noodle casserole or hot dog on bun, cookie.

FRIDAY: Cheesy pizza, fishwich french fries, chicken salad sandwich with french fries.

CASEVILLE SCHOOLS

MONDAY: No School.

TUESDAY: Chicken noodle, vegetable and tomato soups, peanut butter and chicken sandwiches, ala carte, hot dog.

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or tuna noodle casserole, ala carte: hot dog.

THURSDAY: Grilled cheese or hot dog, green beans, ala carte: hot dog.

FRIDAY: Fish sandwich or hamburger, corn, ala carte: fish.

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Saying farewell to another year with a look at '83

CON'T FROM PAGE 9

Caseville's annual Fench Festival kicks off with the third annual Talent Show, and promises a fun-filled nine days of activity from April 15-24.

Laker's outstanding spiker, Eva Sturm, is named to the second team all-state, by the Michigan High School Volleyball Coaches' Association.

Three young artists are winners in the Schuerer Hospital "Poison Prevention" poster contest, Steve Kauffman, Shawn Winter and Kim Gebauer.

A new Caseville business, Nature's Way Bakery is now open.

Top Girl Scout cookie sellers are Gina Apley, 343 boxes, Lisa Anklam, 207 boxes and Cheryl Baur, 150 boxes.

The Interfaith Softball League presents a \$225 check to the Pigeon Village Council in appreciation for the summer-long use of park playing fields.

Incumbent Laker School Board President Gary King announces he will not seek re-election. Incumbent Virginia Lepprandt again seeks office, as do newcomers James Clabuesch of Pigeon and Lavern Chioffi of Elkton.

Huron County Development Workshop holds first meeting in Bad Axe, bringing together leaders in various county groups. Representing Western Huron County are Harold and Lillian Gremel, Jr., of Sebawaing; Henry Engelhardt, Dick Strieter, George Swartzendruber, Al and Sally Douglas, all of Bay Port; Rich Lisowski of Caseville; Bob Krohn and Larry Krohn, both of Elkton and Joe McArdle, Herman Rathke, Don Roestel, Ross Voelker, Ted Lepprandt, Jim McBride and Mark Rummel, all of Pigeon.

DeeAnn Richmond is named Valedictorian of the 1983 graduating class of Laker High School. Co-salutatorians are Stacy Schadd and Camie Gaskill.

The Townliners Extension group celebrates its 30th anniversary with a \$100 donation to the Pigeon District Library.

Rev. Joel Hurley of Elkton United Methodist Church accepts a call to Munising, in the U.P. Rev. Ron Iris is named to replace him in Elkton.

The annual Pigeon Moonlight Madness night attracts hundreds of shoppers until nearly midnight April 29.

APRIL DEATHS: Antonio Flores 98, Vernard E. Peterson 80, L. Caroline Fogie 88, Onnalee Grace Rapson 61, Bernard R. Kreh 70 and Gladys Leota Nickert 83.

MAY, 1983

MAY'S TOP STORY: Construction is under way at the Elkton Plant of the Cooperative Elevator Company, for eight new concrete grain silos, which will hold a total of 800,000 bushels - nearly doubling the facility's capacity.

Nine Caseville High School seniors rank as honor graduates: Michelle Hartz, Kenneth Hill, Deborah Malpass, George Miller, Christopher Murdoch, Lisa Novak, Daniel Simek, Cynthia Trapp and David Watts.

Karen Pritch and Vicki Alexander lead the 1983 Owen-Gage Class as Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

New 1983-84 officers of the Schuerer Hospital Auxiliary are President Dorothy Young, First Vice President Margaret McBride, Second Vice President Dianne Kohr, Secretary

Janice Desmarais and Treasurer Doreen Miller.

Ted Lepprandt of the Cooperative Elevator Company presents a scholarship to Larry Albrecht, Paul Clabuesch of Thumb National Bank presents a scholarship to Ben Maust, Clarence Gettel Laker Future Farmers of America banquet, all at the annual Laker Future Farmers of America banquet, attended by 300 members and guests.

Pigeon Elementary sixth grader Spencer Hamilton, a student in Michael Gehrs' class, wins the third annual Laker Spelling Bee by correctly spelling the word, "delicious." Runner-up is Jeff Rosenthal from Bill Love's sixth grade class in Elkton.

Scheurer Hospital offers an open house for residents to visit its new Billing and Accounting Office.


Six new confirmands are welcomed into the Cross Lutheran Church congregation: Leonard Wing, Rick Born, Michael Trost, CheriAnne Coyer, Maria Schumacher and Christine Licht.

1982-83 alley champs in Ladies Bowling at Pigeon Lanes are the J & B Plg. team, consisting of Marie Ruby and Ethel Gunden, Helen Ruby, Joycelyn Blome and Jessie Otto.

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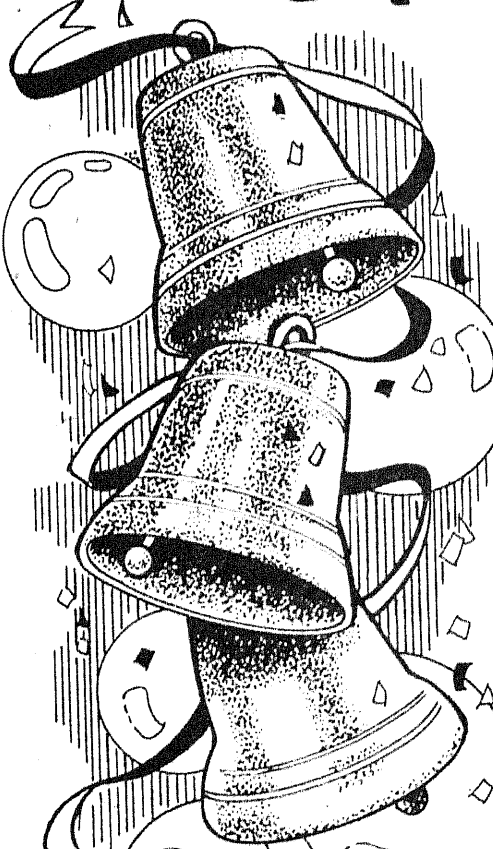
Child abuse hotline in effect

A child abuse and neglect information line funded by the Michigan Department of Social Services and staffed and operated by DEC, Inc. is now operational, according to State Rep. Dick Allen (R-Fairgrove).

This toll-free, statewide HELP line is designed to help parents under stress find community resources to assist them. Community residents who wish to volunteer their time to help parents under stress may also call this number. The toll-free statewide number is 1-800-942-HELP.

The HELP line is NOT a reporting line. Callers who wish to report suspected child abuse will be given the telephone number for their local Protective Services office and supported in their efforts.

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Peck-Hewitt united



Mr. and Mrs. David E. Peck

Beth E. Hewitt of Elkton and David E. Peck of Pigeon united their lives in marriage in a late afternoon Christmas ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the Elkton United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Ron Irish performed the double-ring ceremony for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hewitt of Elkton and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peck of Pigeon.

Poinsettias graced the wedding altar, and organist Nola Kauffman provided special music.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride chose a white formal gown of chantilly lace, featuring a square neckline edged with a layered flounce. Long sheer sleeves also had a flounce at the wrist. Falling from the draped waistline were scalloped tiers of lace, and ruffles also encircled the semi-cathedral train. To complete her bridal ensemble, she chose a matching chantilly lace headpiece with illusion netting edged in lace.

Standing up as maid of honor for the bride was Jane Snider of Pigeon, a friend. She wore a street-length dress in a rose print.

Best man for the groom was Ramiro Sanchez.

The mother of the bride wore a powder blue suit for her daughter's wedding. The groom's mother chose a blue street-length dress.

A reception for thirty-five guests followed at the home

of the groom's parents in Pigeon.

Following a wedding trip to Frankensmuth, the couple are making their home in Fort Gordon, Ga., where the groom is stationed in the Army. They plan to move to Fort Hood, Tex. in February, 1984 for his next assignment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peck are 1983 graduates of Laker High School.

Michigan funded

Washington - Michigan will get approximately \$3.4 million of the \$40 million to be distributed across the country next month by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for emergency food and shelter for the needy, Sen. Carl Levin recently announced.

Huron County is scheduled to receive over \$14,000 of the funds.

Levin is co-sponsor of the amendment to the emergency job legislation last year that created the food and shelter program, and of an amendment that added the \$40 million for distribution this winter.

FEMA distributes the money according to a formula based largely on unemployment in a state, Levin says. Within each state, the money is allocated by state and local boards of representatives of United Way and other voluntary agencies.

The library has both Beta and VHS Clubs at the present time. The total collection of tapes now stands at 285 for both clubs.

Anyone interested in joining either of the clubs are asked to call the library for more information. Persons considering joining should do so before Jan. 9. They will then be able to help pick out new tapes at the next meeting, scheduled for Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the library.

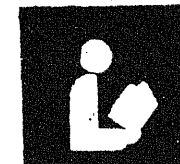
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Pigeon District Library events

By STARLA ALBRECHT

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

A special Christmas Party planned for preschoolers was conducted Tuesday, Dec. 20, for 1 1/2 hours.

Rev. Mark Karls, in charge of the program, told stories and sang songs for the children.

Santa and his helper also visited and sang to the children. Each child was given a present from his stocking.

About 130 preschoolers, parents, nursery children, grandparents and friends attended the party. Cookies and punch were served.

Librarian Roberta Richmond thanked all the mothers who support the library during the year and provided refreshments for the party. She also expressed special thanks to Rev. Karls and Santa and his helper for their cooperation in the program.

MEMORIAL BOOKS

Books or donations for the purchase of books may be given to the library by individuals, clubs or firms in memory of a loved one. The library will give appropriate notification to the immediate family.

In addition to the Memorial Book plan, a memorial gift may also be given to the library to be used for other needed equipment. A number of local business firms and families have established this policy at the time of the death of a friend, relative or customer. Local funeral directors and the library office have appropriate memorial cards available for your convenience. For more information call the library at 453-2341.

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many different services the library has to offer families in this area.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 & 2 for the New Year Holiday.

The library will open again on Jan. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

"Fables" will be the theme of the story hour on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at the library.

"Grasshopper to the Rescue," "The Donkey Ride" and "Six Foolish Fishermen" will be the stories featured on that day.

Jane Himmel and Peggy Karl also plan exercises, games, songs and fingerplays in addition to the stories.

Because this is the first Tuesday of the month, children are invited to bring in items for "show and tell" to share with the group.

Two sessions of Story Hour are featured weekly on Tuesdays. The first is 9-10 a.m. and the second is 10:30-11:30 a.m. All area preschoolers are invited to attend the session of their choice.

SATURDAY STORY HOUR

There will be no Saturday Story Hour session on Saturday, Dec. 31. The library will be closed for the New Year Holiday.

TAX FORMS

IRS Tax Forms are now available at the library.

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Persons needing a federal tax form to complete their income tax return may come in to the library and take the forms they need.

The librarian will not be able to answer tax law questions. However, persons may

be able to get questions answered by using one of these options: Publication 1194, "IRS Tax Information Publication" or "Taxpayer's Guide to IRS Information and Assistance."

Thumb Area Deaths

DEVERE A. HENNE
1924 - 1983

DeVere A. Henne, age 59, of Bay Port, passed away Thursday, Dec. 22 at the Bay Medical Care Facility, Essexville, following an extended illness.

He was born May 26, 1924, at Caseville to the late Arthur and Fern (Beaver) Henne of Bay Port. On Feb. 16, 1946 he was united in marriage to Bette Farmer at Caseville. She passed away Aug. 22, 1983. He was a former employe of the Wallace & Morley Elevator for 20 years, Bay Port Elementary School for 12 years, a volunteer Bay Port fireman and a member of the Bay Port United Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was a member of VFW Post #2236 of Pigeon.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Brian (Brook Ann) Stock and Mrs. Larry (Marceline) Herman, both of Sebawaing; two sons, Ralph of Davenport, Iowa and DeVere, Jr. of Bay Port; 10 grandchildren; four sisters, Miss Janet Henne, San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Clayton (Ailene) Diller, Bay Port, Mrs. John (Geraldine) Ballard, Sebawaing and Mrs. Gene (Beulah) Ballard, Portugal; one brother, Donald Henne, Saginaw and several nieces and nephews.

Three infant sisters and one grandchild preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 24 at 11 a.m. from the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Sebawaing. The Rev. Fred P. Cooley officiated with burial in the New Bay Port Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Bay Port United Methodist Church or to the Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Area-wide deaths Concluding as of Friday, Dec. 23

- Marvel E. Stark, 64, of Boyne Falls, formerly of Caro, passed away Dec. 10, 1983.
- Thomas D. Ivy, 59, formerly of Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 12, 1983.
- Lola A. Austin, 79, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Fairgrove, passed away Dec. 12, 1983.
- Lillian Wagner, 56, of Bay City, with relatives in Sebawaing, passed away Dec. 14, 1983.
- Florence Carpenter, 59, of Tawas City, formerly of Cass City, passed away Dec. 15, 1983.
- Billie B. Tobias, 56, of Lincoln Park, formerly of Akron, passed away Dec. 16, 1983.
- Iris Y. Erdman, 49, of Minden City, passed away Dec. 16, 1983.
- Robert Hokikirk, 48, of Meade Township, passed away Dec. 16, 1983.
- Kurt M. Orton, 9 days, of Gageton, passed away Dec. 18, 1983.
- Harold A. Bayer, 62, of Swartz Creek, formerly of Sebawaing, passed away Dec. 19, 1983.
- Gertrude Indo, 87, of Port Austin, passed away Dec. 19, 1983.
- Eleanor H. Neuenkirch, 92, of Sebawaing, passed away Dec. 20, 1983.
- Eleanor J. Slavin, 77, of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 20, 1983.
- Della Downing, 105, of Caro, passed away Dec. 20, 1983.
- Elsie I. Hoffman, 78, of Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 21, 1983.
- DeVere A. Henne, 59, of Bay Port, passed away Dec. 22, 1983.

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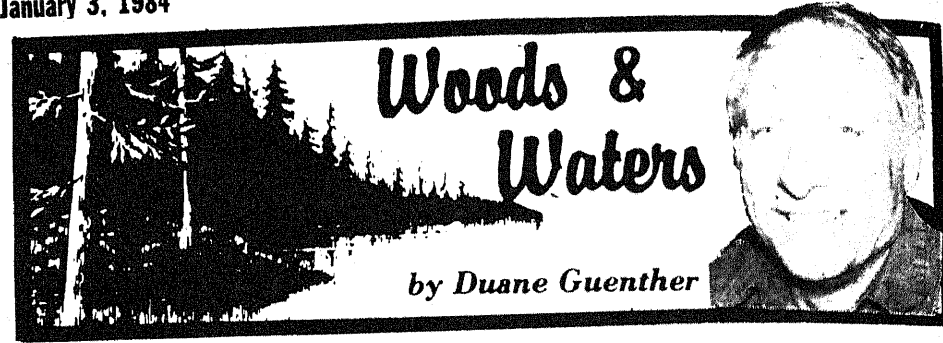
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Woods & Waters
 by Duane Guenther



Snow

In December when the tilt of the earth's axis reduces the angle of the sun's rays, gray, leaden skies spill out fluffy little snowflakes as a teasing promise of the blankets of white that soon will follow. The first snowstorm of the year always seems to catch man unprepared. A bicycle propped against the back porch waiting for a final spin on leaf-strewn sidewalks. A coiled and waiting garden hose, still attached to the faucet in preparation for the next warm day in which to wash to family car. A stack of storm windows piled neatly in the garage while the chill of the winter wind whistles through the cracks in window casings. Nevertheless, the first snow of winter waits for no one. When the earth surface cools to the freezing point and the temperature of the upper air is such that water vapor is transformed to solid particles, the beautiful snowflake is born.

Large amounts of newly-fallen snow, coupled with strong winds, can turn the beautiful winter landscape into a raging snowstorm, capable of grinding our civilized world to a halt and even inflicting death.

The making of a snowflake is a mystery to science. We suppose that it all begins with a dust particle or mineral crystal in a cloud. The right temperature and the proper amount of water vapor combine to form a geometric pattern which is often, but not always, six-sided. The most beautiful snowflakes are six-pointed stars. Because of the great many branching patterns, it is popular to believe that no two snowflakes are alike.

A simple way to check this out, is to catch a snowflake on your sleeve or mitten and then examine it through a hand lens. A more professional approach would be to cool a black-painted board to a temperature below freezing and photograph your specimen.

Although snow can be beautiful, and goes a long way to cover up the blights of man for the winter season, it can also be very deadly and devastating. Large amounts of newly-fallen snow, coupled with strong winds can turn the beautiful winter landscape into a raging snowstorm capable of grinding our civilized world to a halt and even inflicting death.

Mention a snowstorm and oldtimers will perk their ears and reminisce about the great winters of '06 or '46. Stories of snow-bound farms and towns where both food and fuel were scarce and the slightest illness was transformed into a major emergency sends chills up and down your spine. But even though those winters were bad, the winter of 1978-79 set a new Michigan record for total snowfall in one year. When the official tabulations were complete, the Keweenaw Peninsula boasted 390.6 inches for the year. Translated into more startling figures, that would be some 32 feet of snow.

Michigan snows seem puny when compared to records for the U.S. The greatest amount of snow to fall in one year was 1122 feet at Mt. Rainier in 1971-72. The largest snowstorm was at Mt. Shasta, Calif., when during a seven-day period in February of 1959, 189 inches of snow fell. The heaviest snow in a 24-hour period fell in April of 1921, when Silver Lake, Colo. received an accumulation of 75 inches.

While a heavy snow cover can be a nuisance to mankind, in most cases, it is very beneficial to wildlife. It is an excellent insulator against cold weather and it also provides places to hide from predators.

Nature provides for the many creatures that inhabit an area which is subject to

winter snow. Simply put, they either get out before it comes, or somehow adapt to survive it. Those with wings usually fly to the more temperate climates south of us. In the extreme northern parts of our continent, large land animals like the Caribou migrate thousands of miles to escape the harshness of the deep snows. Others choose to pass the winter by some kind of dormant sleep that lowers the body metabolism and reduces the need for daily feeding. For those that are left, the snow becomes an ally.

Small animals like mice, moles and shrews, burrow beneath the protective covering of snow to escape the prying eyes of the hawks and owls. Miles of tunnels provide these tiny creatures with the means of finding food and keeping warm. Grouse, pheasants and rabbits also use the snow as a hiding place from the relentless predators that pursue them throughout the winter. While the pheasant and rabbit burrow out small igloo-like hiding places, the grouse will plunge in a snowbank from full flight creating quite a spectacle for one lucky enough to witness it. Deer use the snow for insulation while bedding down, and trample it in their feeding areas, or "yards" to enable fast getaways from coyotes and dogs. For every inch of snow that falls and packs, the deer are able to reach higher in the trees for browse.

For the creatures that hibernate and the plants that remain dormant over the winter, snow is very vital. Its insulation keeps the temperature underground as much as 50° to 70° warmer than the temperature of the air above the snow.

Man continues to learn from the animals, and in recent years has extracted himself from the confines of his snug dwelling to experience the exhilaration of the winter months. Snow skiing, both downhill and cross-country, has grown in leaps and bounds. Using examples of the special footwear employed by the grouse, ptarmigan, rabbit and lynx, man has fashioned snowshoes to further his enjoyment of the outdoors. Modern insulations, like Thinsulate, developed by 3M, have helped produce winter clothing that allows you to be active and warm at the same time.

So this winter, when the dark skies of January cause billions of six-pointed stars to filter through leafless branches and diaper the crotches of naked trees, you can: hop in your car and head for Florida, burrow under your wool comforter and hibernate, or like our winter wildlife, adapt to the conditions and enjoy...

The Village of Elkton will be accepting bids for the annual audit for year ending February 29, 1984. The bids will be awarded on January 3, 1984. Bids must be in the clerks office by 7:00 p.m.

Also, the insurance and garbage bid is being let out at this time. It will be awarded March 6, 1984.

The village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Darlene Ginter, Clerk

Graduations highlight months of May, June

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Pigeon native Bob Christner re-opens the Pigeon Sunoco gas station, re-naming it the Service Center, at the corner of N. Caseville Road and M-142.

Ground-breaking ceremonies are conducted for new telephone switching offices at Alba and Lakes of the North Exchange of the Pigeon Telephone Company.

Laker artists display projects at the Elkton Civic Center, under the guidance of Art Teacher Lee Deneen.

New Jaycee and Jaycette officers are elected for the coming club year, including Jaycee President Randy Elenbaum, Vice Presidents Paul Schuette, Al Licht, Steve MacAlpine, Secretary Jeff Wurst, Treasurer Norm Nelson and Directors Al Collison, Dan Papke, Daryl Elenbaum and Doug Ziel. New Jaycette officers are President Sally Rummel, Vice Presidents Tammy Elenbaum, Deb Henne and Karen Schuette, Secretary Nancy Buchholz, Treasurer Rhonda Buehler and Board Chairman Linda Rich.

The June and Fargos team of Rod Finkbeiner, Butch Otto, Fargo Malpass, Mel Bergman, Don Barbret, Larry Smith and Mike Gehrs are champions of the Classic Bowling League. Major League champs are members of the Carling team, including Harvey Schuette, Wayne Henne, Vince Smith, Orlin Murdoch, Bud Klein, John Drabek and Jack Paul.

Two young fishermen spent a cold Saturday night marooned on Heisterman Island before being rescued by the Huron County Sheriff's Department.

Almost 300 area residents turned out for the annual Scheurer Hospital Dinner, which featured a bountiful buffet dinner and entertainment by a women's barbershop quartet. Over \$4500 was raised for hospital equipment.

Dr. Dalton Coe, DDS of Sebewaing purchases Dr. Willard Haist's practice in Pigeon. Dr. Haist had practiced dentistry here for 43 years.

Gina Gaskill, Laker High sophomore, brought home a third-place trophy in state forensics competition for Dramatic Interpretation.

Two new members of the Pigeon Lions Club are installed by President Dennis Diener - Dean Henne and Terry Sturm. 4-H Achievement Night gives residents an opportunity to share in 4-H activities.

Arless Kraft opens a Farm Bureau Insurance office in Caseville.

First-place Bay Port essay winner is Brenda Buschlen. The contest is sponsored annually by the Bay Port Historical Society.

The Laker tennis team nets a regional win in Class C Regional play, under the coaching of Dick Pauly.



MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT and area native Keith Geiger addresses 120 graduates and relatives at the Laker High School graduation.

Pete's Party Store is opened in Caseville, offering a full line of groceries and party supplies plus self-serve gasoline. Owner is Bob Peter.

A total of 102 eighth graders from Laker Junior High School and Cross Lutheran School left for their trip to Washington, D.C. "Topping them off" were identifying hats donated by Thumb National Bank of Pigeon, Cooperative Elevator of Pigeon and Sohigo of Elkton.

Nine young people are welcomed into St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh following confirmation: Michael and Matthew Bolzman, Andrea Haag, Jennifer Ziel, Richard Welchner, Ricky Prichard, Steven Volz, Kurt Kern and Larry Welchner.

Hayes United Methodist Church welcomes five new confirmants, Cheryl Baur, Brett Cooley, Jason McHargie, Mark Murdoch and Kenny Richmond.

Pastor Randall Schultz greeted four young people into the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rhonda Baur, Amanda Lyn Brendel and Matthew McGathy.

One-hundred and twenty Laker High School seniors walked down the familiar aisle of the gymnasium at graduation ceremonies. Guest speaker was former graduate Keith Geiger, Michigan Education Association president.

MAY DEATHS: Joseph R. LaCourse 82, Glenn O. Harrison 78, Leeta B. Schlabach 77, Melissa Ann MacLeod 8, Jane Boldt Capling 84, Bartley (Ted) Merrick 77, Robert C. O'Donnell 62, Clarence Miller 85 and Mike Budnar 73.

JUNE, 1983

JUNE'S TOP STORY: Pigs-R-Us, Inc., a half-million dollar pig farrowing operation, got a building permit from the Winsor Township Board after a heated discussion between residents and the board.

New Pigeon VFW Post Commander Ron Killinger is handed the leadership gavel. Leading Auxiliary ladies will be President Verna Thede.

Scheurer Hospital holds an awards day to recognize employees with five, 10, 15 and more years of service. Mary Ropp is given special recognition for her 30 years of service.

Area dairy farmers are saluted during Dairy Month. Rev. Ralph Pieper of Salem United Methodist Church,

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WINTER SEMESTER CLASSES START WEEK OF JANUARY 9

BAD AXE
 Registration for all Bad Axe classes will be held in the Bad Axe High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 4, 1984 at 7:00 p.m.

PORT AUSTIN
 Registration for all Port Austin classes will be held in the Air Force Facility Non-Commissioned Officers Club on Wednesday, January 4, 1984 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES WINTER SEMESTER 1984

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- *Sect. No. 80 • Course No. AGT - 128
AGRICULTURE MINI SEMINAR
 2 Sem. Hrs. 7 to 9:45 p.m., Wed. Instructor: Longuski, M.
 (10 Weeks Only)
- *Sect. No. 81 • Course No. BUS 155
Special interests in agriculture
PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT
 3 Sem. Hrs. 7 to 9:45 p.m., Thurs. Instructor: TBA
Survey of principles and practices of business
- *Sect. No. 82 • Course No. BUS 158
BUSINESS MATH
 3 Sem. Hrs. 7:00 to 9:45 p.m., Tues. Instructor: TBA
Arithmetic fundamentals applied to business problems
- *Sect. No. 84 • Course No. ENG 102
ENGLISH COMPOSITION II
 3 Sem. Hrs. 7 to 9:50 p.m., Mon. Instructor: Witherspoon, B.
Longer units of composition emphasizing student style
- *Sect. No. 80 • Course No. PSY 220
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Survey of psychology of human growth and development

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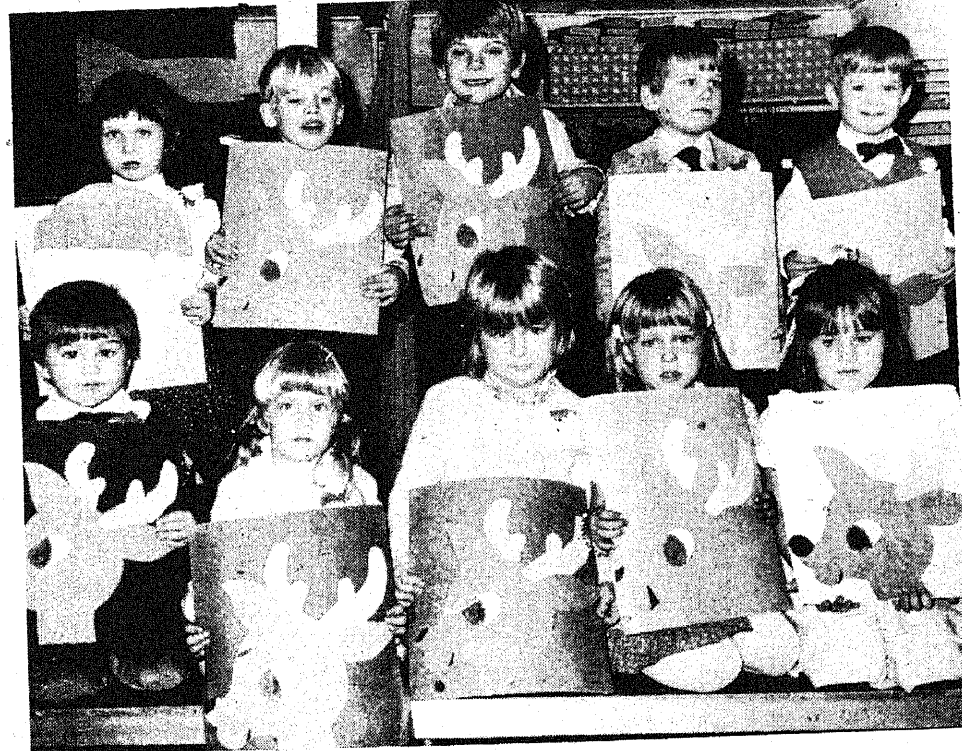
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- *Sect. No. 80 • Course No. MTH 153
TECH MTH APP ALGEBRA & TRIG I
 4 Sem. Hrs. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mon. & Wed. Instructor: Micheel, J.
Technical application of algebra & trigonometry - AF Personnel Only
- *Sect. No. 81 • Course No. SOC 101
PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY
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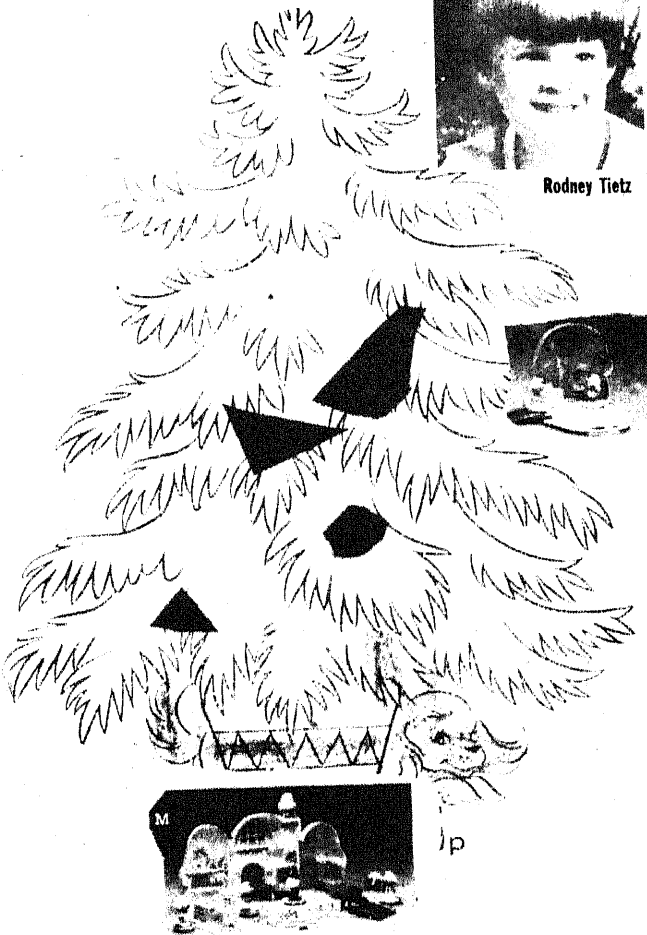


CHRISTMAS SMILES - Children in St. Paul's Story Hour, Linkville, were full of Christmas spirit last week, busy with lots of holiday activities.

Here, the children are shown during at their Christmas program, presented Wednesday night at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Linkville before 65 parents and friends. "The Nine Little Reindeer" included, back row from left, Kimberly Gascho, Chad Kundering, Justin Curtis, Travis Elenbaum and Rodney Tietz; front row, Nathaniel Schulte, Amy Eberly, Tiffany Fritz, Tina Elenbaum and Sara Stein.

The children meet every Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. with teachers Carol Stein and Jane Faust in a story-hour setting at St. Paul's Church. Also shown here are visual "Letters to Santa," drawn at school. How many of the children found just what they wanted under their Christmas tree?

Dear Santa



Rodney Tietz

Dear Santa



Sara Stein

Dear Santa



Tiffany Fritz

Dear Santa



Travis Elenbaum

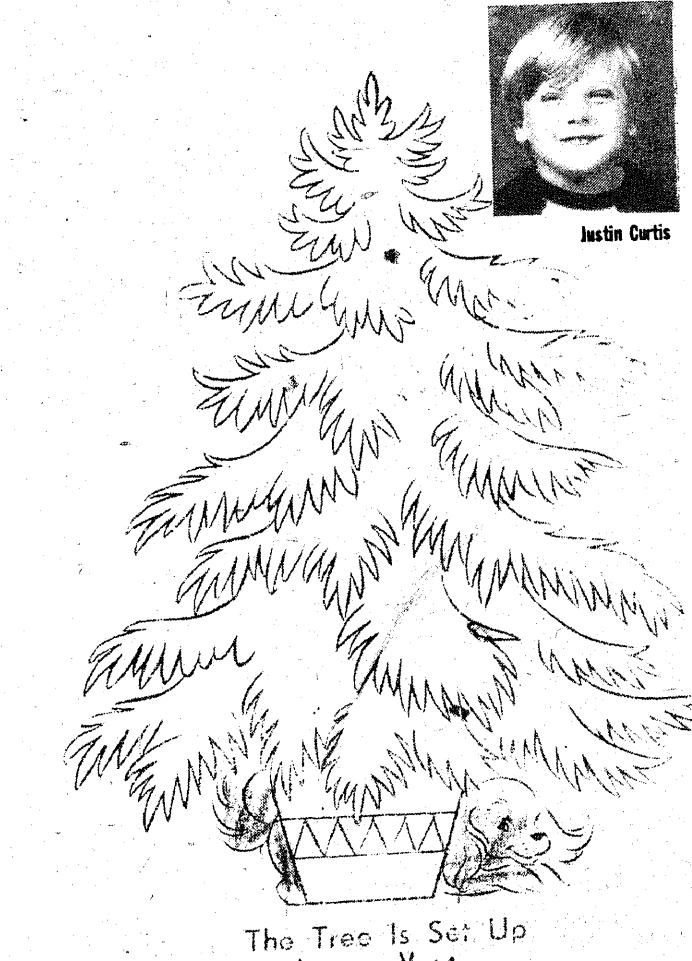
Dear Santa



Nathaniel Schulte



Justin Curtis



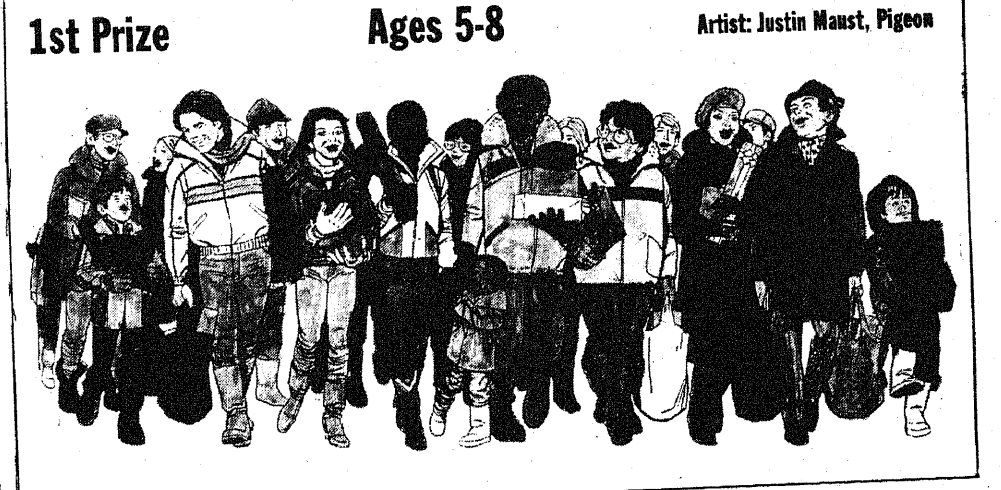
The Tree Is Set Up Christmas Tree

Coloring Contest winners announced

The Progress-Advance staff is pleased to announce the winners in the 1983 Progress-Advance Coloring Contest, co-sponsored by area merchants.

Dozens of children in two age categories entered this year's contest. First place winners will be sent a check for \$10.00 each, while second placers will earn \$5.00. Checks will be sent out in the mail this week.

Thanks to all the children who entered the contest. You made our Christmas at The Progress-Advance office especially merry!



1st Prize Ages 5-8 Artist: Justin Maust, Pigeon



2nd Prize Ages 5-8 Artist: Sherry Schumacher, Pigeon



1st Prize Ages 9-12 Artist: Tim Voss, Owendale

Lots of holiday visiting in Pigeon!

By DOROTHY DIENER

"I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year."

Mrs. Freida Heintz was a guest over Christmas of her son and daughter-in-law, Pastor and Mrs. Fred Heintz and daughter in Lansing. Her other children gathered at the Heintz home for their Christmas gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Cregeur enjoyed a pre-Christmas on Monday for dinner when their daughter, Mrs. Doris Tebedo, grandchildren Mrs. J.T. Morton and her daughters Wendy and Kim, all from Flint and Mrs. Bruce Higgins and daughter Jessica from Lenon came to help them enjoy the holiday.

Over the Christmas holidays guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Licht were their daughters, Miss Jeanette Licht of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Margaret) Alfaro and children from Plymouth, Minn.

Pastor and Mrs. Ronald Diener, Mark and Ann from Williston, Ohio returned to their home Monday after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Diener. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis and Jodi of Saginaw. They all were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Diener and family and all enjoyed a gift exchange.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Auernhamer and children of Frankenmuth.

On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Collison were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Collison and family to help Brian celebrate his birthday.

Christmas day dinner guests of Mrs. Doris Brown were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Collison. On Monday the collisons entertained their children, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sattler and Beth Ann of Bay

City, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Collison and children, and Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke and Pamela in Sterling Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke were pleasantly surprised on Saturday when they received a phone call from Herman's cousin, Pastor and Mrs. Holger Degen of Frankfort, West Germany, to wish them a Merry Christmas.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deming were Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Deming and baby Edwin of Lincoln Tech., Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Simmons and boys of Caseville and her father, Wilmer Squires.

Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann attended the wedding of Marilyn Leiprandt and William Crane on Friday in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Becker of Detroit spent Christmas weekend with her parents, Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Miller of Maunee, Ohio spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eberly.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bergman and Nancy spent Christmas with their children in Millington, Vassar and Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartman had as guests Saturday through Monday, Mrs. Betty Jean Thomas and boys from Canton. Christmas day dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drabek and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Champagne and children of Kinde and Miss Becky Krohn of Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sauer of Springfield are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathke.

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Jarvis and Kristy were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jarvis and

Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kretschmer and family of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis and boys of Frankenmuth.

Several day guests of Mrs. Elsie Kern, who arrived on Tuesday, were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kern and children of St. Joseph. On Thursday she is expecting another son, Pastor and Mrs. Dale Kern and family of Skryker, Ohio, to visit for several days.

Kilmanagh

By MRS. ART GAETH

Happy New Year!

Mrs. Edla Ertel and Mrs. Ann Ruterbush visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bambach and Otto Kath in Bay City on Friday.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dronella were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taman and family of Pontiac.

Mrs. Bertha Janke, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Janke, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schweitzer attended the funeral of William Schweitzer in Sanford on Sunday.

Mrs. Edla Ertel entertained for supper on Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ruterbush and son Cory of Sebawaing, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ertel and son Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Erer of Owendale for their Christmas get-together.

2nd Prize Ages 9-12 Artist: Jennifer McIntosh, Elkton



Chandler Township Board will meet Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1984 instead of Monday, Jan. 2, 1984.

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Summer events bring memories

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Pigeon, has accepted a call to Blissfield First United Methodist Church.

Three employees of Pigeon Manufacturing Company are recognized for 30 years of employment each - Pat Dell, Frank Karle and Richard Frank.

About 250 members and friends of the Caseville United Methodist Church witnessed the burning of the church addition mortgage in special ceremonies.

David Watts and Christopher Murdoch are named Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively, during Caseville High School graduation ceremonies.

Elkton Jaycee and Jayette officers are elected for the 1983-84 year, including Jaycee President Bob Bumhoffer and Jayette President Mary Beth Nimitz.

Camie Gaskill of Owendale and Burton Eichler of Pigeon are this year's recipients of the Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship.

Pastor-elect Daniel Pfaff is ordained and installed into the pastorate of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh.

The Laker girls 800-meter relay team of Lori Diener, Eva Sturm, Shelly Wissner and Melissa Dietzel brought home a gold medal at the Thumb Meet of Champions in Caro. The Laker 400-meter relay team of Kris Elenbaum, Shelly Wissner, Mary Thiel and Lori Diener placed fifth in a school record time of 53.1.

Jim Clabuesch of Pigeon wins Laker School Board post. Stepping into the Salem United Methodist Church pulpit vacating by the leaving of Rev. Ralph Pieper is Rev. Mark Karls of Norway, near Iron Mountain in the Upper Peninsula.

By the People, a handicraft consignment shop, opens its doors in Bad Axe. Owner is Lois Furness of Elkton.

State Rep. Dick Allen crowns Elkton Strawberry Queen Cozette Chappel during queen ceremonies at the fourth annual festival. Runner-up is Camie Gaskill of Owendale.

Mark J. Smith, age 17, of Bay Port, is critically injured following a motorcycle-car accident. He was transferred from Scheurer Hospital to Detroit Receiving Hospital by emergency air ambulance.



NEWLY CROWNED ELKTON Strawberry Queen Cozy Chappel, right, poses proudly for her official portrait, following her crowning during the June festival. At left is runner up Camie Gaskill of Owendale, while 1982 Queen Colleen Reilly is in center.

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Take a look at past months

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Julia Schuette and Ronda Heckman, both of Pigeon, join Tammy Kain of Owendale and Dianne Koch of Bad Axe in a six-week Lion's Youth Exchange, which takes Kain to Sweden and the other young women to Finland.

At Sebewaing, this year's Michigan Sugar Festival Queen is Deann Balash of Bay City.

More than 700 graduates of Elkton High School gathered for their largest reunion ever on June 19 at Laker High School.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkton, will say good-bye to its 15 1/2 year minister when Pastor Gerhard Struck retires from the ministry and moves to Frankenmuth. He is replaced by Rev. Paul Schleis.

New Pigeon Lions Club President is Glen Schaaf, who succeeds Dennis Diener for the 1983-84 club year. "Lion of the Year" award is presented to Ralph Kain.

JUNE DEATHS: Ella Hass 89, Alton MacKenzie 67, Rev. A.D. Potter 84, Mary L. LeClair Henne 58, Rev. Paul Waschilewsky 91, Otto Woelke 95, Elmer W. Scheck 83, Nijay Sprague 82, John (Jack) Beach 63, Laura B. Lucht 92, Caroline Lumpp 62 and Peter M. Madsen 79.

JULY, 1983

JULY'S TOP STORY: No bigger event happens in Pigeon every July than the annual Farmers' Festival, which was made special this year with the re-appearance of the Keystone Kops, wagon rides through town, a talent show, and other events.

Pigeon native Keith Geiger is elected Vice President of the National Education Association and is in line for the national top job in four years.

Owendale's first Main Street Festival features a parade, blooper ball games, ice cream social and special foods - along with 15 other events.

Ralph Limberger of Pigeon sells 300 Farmers' Festival buttons to help promote the 10th annual event later in the month. The Brower Brothers are featured entertainment.

Edwin Eichler of Pigeon is elected District Governor of Rotary District 631, primarily the northeastern half of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

The proposed \$1.1 million Caseville Township Airport is closer to reality, as a public hearing on the federally-funded general aviation facility is scheduled.



REPRESENTING PIGEON - Two Pigeon women in different age categories have been chosen to represent Pigeon throughout the year, as "Pigeon Women of the Year," sponsored by the Pigeon Junior Womens Club during Pigeon's annual Farmers' Festival.

Last year's winner, Linda McGathy, is flanked by 1983 winners Mae Yackle, left and Linda Rich, right.

Caseville plans alumni game

Former Eagle players are being sought for the annual Alumni Basketball Game at Caseville High School on Friday, Dec. 30.

Ladies will play at 6:30 p.m., with men to follow at 8 p.m.

Odd-year graduates will wear light shirts, and even-years will wear dark. For information, contact George Bednorek at 856-2311.

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Pigeon Motor Sales	35%
J. O. Wurst Tiling	34
Carling	33%
J & B Pig.	33
Pigeon Lanes	32
Scheurer Hospital	29%
Wildfowl Bay Resort	29
Damm's Inc.	26
Walsh Packing	26
Henke Equipment	21
Bay Shore Collision	21

High team game and series: Carling 2622 (917-882), Pigeon Lanes 2575 (884-883), J & B Pig. 2585 (880-850), Walsh Packing 2557 (916), Wurst Tiling 2479 (858), Wildfowl Resort 909, Scheurer Hospital 868.

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Taking a look at '83

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Caseville records its biggest crowds in recent memory for the area's only July 4 fireworks display.
Merlin Farver of Elktion is voted Laker School District Board of Education president. Bruce Baur of Bay Port is re-elected vice president.
Caseville Sun & Fun Daze organizer Lori Steinman promises 10 days of summer fun, including parades, ball games, contests and good food.

Theft of 21 pigs owned by Gregg Baur of Pigeon was reported. Value is \$2520.

Kenneth Hill is re-elected president of the Caseville Public School Board of Education. Al Pittenger is vice president.
Elktion's 1982-83 village expenditures totaled \$237,581 against \$250,113 in revenues, the audit shows.

Glen Schaaf of Pigeon opens Schaaf Plumbing and Heating. The office is at 7226 E. Michigan Ave.

Retiring Bay Port Postmaster Louise Deming is honored at an open house, following her postal service work of 29 years and postmaster duties of nearly 12 years.

Deloris and Ed "Whitey" Steinman are crowned "Mr. and Mrs. Sunshine" during Caseville's Sun & Fun Daze.

Vic Damen becomes Elktion Rotary Club President, replacing George Ackerman. Neilan Hoffman is vice president.

Pigeon Library gifted with \$100 check



PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARIAN Roberta Richmond is handed a check by June Kretschmer of the Pigeon Worth While Club.

The \$100 proceeds came from monies raised at the club's successful Fall Luncheon and Fashion Show.

Lake-Chandler news & notes

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Guess we will have a white Christmas, but we hope it won't stop our families from getting together during the holidays.

Miss Mary Ballagh of Kalamazoo spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh. Other

Christmas guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh and family, Bill, Lisa and Andy of New Lothrop, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lopez and children, Sonya and Chris of Holt and Bea MacKenzie of Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. William McBride spent Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Don Ahearn of Saginaw. Christmas callers were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McBride and family of Lake Orion.

Club notes

ELKTON EXTENSION

The Elkton Extension Christmas Party, with husbands as guests, was held at the Elkton Civic Center Monday evening.

A planned potluck turkey dinner was enjoyed, with arrangements in charge of Mrs. Clarence Knechtel and Mrs. Richard Milton. Mrs. George Ackerman, president, gave the invocation.

The group sang Christmas carols. A white elephant gift exchange and recreation handled by Mrs. Don Dietzel provided the evening's entertainment.

Pigeon native Dennis Stein is named Tuscola County Co-op Extension ag agent.

Tenth annual Pigeon Farmers' Festival offers a busy weekend of parades, entertainment, sidewalk sales, quilt shows, community church services, special dinners and other events. Mae Yackie is named senior woman of the year and Linda Rich is junior woman of the year.

Bay Port is featured in a front page story on low dioxin levels in fish in the July 17 issue of The New York Times.

Corn and bean crops are wilting as month-long dry spell continues.

John Schaefer is elected to assume presidency of the Pigeon Rotary Club, replacing Paul Clabuesch.

JULY DEATHS: Germaine A. Woelfert 56, Dorothy A. Heckman 70, William R. Wallace 91, Bert Dubs 79, David W. Langley 57, Thelma N. Horn 46, Helen McAulay Glasgow and June J. Deming 55, Walter A. Wachner 53.

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Berne fire is August 'top story'

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AUGUST, 1983

AUGUST'S TOP STORY: A fire destroys a portion of production and storage areas of Berne Enterprises, Inc., Pigeon, and owners Keith and Alice Wurst say they definitely plan to rebuild.

Janis Buerker, Scheurer Hospital Director of Social Services, earns recognition as "Employee of the Month."

Over 5,100 fish served Aug. 7 at the annual Bay Port Fish Sandwich Day.

Reading the most books during Pigeon District Library's Summer Reading Program include Troy Eberly, Karen Kasserman, Robert Castilla, Barbie Peck, Dawn Swartzendruber, John Stahl, Marcia Renn and Jill Kasserman.

The Bay House softball team defeated the Huron Casting team by a narrow margin of 7-6 in the double elimination tournament, sponsored by the Pigeon Jaycees.

Caseville Community Chest donates \$1,000 to Scheurer Hospital.

Pigeon Police Chief Mark Nieschulz resigns from his position, ending on-going performance disagreements with the Pigeon Village Council.

Two teachers, Scott Skakel and Linda Stahl, are selected by the Laker School Board to assume the duties of principal of Pigeon and Bay Port Elementary Schools and Elktion Elementary School, respectively, succeeding overall Elementary Principal Fred Joles, who is taking a one-year leave of absence.

Ground-breaking takes place for the first earth station, the 80-foot self-supporting tower and a 12-foot by 16-foot air conditioned building to house electronic equipment for the Pigeon and Elktion portion of Pioneer Cablevision's serviceto the Western Thumb.

Thirteen commodity groups joined promotional forces at the Huron Community Fair and presented a display entitled, "Agri-land."

New owners of That Extra Touch Beauty Salon in Pigeon are Loretta Howard and Annette Prich.

A 50-year class reunion from Pigeon High School united classmates Marie (Dast) Stirrett, Gladys (Nebel) Spence, Teacher Alice (Phelps) Beaugue, Teacher Iva (Leinbach) Sturm, Leona (Loosemore) Fichette, Ruth (Roberts) Robinson, Eleanora (Sting) Trost, Marion (Beadle) Parent, Mae (Duffy) Farmer, Ann (Lukasiak) Polcyn, Fred Schember, Ruby (Sturm) Ewald, Viola (Heck) Schuette, Mabel (Turner) Sturm, Rev. Joe Gregory, Thomas Heron, Werner Clabuesch, Roy Ebert, Art Anklam and Dr. Allen Beach.

The Elktion Methodist are winners in the Interfaith Softball League Tournament Championship. The Pigeon River Menonites claimed the regular season championship.

The Diener Electric team is the winner of the second annual Casket Race, sponsored in Pigeon by the Chamber of Commerce as part of Back to School activities. J & B's entry won for "Most Coffins."

Patrons of the Cooperative Elevator Company, Pigeon hear good news about company profits and services at the Co-op's Annual Meeting Aug. 17 at the Colony House, Cass City. Total monies for patronage funds and investments are up more than a million dollars, even though operating revenue fell from \$43.4 million to \$34.2 million. Newly-elected to the board of directors is Wendell Maust, as out-going board member Orville Yackie retires from his position.

Bluewater Youth for Christ Annual Auction and Bake Sale nets \$10,000 from the sale of baked goods and auction items.

Nietzke, Faupel & Schafer, form new CPA group in the former Pigeon office of Anderson, Nietzke & Co., P.C.

Roy Lawrence of Pigeon is named August's "Positive Person in Pigeon" by the Pigeon Jaycees, in recognition of his contributions to the community.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Linkville will be in need of a new pastor to fill the vacancy left by Pastor Paul Hoyer, who has moved his family to Lake Mary, Fla. to start a new congregation. Vacancy pastor will be Pastor Randall Schultz of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Caseville.

AUGUST DEATHS: George F. Schember 71, Frederick L. Ewald 67, Donald L. Haley 60, Harold Malpass 70, Walter Wichert 78, Joni Marie Hawkins 25, Roy Rolph 85, Metro Sheer 82, Bette J. Henne 60, Carl Henry Einhardt 66, Raymond F. Vollmer 70, Elizabeth Buerker 77, Kathryn Swartzendruber 86, Anton W. Beyer 75, Charles S. McIntyre 45, Eileen M. Schmidt 67, Grace A. Fisher 84.

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Service news

Pvt. Randall D. Caister, son of Derald G. and Janet R. Caister of Elktion, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactical military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1983 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon.

Mental health meet set

The monthly meeting of the Huron County Community Mental Health Services ACT 258 Board is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1984. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Mental Health Offices at 1108 South Van Dyke in Bad Axe, according to Director Tore Nilsen.

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CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR BY REMEMBERING WHAT IT MEANS

This is the beginning of a new day! God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it ... or use it for good.

— Dr. Heartsill Wilson

"...old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

— II Corinthians 5:17

The arrival of the new year is imminent, and aside from all the fun and festivity, it represents the end of one chapter in our lives and the beginning of a new one. People traditionally celebrate by getting together with friends and relatives to welcome the new year at the stroke of midnight; and whether with horns and paper hats or a more subdued expression of gladness, this is but the social part of the transition. The soul-searching, the firm resolves, the vows of self-improvement will come later, after the party is over; with the inventory of all the things we should have done last year but didn't find the time. If one of these was to attend your House of Worship regularly, make a note to put that one at the top of your list. Keep that one promise to yourself and you will find everything else much easier to accomplish during the twelve months that lie ahead.



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Saturday Mass 9 p.m.
Sunday Mass 9 a.m.
- ST. FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH, PINNEBOG**
Fr. Theodore LaMarre
Saturday Mass 7 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
- CASEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Brent McCumms
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Nursery 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON**
Rev. Gordon W. Nusz
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Nursery provided
- TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SEBEWAING**
Rev. Donald O. Crumm
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Nursery provided
- SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON**
Rev. Mark Karls
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-week Service 7 p.m.
- BAY PORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Fredrick Cooley
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
- HAVES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Fredrick Cooley
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
- KILMANAGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Robert Kersten
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
- OWENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Myra L. Sparks
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
- GAGE TOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Myra L. Sparks
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
- ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Ron Ivis
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Jr. High & Sr. High Youth 6 p.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.
- HORSESHOE ACRES CALVARY CHURCH, BAD AXE**
Rev. Stewart L. Justin
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD BAD AXE**
Rev. Daniel Meddaugh
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday evening 7 p.m.
Family night 7 p.m.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
On Filion Road
Pastor Fr. James Brazell
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
- FAITH BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Corner M-25 and Hatist Road
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Preaching 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-week 7 p.m.
Thursday 7 p.m.
"Word of Life" Youth
- CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CASEVILLE**
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Intern Pastor Fred Kinkle
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Bible Study Wednesday 7 p.m.
- REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, BAY PORT**
Elder Ervin Hatley
Church School 10 a.m.
Church Service 11 a.m.
- REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, OWENDALE**
Pastor Ronald R. Kuezdil
Early Worship 10 a.m.
Church School 10:10 a.m.
Evening Service 11 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.
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Elder, Olson McCallum
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Evening Service 11 a.m.
- ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SAND POINT**
Fr. James Sorenson
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- ST. JOHN'S BY-THE-LAKE EPISCOPAL, PORT AUSTIN**
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Sunday Service 10 p.m.
- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES BAD AXE**
Sunday 10 a.m. Public Bible Discourse 11 a.m. Congregational study of "The Watchtower"
- ELKTON MISSIONARY CHURCH**
Rev. Alan Yerke
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Hour 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP, 856-919**
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Sunday mornings 10 a.m.
- FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH**
Rev. Wayne J. Keim
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Prayer meeting
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
- MICHIGAN AVE. MENNONITE CHURCH, PIGEON**
Don Patterson, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
- PIGEON RIVER MENNONITE CHURCH**
Rev. Lake Yoder
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
- ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, KILMANAGH**
Rev. Robert D. Pfaff
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Communion 2nd and 4th
Sunday every month
- TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELKTON**
Wisconsin Synod
Rev. Paul Schele
Church Service 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Holy Communion on the first
Sunday of the month
- GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, CASEVILLE**
16 and Crescent Road
Rev. Randall P. Schultz
Missouri Synod
Saturday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINNVILLE**
Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul M. Hoyer
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BERNE**
Wisconsin Synod
Rev. Philip K. Press
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion on the First
Sunday of the Month
- NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBEWAING**
Wisconsin Synod
Rev. Jonathon Stern
Holy Communion First
Sunday of the Month
Sunday Service 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
- IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBEWAING**
Missouri Synod
Rev. Edward J. Arle,
Assoc. Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 8 and 10:30 a.m.
- CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, PIGEON**
American Lutheran Church
Raymond E. Orth, Pastor
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
- ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BACH**
Rev. Eric A. Lambert
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Communion first and
third Sunday
- HURON BIBLE CHURCH**
Corner of Frederick &
Fourth, Sebawaing
Pastor Mike Frazho
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer
Service 7 p.m.

3 Huronites in Alma music groups

Three Huron County students are among the Alma College students participating fall term in musical performance groups on campus.

Freshman DeeAnn Richmond of Bay Port is in the Alma College A Cappella Choir and junior Leslie Hagen of Ubyly and freshman Suzanne Sprague of Bad Axe are in the Alma College Kiltie Band.

In December, the choir joined the Alma Symphony Orchestra in presenting excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" as part of the orchestra's "Christmas at Symphony" concert. Four days later the choir gave its own Christmas concert. During fall term, the choir also sang as a guest choir at the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe, Ind. and the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson.

In Winter term, the choir has two concerts scheduled, one on Feb. 2 and the other on April 10. The choir also sings for the college's 1984 commencement on April 21.

In addition to playing pregame and half-time shows at three home football games, the Kiltie Band also presented a Christmas program in fall term. During the winter term, from January through mid-April, the band will present two concerts on Feb. 10 and March 30 and also play for both the Honors Convocation on April 11 and the 1984 commencement.

DeeAnn sings soprano in the A Cappella choir. The daughter of Bruce and Mary Lee Richmond, Bay Port, she is majoring in psychology.

Suzanne plays alto clarinet in the Kiltie Band. She is the daughter of Gerald and Connie Sprague of Bad Axe.

DeeAnn and Suzanne are both 1983 graduates of Laker High School.

Leslie plays french horn in the Kiltie Band. A 1981 graduate of Ubyly High School, she is the daughter of Wallace and Sonia Hagen, Ubyly. She is majoring in history and political science at Alma.

Bowling results

CLASSIC LEAGUE	
Steinman Agency	4
Osentoski Ford Tractor	3 1/2
Gary's TV	3
Kretzschmer HC	3
June & Fargos	3
Osentoski Equipment	2
Carling	2
Bob Smith Builders	1
Active Feed	1
Clark's Refrigeration	1
Pigeon Lumber	1/2
Dutch Kettle	0

High team game and series: June & Fargos 2624 (922-907), Carling 2620 (946-867), Active Feed 2609 (884-867-858), Steinman Insurance 2590 (886-873), Osentoski Equipment 2541 (668-865), Dutch Kettle 2495, Gary's TV 850.

High individual scores: J. Lenz 629 (218-209-202), G. Steinman 588 (218), V. Smith 587 (212), M. Bergman 580 (220), J. Gunden 574 (203), H. Schutte 570 (217), M. Gehrs 550 (215), H. Trost 542, G. Abdalla 540, D. Smith 540, D. Barbet 221, M. Swartzendruber 206, Robert Damm 203, R. Dast 201, D. Bergman 200.



Yesterday, today and forever

Read James 4:13-17

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8.

The end of another year is a silent but eloquent reminder of the fact that time marches on. It stands still for no one. Another year! Think of the many events that touched our lives. There were surprises. There was heartache and there was joy.

No man, no committee, no computer, no combination of authorities with all their resources could presume to document the long list of events, thoughts and desires known only to the omniscient God.

Changes of all kinds have taken place. All of us have observed our share of them. But one thing has not changed. That is the grace of our Lord.

God said of Himself through Malachi: "I am the Lord, I change not."

St. James describes the Father of lights as the One "With who is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." His Son is "The same yesterday, and today and forever." Generations pass. Jesus remains. Jesus will be with us in the New Year. He will never deny us.

His abiding love will encompass us. Through the self-sacrifice of His Son on the cross, the Father will forgive us.

Let us walk with Him forever!

"Abide, O faithful savior, among us with Thy love. Grant steadfastness, and help us to reach our home above." Amen.



1984

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Q. Why do people wear tinted lenses all the time?
A. They do so by choice. Lightly tinted lenses, or gradient lenses, were first introduced to help eyeglass wearers who were sensitive to indoor light. They were never intended to replace sunglasses, because they only cut out 20 percent of the light in the atmosphere.

Today, in addition to giving sensitive eyes a more comfortable way to see, tinted lenses have become fashionable. The tint used in the lens may have various gradations of color that gradually increase, toward the edges, in tone. We do most of our seeing out of the clearest or least-tinted section of the lens.

The most commonly used tints are brown and grey. Blue is also popular. The tints can be flattering to your face and eyes. They help hide wrinkles around the eyes and dark shadows under the eyes. Yet no one looking at you can tell that the lenses are tinted, if the color is pale.

WARNING: Don't wear lightly tinted gradient lenses where darker gradient sunglasses should be worn. A lens must screen out from 75 percent to 90 percent of sunlight if glasses are to give your eyes any sort of protection from harmful sun rays. Lightly tinted lenses can't do that.

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Year's events become memories to look back on

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SEPTEMBER, 1983

SEPTEMBER'S TOP STORY: McCormick Motors, Inc., Pigeon, plans a new automobile showroom, service and repair center at the southwest corner of M-142 and Caseville Road.
Virginia Leipprandt of Pigeon has been elected to a two-year term as an at-large Board of Director member of the Michigan Association of School Boards.
Vic Dressler is named Scheurer Hospital's "Employee of the Month."
Laker Varsity Cheerleaders earn a third place ribbon at the Dynamic Cheerleading Association Camp at Northwood Institute, Midland.
The home of Manuel and Angie Garza of Pigeon is totally destroyed by fire, sustaining a loss of approximately \$60,000.
The Pigeon Lions celebrate their 35th anniversary with an anniversary meeting.
The following graduates of Elkton High School met for the 50 year reunion: Roy Dufty, Etral Miller, George Ackerman, Supt. and Class Sponsor Ivan Kurrie, Arnold Schweitzer, Henry Born, Paul Ginter, Dorothy (Fidget) Riegel, Teacher Catherine Protzman, Jean (McPhee) Simon, Opal (Roth) Dufty and Mildred (McBride) Ballagh.
Sisters Wilma and Janet Gingerich begin a year of Voluntary Service with the Eastern Board of Missions. Both are members of Pigeon River Mennonite Church.



A SAD HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER took place when fire totally destroyed the home of Manuel and Angie Garza of Pigeon. Above, firemen battle to keep the flames under control, but are unable to salvage the home.

October means Homecoming in Western Thumb

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The Progress-Advance wins five more awards of excellence from the Michigan Press Association annual newspaper contest, bringing total awards since 1979 to 23.
Elkton Police Officer Lonnie Hedley earns a plaque and medal of heroism from the Elkton Village Council and Police Chief Duane Alexander for his performance of the Heimlich Maneuver to clear an obstruction in the throat of Carmen Torres earlier this year.
-Nancy's, a new store featuring women's ready-to-wear clothes, opens its door in Pigeon, in the location of the former Trade Winds store. Owners are Jack and Nancy Breznau.
Laker senior Melissa Bivens is crowned 1983 Homecoming Queen. Senior Queen court members are Amy Buchholz, Michelle Danks and Tammy Ginter. Sophomore court members include Jamie McBride and Debbie Ginter, and Junior Court members are Buck LePage and Lori Diener.
1983 Caseville Homecoming Queen is Sandy Johnson.
Laker Quarterback Dave Cunningham is injured with three Laker classmates, Leonard Byarski, James VanValkenburg and Bill VanValkenburg, in an auto accident.
Registered Nurse Mary Ann Gascho of Pigeon coordinates a new health program for Huron County, leaving her 10-year position as a Scheurer Hospital nurse.
Eldon Dietzel of Owendale is re-elected as President of the Scheurer Hospital Board of Directors.
Thumb National Bank of Pigeon is recognized by the Pigeon Jaycees as "Positive People in Pigeon" for the month of October.



1982 LAKER HOME COMING QUEEN Shelly Baur is all smiles as she crowns 1983 Laker Queen, Melissa Bivens.

WELCOME 1984
HAPPY NEW YEAR
The Shoe Cobbler
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS
Hoping the New Year will be filled with joy for you!

Pigeon Motor Sales, Inc.
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Kilmanagh United Methodist Church holds a re-dedication of the brick church building which replaced the one that burned down 50 years ago. Over 200 members and former members participated in the services.
James V. Foster is named new President and Chief Executive Officer of Bay Port State Bank.
Following a 33-year teaching career, Della Trudgen of Elkton, retires from the classroom.
Over 100 tourist, resort, economic and government leaders from Michigan's Thumb meet for a tourism conference sponsored by State Rep. Dick Allen, at the Colony House, Cass City. Guest speaker is Don Keller, manager of the Bavarian Inn of Frankenmuth.
Elkton High School grad Paul Buchholz earns a special invitation to the White House in honor of his work as superintendent of schools for District 107 in Highland Park, Ill. One of the schools in the district, Elm Place School, was named one of 144 outstanding secondary schools in the U.S.
June Kretzschmer of Bay Port is recognized as September's "Positive Person in Pigeon" by the Pigeon Jaycees.
Leading ladies for Scenic Golf and Country Club are elected, including President Peg Leipprandt, Vice President Bertha Egvot, Secretary Shirley Keating and Treasurer Barb Binder.
SEPTEMBER DEATHS: Willard Francis Perkins 62, Gwendolyn J. Jewell 86, John J. Kramarenko 65, M.C. (Mac) McDonald 87, Gary Wurtz 42, Clarence E. Reist 67, Kathleen E. Clark 65, Lawrence Daniel Block 81, Viola Leslie 85, Nancy (Jackson) Lee 45, Lester E. Thompson 76, Helen Dorosh Koziruk 87, Loren L. Dietzel 70, David Baker 44.

TIME TO WISH YOU HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the New Year bring you every happiness. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Lee's Landscaping
Bay Port - 453-3919

OCTOBER, 1983
October's Top Story: Bay Port State Bank breaks ground in Pigeon, at its future location at #1 Caseville Road. The office is now under construction by R. Hogan Contractors, Bad Axe.
Pigeon Chamber of Commerce sponsors its first Early Bird Sale, with Pigeon merchants offering special sales between the hours of 6 and 9 a.m.
David Wichert is hired as new Pigeon Policeman, following action by the Pigeon Village Council.
Top-of-the-Thumb Leisure Ministries elects new officers at its annual meeting: President Pastor Raymond Orth, Vice President Roy Lawrence, Secretary Mavis Pechette, Treasurer Vern Kasserman and Assistant Treasurer Rev. Luke Yoder.
Laker High School plans gala 25th birthday party, coordinated by Principal Jim Ballard.

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WISHING YOU THE BEST!

If wishes do come true, all our friends will have a great year!

Ben Franklin
Ron, Judy, Randy and Jeanette
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Open Dec. 31 - 9 to 5:30
Closed Jan. 2

There is no time more appropriate than the present to say "Thank You" and to wish you a Happy New Year. We look forward to working together in the coming year.

Hours For Year End
Open Friday, Dec. 30, 1983
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Drive-In Open
Saturday, Dec. 31, 1983
9 a.m. to 12 noon
Closed Monday, Jan. 2
(Year end closing time on Friday, Dec. 30 is 3 p.m.)
All transactions after that time will post to 1984.)

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May this coming year be a time of happiness, joy and lasting peace for you

J&B Plumbing & Heating
Pigeon Butch & Nova Jean 453-3931
We will be closed Jan. 2

David Meyer of Caseville is elected President of the Caseville Kiwanis Club. Handing over the gavel is outgoing president Jim Reeves.
Don Rachefer, of Pella, Iowa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rachefer of Pigeon, has been promoted from Captain to Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.
OCTOBER DEATHS: Edward F. Kumaus 59, Michael J. Klonowski 71, Ida Mae Herzog 64, Henry August Mohr 59, Christa Lyn Schneirla 17.

NOVEMBER, 1983
NOVEMBER'S TOP STORY: Scheurer Hospital has announced a \$1.75 million expansion and modernization to enlarge facilities.
Leslie and Bev Simmons of Caseville win \$133,500 in the Readers' Digest Summertime Sweepstakes.
Elkton United Fund sets a goal of \$3200 to provide services to nine local and state organizations. Phyllis Tamblin is chairman.
Caseville Rod & Gun Club has dedicated its new rifle range building.
Caseville Community Chest's fund-raising goal is \$4300 for the coming year, to support 12 agencies. Agnes DiVincents is an organizer.
Bay Port's Henry Engelhard earns an "Eager Michigan Beaver" award from the East Michigan Tourist Association, for his promotional work.
Walt Rosenthal and others show 18-pound sugar beets and other garden whoppers in the second annual Progress-Advance "Home Grown Contest."
Mary Helen Wing of Bay Port is installed as a Devotional Leader with the Lutheran Church's Project Compassion in Detroit.
The Laker Football Team shares the Thumb B league crown with Vassar, posting its first regular-season loss since the 1980 football season. Coach Bill McLellan's squad moves into state tournament action, to lose 30-12 to Detroit St. Martin dePorres in quarterfinals.
Caseville Eagle Coach Jerry Winkler's squad won the North Thumb D League football crown with a 13-0 victory over Akron-Fairgrove.
Pigeon village residents will be surveyed to consider the type and frequency of trash pickups they prefer, Village Council members say.
Caseville renews former Police Chief Jack Jensen, names Bill Goslee and Rich Lisowski to fill Council vacancies until spring elections.

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Pigeon Lions name winners

Winners have been announced in the Pigeon Lions Club Two-Minute Shopping Spree, conducted recently as a fund-raiser for community projects by the club.
Elsie Posade of Elkton won the spree, and she earned \$179.61 for her two minutes of shopping. Her grandson bought her one ticket, she said, and that was all she needed to win!
She redeemed her prize last Wednesday at Pigeon IGA Foodliner.
Winner of the \$50 prize for second-place is Linda Broyles of Fairgrove, while Elon Kleinou of Sand Point was third-prize winner of \$25.

PEACE

An olive branch...a snow white dove. May these symbols of peace restore faith and brotherhood and shine the light of love all over the world.

The staff and management of Dietzel Electric wish you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year!

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BEST WISHES in '84

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1983 -- the Year in Review

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Redford Maust and his wife Liz are named the first members of the "Laker #1 Club" of school boosters.

Cable TV wiring begins in Elkton and is set to start in Caseville, as access problems stalled installation in the two towns.

Cass City's Brewster Shaw, Jr., rockets out of this world on the Space Shuttle Columbia Nov. 28.

John Walsh, CPA, opens his new office at 24 S. Main, Pigeon.

Air Force Maj. Paul Behm, formerly of Pigeon, earned his third Meritorious Service Medal.

The Children's Exchange opens in Caseville, offering top-condition second-hand children's clothing, toys and equipment.

Jeff Walby, DDS, has joined the Family Dental Center in Pigeon, according to Dalton P. Coe, DDS.

Christmas customs from around the world are explored in the annual Progress-Advance "Christmas Shopper" delivered just before Thanksgiving Day.

Delores McArdle is named winner of the "Cooperative Essay Contest" conducted among Laker FFA Chapter by the Co-op Elevator Company of Pigeon.

Two Pigeon area persons have been ordained as ministers. Former resident Lou Ann Trost was ordained in the Lutheran Church of America, while Michigan Ave. Mennonite Church Pastor Donald Patterson was ordained in services at his church.

Laker girls lost a 71-58 decision to Harbor Beach in the District Basketball Tournament final game.

Five local football players were named All-Staters. Laker John Rathje was a Class C first team member, while Caseville's Dan Murdoch and Owen-Gage's Gary Erickson were Class D members. Mark Manenti and Jerry Winkler were honorable mention selections.



THE LAKER TEAM and opponents St. Martin de Porres are "slip sliding away" as they attempt a game of "football on ice" during state tournament action. Lakers lost, 30-12.

NOVEMBER DEATHS: Frank Severn 97, Joseph J. Pasternak, Martha B. Baker 89, Claude Ballard 89, Henry Heck 94, Floyd Pinkbeiner 81, Violet Guenther 78, Florence E. Hager 57, Frederick L. Meyers 67, Peter Torres 69, Steven T. Timmons 40, Margaret Morell 87, Agnes L. Hoeh 67 and Carl F. Stein 80.

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SOUND-OFF!

Call 453-2323 anytime day or night to record your **SOUND-OFF** message. Selected statements will appear weekly in The Progress-Advance...so watch for yours!

We are interested in starting a totally new Weight Watchers class in Pigeon, beginning after the first of the year. Any interested persons should call Kathy Eichler at 453-3561. Laker High School is looking for its copy of the 1979 Lakonia. Anyone who has an unneeded copy should contact the High School at 453-2348. Also, we need lists of addresses from past class reunions, to help plan the 25th Laker Reunion next fall -- open to all graduates since the beginning.

Perhaps call for reservations to assure seats for dinner To each and every one a safe and happy New Year. Thank you for your patronage in 1983.

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Thanks to everyone who wrote Christmas stories, as printed in last week's paper. They really helped make my week and holiday better.

A word of appreciation should go to Mr. and Mrs. Santa, Dale and Floris Wertz, for once again giving so much enjoyment to all the children who attended Preschool Story Hour Christmas party at the Library Tuesday morning. This couple deserves credit for all the enjoyment they give to others all year long.

Congratulations, Ryan, on your new membership. Smurf on!

Thanks to Mel Baerwolf with his trusty Jeep for clearing sidewalks in Pigeon Thursday morning, after the big snowfall. Retirees like Mel are to be commended for their efforts in keeping our town as good as it is.

Happy Birthdays to Jeff S. from Roy in Colorado.

I'd like to know the real reason our roads didn't get adequately plowed during and right after the snowstorm last week. Road crews who leave their jobs in the middle of the afternoon may strand working mothers or others on their way home. Nightfall would have made more sense for a stopping time.



Reach Out- Be a Friend

"To be a friend" is a learned process. Very little children do not know how to be friends. Even though they may play together, each is concerned only with himself. Learning to care for another person is learned as the child grows toward maturity. Sometimes we call it learning to socialize.

As adults, we still wonder how to make friends. Reaching out to others, inviting another to know and be known--it's risky. Anytime we offer friendship, we risk rejection.

But the alternative is less attractive--loneliness! Isolation!

A young girl came home from her playmate's house much later than she was supposed to. Her mother was angrily waiting: "Where have you been?" "I was at Sally's house. She broke her doll!"

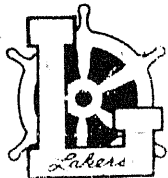
"Well, what does that have to do with your being late? You certainly couldn't fix it!"

"But, Mother, I had to stay and help her cry!"

Sometimes we need to stay and help cry; sometimes we need to stay and help laugh or sit quietly. We need to become sensitive to feelings, ready to share.

This sensitivity builds trust--and trust becomes the foundation of relationships. Trust does not come in one or two meetings. Trust develops as experience shows friends to be accepting, sensitive, concerned.

Each person needs to build strong person-to-person relationships. Each of us needs to reach out to include a wider circle of friends.



Laker Look-out

By MELISSA BIVENS and TINA DANNIS

GOOD JOB, GUYS!

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, the varsity basketball team defeated the Harbor Beach Pirates, 67-53. Mark Manenti was high scorer with an awesome 22 points, while Brian Elston followed with 11.

On Friday night the varsity squad met up with the Caro Tigers and defeated them 67-43. High scorers were John Rathje with 23 points and Brian Elston with 12.

CHEERS!
The varsity cheerleaders sold Christmas flowers until Tuesday, Dec. 27. They thank those who went out and bought a flower to help support the cheerleaders!

GREAT START, GIRLS!
Last Saturday, Dec. 17 the girls varsity volleyball team traveled to Northwood to compete in their tournament. Sixteen teams competed, with Lakers placing second in their division. They continued on in single elimination, but lost their first game up.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!
The junior class sponsored a Christmas Dance on Dec. 22.

FORENSICS IS STARTING
Members of the forensics team met Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. to schedule practice days. Members are getting fired up!

DRAMA BEGINS
The Drama Club met during lunch hour for its first

meeting of the year. Members wish the new director all the best!

NHS TUTORS
The National Honor Society is sponsoring a Tutor Club for anyone who would like to help tutor in any subject.

PINNING 'EM DOWN!
The Laker Wrestlers lost their first league meet on Wednesday, Dec. 7 when they met up with the Caro Tigers. Tim Patterson was the only Laker winner.

MISCELLANEOUS
... Christmas vacation for all students began Friday, Dec. 23 and ends on Jan. 3. ... The Laker Band and Choir performed their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

ASSUMED NAMES
For Week of December 19

No. 3407 Sparks' Service, 7372 Main St., Owendale, MI 48754. By: Wayne E. Sparks, 7372 Main Street, Owendale, MI 48754. Filed: 12-15-83.

No. 3408 Thumme Insurance Agency, 4977 Mill Street, Elkton, MI 48731. By: Kenneth L. Thumme, 4977 Mill Street, Elkton, MI 48731. Filed: 12-19-83.

CO-PARTNERSHIP
For Week of 12-19-83

No. 721 Gulf's Rainbow Motel, 6850 Division, Caseville, MI 48725. By: Russell W. Gueffroy & Gloria Gueffroy, 33580 Otto, Fraser, MI 48226. Filed: 12-16-83.

No. 722 Herb Gettel & Sons, 3314 Sturm Road, Pigeon, MI 48755. By: Loren O. Gettel, 3314 Sturm Road, Pigeon, MI; Clarence Gettel, 8554 Crescent Beach Road, Pigeon, MI; Herb Gettel, 26 S. Beck, Sebewaing, MI. Filed: 12/20/83.

No. 723 H. & L. Essenmachers Farms, McLennan Road, Harbor Beach, MI 48441. By: Howard F. Essenmacher & Catherine M. Essenmacher, 1351 McLennan Road, Harbor Beach, MI 48441; Leo H. Essenmacher & Jean A. Essenmacher, 1223 McLennan Road, Harbor Beach, MI 48441. Filed: 12/21/83.

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS
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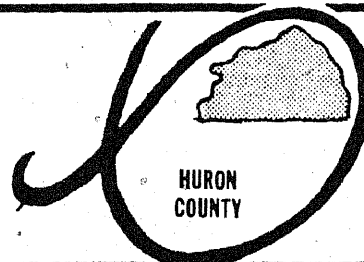
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from County Register of Deeds Frances Holdwick

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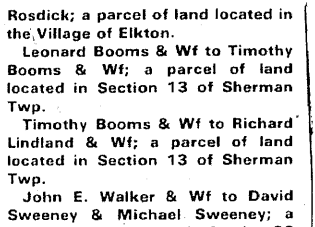
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Sebewaing Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties will hold its annual meeting at the office at 24 East Main Street, Sebewaing, MI on Thursday, January 5th, 1984 at 1:30 p.m. Business will include the election of 3 directors, the reading of annual reports and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

Clemen Irion, Secretary



from County Probate Judge Neil MacCallum

PROBATE COURT

Week of December 15-21
Estate of Catherine Bumhofer, Deceased, of Caseville - File 24,515 - Supervised Probate. Seventh and Final Account of Personal Representative filed. Notice of Hearing filed.
Estate of Zella M. Marshall, Deceased, of Caseville - File 26,784 - Supervised Probate. Thirteen Receipts of Distributive Share filed. Order of Discharge filed.
Estate of Mary M. Yaroch, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 27,146 - Supervised Probate. Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed. Tests of Authority Interested Parties filed. Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed.
Estate of Herbert L. Lorentz, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,007 - Supervised Probate. Order for Court Supervision filed, Letters of Authority filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Gertrude M. Krueger, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,143 - Independent Probate. Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed. Declaration of Trust and Designation of Personal Representative filed. Testimony Interested Parties filed. Six Waivers and Consents filed. Register's Order filed. Bond of Fiduciary filed. Letters of Authority filed.
Estate of Nicholas Pantelis, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 26,302 - Independent Probate. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed. Publication and Notice of Hearing filed.
Estate of Robert J. Bryant, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 27,090 - Supervised Probate. Inventory filed. Proof of Service by Or-

Laker Wrestlers place

Despite their inexperience, Laker wrestlers have encountered some success during the two tournaments and a dual meet so far this season.

Lakers placed fifth at the six-team Imlay City Invitational Tournament on Dec. 17. They finished just two points out of fifth place behind Southfield. Caro won the tournament while Bad Axe placed fourth.

Laker medal winners at the tourney were: Pat McArdle, first at 198 lb.; Dan Swartzendruber, second at 112 lb.; Jim Chapin, third at 98 lb.; Rob MacDowall, third at 185 lb. and Tim Patterson, third at heavyweight.

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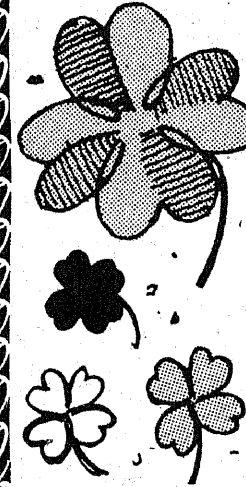
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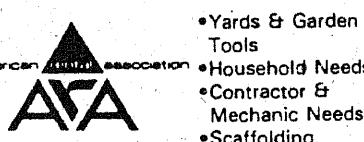
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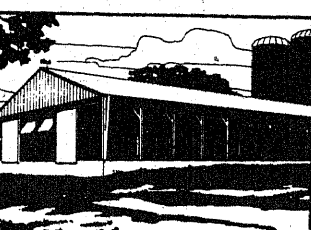
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Outdoor report:

by DUANE GUENTHER
THE ICE FISHING SEASON, which was starting off in super fashion, got a slight setback last week. Ice, five to six inches thick off Oak Point and the north shore of Sand Point, fell victim to an off-shore wind and was swept out as quickly as it had formed. Wildfowl bay is frozen solid all the way to the island and looks as though it may be able to withstand the high winds of last weekend.

Fish continue to bite readily, but, as in the past few years, their size has been nothing to brag about. Reports of good catches have filtered in from Geiger Road, Mud Creek and Bay Port. If the weather holds, the Christmas holidays will bring hordes of fishermen itching to try their luck.

GREAT SNOW COVER has been greeted enthusiastically by both snowmobilers and cross-country skiers alike. Accumulations of up to six inches have turned our two state parks into a winter playground.

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GROUSE HUNTERS are finding conditions less than ideal for the final week of their season. The bird cycle has been down, and the cold weather makes it hard on the pointing dogs. Those who are die-hards (like myself), have found little competition from other hunters in our area.

Pigeon

Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Heckman and Ronda, Randy and Ryan were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lawrence, Mrs. Marge Heckman, Mrs. Jim Dubs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziel, Doug, Kim and Jenny, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lawrence, Rick, Jeff and Angie, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dubs and Kristin, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Dubs and Jamie, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dubs, Mary Devroy, Tracy Tageson, Greg Butch and Janet Gingrich.

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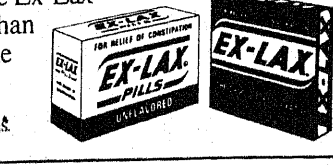
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Year in Review shows lots of expansion in '83

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DECEMBER, 1983

DECEMBER'S TOP STORY: Record cold temperatures grip the Midwest, and heavy snowfalls leave the Thumb Area with more accumulation in December than in all of winter, 1982.

Mark Wiederhold of Elkton is the \$200 winner in the second annual Progress-Advance "Big Buck Contest." His 210-pound deer was the biggest of the year.

Ken Error of Owendale earns his master electrical technology license.

Free sleigh (or wagon) rides are a highlight of "the good life in Pigeon at Christmas," sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce.

Who's responsible for the "body by the garage?" Inspector Gordo's Minute Mystery gives the answer each week.

Bill Renn and Don Roestel, both of Pigeon, are candidates to replace Gerald Elenbaum as the local representative on the Michigan Bean Commission. Gov. Blanchard will choose one of the two men soon.

Don and Viola Voelker of Pigeon are honored by their family for 40 years of marriage.



LOOKING BACK: 1982's "Miss Caseville"

Lisa Novak crowns 1983 winner Sandy Johnson during the Caseville Snow Bonanza. The Caseville High senior also was crowned Caseville Homecoming Queen this fall.

Free pizza, pop and coffee are served to hundreds of people during Elkton's annual Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4.

The Elkton United Fund tops its \$3200 goal, President Phyllis Tamblin said, with community wide gifts.

Community Bank of Elkton will have a major remodeling effort started soon, which will remove the second story from the brick building.

Magician R.B. Woodward entertains 150 youngsters at the annual Lunch With Santa program sponsored by the Pigeon Area Jaycettes.

Field & Stream Sports opens at 44 S. Main Street, Pigeon. Dane Niebel is owner and he features all types of sporting goods.

Pigeon says "no thanks" to the county solid waste management plan, and plans to consider waste pickup changes after Jan. 1.

State Ag Director Paul Kindinger finally makes it to the Thumb, as he speaks to a large crowd at Thumb Ag Day at

Cass City.

Sebewaing gets a \$225,000 state marina grant to possibly provide a county park for the western county area.

Pete Dutcher is named a Life Member of the Jean American Legion Post of Caseville.

Laker National Honor Society adds 28 new members, as SVSC President Dr. Jack Ryder is keynote speaker.

"Operation Identification" begins in area schools, as a project of local police agencies and the Huron County Sheriff's Department.

Plans are announced for the annual Pigeon Winter Carnival, coming Jan. 26-29 as sponsored by Pigeon Area Jaycees.

Caseville Postmaster Jeanine Tait announces Christmas Poster Design contest winners, Nathan Neal, Lamont Lenar and Terri Power.

Winsor Township's new Zoning Ordinance takes effect, following a year of planning and organizing. The printed copy is four full newspaper pages in length.

The Laker School Board backs a return of a small property parcel to the district, which was transferred recently to the Owen-Gage School District.

Huron County Bean Day on Jan. 13 features reviews and forecasts for bean farmers.

Record cold temperatures -- and large snowfalls -- make Christmas, 1983 a white one...and a below-zero one in the Thumb, too.

DECEMBER DEATHS: Russell Light 76, Agnes Hoeh 67, Edward L. Miller 90, Jamie L. Viers 3 months, Darlene E. Hiller 24, Rev. Mae Shupe 85, William H. Schweitzer 73, Mrs. Bertha Polley and DeVere Henne 59.

Hospital notes

Patients in Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, on Monday, Dec. 26:

PIGEON: Mrs. Alice Foster, Mr. and Mrs. George (Ruth) Mohr, Charles R. Carr, Martha Begalka.

CASEVILLE: Clarence Perry, Mrs. Mary McNutt, Mrs. Floyd (Evelyn) Langley.

OWENDALE: James

Gilbert, Edward Horst.

SEBEWAING: Mrs. Ada Schoeller, Brent Bowman, David Hahn.

ELKTON: George Walsh, Andrew Wiederhold.

BAY PORT: Mrs. Walter (Anna) Damm, Jim Dubs.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Diane Haley, Elkton, a son, David Oliver, on Thursday, Dec. 22.

It's a girl!

A daughter, Kayla Christine, was welcomed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, to Steve and Tamera Gnagey of Bay Port.

The infant, weighing 8 lbs. 3 3/4 oz. at birth, was born at 4:43 a.m.

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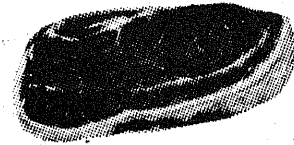


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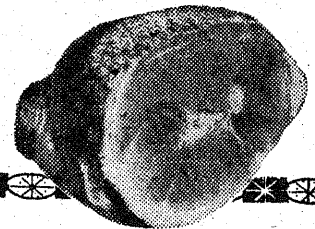
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