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### It's Football Regionals time in the Western Thumb!

### Pigeon leaf pick-up!

Pigeon Village residents may rake leaves into streets this Thursday, Nov. 13 and next Thursday, Nov. 20, thanks to ac-tion Monday by the Village Council.

Council changed its mind and approved the leaf removal work by DPW crews, with following Fridays as alternative pick-up

Pigeon DPW workers will collect leaves this Thursday and next Thursday only.

# Pigeon DPW's Don Otto to retire

Pigeon Village DPW Superintendent Donald Otto has announced his desire to retire from the various public positions he's held in the past 36 years.

Otto told Pigeon Village Council members Monday night he plans to retire on his 60th birthday, on March 10, 1987.

I have enjoyed my many years of employment with the Village and I have enjoyed the many different people I have worked with over the years," Otto told Council. "I am very proud of the fact that I have had an important part in the development and beautification of Pigeon;

"I have always been and will continue to be very proud of Pigeon.'

Otto said continuing upheavals in village operations - including four Village Superintendents and Clerks in the past five years - have led to "a lot of nerve trouble recently.

"I don't want to retire. I just want to get away from public work. I plan to look for another job," he said, noting stresses of the still uncompleted water system are affecting him greatly. "If I'd get away from this water system, I'd be hap py," Otto said.

Village President Dave Geiger said perhaps the various DPW jobs could be spread out among all four DPW workers, reducing Otto's overall management - and frustrations - if

he'd consider staying in the DPW Supt. post. Otto said he'd consider such a load reduction, noting the work "has just built up in me. Before it gets the best of me, I

want to get away from it. Otto was hired by Willis Leipprandt in 1950 and has been synonymous with keeping Pigeon running since then in street, park, sidewalk, DPW, constable and other work. Otto said using his accumulated vacation and sick-leave time

could mean he'd stop work in mid-December, and wanted to could mean he a stop work in mid-December, and wanted to give Council time to consider replacements.

"You've got three good men left," Otto said of his fellow DPW workers, Pete Dubs, Jim Kohl and Mike Graf. "I tell you, you've got darn good men." Geiger said he, Village Supt. Janet Heckman and Council members will meet with

Otto to discuss alternatives. SIX NEW JOBS: Pigeon Manufacturing Corp. was granted a 12 year property tax abatement in other action Monday, as the auto stamping and assembly plant begins a \$347,700 ex-

pansion project.
Plant Manager Clarence Schadd said 8300 sq. feet will be added at the northeast corner of the Hartley Street plant, in a 166 x 50 ft. project. He estimates at least six new jobs will be

Building construction will cost \$203,700 and machinery another \$144,000 - including a large stamping press, three fork trucks and a 20-ton overhead crane. The plant will include shearing press forming and spot weld assembly operations, according to the tax abatement request form.

The abatement will cut property tax payments by 50%, as

an incentive to add more operations locally.

And, Schadd said, more jobs may actually be created.

"Last time we said we'd add 25 (jobs), and we actually added

31," he said. Geiger said he favors continued tax relief for Pigeon Janufacturing and other qualifying industries. "I think Manufacturing and other qualifying industries. you're doing a real good job over there," he added.

OTHER BIZ: Council tabled and referred to committee two bids for a new DPW tractor with front-loader. Gettel Implement Company and Osentoski Equipment, Inc., both of Pigeon, submitted various bids. The present village tractor is

Council also tabled action on demolition of the present village water tower, since it is still in use because the new water system is behind schedule.

■ No action was taken on the recent lease increase by Chessie System for village use of railroad right of way on the northwest side of the C&O tracks on S. Main Street.

In past years, the annual lease was \$50, but the recently built flower box planter is on railroad land and requires an annual fee of \$650, Chessie said last month. No railroad personnel have appeared to respond to village questions on the

■Village Marshal Van Johnson said the past month -- including Halloween time - was quiet in the village. He thanked Council for the three-day curfew, which "was beneficial to

A total of 33 students earned certificates from his teaching of hunting safety courses at Laker Junior High, Johnson said



**Donald Otto** Piacon DPW Supt. to retire

## Laker Board considers suicide, drug efforts

By RICH **SWARTZENDRUBER** 

Special attention was given to the social and physical welfare of Elkton -Pigeon - Bay Port students at Monday's Laker School Board meeting.

The Board gave approval to development of separate programs which provide counseling help in the areas of suicide prevention and also substance abuse.

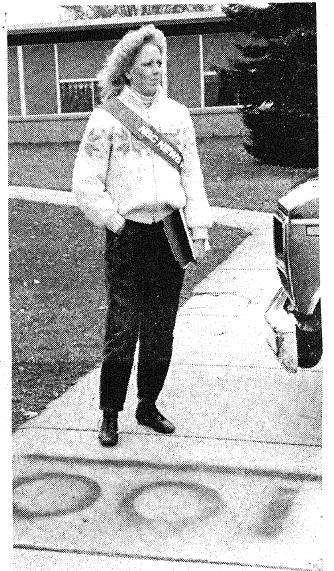
The importance of a suicide prevention was recently illustrated by the suicides of two Thumb Area high school students in recent weeks. The program would be developed and led by Laker High Counselor Duane Guenther, Junior High Counselor Todd Bigger, Special Ed. Teacher Tim Blakeny and Huron Intermediate School District Social Worker Terry Brown.

Those leaders would in turn help educate other school employes to recognize actions of students who could be considering suicide, the School Board learned.

PEER HELP: Another part of the program would train certain students to provide a "listening ear" for other students who want to talk to a peer about a problem they

The program will not center totally on suicide prevention and will include other important issues by stressing a problem-solving approach, said Guenther.

Substance abuse will be the focus of another program PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 3





RIBBON-CUTTING: Scheurer Hospital Board of Directors President Eldon Dietzel cuts the ribbon - while Administrator George Desmarais assists - to officially open the new \$2.4 million addition to Scheurer Hospital this past weekend. Additional out patient, emergency, pharmacy, accounting, kitchen, laboratory, storage and meeting room space is available at the Pigeon hospital.

AT THE LINE: Patti Dutcher stands behind the restricted line at Fair Haven Township's voting precinct in Bay Port, gathering voters opinions for an NBC News survey. See details on Page

### Thumb Grain MARKETS

at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 (CALL 453-ELEV 24 HOURS)

White Wheat . . bu: \$2.53 (Down 1 cent from last week's 2.54) Dec. Wheat Futures: 2,82%

(Up 2 cents from last week's 1.35) Dec. Corn Futures: 1.72½

Oats .....bu. 1.30/1.40 Soybeans . . . . bu. 4.62 (Down 3 cents from last week's 4.65) Jan. Soybean Futures: 5.00½

Rye . . . . . . . . bu. 2.00 (Unchanged from last week)

Malting Barley . bu. 1.40
(Unchanged from last week) Navy Beans #1(cwt.) \$34

(\$33.00 FOR PRIMES)

About 25 food baskets are distributed at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter each year in the local area and each month about six baskets are prepared for families with emergency

needs, organizers say.
Virtually every kind of non-perishable food product, paper good or cleaning product is needed to replenish the pantry.

Flour, sugar, shortening or oil, hand soap, laundry soap, boxed mixes, canned soups, canned meats, as well as canned fruits and vegetables are always need-

These items can be brought to any area church from 8 to 11 p.m. before Monday, Nov. 24. The boxes will be packed and

Persons who might have apples, squash, eggs, or other perishable goods to donate should bring them to First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 25

items are furnished from cash gifts that are given to the food pantry from various local organizations and individuals.

The Pigeon area has supported the Food Drive well in the past and organizers hope to have a successful 1986 drive, they say.

### Dancers meet at Bad Axe The Bad Axe Swinging

Hatchets will host a square dance this Friday, Nov. 14 Interested dancers are welcome to attend.

before 9 a.m. Meats and other fresh

expecially needed since Caseville Medical Clinic began providing health services in the village. tional persuasion, it was pro-

owner Paul Nugent.

**SWARTZENDRUBER** 

If Nugent needed any addivided by his fiancee, Krista Jensen of Caseville.

The new owner says he is happy with the support he's received from the community since opening the drug store. Nugent also noted he is aware some people are making a special effort to patronize the new store because they have seen other businesses affected b the seasonal economic



NUGENT PHARMACY OWNER Paul Nugent finds satisfaction in working with the Caseville unity. His roots aren't far away - he grew up in Bad Axe.

prescription drugs are of-

Special discounts on fered to senior citizens, and an effort is being made to try to keep prices competitive **EXPERIENCE:** Nugent is

familiar with the pricing of chain stores after working as a pharmacist for the past three years at Perry Drugs Before that he practiced pharmacy for seven years in

Saginaw after graduating from Ferris State College. A native of the Thumb Area, Nugent was born and raised in Bad Axe but says he is very impressed with

"It's a very nice town. hope to stay here many years," says Nugent. He also comments on the

town on Saginaw Bay.

slower lifestyle in the resort

"Many people here have a relaxed attitude like they're on vacation permanently,

GIFTS, ETC.: In addition to using computerized records in the sale of perscription drugs, the new store offers

gift items, seasonal merchandise and a film developing service. Greeting cards will also be available in the near future, says Nugent.

Although he is aware business slows down in the winter months as summer residents head south, Nugent thanks Caseville merchants and individuals for the support and warm welcome so



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ALL MOVED: Jim and Linda King look over their newly moved Bay House Sports, which is now located at 7270 Michigan Ave. in Pigeon, next to Kretzschmer's

Bay House Sports offers all types of sporting equipment and clothing, and is open Monday through Saturday from 9 to 5:30, and Fridays 9 to 8 p.m. Phone number is 453-2551.

A grand opening celebration is planned soon, and the business announces this is Winter Sports Team Week, with special savings on all winter sports merchandise. Bay House Sports was formerly located at the M-25 and M-142 corner south of Bay

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO



taking form at the junior

Huron County Substance Abuse Counselor Dennis Mitin will lead small group discussions with students referred by Bigger after obtaining permission from both students and parents.

Mitin stated he uses a nonjudgmental approach which enables the teenagers to consider the consequences of

alcohol and drug abuse. He emphasized the need for such a program by citing a survey of Huron County high school students in the spring of 1986. The survey shows 72% of the students agreed most of their friend

drink and 83% agreed older students drink.

TESTS: Results of the Michigan Assessment Tests taken last spring by students in grades four, seven and 10 in the Laker district show little change from last year.

Nearly all students in the the Laker District. three grade levels continue Laker leaders hope to develop a core of individuals to pass more than 75% of both reading and math objectives, the Board learned.

In a new part of the Assessment test last year, the subject of science was also evaluated. Lakers, along with many other districts, did very poorly on the test, administrators said.

MARCH VOTE?: Superin-ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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

NAME-DROPPING -- How about this week's who's who?: **BUSA TODAY** deserves kudos for a truly excellent "election wrap-up" edition after last Tuesday's balloting. They featured all state and regional races for the entire country (no small task!) and even told us how much each U.S. Senate vote cost (in terms of ads and promotions spent). That averaged from 2 cents (Democrat Guy McDonald, opposing Kansas' Bob Dole, who spent \$2.34 per vote and won) to \$20.24 (Vermont loser, Republican Richard Snelling versus incum-

bent Patrick Leahy, who spent \$10.77 per vote). No wonder 4.7 million people are reading USA TODAY each day. Fascinating!

■Do you know who (and where) Suzanne Wilcox (Care of A. Greene) of Elkton, Douglas W. Mallard of Pigeon, Richard C. and Wendy L. Brown of Caro and/or Robert E. and Verna J. **Gordon** of Vassar are?

The Internal Revenue Service is trying to find each of these folks -- since their 1985 federal income tax refunds came back to the IRS marked "undeliverable." Statewide, more than 1400 persons haven't yet gotten their checks, totaling \$692,000. Refunds range from \$1 to \$43,869 -- and average \$491, IRS District Director John Hummel says.

Anyone wanting more information should call 1-800

**Search For Tomorrow** is ending. TV's longest-running drama, the daily serial "Search For Tomorrow" will be out. presented Dec. 26 for the last time on NBC, following sliding ratings. It debuted Sept. 3, 1951, and has always featured the character Jo, played by Mary Stuart.
Now, CBS' "Guiding Light" will become the longest-run-

ning show, beginning on radio in January, 1937 and switching to TV in June, 1952.

NEWSPAPER NEWS -- It was nice to see a few good words said about fellow publisher Lloyd Buhl of Deckerville, on the

front page of Sunday's Bay City Times.

Buhl has been at the helm of The Deckerville Recorder since he bought it in 1935. Times' writer Tom Gilchrist says Buhl is the Thumb Area's newspaper "legend" and is the type of guy who won't be replaced once the 68-year-old Buhl

retires or moves on. That's true. Along that line, we mourn the loss of another weekly paper (even though the weekly business in general is doing well). The Capac Journal closed its office in St. Clair County last week, after beginning publication in 1879 as the Capac Argus. The Journal will live on as part of Imlay City's Tri-City

Times, but the Journal as we now know it will no longer WISH I'D SAID THAT -- "When you destroy something man-made, you're a vandal. When you destroy something CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

tendent Harry Brunet and and helping insure that each supporter goes to the poll the Board discussed stragedy to be used by supand casts their ballot. Although no definite date porters of a millage increase to maintain the current level

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committed to registering

parents of Laker students

was set, discussion indicated the election will probably be face of falling State Equalizers cheduled in March. NEW COACH: After months of searching, Athletic Direc-

for Bob Drury indicated U of M - Flint student Francie Novar will coach the 1986-87 volleyball squad.

# 'Miracle' sugar crop almost harvested

That's what Michigan Sugar Co. Vice President for Agriculture Davis Sunderland calls this sugar beet harvest season, now grinding to a close this week.

'Thirty days ago we thought our chances of this kind of a harvest as being just about 'nil'; yet, here we are with 1.28 million tons delivered to Michigan Sugar Company plants," he explained Monday morning.

Now, with a new goal of about 1.3 million tons, the crop is about 96% delivered.

At Sebewaing, the deliveries total 414,000 tons, with "still nore coming," Sunderland explained.

WEATHER CHANGES: Excellent weather during the past two weeks made it possible to deliver about 160,000 tons of beets in seven days, with three days seeing 26,000 tons

brought each day. Those "biggest days" were last Monday, Nov. 3, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 5 and 6, and following closely behind

were other days that saw 24,000 and 22,000 brought in "It's remarkable," Sunderland concluded, adding that possibly 30-40,000 tons are still to be brought in.

**AMAZING:** Although this year's 414,000 tons are short of last year's all-time record of 487,000 tons, the total for 1986 is tremendous - when one considers the bleak outlook as field after field stood in water or under water after the downpours of mid-September, followed by more weeks of almost constant precipitation.

The 1985 Michigan Sugar Company total of beets received

was 1.545 million tons. BAD BEETS: Rejected loads are a fact of life at all receiving

stations, as beets are still monitored carefully to avoid rotting beets going into storage piles, which would ruin huge quantities of surrounding beets.

Sunderland said that the company rejected 179 loads on Friday alone, 97 of them at the Sebewaing plant. On the average, between 15-40 loads are turned back each

day at the four factories, he added. "We regret very much having to send loads back, but it's

for the farmers' own good and the company good, because we know what rotten beets do when they're stored," he pointed

Beets that are in storage look "satisfactory" at this point, Sunderland explained, and one factor that is helping is that piles were kept low this year, because less weight doesn't generate as much heat in the piles.

That means the beets don't dissipate as much sugar as when they get hot.

That sounds like an easy solution, he added, but it means that the piled beets take up much more space than the usual higher piles. Consequently, the company had to shut off some pilers, because their storage area was used up. "We hope the truckers can appreciate why this is happening," Sunderland explained.

"In short, we are doing everything we can to get good beets in here and to keep them in good condition so they can be processed." he declared

**CONTENT UP:** Sugar content at the Sebewaing plant is at 16%, up somewhat over the earlier beets. In Michigan Sugar Company as a whole, the content stands at 15.6%.

For the remainder of the delivery campaign, Sunderland said the weigh stations and piler will be open 24 hours a day "to get every last satisfactory sugar beet off the farmers"

hands and to convert it into sugar.' Concluding, Sunderland said, "It's a pleasure to see dust come out of a beet truck," and added that it's something he cumbent Albert Thoms of Port Hope with 790 votes. hasn't seen very often in the past three harvest seasons.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

### DEMS DOMINATE THUMB IN ELECTION BALLOTING

Democrats followed the lead of Michigan Gov. James Blanchard last Tuesday and overwhelmed normally Republican precincts in the Thumb Area -- although the GOP stayed in power in several key areas.

STATEWIDE, incumbent Gov: James Blanchard and Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths outdistanced Republican challengers William Lucas and Colleen Engler two-to-one, gaining 1.583 million votes to 726,845 for Lucas-Engler. Locally, Huron County voters gave 6681 votes to Blanchard, versus 3353 for Lucas, as 46% of Huron County's voters cast ballots. Blanchard carried 9453 votes in Tuscola County to 3933 for Lucas.

Blanchard's victory margin was the largest ever in state history, according to unofficial results, as he carried an estimated 69% of the vote. He won in all Michigan Counties except one, Ottawa.

Incumbent Secretary of State Richard Austin defeated Republican Weldon Yeager 1.45 million to 588,576 votes. Likewise, incumbent Democratic Attorney General Frank Kelley defeated GOP hopeful Robert Cleland 1.41 million to

EDUCATION: Democrats won both seats on the State Board of Education, plus all six positions on the head groups of the state's three largest universities.

Incumbent State Board of Education member Annetta Miller received 979,970 votes and former member Gumecindo Salas got 789,167 to cutdistance Republican incumbent Barbara Dumouchelle with 711,255 and Patricia Hartnagle with 657,084 for the two eight-year terms.

Democrats also won both seats on the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, as incumbent Barbara Sawyer and fellow Democrat Joel Ferguson outdistanced rivals. At Wayne State University's Board of Governors, Leon Atchinson and Max Pincus led the Democrats for the two seats, as incumbents. And the University of Michigan's Board of Regents saw incumbent Paul Brown and James Waters

gather the most votes, topping Republican hopefuls.

STATE PROPOSALS for three Propositions were all defeated.

Proposal A (Library of Michigan directed by State Legislature) lost 51 to 49%, while Proposal B (Legislature allowed to decide administrative rules changes) was soundly defeated, 64 to 36%.

Proposal C (give State Officers Compensation Commission power to set salaries for attorney general and secretary of state) nearly passed, losing by less than 1000 votes.

CONGRESS: Incumbent Eighth District Congressman Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) received three times the vote of

Republican challenger John Levi, earning an unofficial 97,328 votes to 36,313 for Levi, district-wide. The 54-year-old Traxler defeated Levi 7125 to 2617 in Huron

County, and 9233 to 3814 in Tuscola County. STATE HOUSE: Incumbent 77th District Rep. Dick Allen (R-Caro) swam against the Democratic tide, to earn reelection to another two-year term. He won 11,831 to 7345 for

Dem challenger Dick Erla in the two-county district. Allen received 5944 votes in Huron to 3453 for Erla, and also won in Tuscola, 6619 to 3900.

STATE SENATE: Incumbent James Barcia (D-Bay City) had no Republican challenger, following a residency mix-up with the August Primary winner, and won handily. NON-PARTISAN: One Republican-backed candidate and a

Democrat-backed incumbent earned the two seats on the U.S. Supreme Court. Former Republican U.S. Senator Robert Griffin was top vote-getter with 769,987 votes, while appointed incumbent

Dennis Archer earned 682,862 votes for the second seat. The remaining 22 candidates split the other votes. COURT OF APPEALS incumbent Judges S. Jerome Bron-

son and Robert J. Danhoff were unopposed in the 2nd District Court of Appeals race and easily won re-election.

### HURON COUNTY BALLOTS

Two of the six seats on the Huron County Board of Commissioners were up for grabs. And, although Democrats carried the day statewide and nationally, they fell short in their efforts to earn seats on the traditionally all-GOP Board.

IN DISTRICT 2, Bay Port Republican R. Dale Wertz defeated Democrat Vernon Kretzschmer 876 to 627. The district includes all of Oliver, Winsor, Chandler, Grant and Sheridan Townships, including Villages of Elkton and

Wertz is an auctioneer and parttime salesman. The seat has been vacated by Calvin Reibling of Elkton, who did not

IN DISTRICT 6, Democrat Jack Jensen of Caseville fell 64 votes short of defeating Republican rival Warren J. Krohn of Elkton for the position presently held by Ronald Knoblock of Port Austin, whom Krohn defeated in August.

Krohn was the winner, with 1146 votes to 1082 for Jensen Krohn represents Caseville, Port Austin, Lake, Meade and Hume Townships, plus the Villages of Caseville and Port

Krohn formerly served on the County Board, from 1970-72, when he ran unsuccessfully for County Clerk. He is Meade Township Supervisor and a certified assessor.

UNOPPOSED: District 1 voters re-elected incumbent Republican Bruce Kuhl of Sebewaing, who had no opposition, to serve the Sebewaing, Brookfield, McKinley and Fair Haven Township plus Bay Port and Sebewaing Village district. He received 1004 votes.

Other unopposed Board candidates included: newcomer Republican Edward Mazure of Bad Axe, for the District 3 post, with 945 votes; incumbent Republican Jean Talaski of Harbor Beach with 869 votes in District 4, and Republican in-

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# Most-watched women are older...

B elieve it or not, the women we love to watch the most on television aren't curvacional representations. vacious, young cuties -- persons who David Letterman might call "fabulous babes." No, the women who attract the largest TV audiences right now are a bunch of "Golden Girls" or TV detectives -- all of whom are closer to 70 than 25.

A recent news story points out that TV's most popular ladies aren't members of the jiggling 'Charlie's Angels,'' or any "Mod Squad" or other such lame-brain show. Instead, Angela Lansbury of "Murder, She Wrote" on CBS and Beatrice Arthur, Betty White, Rue McClanahan and Estelle Getty of NBC's "The Golden Girls" are now ruling the roost, as far as viewership goes.

And it's about time.

W.C. Fields set the sexist tone back in the 1930s with his famous song, "I'd rather have two girls, at 21 each, than one girl at 42." That was (and too often still IS) the normal mind-set in the American male today. Young is better. New instead of old. Inexperience instead of ex-

Well, that's nice in some things. But it's not totally practical in our world these days.

The first TV stars were males, normally comics or sometimes cowboy stars. Then came



# From Under The Willow

By WANDA EICHLER

### Bits and pieces

WON'T THE WHOLE THUMB BREATHE A COLLEC-TIVE SIGH OF RELIEF when the last sugar beet is delivered and piled? Some farmers have good stories of fairly high sugar content and not too much lost, but the stories of field after field of huge rotten spots and of equipment that keeps breaking down are just as prevalent.

Beets crews, the whole Thumb is behind you. We've been trying to be extra cautious on the roads and give you wide berth this year. We've heard you rumble by our places of worship during the Sunday preaching and have been glad that yet another load was headed to the plant. We've appreciated the slippery road signs that you used to warn us to slow down as we approach a field where the road is muddy from harvest. So, congratulations to those who are done and good luck to those still working. The whole Thumb is pulling

I SHOULD KEEP TRACK FROM YEAR TO YEAR of the date in November or December when we finally begin hauling water to the animals. We have an outside water tap that has kept the sheep tank full up until this weekend. That line got drained when wintery winds and cold temperatures that hit the Thumb on Saturday.

This morning when I went outside to do chores I hauled along a warm pail of water to pour on top of the ice chunk in the sheep tank. I was just dumping the water over the fence into the tank when I noticed a cat on the ice. That cat was licking the ice for its morning drink. I shooed it over and poured the water. Soon four cats were lined up, balanced on the edge of the water tank with their hindquarters up in the air and their mouths slurping away! Several to investigate and even drank, cats and all!

VERNON KRETZSCHMER AND JACK JENSEN may have lost their bids for county commission seats in last Tuesday's election, but they certainly gave the county a much needed choice in the matter. Vern's campaign flyer pointed out that this area badly needs a two-party system that can provide choices at the polling booth for electors. Congratulations are in order for the winners, Dale Wertz and Warren Krohn, who will now represent many of the townships in the western Thumb. Hopefully, we'll continue to have good races in the next round of commission elections or state state senat

ONE OF MY FARM WIFE FRIENDS shared several articles out of recent farm publications with me last week. Each article tried to deal with the importance of positive thinking and humor in the midst of difficult economic conditions. The advice is suited to all of us who live in rural areas, townspeople and country families alike. I especially enjoyed the quotes on humor collected by Dr. Val Farmer, a clinical psychologist with West River Mental Health Center, Rapid City, S.D., who writes in "Farm Wife News" that "holding on to our sense of humor is serious business." He quotes author Kurt Vonnegut as saying that "laughing or crying is what a haberdashery that' Madison human being does when there is nothing else to do. The biggest laughs are based on the biggest disappointments and the biggest fears." Another gem for some philosophising and

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youthful male entertainers who sang or became detectives. Women, if ever, were featured as dizzy dames or simply supporting characters to the male-dominated shows.

Some women (such as Lucille Ball and Carol Burnett) succeeded, but they were still onedimensional. Besides comedy, what could they do? They were just dizzy and dumb dames.

Even the "Charlie's Angels" stars marked a departure from past female roles. They at least had brains. Sure, men could "beat them" at certain things, but you'd always know they'd be successful by the time the show ended. After all, they'd have to be back next week!

Edith Bunker for all her faults still had a heart and could stand up to red-neck Archie when required. In "All in the Family," the men (Archie and son-in-law Mike - "Meathead" -- ) were often cast as the true dummies.

But things have changed today. Now, thanks to "Murder, She Wrote" and "The Golden Girls," we've got role models who are mature, sensitive, intelligent (and just a bit naughty).

Their roles are a big improvement over the window-dressing done by female stars on ''Dallas,'' ''Falcon Crest'' and ''Dynasty.' Those women mostly respond to -- or recoil at -whatever the male stars do. Normally, the men me and wondered if I would run the businesses -- and the wives run around.

But the older female star has come into her own on TV. They give us something to laugh at, to look at and to think about.

Thinking about their roles reminds us they are interesting, too. They're more than just 'there.'' They're fun to watch. Maybe it depends on the age of the viewer. But then, maybe most folks are just tired of seeing cutiepie bimbos and are preferring the "more experienced" variety.

Whatever the reason, today's top stars are more enjoyable than some -- and more watchable nearly all others!

# Letters to My Cousin Gus

DEAR COUSIN GUS: During the passing years

my viewpoints on many issues have changed Christmas shopping, for in-For years it was my view

that Christmas shopping lost its zest if done early. Still remember some neighborhood friends on Waverly Ave. in Detroit in

Come Dec. 1, their Christmas gifts were tinselled and wrapped, their Yuletide cards were stamped and sealed. They were just a bit smug about it.

alked about our letter to Santa Claus. The passing years may not have taken our zest but they certainly

have lessened our zip. When Mama asked what I wanted from Santa Claus my reply was quite standard, 'Oh, a flannel shirt or some heavy socks. Of course, this?" He looked at the tie there is the old stand-by, a and said, "Should have." He Christmas tie. Just looked at me. "You wear remember, I do not need a new suit.'

Then we both laughed. The incident involves our grandson Brian and if perchance he sees this article. I trust he will forgive any editorial license that occasionally gets into these lines.

my suits. Yes, the term is

Three years ago his Christmas gift to me was a tie - a beautiful, item of Avenue would accept on any day. There was only one prothe suit blem. It did not match any of

but never worn.

In mid-February of this year we had the invitation of Brian's wedding to Miss Kathy Jones on March 8. Not a surprise but an occasion of happiness to know that plans had been finalized.

Then the other shoe drop-"March the eighth. That's only about three weeks and I am going to need a new dress and some new shoes. I wonder if I

should get a hat?" When that tumult subsided somewhat I voiced my lament, "Too bad I can't wear We were just a bit sorry for that tie to Brian's wedding. It would be a nice touch. Now here we are last Mama fielded that one on the night, Nov. 4 and Mama and first hop. "Well, why not?

Buy a suit to match. to Mike's, a mens' store organ that he had restored. whose status rating is about It was very good and I 10 paces to the right of Sears always liked organ music. and 90 paces to the left of Brooks Brothers. Joe was

"You got a suit to match about a 40 short."

"Right." Joe went over to a rack, stirred around for a few moments and came back with a suit. "There's your match. You

can't get a better one. That's good material -- 75% wool.' They measured me for the necessary alterations. "You can have it next Tuesday.'

At the wedding, several folks remarked about the excellent match of my tie and

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Jack McGeachy and

were standing together and

shared a song book. Tom

Lenehan, who was the

leader, said they ought to put

Paul Soini talked about the

song, "There's a church in

the valley..." and that's one place I still want to see.

for me to give my speech, I

was still quite nervous but

after I got going it wasn't too

bad. There were some VIPs

there and I tried to follow my

notes but I got them all mix-

I talked until I saw the

I didn't get to Bad Axe

very often when I was young,

so I couldn't say much about

it. But when the meeting

closed and people shook

hands with me, I really felt

good to know that the Lord

still has some things we

On Tuesday we went to the

Elkton Senior Citizens

meeting with Hugo Leip-

prandt and met a lot of peo-

ple I knew. I won a prize of a

nice bouquet of flowers that

smelled real good and I put

them on my table at home

Then I see the farmers

working at their beans and

sugar beets and hear that a

lot of beets are rotten

Somebody said they should

pick the rotten one out by

We used to top them by

hand and take each one by

hand, but these young people

We read in Joshua 3:15:

'The Jordan River overflow-

won't do it

and they are still nice.

senior citizens can do!

time was up and then I quit.

When it finally came time

us on the Grand Ole Opry!

DEAR EDITOR:

About six weeks ago, Tom Lenehan of Bad Axe called give a talk at the Leyton Memorial Chapel on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. I said yes right away, but the closer the time came the shakier I got because I am not a public

It was in the Pigeon and Sebewaing papers that a writer and retired farmer was to be the main speaker. Hugo Leipprandt was going over and offered to take me

Well, when we got there the little restored church in the park was warmed up by a little wood stove which smoked a little. Of course, it was a little cold but those of us who attended church years ago were reminded very much of the old days when we went to church.

Only there were no sheds for the horses and no buggys or wagons around like we us-

When I was very young, we used to go to church and the men used to tie their horses up and put blankets on them in the winter if it was cold. Then they would get together and visit a

Then Dan Shetler, who was the deacon, would get his watch out and say "It's time to go in." So we boys who had to sit with our Dads would go in.

In the summer. It was very hot and in the winter it was cold. But we didn't mind because after singing several songs we were ready for a 112 hour sermon

Well, in Bad Axe, Butch time." Well, the Pigeon We had a prayer and a song.

The next day I took the tie Robinson played a reed River did too, almost 3,000 years later right in harvest time and people still live.

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## Thumb area obituaries

1910 - 1986

Louis E. Wise, age 76 of AuGres, formerly of Bay Port, passed away Oct. 22 at his residence.

He was born June 12, 1910 in Bay Port. He moved to AuGres from Detroit, in 1947, whee he was owner of Chris Craft Sales and Marine Construction Company. He was a member of the AuGres Lions Club and the AuGres VFW, the Disabled American Vets of Tawas and the Elk Lodge No. 88, Essexville. He is the son of Edward Wise and Gertrude (Dubey)

He is survived by his wife, Maxine; one son, Edward L., Grosse Pointe Farms; one sister, Onnellee Bryant, Fla.; one granddaughter and two nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Forshee Funeral Home, AuGres. Rev. Lillian Richard officiated with entombment in the Oakwood Mausoleum,

#### ERWIN J. BIXLER 1894 - 1986

Erwin J. Bixler, age 92, of Elkton, died Tuesday, November 4 at Huron Memorial Hospital, near Bad Axe. He was born on July 25, 1894, in Pandora, OH, son of the

late Adam and Rachael (Liechty) Bixler. On July 27, 1918, he was united in marriage to Melvina Eicher. She preceded him in death on March 22, 1978.

Mr. Bixler came to the Elkton area as a young man and farmed there all his life. He was a member of the Elkton Missionary Church and a WWI Army Veteran.

Surviving are two sons, Blanchard Bixler of Elkton and Rev. Virgil Bixler of Ft. Wayne, IN; two daughters, Bernice Bixler of Elkton and Mrs. Willis (Faythe) Outcalt of Ft. Wayne, IN; nine grandchildren and eight great-

One son, Leon; one grandson, Bruce; a brother, Gilbert and a sister, Verna Siemans, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, November 7 at the Elkton Missionary Church. Rev. Alan Yerke, pastor, officiated with burial in the Riverside Memorials may be made to the church.

Arrangements were handled by the Elkton Chapel of the Champagne Funeral Chapels.

#### WILLIAM DANIEL KRAATZ 1893 - 1986

William D. Kraatz, age 93, of Gravette, Ark., died Tuesday,

November 4 in Arkansas.

He was born April 8, 1893 in Merrill, son of the late Fredrick and Pauline (Somofsky) Kraatz. In 1918, he was united in marriage to Pearl Honderick. She preceded him in death in 1966. He later married Josephine Hathaway and she preceded him in death in 1978. Mr. Kaatz moved to Arkansas from the Elkton area in 1953.

He was a member of the Sulphur Springs Methodist Church, a Foresthills-Wells American Legion Post and was a WWI Army Veteran. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. David (Vanetta)

Stucky of San Gabrial, CA, Mrs. Gilbert (Genevieve) Herman of Farmington Hills, and Mrs. James (Evelyn) Matteson of Elkton; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Reis of Frankenmuth. One granddaughter, one great-grandson, three brothers

and four sisters preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, November 10 from the Elkton Chapel of the Champagne Funeral Chapels. Rev. James Kummer, pastor, officiated with burial in the Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

### **CHARLES GILBERT YODER** 1908 - 1986

Charles G. Yoder, age 78, of Caseville, died Tuesday morning, November 4 at Huron County Medical Care Facility,

He was born in McLeanboro, IL on March 17, 1908, son of Ivy (Vanhorn) Yoder and the late Simon G. Yoder. On May 6, 1933, he was united in marriage to Mary Dominguez in River Rouge. The couple moved to Caseville in June, 1972, after he retired as a supervisor at Anaconda American Brass following 44 years of employment.

Mr. Yoder was a member of the Caseville United Methodist Church and served as trustee for several years.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two sons, Charles Yoder of Allen Park and Robert Yoder of Taylor; one daughter, Mrs. Roger (Patricia) Schroeder of Rochester; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; his mother, Ivy Yoder of McLeansboro, IL; three brothers, Ira Yoder of Tampa, FL, Kermit Yoder of Santa Barbara, CA and Aubrey Yoder of McLeansboro, IL; and a sister, Maycel Gunter of

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, November 7 at the Caseville United Methodist Church. Rev. John Hamilton, pastor, officiated with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or the Caseville United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were handled by the Caseville Chapel of the Champagne Funeral Chapels.

### LEONA IDA VOLZ 1920 - 1986

Leona I. Volz, age 66, died Sunday morning, Nov. 9 at Four Seasons Health Care Center, Bad Axe.

She was born May 2, 1920, in Sebewaing, daughter of the late John and Ida (Armbruster) Bang. In April of 1949, she was united in marriage to Adolph Volz. He preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 1983.

Mrs. Volz lived in Huron County all her life and was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sand Point. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Fred (Amanda) Kalis of Sebewaing and Mrs. Edgar (Hannah) Luckhard of Birch Run and five nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Rev. Randall P. Schultz, pastor, officiated with burial in the Silver Lawn

Cemetery, Sebewaing. Memorials may be given to the church. Arrangements were handled by the Caseville Chapel of the Champagne Funeral Chapels.

### JOHN (JACK) MORIN

1933 - 1986

John G. Morin, age 52, of Battle Creek, formerly of Elkton, died Saturday, Nov. 1 from injuries following an automobile

He was born Dec. 1, 1933, in Pigeon, son of the late Fred and Mabel (Bruderick) Morin. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of the Tip of the Thumb V.F.W. Post 2236, Pigeon.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, one brother, Fred Morin of Elkton; three sisters, Mrs. Glenn (Betty) Farver of Davison, Mrs. Bernard (Edith) Lado of Vassar, and Mrs. Glenn (Victoria) Turner of Pigeon; a half-brother, Stanley Brinkman of Flint and two half-sisters, Mrs. John (Beatrice) Zelinski of Lapeer and Mrs. Mildred Christner of Pigeon.

Interment is in the Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle

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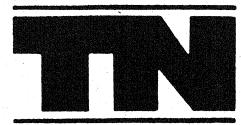
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# sports of the week

# Green Machine shifts into high gear in playoff win

**SWARTZENDRUBER** 

With two winning but lackluster performances to end the regular season, no one is saving the Laker Green Machine peaked too

In fact the Elkton - Pigeon Bay Port 31-14 football playoff victory over the Armada Tigers last Friday night seemed to indicate the Thumb B Champion Lakers are saving their best play of the year in a playoff bid for the Class C state title

Laker Coach Bill McLellan labeled the win "one of our better games (of the season) overall" with the exception of being flagged for some

A balanced EPBP offense used 97 passing yards by junior quarterback Jay Anthes and a ground attack featuring Chris Deering, who rolled up 118 yards. Dean Roestel carried twice for 44 yards and Tom Beer added 42 yards in 10 carries.

The Laker defense also flexed its muscle to stop a play to cap a 55-yard scoring one-dimensional, but powerful Armada running game. PAT to give the home team a The Tigers rushed for 198 yards and passed for 51 yards and gave up three in-

Wuestenburg admitted his team depended heavily on moving the ball on the

"We outgained them on the ground (in the first half), throw the ball too. If you (Lakers) can do both." Turnovers played a key

role in game by preventing Armada from seizing the momentum. Of four Tiger turnovers, Lakers only conwhile leading 24-6 in the fourth quarter. The turnovers halted Armada drives on two occasions in Laker territory, which is deadly to a team like Armada which depends on long, time-consuming

On the opening posession of the game, Armada marched the ball smartly upfield with running plays, but lost the ball on a pass interception by Paul Elenbaum. He also intercepted another Tiger pass in the fourth quarter. Jeff Sturm also gave Lakers a pair of turnovers with a fumble recovery and pass intercep-

After an exchange of punts, Laker flanker-kicker Randy Heckman surprised Armada on a 13-vard reverse drive. He also booted the

The Tigers bounced back early in the second quarter to scored on a seven -yard touchdown run by Matt Harmon. A two-point conversion pass attempt was in-

EARLY TEST: A Laker fumble on the ensuing kickoff but you have to be able to return provided an early test for the Laker defense. can't throw the ball, you're Although bending enough to hurting, and that's what hap- allow Armada to advance pened. We could run the ball the ball within six yards of

stopped the Tigers on downs in a key turning point of the

A fired-up Laker offense from the shadow of their goal post to record its second touchdown of the game. The points didn't come easy, however, as a 33-yard TD pass to Heckman was called back by a clipping penalty. On a repeat of that successful play, Anthes again found Heckman with a pass to gain 24 yards and set up a one-yard scoring plunge by Chris Deering.

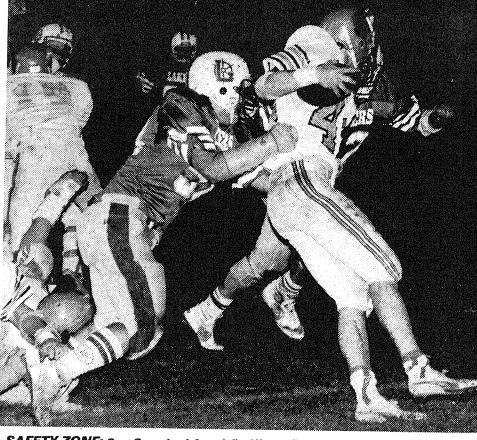
Laker holder Anthes then caught the Armada defense flatfooted by tossing a twopoint conversion pass to Elenbaum on a fake PAT kick play.

Sturm preserved the 15-6 lead at halftime by intercepting an Armada pass on the EPBP 15-yard line just 10 seconds before the intermis-

The Green Machine took charge of the game in the third quarter as the defense controlled the line of scrimmage. The Laker offense also gained confidence with a balanced mix of running

An 80-yard Laker scoring drive with five minutes remaining in the third quarter proved to be the backbreaker for Armada. A 30-yard touchdown pass from Anthes to Elenbaum and Heckman's PAT kick gave EPBP a commanding lead over an Armada squad not suited to scoring quickly.

SAFETY: Early in the fourth quarter the Green was recorded with just under



SAFETY ZONE: Scot Smeader, left and Jim Warren (behind runner) combine to tackle Armada's John Edwards in the endzone for a safety.

With the outcome no

longer in doubt. Armada

returned to their power run-

ning game for one last scor-

Machine was driving for six minutes left on the clock more deep," said the Laker another touchdown when an when Dan Bivens crossed Anthes pass was picked off the goal line on a two-yard on the Armada one-yard line. Three plays later, Laker defenders Jim Warren and Scot Smeader tackled Tiger running back John Edwards in the endzone for a

ing drive of the season. Matt Harmon ran the final three The final Laker touchdown yards for the final Tiger touchdown and also ran in the two-point conversion. **PRIDE**: After the game, Coach Wuestenburg admit-

> was a matter of pride for his "You have to walk away with something, we can always say we scored the last touchdown -- even though it was against their second string," he remarked

ted the final scoring drive

He added his players have nothing to be ashamed of. "They met a better ball club tonight and that's it. We wish the Lakers all the luck

Laker inside linebackers Tom Beer and Jay Bushey saw plenty of action with Armada power running game. Beer recorded four solo tackles and assisted on 14

NO PRESSURE: After the game Anthes said a balanced offense took pressure off

"I figured they scouted us and would be keying on the pass, so I figured our running game would come through for us tonight,' observed Anthes. McLellan pointed to offen-

sive balance and poise under pressure as the keys to his eam's win. "In the first half we had a couple places we could have let down and we didn't. We played a good, solid football

game especially in the se-

cond half. We do a lot of dif-

ferent things, a pretty good

mix, and that makes us a lot

COUNTRY DAY NEXT:

Lakers face Birmingham Country Day on Saturday night at Atwood Stadium in Flint. Country Day upended Detroit St. Martin DePorres. 20-14 to set up the regional championship. Other Class C playoff winners were: Berrien Springs over Clinton 35-0; defending state champion Lansing Catholic Central over Galesburg, 16-8; Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central over Hesperia, 29-28; Muskegon Catholic Central over St. Charles 20-7; Traverse City St. Francis over L'Anse, 28-14, and Negaunee over Houghton TOUGH GAME: Coach

McLellan expects a tought game on Saturday with Country Day. He says the Detroit team showed a good running game and good

stop the run. They definitely will run the ball. They look a lot like Armada with some of McLellan.

more while Bushey made Laker's favor Saturday three solo stops and 15 night could be a slight letdown on the part of Country Day. The victory over DePorres last week after being eliminated from the playoffs by that team last year could be emotionally draining for Country Day.

Lakers hopes to return the Class C championship trophy to a public school this year. Laker High with the state title in 1981, was the last public school to win the championship. Of the eight Class C schools still in the playoffs, only Lakers, Berrien Springs and Negaunee

are public schools. **BE THERE:** Directions to Atwood Stadium in Flint for the 1:30 game will be available in the Laker Superintendent's office later

# Sturm is first Laker to net 1,000 career hoop points

**SWARTZENDRUBER** 

10 points on two separate occasions in the final two In last Thursday's 63-38 victory over Bad Axe, the game belonged to the Laker team, but the ball belonged to Julia Sturm — literally.

The All-State Laker center was given the game ball and a rose with play stopped at 2:05 of the first quarter. The action was prompted by Sturm becoming the only player in school history to score 1.000 career points She suited up with the var-

sity for tournaments during her freshman year, but scored no points that season. '(Sturm) definitely is the best player I've coached boys or girls. I think she does more for us than anybody

I've ever had," said Laker Coach Paul Beachy. "She's so much better this year than last year. She didn't stop improving. "All girls have to keep im-

proving if they want to be a great ballplayer - and I hink she is," he added.

The scoring punch Sturm is the result her 6'1' height, natural athletic ability and plenty of hard work. "I stay after practice a lot and shoot around," she says.

That extra practice has paid off with a 22 point-pergame scoring average and a 60% success rate of field goal

Although she was held to 18 points in the victory over Bad Axe Sturm dominated the game on both offense and defense. She grabbed 14 rebounds and helped the Laker defensive effort with seven blocked shots against the

lead, Lakers allowed Bad

pulled away for the win. The Lady Lakers won the game by a comfortable margin, but appeared to get Lisa Buschlen and Vicki too comfortable at times in Winter each chipped in 10 the second half. After jumping out to a 30-13 halftime

Laker foul shooting were two

key factors in the Bad Axe

Laker shooters hit only

play, Connie Schulz provided

another bright in the Laker

perfomance. After just mov-

ing up from the junior varsi-

ty recently, the sophomore

forward gained valuable

varsity experience and also

contributed nine rebounds

and four steals to the vic-

us in tournaments," Beachy

trailed Sturm for game scor-

ing honors with 15 points.

"I think she's going to help

Lisa Buschlen closely

Bad Axe scoring was led

TIGERS TAMED: Lakers

started the week off with a

narrow 51-44 victory over

The visiting Lakers built a

24-18 lead at the midpoint

and maintained that margin

through the third quarter.

The Tigers made a strong

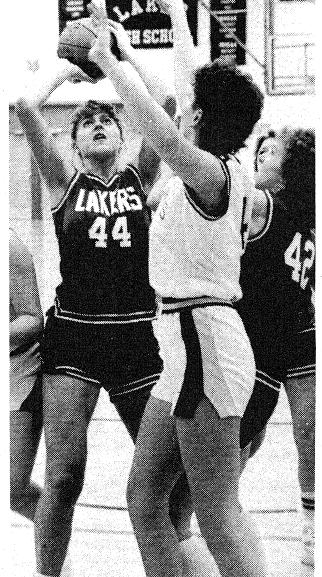
bid for an upset by rallying

Caro last Tuesday.

by Greta Leigh with a dozen

comeback bids.

throws.



SHOOTING STAR: Julia Sturm fires up two of her 1,000 career points as Bad Axe defender Lori Reimann attempts a

Axe to cut the margin to only 10 points on two separate ocpoints Mariesa Hebert with 14 points and Chris Lubaczewski added 12.

THIS WEEK: On Tuesday. "I don't think we came out Lakers will host North at halftime like we should Branch in an attempt to have. We sould have cout out avenge their only defeat of with killer instinct and we the year. The game could didn't," Beachy declared. **COMEBACK:** An aggresive Hatchet press and poor

The Lakers then travel to Cass City to wrap up their regular season schedule on Friday night.

JVs WIN: The Laker junior seven of 22 charity tosses for varsity picked up two more 31%, which marks the first victories last week with a time all year the team miss-63-28 victory over Bad Axe ed more than half their free and a 43-16 thumping at In addition to Sturm's

over Caro.

scoring against Bad Axe Mary Kay Smith tallied 14 to pace the offense in the win

Tracie Henne led jayvee

**Standings** 

#### . . Girls Basketball . Thumb B

	League	Ov	erall
North Branch	1	2-0	15-3
Lakers	1	1-1	16-1
Vassar	8	-4	10-8
Caro	5-	7	8-10
Marlette	5	.7	6-12
Imlay City	3	9	4-14
Cass City	3	.9	4-12
Bad Axe			1-17

**North Central Thumb D** League Overall Peck . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 14-0 18-0 Akron-Fairgrove ....12-2 15-2 Deckerville . . . . . . . 10-4 10-7

Caseville . . . . . . . . . . . . 7-8 8-10

North Huron.....5-8 5-11 to knot the score at 42-42 in Kingston . . . . . . . . . 5-9 5-12 the final period, but Lakers CPS ......2-12 3-14 Sturm led all scorers with 23 points while teammates

TNB drops from lead The Thumb National Bank entry in the Bay County Woman's Recreational Basketball League slid out of a first place tie after dropping a 35-22 decision to Holiday Inn of Mt. Pleasant. Marge Murdoch hit 10 points for TNB, followed by Keren Booms with five, Bernie Morneau with four, Deb Sturm with two and Lori

The senior trio of Erin Barton, Tina Bieri and team (7-8 in NCTL and 8-10 overall) still has a shot at a .500 season with two games to be played before tour-

"(A .500 season) is our goal right now. I'd be happy with that," Bingham says. His optimism is based on continued improvement by his team, especially among

since the beginning of the year," says Bingham.

TOP SCORER: Coach Paul Beachy presents Julia Sturm the game ball and a rose to

### Lady Eagles hope to end season with .500 record

By RICH **SWARTZENDRUBER** 

A strong start and finish last Thursday night enabled the Caseville girls hoop squad post a 61-51 victory over Kingston on Parents'

"We had our prolonged drought that we seem to go through every game, but this one lasted two quarters," said Eagle Coach Randy Bingham.

After opening up a 16-7 lead in the first quarter, Caseville's shooting eye was blinded as the Cardinals narrowed the gap to 28-25 at halftime and tied the contest at 41-41 at the end of three

The Eagles then outpointed the visitors 20-10 in the final eight minutes to

He credits his subs with a

Yvonne Miller combined for kev role in a 56-16 whitewash 47 points to provide the of winless Port Hope, All Eagle scoring punch in the nine players scored in the game. Barton hit 20 points, game as foul trouble for followed closely by Bieri Eagle starters gave the subs with 17 and Miller with 10 plenty of playing time. points and 21 rebounds. Junior Kim Madej return-Kingston was led by Kris

ed to the lineup after Kotsch with 29 points. recovering from an illness to IMPROVEMENT: Bingham earn game scoring honors says he is encouraged with with 13 points his teams play in the past two weeks and insists his Bingham says experience has given his subs con-

fidence and improved their performance. 'They looked ike basketball players instead of

scared rabbits," he joked. THIS WEEK: Caseville

takes its quest for a .500 season on the road this week as they travel to North Branch Wesleyan Academy on Tuesday, then close out the regular season with a league contest at Deckerville on Thursday





UP AND OVER: Laker running back Tom Beer hurdles a in last Friday's game. He also contributed effective blocking for stack of would-be Armada tacklers to gain some of his 42 yards teammate Chris Ceering, who led Lakers in rushing.

I agree on what someone said before, about the sport smanship of the Elkton adults All they want is to win. The players get yelled at if they don't. Signed, a player on the Pigeon team. \* // \*

To the person writing about other people, if you'd keep your nose out of other people's business you wouldn't have to worry about

A person can see the stress farmers are trying to cope with these days. Traveling down Sturm Road north of Hayes Chuch, one farmer can be seen quite frequently, just

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Verna Taylor, 87, formerly of Anthony Lambert, 98, of Farm-Minden City, passed away

thony Peters, 68, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Argyle, passed away Oct. 27. farold H. Greyerbiehl, 71, of

Pontiac, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Oct. 30. Julia Hopson, 81, of Harbor Beach, passed away Oct.

I would appreciate the per-Irl Baguley, 88, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Caro, passed away Oct. 30. Richard F. Hall, 17, of Paris Township, passed away

Oct. 31. The people we should elect Jeffery Papp II, son of Jeffery and Paula Papp of Decker, died at birth, Oct. 31. Jack G. Morin, 52, of Battle Creek, formerly of Elkton,

with relatives in Pigeon, passed away Nov. 1. Jack C. Carpenter, 66, of Caro, passed away Nov. 1.

Peter Seibel, 73, of Gagetown, with relatives in Sebewaing, passed away Nov. 2. Verner H. Lawitzke, 74, of Huron Township, passed away Nov. 2.

Mary L. Beaver, 56, of Bad Axe, passed away Nov. 3. Raymond L. Blashill, 78, of Harbor Beach, passed away

Erwin J. Bixler, 92, of Elkton, passed away Nov. 4. Charles G. Yoder, 78, of Caseville, passed away

William D. Kraatz, 93, of Gravette, Ark., formerly of Elkton, passed away Nov.

Allison F. Wills, 85, of Colfax Township, passed away Ruth C. Williams, 72, of Sebe-

ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES ON PAGE 5

Elmer F. Budgery, 76, of Port

Austin, passed away Nov. Caseville, passed away

ANN, BETH, & CINDY FAUPEL **NOVEMBER 3, 1986** 

Ann, Beth, and Cindy Faupel of Bad Axe were born at Bi-County Community Hospital in Warren on Monday, Nov. 3, and passed away shortly after birth.

The children are survived by their parents, Donald C. and Barbara A. (Smith) Faupel of Bad Axe; maternal grandparents, Robert and Joyce Smith of Bay Port; paternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Newell and Clara ightman, Caseville; maternal great - grandmother, Mrs. Grace Smith of Bay Port, and paternal great - grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Kreh of Caseville, plus several aunts, uncles and

They were preceded in death by their paternal grandfather, David H. Faupel, in 1967.

Funeral services were conducted at Riverside Cemetery, Oliver Township, on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. Rev. Alan Yerke, pastor of the Elkton Missionary Church, Elkton, officiated, with interment in the cemetery

Arrangements were handled by the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon





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# Opening day

To more than 750,000 otherwise normal people, this Saturday marks the mos mystic of days. November 15, be it a Mon day, Wednesday, or, as it is this year. a Saturday, rings as the most hallowed of hunting days. For those of you who read this column and still do not know what I'm talking about, my deepest sympathy goes out. For this Saturday is the opening day of the firearm deer hunting season in Mich

With almost 800,000 nimrods taking to the woods, one can imagine that countless different experiences take place each year. And, for the most part, that is true. Some hunters will do nothing more than rise, walk out of the back door and knock down the 8-pointer they have been feeding for the last several months. Others wil take part in a deeply ingrained ritual carefully orchestrated and following generations of unwritten rules for the behavior of all within the camp. But whatever the case, opening day is a glorious time, filled with memories and expectations: the beginning and the end of a happening all rolled into one day; a magical time for hunters and nonhunters alike

Many opening days are the same, hunters of 2 or 3 different generations using the same cabin and gun, wearing the same clothes, and hunting from the same blind overlooking the same runway. Other hunters pride themselves on experiencing new and different types of hunts, moving their base of operation into new and excitingly different territories, switching from scopes to open sights, or modern weapons to primitive black powder. One year may find them sleeping in motels, while another puts them in a log cabin, and yet another places them in a tent. But, no matter where the place is, or what the

circumstances are, it is still opening day. Somewhere, there must be the classic opening day - one method, so time tested and pure all hunters, young and old alike, will immediately relate with. A few years ago, I was privileged to take part in such an opening. See if you agree with me.

The scene was the UP, wild and sprawling. Our tent site, miles from the nearest road, almost seemed to invade the privacy of the surroundings. While we set up camp, each of us felt compelled to keep the noise level to a minimum lest we break the atmosphere which prevailed.

Our dark green wall tent, rigged on a

"Our tent site, miles from the nearest road, almost seemed to invade the privacy of the surroundings. While we set up camp, each of us felt compelled to keep the noise level to a minimum...'

spruce ridge pole, looked like it was plucked from an outdoor calendar scene. A chunk of old carpeting made up the floor, and a 2x4 framed box held a couple inches of sand upon which rested the sheepherder's stove providing heat and a place to cook. Three army cots, placed near the door in case of a fire, made up the sleeping arrangements, and a folding table completed the kitchen.

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lightly at first, but gathering strength as the night wore on. In the morning the naked trees and ground were blanketed in a covering of light powder. I drew the short straw before we went to bed, and 2 hours before daylight found me shivering as I hopped from one freezing foot to the other while trying to nurse a feeble flame beneath the morning's kindling.

Soon the fire was roaring, the coffee bubbling, the bacon spattering, and life began to stir within the camp. Hunting clothes were donned, bellies were filled, and minds were wild with the excitement that only comes on opening day ..

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Bowlers help strike down cancer Bowlers in Huron County 698 at Blue Water Lanes in Siedlecki with 686 at Biff's, have thrown a strike against Harbor Beach. The two wincancer. Over 400 keglers ners will be entered in the entered the American state-wide competition spon-Cancer Society's Bowl Down sored by the Michigan Divi-

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Frank Darby is a patient at Buchalski and Richard and

Cheryl Goretski rolled 680 at Biff's for third place among the women. Dave Ruthig racked up a score of sion ACS and the Brunswick 683 for the mens' third place, bowling at Ubly's Crazy Debbie Bender threw

home but not recuperating

were Jeanne Bednarski,

Horse Lanes. games totaling 698 at the Other winners at lanes in alley in Harbor Beach, good the cunty were also recognizfor second place. The second ed. Sebewaing Lanes had top place for men went to Jim scorers in Harold Althouse and Judy Ahrens. Alleen Jaworski at Ty's Lanes in Bach Festival nears Elkton, Florence Steadman at Bad Axe Lanes and Richelle Cook at Crazy Renowned organist David organist and harpsichordist Horse Lanes complete the for the city's highly acclaim-

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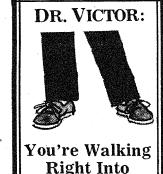
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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke, Pamela and Kristine of Sterling Heights were Wednesday and Thursday guests at the Herman Rathke home. They visited his father. Herman Rathke at Huron Memorial Hospital. Bad Axe, following knee

Mrs. Frank Deming attended a meeting in Lansing on Monday.

The Sunday Night Study Group from Cross Lutheran Church met Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sturm as hosts. Sixteen members attended. On the lunch committee were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edler and Mr. and Mrs.

James Seley. Mr. and Mrs. John Diener were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis and Jodi in Saginaw on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday morning they attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church where their granddaughter Jodi and three other students

played their violins during Mrs. Elmer Schuette visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taschner in Sebewaing and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Merchderger and family from

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A demonstration and Open House of Fay Swafford's Originals will be given this Saturday, Nov. 15 at New Century Bank, Caseville. Shown will be leather and other fabrics in a variety of

colors and styles including

monogramming and a

display of handbags, luggage and accessories. Monies raised will benefit the Caseville Cub Scouts, Tiger Cubs and Boy Scouts. The Open House will con-

Saturday funeral of Edwin Appel at St. John's Lutheran Church, Romeo Mr. and Mrs. Wes Dast

and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje attended the victorious football of Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw. On Saturday they called at the home of their son, Professor and Mrs. Randall Rathje and

Ronald and Diane Smith and son Nathan of Rochester were Saturday guests of her mother, Mrs. Amanda Strauch.

Marty McArdle and son Greg of Saginaw were Friday and Saturday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McArdle. They were joined Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Mike DeNay and sons of Bay City

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Beyer were Sunday guests of Mrs. Adelia Wurtz in Saginaw. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lake and daughter Jennie were also

guests of her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Elftman were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Elftman in Pinconning

The Just-A-Mere Farm Bureau group held their preholiday party on Friday. Nov. 7 with a dinner at The Hitching Post Inn, Elkton They later met at the home of Mrs. Ann Schuette. Mrs. Ruth Schuette led the group with a discussion. Euchre was played and prizes were awarded by Mrs. Viola Schuette. The hostess served

light refreshments. Sunday guests of their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Schuette of Cass City were Mr. and Mrs. Albert

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roestel and family attended the Laker football game on Friday at Armada. Their son Jim is a member of the Laker team Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

visitors of their daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gerstenschlager and family in Saginaw Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buerker

Maust, Sr. were Sunday

visited Thursday with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jackson in Ubly

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thinking comes from Charles Lindner: "A person has two legs and one sense of humor, and if you're faced with the choice, it is better to lose a leg."

One final comment that Val Farmer relates is from the

New England poet, Robert Frost, who captured so much of rural life in his works. Frost is quoted as saying: "If it is with outer seriousness, it must be with inner humor. If it is with outer humor, it must be with inner seriousness. Neither one alone without the other will do.

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	CHOICE,FULL CUT	C 1 50	Indian Buch y		
2½ Lb las Pighol Bologist		<b>\$1</b> 59	The Should be 3	JUICE ORANGES	5 LB. BAG

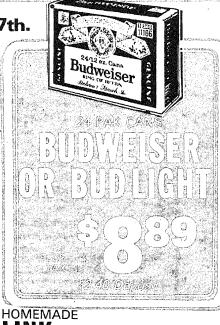
MCDONALD'S DIPPIN KIND S OT. PAIL SIMPLOT•FROZEN REG. OR CRINKLE CUT YOUR CHOICE" BIRDSEYE•FROZEN BROCCOLI OR LIBBY'S PEELED (\$14.49 PER CASE)



PILLSBURY COMPLETE BUTTERMILK PANCAKE 32 OZ. BOX

ROLLED BONELESS PORK

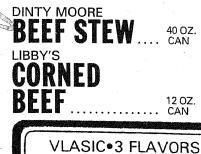




IDA RED ACORN SAUSAGE **HOMEMADE** CALIFORNIA 48 CT. **3** . . SIZE PLUS DEPOSIT 7 Up, Diet 7 Up Squirt, Diet Squirt

**CELLO** 

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12 OZ. CAN



2 LTR. BTL.

**TOMATO** 

TRUEWORTH

10 LB.

CARROTS 2 LB. PKG. 59°

NABISCO ASSORTED CRACKERS 7 OR 10 PKGS.



TISSUES

175 CT. .. BOX