

Poultry producers eye checkoff to promote egg market

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

"We're competing for a spot in the human stomach." That statement by Doug Hofer summed up the national behind a current U.S. Department of Agriculture proposal to assess egg producers a one-half cent per dozen fee, which would be used to promote eggs in the marketplace. The Marketing Order would affect egg producers who own 10,000 or more laying hens.

Hofer, processing and marketing vice president of Creighton Brothers of Warsaw, Ind., and past president of United Egg Producers commented on the proposed marketing order to area egg producers at a poultry seminar sponsored by Huron and Tuscola Cooperative Extension Services Thursday in Bad Axe.

RESEARCH: The proposed "checkoff" for eggs would provide funds to research diet and health issues affecting the egg market, improve marketing and develop new egg products. The Marketing Order would replace a current five-cent-per-case assessment that can be refunded upon demand by producers.

Representatives of poultry associations hope to aggressively promote their product, as have other food products. Hofer pointed to the dairy industry which raised \$200 million, the beef industry's \$60 million and \$20 million raised by pork producers through check-off plans.

He estimated that the egg industry could generate about \$23 million with the one-half cent per dozen assessment. An estimated \$80,000 to \$90,000 per year of the total funds generated from the market order would return to Michigan for regional promotions.

VOTE: Although the USDA hasn't announced a vote on the issue by egg producers who would be affected, Hofer said he expects balloting to be scheduled later this spring. The Marketing Order could be okayed in one of two ways — either approval by

two-thirds of all producers owning 10,000 or more birds, or approval by two-thirds of all production. He predicted the Marketing Order will only be approved by producers, rather than on the basis of production because, "The big guys don't want it."

Hofer said the new plan would probably help keep the smaller producers in business longer, but predicted more consolidation in the poultry industry regardless of the marketing order decision. Not all of the large poultry and egg producers express

opposition to the plan. Hofer's firm, Creighton Brothers, was recently listed as the 150th largest farm in the United States in a recent "Successful Farming" story. Other large producers present at the Thumb Area meeting included Gary DeWitt, president of Bill Mar Foods of Zeeland, Mich. (ranked 47th) and Joe Maust, Jr. CEO of Active Feed, Pigeon which ranked 208th (see related story).

Active Feed ranks in top 400 American farms

Active Feed Company of Pigeon has long been considered a successful operation in the Thumb Area, but a recent "Successful Farming" magazine article boosted the local egg production and processing business into the national spotlight. In the magazine's January, 1987 issue, SF Associate Editor Preston Smith attempted to rank the 400 biggest farms in the United States, based on gross sales.

In a year-long study, Smith ranked the farms based on gross sales as reported by farm owners in telephone conversations or by use of standard industry averages and estimates. **DISAGREEMENT:** In the article, Active Feed is ranked 208 with sales listed at \$18 million — a figure Active's Chief Executive Officer Joe Maust, Jr. disputes.

Maust says he is unsure how that sales figure was assigned to Active Feed, but claims it is not correct. Maust also said he is unaware of any phone calls from "Successful Farming" for Active sales figures.

Although most businessmen are flattered by receiving national recognition, Maust questions the accuracy of the "Successful Farming" list, based on his knowledge. He also reported he is aware of other bigger egg operations that didn't make the list.

Since that time, Active Feed has expanded the number of birds to about 500,000 and built a plant that packages eggs while continuing its feed production and sales.



Active Feed CEO JOE MAUST, JR.

GROWING: Active Feed has experienced tremendous growth during its 27-year history. After its origin as strictly a feed producer, the local business entered the egg industry in the early 1960s with fewer than 10,000 laying hens. Since that time, Active Feed has expanded the number of birds to about 500,000 and built a plant that packages eggs while continuing its feed production and sales.

FAMILY FARM: Although Active is incorporated, it qualifies as a "family farm" for the "Successful Farming" article. The article defines a family farm as one in which the business operator and his family make most of the day-to-day management decisions and provide a significant part of the labor needs. Using that criteria, Smith notes over 380 of the 400 largest farms are considered family farms.

BIG GET BIGGER: The "Successful Farming" list of top 400 farms account for one-

sixth (\$22 billion) of the U.S. gross farm sales. A similar picture is also painted in the poultry business. According to the trade magazine, "Poultry Tribune," egg production has become increasingly concentrated in the hands of big producers. A 1978 "Poultry Tribune" survey revealed the 34 largest companies owned 26.5% of the total number of laying hens in the United States. That figure has steadily increased to the point where 56% of the nation's laying hens were owned by only 61 companies in 1986.

EFFICIENT: The "Successful Farming" article says the larger farms are capturing a greater share of production because production expenses are held down and also cited greater productivity caused by wider use of modern technology.

MOST SALES: According to the "Successful Farming" article, Tyson Foods, Inc. of Springdale, Ark. was the largest farm in America with sales of \$1.503 billion.

Sheriff's substation moves to Pigeon

Citing a more centralized location, the Huron County Substation for the western side of the county was relocated from its former site on Sand Point to Pigeon by Sheriff Richard V. Stokan. He said the move to Pigeon would increase in quicker response to complaints in the Sebawing and Owendale areas.



MOVING IN: Building owner Wayne Henne, left, hands the keys of the new substation to new renter Sheriff Stokan as Sgt. Kent Tibbitts, substation commander, looks on.

The Sheriff Substation was first put into operation on Sand Point nearly two years ago. Stokan says the concept has worked so well another substation for eastern Huron County was recently opened in Harbor Beach.

Sgt. Kent Tibbitts and deputies Arlen Herford, Richard Koehler and Elwood Smith continue to man the substation, now located at the former site of Henne Ford Tractor Sales on Pigeon Road (M-142) on the west side of Pigeon.

Stokan emphasized the move from the former location at Beadle Bay Marina on Sand Point was not the result of any problems there. He praised marina owner George Beadle for his cooperation and help in making the substation accessible for the patrol cars year-round.

As well as a more centralized location in western Huron County, the Pigeon substation site allows indoor storage of the patrol car during the winter, Stokan says.

The substation is only base for deputies who primarily patrol the western side of the county. While deputies are on the road the substation is not manned. For that reason citizen calls or reports to the Sheriff Department should still be channeled through the dispatcher in Bad Axe.

"If they see an officer there, there's no problem with them stopping," Stokan says.

Reeves, Caseville Township

mo. There's no research and analyzing the thing. Too much emotion gets involved and not enough research," Reeves declares.

"Some of these actions I

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sor research on the egg itself. Hofer pointed to recent technological improvements which now enable cholesterol removal from egg.

EVALUATION: Producers will be given the opportunity to eliminate the program in five years if they are dissatisfied with the results. Every five years, another referendum is scheduled on the Marketing Order.

Hofer predicted, however, the Market Order Board created to administer the funds would spend the money wisely because most of the Board members would be egg producers.

"I have confidence in the egg producers on that Board," stated Hofer, adding, "I have met very few spendthrift egg producers in my life."

don't even want to be associated with," he adds.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: "The resignation isn't animosity. It isn't that I'm mad at any individuals. I still love the community and I'm proud and pleased to be here. I'm also kind of proud of some of the stuff that previous Boards and partly this Board has accomplished," Reeves says.

He cites establishment of the Caseville Township/Village Harbor Commission, Planning Commission, development of a program of drainage districts and separation of the township supervisor and assessor responsibilities and salaries.

Reeves says involvement of more people in local government insures vital township projects aren't just dropped when a person such as the supervisor steps out the picture. He points out Caseville Township assessment has been the responsibility of Akron Township assessor Wilbur Partlo for over a year now so Reeves' resignation will not have an



TRIP WINNER: Pigeon Chamber of Commerce President Mike LaPage, above left, congratulates Valentine's Weekend Trip winner Iva Brown of Pigeon, whose name was picked for a get-away weekend at Valley Plaza, Midland, presented by Chamber stores. Her name was drawn from among all those who registered during the Weekend Sale, concluding Saturday. She wasn't present at the drawing, however, and did not claim the extra \$50 prize offered.

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impact on that part of township government.

"It isn't that I've resigned and left things in a terrible turmoil," Reeves points out. **PRINCIPLES:** Although the supervisor admits some of his critics probably believe they hounded him out of office, Reeves dismisses that idea saying, "If that was the case, I would have resigned long ago."

"I feel in my heart that I have stood for what I believe in under some pretty intense pressures. But as a public official, I believe you have to do things like that. There are unpopular issues but when in your mind you decided this is right for the township, then you have to stand for that sort of thing."

FUTURE: Reeves says he has no plans to run again for an elected township position. "As far as I'm concerned, I'm out of the Township government. However, if there are things that I can do to help like helping find files or explaining the status of some project, I'm available. I want to help out

in a transition," Reeves offers.

In a special meeting Monday afternoon, Caseville Township Board approved the resignation of Supervisor James Reeves and appointed Joe Cilic as new Township Supervisor. Applications for the position were received from Cilic and Harold Lankey. Cilic was the only name placed in nomination for Supervisor, according to Township Clerk Rose Marie Spies.

Correction

Due to a typesetting error, the correct day for Pigeon's Village Primary Election was published wrong in one position in the Feb. 11 Progress-Advance.

The correct voting day was Monday, Feb. 16, as listed in official announcements in the Feb. 4 and 11 issues.

The Progress-Advance apologizes for any confusion resulting from this mix-up.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT!
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OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!

NAME-DROPPING: Here's who's news...

■ Detroit Tiger Pitcher JACK MORRIS received his \$1.85 million, as requested — making almost exactly \$1 million more than last year. Some folks will say a top-notch player (which he is) deserves such top pay, but I think these ever-escalating salaries have to stop.

Isn't \$1.35 million (the Tigers' offer) pretty good pay, too? After all, his \$1.85 million pay is more than Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, Michigan Gov. James Blanchard, President Ronald Reagan and all the U.S. Supreme Court Justices make — TOGETHER.

■ \$1.85 million is more than another TRUE great Tiger, Al Kaline, made in his 22 seasons — IN TOTAL. And, that figure will put a performance pressure on Morris to pitch like never before, which will be hard for most fans to handle if the year goes badly.

Morris has been incredibly outspoken this year, blasting the owners and other Tiger leaders. In past years, he was known for saying very little. This winter and spring, he'd talk to ANYONE about almost ANYTHING.

But, for all his anger, frustration and hurt, Jack Morris HAS earned \$6.5 million from the Tigers in the 10 years he's worn that uniform. You'd think he'd be a little more grateful...

■ Here was a neat little idea I've recently heard about... A U.S. study proposes trading (under the guise of a cultural exchange) one million U.S. residents with one million Soviet residents. These people — preferably family members of both world leaders Reagan and Gorbachev — would settle around Moscow and Washington, D.C., to live for 10 years.

Now, wouldn't that settle down the nuclear arms race and the hot cold war? Would those two leaders be a little more cautious about pressing "the button" if they KNEW the action would eliminate THEIR OWN family?? Something to think about...

■ You've got to hand it to that little township in Ontonagon County, which is ASKING to host the U.S. low-level radiation dump — which so many people won't even consider. They want the jobs such a facility would bring, plus the \$800,000 to be paid to the sponsoring town or township annually. That's how badly they want jobs in the western Upper Peninsula...

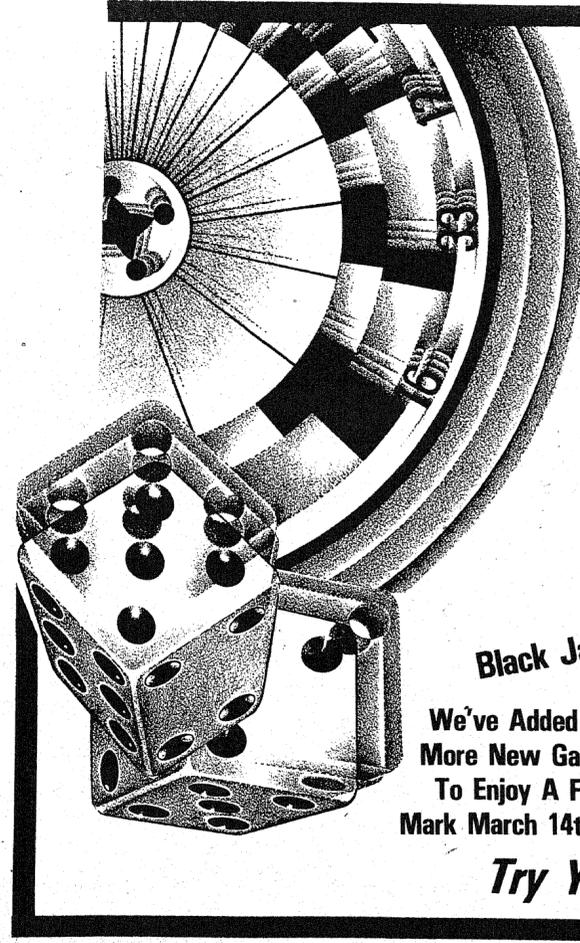
■ Also, you've got to hand it to the folks of Ionia, Mich., while we're at it. They've got four prisons or work farms in their area, so what are they doing? They're requesting the state build a FIFTH jail there — because they too like the jobs and secure employment which come with jails.

If we could only walk in their shoes...

■ Finally, we wish to make a final salute to ED SCHMOCK, our Caseville friend wintering in Florida who learned recently he had incurable cancer. Ed never gave up. His last letters to me talked about continuing the good fight, and coming back up north.

Ed passed away last Tuesday, the day before his 69th birthday, in the warm climate he loved as much as Michigan's changeable weather...

WISH I'D SAID THAT — "Who of us is mature enough for offspring before the offspring themselves arrive? The value of marriage is not that adults produce children, but that children produce adults." (Peter De Vries)



Pigeon Chamber Of Commerce Annual

Las Vegas Nite

Saturday, March 14, 1987

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Laker Band makes a ratings sweep!



DIVISION I MUSICIANS: In front row, Lisa Anklam, Heather Pudney, Holly Sampson, Jill Kasserman and Holly Swartzendruber. Middle row, Andrea Maust, Julie Leipprandt, Brenda Schulze, Mari Kay Smith, Carleen and Beth Ann Henry. In back, Steve Frazho, Phil Robison, Phil Schadd, Carl Heiden and Greg Frazho.

Laker High School band students garnered 17 first division ratings out of 19 entries in last Saturday's solo and ensemble competition at Caro High School.

Two other events were awarded division II (good) ratings.

First division winners were: Mary Kay Smith, Brenda Schulze, Carleen Kauffman, Andrea Maust, Julie Leipprandt, piano solos; Heather Pudney and Lisa Anklam, clarinet duet; Beth Ann Henry, Holly Swartzendruber, Carleen Kauffman, Jill Kasserman, Holly Sampson, flute solos; Mary Kay Smith and Julie Leipprandt, and Andrea Maust and Brenda Schulze, piano duets; Phil Robison, Phil Schadd, trumpet solos; Heather Pudney, bass clarinet solo; Phil Schadd, Phil Robison, Steve Frazho, Greg Frazho and Carl Heiden, brass quintet.

The festival was sponsored by district III of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. First division winners will advance to state competition March 28 at the University of Michigan in Flint.

As we see it editorially

It's a good idea, but...

You won't be seeing those unsmiling faces of missing children staring out at you from some milk containers in the northeast U.S., thankfully.

Perhaps the trend will catch up with our area in Michigan, too.

H.P. Hood Dairy has printed hundreds of millions of milk cartons with pictures of missing children for more than two years. In that time, only six cases have been solved, and the promotional space will be better used in helping people understand this -- or other -- problems.

Messages from civic organizations, groups helping cerebral palsy victims and other public services will take the place of the gloomy pictures, which never helped brighten a new day

over one's cereal and toast each morning. To us, this makes lots more sense.

You see, more than 97% of all missing children cases involve another spouse or family member known to the people involved. It seems we were spreading more doom -- and causing happy, safe youngsters to excessively worry about their own improbable kidnapping -- than was necessary.

The missing children pictures DOES sound like a good idea, but using millions of milk cartons to solve six cases isn't efficient, Hood Dairy found. We agree.

Imagine how much good information can be provided if those milk carton sides are used to spread universal information, expected in the coming months...

What will Huron do about high water levels?

Record-high water levels in the Great Lakes and the forecast of still-higher water in coming years is causing a groundswell of organizing activities in the Thumb and along many shore areas throughout the Midwest.

A delegation of Thumb Chapter Great Lakes Coalition, based along Lake Huron in the eastern part of the Thumb, Friday met with Huron County Board of Commissioners in Bad Axe -- and the knowledge that they would appear prompted a dozen other residents to give

back to Hudson and James Bay in Canada and increased flow from Lake Michigan into the Chicago Canal and from Lake Erie over Niagara Falls and into Lake Ontario could lower Great Lakes waters substantially.

However, shipping companies on the Great Lakes and utility coal haulers want 1,000-foot long ships to haul coal and other cargoes, and those giants need a draft of at least 34 feet.

That level hasn't yet been reached in many ports and lake routes, so the prospect is that water levels will have to go up considerably more to accommodate those big ships, he said.

Those forces aren't concerned with damage along the shores, he said, and every additional foot of water depth makes more efficient power generating along Canadian rivers, so there is no government concern there to more water damage.



RECOLLECTIONS OF By-Gone Days



By GEORGE KEIM

yet had to go through the fields.

My neighbors had 15 cans of milk every other day and had to haul in hay and get their chop made for their cows. I had a grave to dig in the New Bay Port Cemetery so I went uptown with my team and put them in the coal shed by the Pigeon Elevator. Shetler took me up there and I dug it and walked to Bay Port where I had dinner, then came back and closed it. Shetler came and got me and I came back to town and took my team home.

My wife and daughter were in the hospital 10 days and I only got in three or four times. Everybody was snowed in and the wind kept right on blowing. One morning I came to the barn and I had to shovel out snow so I could milk the cows. I had a sow with nine little pigs in a little building. The little ones were all in the straw. They had their tails frozen and their ears frozen but they all grew up.

I suppose a lot of us could write many stories about that winter snowstorm. In Job 24:19 it says, "Drought and heat consume the snow waters." Well, the snow did go away but the water was very high that spring. One young fellow said the water never went over the road west of Pigeon. Well, in the spring of 1947 it did and one man came out in the barn and his chickens were drowning. He had to throw them in the hay mow and take his cows over to the neighbors to milk them.

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE KEIM

can't handle the rain water, and the result is that they fill up with sand, which makes it even more difficult for water to move and increases the damage.

"We've been accused of being 'rich cottage dealers,'" Mrs. Brown declared, but "we're not; we are simply retirees." She detailed a series of surveys among property owners which gave an idea of the tremendous losses suffered by land owners.

Sea walls are only a temporary help, because as water levels rise, the walls are undercut and destroyed unless they are rebuilt continually, she said.

LOCAL WOES: Agreeing with the speakers were County Comm. Albert Thoms of Port Hope, who said that his own farm is losing 10-15 acres of farmland to high water.

A Western Thumb farmer, Comm. Bruce Kuhl of Sebawaing, said although his land is a mile from Saginaw Bay, it will be necessary to build a dam and then pump water off the protected portion -- or he will lose acreage to the high levels.

Thoms said he wonders if the surplus of water is partially caused by less sunshine and consequent lower evaporation. That has been given as the reason for higher, damaging water levels in Great Salt Lake.

Arthur Steinman, manager of Sebawaing Airport and a home owner on a channel on the south side of Sebawaing River, is bitter about the rising levels, because he is confident substantial relief could be given if authorities were only willing. "We're being blackmailed," he declared.

MEMBERS SOUGHT: Mest and Mrs. Brown handed out literature inviting membership in the Thumb Chapter, Great Lakes Coalition, stating that the regional groups are part of a larger national and international group. Mest said that membership charges are small per year, which includes a monthly newsletter and update.

He invited prospects to correspond with him at 5052 N. Lakeshore Road, Decker-ville, Mich., 49827.

Several area chapters were ready for organization last fall in the Upper Thumb, and they will be contacted again in the coming weeks, Mest stated.

Chapters in the Saginaw Bay Area will be particularly welcome, because this area does not yet have an organization to state the needs and interests of local property owners.

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From Under The Willow
By WANDA EICHLER

On things country

Like lots of you, I enjoy picking up the latest issues of magazines that reflect country life. While many of them focus on country decorating, occasionally one tries to capture more of the country lifestyle than rag rugs, wood floors and stenciled walls.

Still, there are things that they don't tell you about in magazines. Country things like:

The smell of baked beans, especially the calico baked bean recipe that's in the Menominee *More With Less* cookbook; The cozy laziness of slipping into a flannel robe after a warm bath on a winter's eve while the snow flies outside; Nuzzling noses with a tame sheep (even Orion the Ram likes to rub noses!); The soft, curly black fleece and flawlessly ebony hooves of a newborn lamb; Having a lamb that you are bottle-feeding go to sleep on your lap, complete with a full tummy, satisfying grin and soft ears; The smell and satisfaction of fresh hay in the barn; Barn smells and sounds, especially welcome after a day's round of meetings in the city. Animals moving about, the smells of hay and feed, wind whistling through the hay mow, even the earthiness of manure, all are savored after a day away.

The sweet scent of woodsmoke drifting across a road; The play of bright sunshine and gray shadow on a randomly sculpted snowbank along a straight Huron County road; The green coolness and growth of plants near a south window that frames the wintry landscape outside. Even several plants create an oasis near a window during the winter; Evenings, when all the dishes are done, all the piano practicing is finished, all the chores are completed and the kids aren't interested in television. The house seems so alive with people and projects and growth and ideas; Having kids come for a farm visit -- see the sheep, play with the cats, cross-country ski, tumble in the snow piles, help with chores, make hot chocolate, get out a puzzle; Piles of fluffed-up cats warming themselves in the winter sun and clustered on the doorstep.

Sebawaing plant ends sugar processing season

Sugar beet slicing at the Sebawaing Plant of Michigan Sugar Company came to an end at 7 p.m. last Tuesday, Feb. 10 -- the last plant in the company to finish slicing the 1,382-million-ton crop.

Beet tonnage taken in at Sebawaing totaled 457,190 tons, said Davis Sunderland, vice president -- agriculture, for the company.

"It was nothing short of a miracle," Sunderland explained, pointing out that growers and company officials "had no idea" how many beets could be harvested at the close of those disastrous fall rains.

UNCERTAINTY: "Even as beets were being brought into the company, we didn't know if they would keep a month, or a week, or at all," he continued.

Growers and company people were "under extreme pressure" throughout the harvest season and even after the beets were in storage, Sunderland stated.

Yet, the weather for November was ideal to harvest the crop, and weather during the winter was exactly right to preserve the beets until they could be processed.

HIGHEST TONNAGE STATEWIDE: Growers in the Sebawaing Plant District produced the highest tonnage per acre, 21.94 tons, Sunderland said.

Even as final figures were amassed from the 1986 crop, contracting was being lined up for 1987.

Contracts will be let to the four districts -- Sebawaing, Caro, Carrollton and Crosswell -- exactly as they were last year, Sunderland stated. Michigan Sugar expects to sign a total of 83,000 acres for production -- with 24,904 acres of it in the Sebawaing Plant District.

Letters to the Editor

Caseville resident questions airport issue

DEAR EDITOR:

Last year I wrote a letter about the proposed airport in Caseville Township. I was neither for or against it, but I felt the people had a right to determine if they wanted this airport.

Well, we seem to be right in the middle of it again. Even after the township government pulled its support of the airport, it seems we are still destined to have one. Now the village of Caseville has written a letter of sponsorship, supporting the airport. It seems that all the airport supporters needed was a government body sponsor to apply for the federal grants for the airport.

Why should the village stick its nose into township business, especially when it is township property owners who are going to be affected by this airport, not village property owners? That is, unless the airport fails to support itself, in which case the village of Caseville becomes responsible for operating and maintaining it at village property owners' expense!

To get federal grants, the government body is responsible to operate and maintain that airport for 20 years if it fails to support itself. And even if it is possible to close up the airport within the 20-year period, the

village becomes liable to pay back federal grants.

It doesn't appear village council gave serious thought to this problem before it hastily voted to send in the letter of sponsorship. And it doesn't appear council is willing to listen to the people who oppose it.

There are serious needs in Caseville, both for quality of life and for improving the ability to attract the number one source of income -- tourists. There is a need for improving the quality of drinking water. There is a need for a sewer system, for improving the harbor and

beaches.

The Concerned Citizens for Caseville have put together a package on the chances of an airport surviving in Caseville. I think they have enough evidence to convince a reasonably intelligent person that the airport is going to end up costing taxpayers' money.

My message to you, fellow Caseville voters, is you had better start taking a look at what your elected government officials are com-

miting you to. A small interest group is pulling the wool over the eyes of the village and you! And at this point, only you can do something about it, because it is obvious village-council is not going to.

ROBERT CASSADA, Caseville

You're reading The Progress-Advance and we appreciate it.

Thumb Area Outdoors

Walleye fishing, which ends next week, has slowed down a bit on the Saginaw and Tittabawassee Rivers. First, warm weather caused the ice to break up and fishing became downright dangerous. Then, this weekend, when the ice stiffened, the fish failed to reappear. Perch fishing was fair to good on most parts of the Bay. Ice inside the island and close to shore remains thick and strong, and the fish have been biting fairly well all year long.

"Mooselift II" is completed and a total of 29 new animals have found a home in Michigan. The original plant of 30 almost went without a hitch, but one of the moose has already died leaving a small taint to an otherwise perfect project. Sportsmen and nature lovers are in hopes that a moose herd will once again thrive in the Upper Peninsula.

A report from the DNR Parks Division indicates that Michigan State Parks, once the showplace of the State, are now starting to decay after a decade of tight budgets. Michigan draws nearly 23 million visitors to its parks each year, and the wear and tear is beginning to show. Some services cut by tight budgets have been permanent staff cut 30%, restrooms usually cleaned only once a day instead of 3 times, park maintenance has been pared, security has been reduced, all horse-back riding stables have been closed, nature centers have been closed, and all 9 outdoor education centers have been closed. DNR Director Gordon Guyer fears that if money is not pumped back into the parks, we may begin to lose some of the \$265 million that annually flows into our state's economy.

THE PROGRESS-ADVANCE '87 ALMANAC

For the week of: Wednesday, Feb. 18 to Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1987

DAY OF YEAR	DAY OF MONTH	DAY OF WEEK	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	LENGTH OF DAY	MOON RISES	MOON SETS
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51	20	FR	7:22	6:11	10:49	1:01a	10:22a
52	21	SA	7:21	6:12	10:51	1:57a	10:58a
53	22	SU	7:19	6:13	10:54	3:12a	11:45a
54	23	MO	7:18	6:14	10:56	4:22a	12:46p
55	24	TU	7:16	6:16	11:00	5:22a	1:59p

THE STARS: On the 21st the Moon will move into its last quarter at the 3rd hour, 57th minute. Watch the bright star Spica experience an occultation by the waning Moon. Look for the star to be eclipsed around 7 a.m. EST on the 18th. The February evening sky is a great time for winter constellations.

WEATHER: Clearing weather can be expected with colder temperatures followed by the possibility of more snow. Milder conditions will follow through the 24th.

FISHING: The next five or so days of fishing should produce an average catch.

Cub Scout Report By MATT PAULY, Scout Reporter

The Cub Scout Bear Den Pack 3586 and Webelos of Pigeon visited Huron Memorial Hospital.

Scout parents sell tickets

Pigeon Cub Scout parents are selling 50/50 raffle tickets to help pay for Cub Scout registration, den activities and scouting awards. Tickets may be purchased as Orr's Drug Store or from any Cub Scout parent. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Pinewood Derby on Sunday, March 1.

Scout parents sell tickets

Tom Craig, manager of the X-ray Department, was our guide. The den x-rayed an apple and we were able to see the center of the apple through the skin. He also showed us how an x-ray film is developed. We saw some x-rays of broken bones and each boy had an ultra-sound done of his heart. We saw our heart and liver.

We had a great time on our trip to Huron Memorial Hospital.

If these faces bring back memories...



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Sharon Ignash of the Cooperative Elevator Company's Business Office rolls out patronage dividend checks to be mailed to Co-op patrons on Feb. 28.

According to Co-op Chief Executive Officer Ted Lepprandt, checks totaling \$532,000 will be mailed, representing the 40 percent cash portion of the 1986 refund. The remaining portion, \$797,400 of the cooperative fiscal 1986 earnings will be "paid" in the form of an allocated patronage refund. Dividends are allocated to individual customers based on their respective share of the total business volume.

Cash dividends for the past 10 years have totaled \$10,200,232, according to Lepprandt.

59 pints collected at Red Cross drive

A total of 59 pints of blood were donated at last Monday's Red Cross Bloodmobile Drive in Pigeon, according to Coordinator Kathy Swartzendruber.

Seventy-one possible donors visited the bloodmobile. The ladies of Cross Lutheran Church manned the canteen, the Pigeon Conservation Club provided manpower for loading equipment and nurse Phyllis Yoder and Karen Anklam took blood pressures and temperatures. Sponsors of the Blood Drive are the Pigeon Junior Womens' Club.

The following residents donated blood: first-time donors Norajan Little, Brian Kohl, Dody Yahn and Judy Dietzel;

Under one gallon, Ella Mae Diachenko, Sandra McIntosh, Sue Meyersieck, Nancy Heck, Donna Chalou, Ken Clark, Betty Schweitzer, Denson Smith, Dale Killinger, Nancy Buchholz, Dean Henne, Kent Tibbits, Leon Roestel, George Behm, Al Niebel, Linda Fritz, Ben Maust;

One gallon, Alan Licht, Doug Smith, Don Roestel, Bruce Baur, Duane Albrecht, Dale Yoder, Herbert Troyer, Dennis Dubs, Luke Orth, Clarence Gettel, Wanda Dubs, Tery Sturm, Pat Schulz, Elwood Smith, Lowell Kraft, Kent Shetler, Margaret Eider, Frankie Richmond;

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sports of the week

Cold shooting freezes Lakers in hoop loss at Marlette

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER
Laker shooters matched the temperature outside last Friday night as their shooting touch turned to ice in a 54-41 loss at Marlette. Tough defense enabled the visitors to build a 25-18 lead over their Marlette hosts in the first half, but the Red Raiders rallied to outpoint

the frustrated Lakers, 20-8 in the third quarter and 16-8 in the final stanza.

Laker Coach Bill McLellan said none of his players was shooting well. The frustration of missing easy shots eventually caused Lakers to overplay on defense, which resulted in easy baskets for Marlette, he theorized. For the second con-

secutive game, junior Kel Hill was sidelined with a hairline fracture of his left arm. He will probably miss the remainder of Lakers' regular season games, but McLellan hopes he will recover in time for tournaments.

Jim Warren led Laker scoring with 12 points. Constant defensive pressure on Laker scoring leader Tom Beer held him to just six points in the game.

Marlette's Darren Hazen scored six points each quarter to lead all scorers with 24 points. Raider Jim Fleming chipped in 20.

O.T. WIN: Earlier in the week, Lakers edged Ubyly, 45-43 in an overtime thriller at Laker High.

Low scoring in the first half was the result of good defense and poor shooting, as neither team attempted to slow the game down. Ubyly established a 10-6 first quarter lead and held Lakers at bay with a 20-19 halftime advantage.

After Ubyly pulled away by seven points in the third quarter, senior guard Randy Heckman shifted the momentum to Lakers in the final minute of the period. Two quick steals and layups narrowed the gap to 30-27 going into the final eight minutes of regulation time.

The home team outpointed Ubyly 6-1 early in the fourth quarter to take the lead, but the Bearcats knotted the score at 37-37. The final three minutes of play went scoreless, as neither team could find the hoop.

Lakers won the game at the free throw line as Jeff Sturm hit a pair of charity tosses and Jim Warren iced the win with two free throws. Warren's two free throws gave Lakers a commanding four-point lead with only 24 seconds remaining in overtime.

Laker guards Heckman and Sturm played a key role in the win with several key steals by their aggressive defense. Heckman also led Laker scoring with 10 points.

Ubyly was paced by Blaine Pionk with 19 points. Still feeling the effects of an ankle injury, Joe O'Mara chipped in 16.

JVs SPLIT: After dropping a 59-35 loss to Ubyly, the Laker junior varsity bounced back with a 45-35 victory at Marlette.

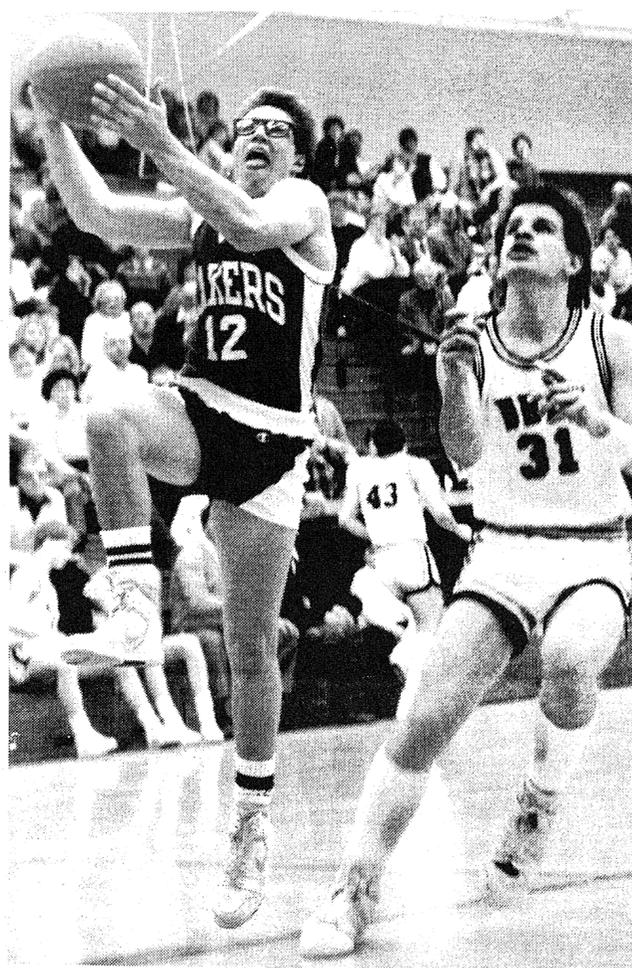
Mark Kretzschmer led Laker scoring with 19 points against Marlette with 19 points and shared scoring honors with Tom Ziel in the loss to Ubyly with 10 points each.

Kevin Wolfram netted 10 points against Marlette. The Laker JVs are now 5-3 in league play and 8-7 overall.

FROSH SWEEP: The Laker freshmen opened the week with a 58-50 victory over Ubyly, then edged Marlette, 50-49 on Friday.

Billy McLellan led Laker scoring in both games. He netted 21 points against Ubyly and scored 24 at Marlette. Brian Bushey hit 14 against Ubyly and 10 more in the victory over Marlette.

The freshmen record now stands at 4-6 in Thumb B action and 7-7 overall.



CONCENTRATION: Lakers' Randy Heckman outraces Ubyly's Rex Tyll (31) to score after stealing the ball on the press. Heckman went on to lead Laker scoring in the game with 10 points.

Interfaith basketball results

Standings		GAME RESULTS	
Division I	W L	Campus Life	68
Cross Lutheran	6-0	Pigeon First U.M.	49
Campus Life	4-2	Campus LIFE	led by Steve Fletcher with 18 points, Jay Dubey with 12 and Dale Killinger and John Gunden with 10 each.
Elkton Missionary	3-3	Mark Gettel hit 20 points and Gordie Murphy added 14 for Pigeon First.	
Hayes U.M.	3-3	Hayes U.M. 62	
Division II	W L	St. Francis 59	
Pigeon 1st U.M.	3-3	Scott Smith netted 26	
Bay Port RLDS	3-3		
Elkton U.M.	2-4		
St. Francis Catholic	0-6		

High School Hoops

Thumb B		League Overall	
Cass City	10-0	10-0	14-1
North Branch	7-3	9-6	
Lakers	6-4	10-5	
Marlette	6-4	9-5	
Vassar	5-5	9-6	
Bad Axe	3-7	3-13	
Inlay City	3-7	3-12	
Caro	0-10	0-14	
North Central Thumb D			
Deckerville	10-1	12-3	
Port Hope	10-2	12-2	
Owen-Gage	8-5	10-6	
North Huron	6-6	6-9	
Alron-Fairgrove	6-6	8-7	
Kingston	6-7	6-9	
Peck	3-8	3-10	
CPS	4-9	5-10	
Caseville	2-10	3-12	

Eagles split v-ball matches

After flying high in a two-match Caseville volleyball sweep over Deckerville last week, a strong Carsonville-Port Sanilac team brought the Eagles back down to earth with a pair of defeats on Thursday.

Caseville notched 15-5, 15-8 wins to claim the first match with Deckerville. The second match required three games as the Eagles registered 15-7, 11-15, 15-12 scores to sweep both matches for the evening.

LOSS: Caseville won the opening of both matches with CPS last Thursday night but let the Tigers off the hook in both cases.

The Tigers won the first match 15-17, 15-12, 15-0 and the second 9-15, 15-12, 15-2.

Tina Bieri led her teammates in all categories with 14 spikes, 22 points and 28 sets. Yvonne Miller hit 14 spikes, Amy Conrad served up 10 points and Colleen Kopack contributed 20 sets.

The Lady Eagles are now 4-4 in league play.

Eagles lose hoop heartbreaker in final seconds

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER
Coach Randy Bingham hoped his Caseville basketball squad's losing streak would end last Friday night — and that hope didn't die until the final buzzer sounded. The Eagles even led in the final minute of play before bowing to the visiting Kingston Cardinals, 48-45.

The loss extended Caseville's winless streak to 10 games, the longest losing streak in Bingham's coaching career, and kept the Eagles in the cellar of the North Central Thumb League with a 2-10 record.

Trailing 46-45 with eight seconds remaining in the game, Caseville rebounded an errant free throw by Kingston's Dave Megge, but threw the ball away in the rush to move the ball up-court for a game-winning shot.

Shane Campbell hit a pair of free throws at the three-second mark to ice the win for Kingston.

QUICK START: Motivated by Parents' Night ceremonies, Caseville quickly hit the first two baskets of the game, causing Cardinal coach Leon Westover to call time out just over a minute into the game to organize his troops. Kingston rallied to take an 11-9 lead after the first quarter and stretch it to 25-20 at halftime.

Caseville overtook Kingston early in the third quarter with the two teams trading the lead for the remainder of the game.

NO DEPTH: The term "sixth man" took on special meaning for Bingham, who only had six players suited up for the game. Kris Grigg and Jeremy Steinman were sidelined by academic eligibility requirements.

For the final three minutes of the game, Caseville had no substitutes after Chris Perry was whistled for his fifth foul.

Bruce Langley led Eagle scoring with 15 points and also pulled down 11 rebounds

and nabbed five steals. Matt Kraus hit 13 points and Chris Perry grabbed 12 rebounds. "Kingston just had more depth than we had. That's about what it boiled down to," noted Bingham.

Caseville's defensive play was the brightest part of the Eagle performance.

"We played pretty good defense. With six kids, we played as hard as we possibly could. We made a few critical mistakes, but all in all I thought we played a very nice ball game," said Bingham.

TUESDAY LOSS: Caseville stayed close to Peck for most of the game last Tuesday before bowing to the Pirates, 68-58.

The Eagles rebounded from a 10 point deficit at the end of the first quarter to trail only 32-29 at the half. An 18-11 Peck scoring advantage in the final stanza saddled Caseville with another loss.

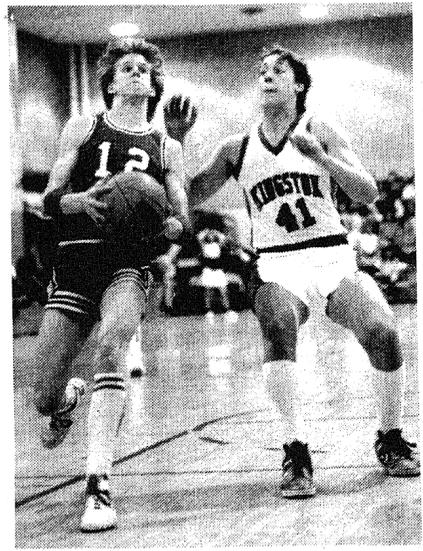
Kraus led Eagle scoring

with 20 points and Langley added 16.

Peck was paced by Ron Ureel with 25 points, Steve Parker with 16 and Mark Mahar with 12.

JVs LOSE: The Eagle junior varsity dropped its 15th loss without a win this season with a 60-28 loss to Kingston. Colby Cottick hit 18 points to lead Caseville jayvee scoring.

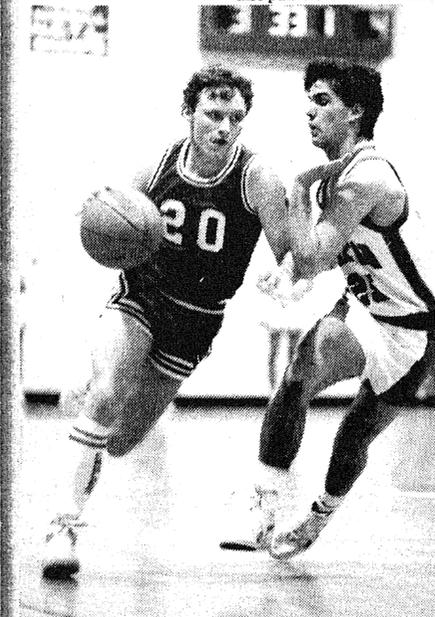
Frank LaFontaine's 22 points wasn't enough last Tuesday as the junior Eagles dropped a 66-34 decision to Peck.



EAGLE Matt Kraus (12) eyes the hoop as he readies his leap for a layup against Kingston's Rob Lester.

Caseville School IN THE NEWS

By TINA BIERI



DRIVING: Caseville's Bruce Langley (20) drives past Kingston's Shane Campbell.

HEALTHIER FUTURE

"Choice for positive living... Make a Habit of It!" is a program the elementary students have joined in to compete against other schools from all over the state.

The program began in the beginning of February, which has been designated as Wellness Month in the elementary school.

The goal of the contest is to encourage schools to develop or expand programs in the school community that will contribute to healthier lifestyle choices.

The students have planned their wellness activities to include a speaker per week on the following topics: Nutrition, Exercise and Mental Health, and Stress. They will also discuss

Substance Abuse and take part in various projects.

For competition, the students will write up their description of Wellness Week. The essays will be judged on their innovation and creativity. Winners will receive a cash prize for their school.

Good luck, elementary! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICHIGAN!**

Michigan's 150th birthday was celebrated at Caseville Schools. The student body would like to thank Mr. Reed and his fourth grade students for decorating the cafeteria so well.

Four art students from each class in grades 1-6 are involved in creating a colorful drawing for a book they will print in September as part of the Michigan Sesquicentennial celebration. The drawings are to be about Caseville. They will work

with Mrs. Bednerek after school during February and March.

LET IT SNOW!

A ski trip to Snowsnake Mountain will be offered to junior high and high school students on Feb. 21, sponsored by the Student Council. Those wishing to participate may sign up soon, as seats are limited. If the trip is successful, the Student Council will set-up another activity for March.

ELEMENTARY LEARNS CLEANLINESS, HYGIENE

School Nurse Mrs. Simet is teaching different grade levels about cleanliness, hygiene and sex education. Kindergarteners will learn how to use a hand-washing dispenser. First-graders will be taught about tooth-

brushing. Second-graders will learn about personal hygiene. Third-graders will learn about dealing with their family, separations, etc. Fourth-graders will be taught the basics of first aid in addition to lessons on cleanliness and hygiene. Fifth and sixth-graders will be divided into boys and girls and will watch movies about sex education. Mrs. Simet will then go into the classrooms to discuss and answer questions.

CONGRATS, ERIN!

Congratulations to Erin Barton for her selection to the Tri-County Honors Band. She and other students from Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties performed at the Huron Beach Community Theatre on Sunday, Feb. 1.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

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1986. Other districts haven't formally set millage rates needed.

Residential property owners are the ones who will see big increases when new millage rates are passed. Many farmers are enrolled in Public Act 116, which rebates much of property taxes paid. But, home owners are seeing stable or rising property values — meaning they will see a 35% to 50% school tax increase.

FINKBEINER IS UNDERSHERIFF

A longtime Sebawaing police officer has been named Huron County Undersheriff by Sheriff Richard V. Stokan.

Robert Finkbeiner, 47, has replaced Henry Eppenbrock of Harbor Beach, who served the sheriff department for 33 years prior to his recent retirement.

Finkbeiner's first law enforcement position was as officer with Sebawaing Police Department, starting in 1967, eventually being promoted to chief. On Feb. 1, 1973, he joined Stokan's department as a deputy, was promoted to sergeant, then detective, and then to chief deputy.

In advancing Finkbeiner to undersheriff, Sheriff Stokan says he is following the department policy of "promoting from within."

Finkbeiner was born in Sebawaing, son of Marie and the late George Finkbeiner. A Sebawaing High graduate, he served two years in the Military Police of the U.S. Army in Korea. He joined Sebawaing Light and Water Department, before he became a village policeman.



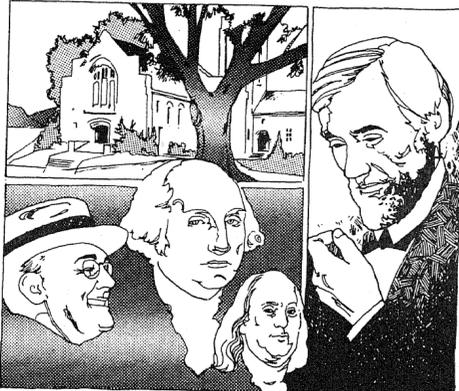
CHEERS: These future cheerleaders joined Laker varsity cheerleaders at halftime of last Tuesday's basketball game for several cheers. The cheers were learned in a recent cheerleader camp sponsored by the Laker varsity cheerleaders.

CLEARANCE SALE ON YAMAHA SNOWMOBILES RECREATION UNLIMITED N. VAN DYKE-BAD AXE "NOBODY BEATS OUR DEALS"

JUMPIN' JIM Warren nears the rim as he lays in this shot for two points on a fast break for Lakers against Ubyly. Warren hit two key free throws in the final minute of overtime to insure the Laker victory.

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THE GREATNESS OF OUR FOUNDERS CAME FROM THEIR FAITH



Throughout the annals of nearly every nation on earth, there seemed to be certain men, and in some cases, women, who were born to be leaders. They may have differed widely in appearance and philosophy of government, but the greatest of them, including our own founding fathers, had one important thing in common. They placed their reliance on faith, and made no secret of it; in fact, it was this very humble attitude which helped them earn their place in history. Whether on the eve of battle or any time a momentous decision had to be made, they prayed for God's guidance to help them lead the nation in the right direction. We can best honor their memory by following their example; so let us attend our House of Worship and thank God for their wise leadership, which among other things gave us the right to choose it.

There is no greatness (without) simplicity, goodness and truth.
— Leo Tolstoy

"I will get unto me the great men, for they have known the way of the Lord."
— Jeremiah 5:5

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Fr. Theodore LaMarre
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Fr. Theodore LaMarre
Saturday Mass 4 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11 a.m.</p> <p>CASEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John N. Hamilton
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Nursery 10:15 a.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON
Rev. Gordon W. Nuss
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery provided</p> <p>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SEBEWAING
Rev. Lawrence Brook
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-week Service 7 p.m.</p> <p>SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON
Rev. Timothy Hastings
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-week Service 7 p.m.</p> <p>BAY PORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Alger T. Lewis
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>HAYES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Alger T. Lewis
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.</p> <p>KILMANAGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Kersten
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>OWENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Zina Bennett
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.</p> <p>GAGEYOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Zina Bennett
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. James Kummer
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.</p> <p>HORSHOEHOCK ACRES CALVARY CHURCH, BAD AXE
Rev. Stewart L. Justin
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD BAD AXE
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Radio Broadcast</p> <p>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CASEVILLE
Pastor Rev. Burt Phelps
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
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Church School 10 a.m.
Preaching Service 11 a.m.</p> <p>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, CASEVILLE
Elder Dennis Herber
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Preaching Service 11 a.m.</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SAND POINT
Fr. Mark Jenkins
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.</p> | <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAD AXE
Pastor David Dively
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Study of "The Watchtower"</p> <p>ELKTON MISSIONARY CHURCH
Rev. Alan Verke
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Hour 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
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Wednesday 8 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP
Pastor James S. Miller
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Located 1/2 miles north
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Rev. Wayne J. Keim
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Prayer meeting
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>MICHIGAN AVE. MENNONITE CHURCH, PIGEON
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'Cornerstone' visits Good Shepherd



The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Caseville, will host the Bluewater Youth for Christ singing group, "Cornerstone," this Sunday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

"Cornerstone," directed by Pam and Jay Dubey of Pigeon, is comprised of high school students from around Huron County.

A potluck dinner will precede the concert, and the public is invited to attend.

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The good we see and experience should bring forth praise for His presence, wisdom, and power.
We need to remind ourselves to praise and thank Him throughout the day.
When we see a magnificent sunrise, hear lovely music, feel fresh air, taste food, smell a flower, we ought to say, "Thank You, God!"
We also need to practice praising Him to others.
When someone says, "Isn't this a nice morning?" we can reply, "Yes, praise God, it's beautiful!"
If someone grumbles about rainy weather, we can say, "Well, God knows we need the moisture, too."
It takes effort to cultivate a thankful attitude and express it. But thankful hearts are happy hearts.
The more we praise God for our great redemption in Christ, the more blessed we are.
We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator... To Thee, our great Redeemer, for'er be praise. Amen.

WINSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting February 3, 1987

The regular meeting of the Winsor Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert Armbruster on Feb. 3, 1987 at 8 p.m.
Present: Bob Armbruster, John Kohr, Clare Dast, Martin Rathje and Ray Lutz. Absent: none.

A motion was made by Martin Rathje and seconded by Clare Dast to approve the minutes of the Jan. 6, 1987 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clare Dast and seconded by Ray Lutz to pay outstanding bills for the month. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Martin Rathje and seconded by Ray Lutz to adjourn. Motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 9, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at Elkton Elementary School by Bruce Baur, president.

Members present: Bruce Baur, Virginia Lepprandt, James Clabuesch, Yvonne Bushey, Paul Clabuesch, Richard Lockard and J. Sidney Smith.
Members absent: none.

A motion was made by Virginia Lepprandt, seconded by Yvonne Bushey approving the consent agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Yvonne Bushey, seconded by Sid Smith authorizing the placement of 10 mills for a five-year period on the ballot to be voted March 23, 1987 in a Special Election. Motion carried.

Sid Smith was appointed to represent the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Board of Education at the Intermediate School District's annual budget hearing scheduled for Feb. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Virginia Lepprandt, seconded by Yvonne Bushey commending Mike Lang, fourth grade teacher, for taking charge of the annual Lake Spelling Bee for elementary and junior high students. This year's winner, Tricia Elston, will represent our school district in regional competition. Motion carried.

Sue Sturm, chairperson for the Youth Education Supporter organization, gave the Board an update on progress of her group in stimulating interest for the upcoming millage vote.

A motion was made by Virginia Lepprandt, seconded by James Clabuesch to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

PIGEON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 1987

The regular meeting of the Pigeon Village Council was held on Monday, February 9, 1987 at 7 p.m. President Geiger called the meeting to order and members present were as follows: Orr, Fluegge, Gehrs, McCormick, Pobanz and Licht. Also present were Chief Johnson, Supt. Heckman, Mark Wolfe, John Smith, Harvey Weiss, Dolores Bieri, Geraldine Simmons and William Penn.

The Jan. 12, 1987 minutes were discussed and a correction to include the water tower bid of Kraft, Inc. at \$14,000.00 must be made. A motion to accept minutes with corrections was made by McCormick and supported by Fluegge. Motion carried.

The Police Operations Report was given by Johnson. Motion to accept report was made by Pobanz, supported by Licht. Motion carried.

Village residents Wolfe, Smith and Weiss addressed members in regard to water problems in their neighborhood. Council informed individuals that a proposed plan to correct their problem is currently being considered.

Village CPA John Walsh presented financial statements and budget for 1988 fiscal year. A motion to amend 1987 fiscal year budget was made by McCormick and supported by Licht. Motion carried. A motion to adopt the budget for 1988 fiscal year was made by Licht, supported by Gehrs. Motion carried.

Fluegge, representing the committee regarding removal of old water tower made a motion to reject all previous bids and to ask bidders to resubmit new bids to remove the tower to ground level only. Motion supported by Licht. Motion carried.

Letter was read from Huron County Road Commission regarding the purchase of their building. Discussion followed with no action taken.

Bids were presented for preparation of a Zoning Ordinance Booklet. Two bids received were from Ordinance Systems at a cost of \$2,709.97 and from Thumb Publications, Inc. at \$1,173.00. Motion by McCormick, supported by Pobanz to accept Thumb Publications bid. Motion carried.

Members were presented a list of applications for Election Inspectors for the Primary and General Elections. Motion by McCormick, supported by Orr to hire the first two Democrats and first two Republicans on list with remaining two individuals being alternates. Motion carried.

Following discussion by members it was decided to change the March Regular Meeting to March 11, due to the General Election.

Members agreed to name Wilbert Dubs as Street Administrator to replace Donald Otto.

Motion to accept Accounts Payable for January was made by Fluegge, supported by Gehrs. Motion carried.

William Penn, representing Western States Oil & Gas Co. presented members with an Oil Lease on 60.8 acres of village property located 1/2 mile west of Caseville Road. Lease would be for the next five years in the amount of \$2,133.00. Motion to accept lease pending approval by Village Attorney was made by McCormick, supported by Orr. Motion carried.

Dolores Bieri and Geraldine Simmons, representing the Concerned Citizens of Caseville asked members if they could be informed by the village if we ever considered sponsorship of the Caseville Airport. Members informed individuals that we had never been approached on this subject.

Lowell Kraft, representing the Caseville Airport, asked members to consider a joint sponsorship of the airport with the Village of Caseville. Mr. Kraft discussed plans and the future of the project with members. Motion by Orr, supported by Licht to table any discussion by council. Motion carried.

McCormick made the following recommendations to members regarding wages for employees for the 1988 fiscal year: Change all BPW employees from a 45-hour week to 40 hours and change Johnson's hourly pay to compensate for the change. Police employee changes: increase Johnson \$1,000.00 per year and increase Weichert 50 cents per hour. Committee also recommended an increase of \$500.00 in six months to Heckman, and to give all employees 1/2-day prior to Christmas Day and 1/2-day prior to New Years Day with pay. Motion by Pobanz and supported by Fluegge to accept recommendations. Motion carried.

Members voiced their regret over this being Councilman Orr's last regular meeting. Each member expressed great satisfaction in working with Fred. There being no further business, a motion by Gehrs to adjourn was supported by McCormick. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Heckman, superintendent

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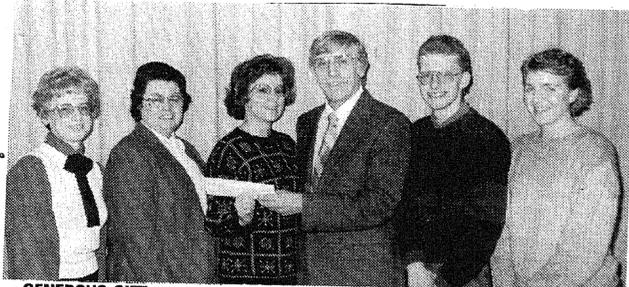
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GENEROUS GIFT - The Laker Band has presented a gift of \$1,000 to its biggest supporter, the Laker Band Boosters, to help purchase new risers for the Laker gym. Shown here from left are Band Boosters Vice President Diana Kausch, Co-Presidents Doris Lepprandt and Deb Lepprandt, Band Director William Denbrock, Band President Mike Kausch and Band Vice President Cathy Wurst.

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Thumb club news

CASEVILLE LIBRARY CLUB

The members of the Caseville Village-Township Caseville Library Club held

their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the Community Room of the Caseville Village-Township Hall with 27 members and

two guests present.

Lola Tropea gave the invocation. Hostesses serving coffee and dessert were Rosemary Delmotte, Betty Beedle, Virginia Doyle and Luella Gillingham.

Following the luncheon, President Margaret Wilhelm led in the Club Collect. Pledge to the Flag and presided over the business meeting.

Vi Hopkins introduced guest speaker Jack Jensen, Caseville Chief of Police.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were given by Betty Pudney and Doris Watzke.

Several changes in the By-laws pertaining to Club Membership presented by the executive committee at the January meeting were discussed and the club voted to approve the changes.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10. Guest speaker will be Sherril Steinman, senior sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

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WOODS and WATERS

By Duane Guenther



Afloat

The day dawned brisk and cold, and a nasty southwester sent dirty, gray clouds racing across a dismal looking sky. The winter had been cold and the ice firm for much of the season, but this was March 22 and the shore ice had already broken loose and was moving in and out at the whims of the wind.

Today, a Saturday, would find numerous fishermen searching their favorite haunts for the elusive yellow perch. He hadn't been all that cooperative this year, and when he did show up in any decent numbers, his scrawny size seemed to offset it. Toward mid-morning fishermen began to move, punching a hole or 2 here and there, jumping in the car to beat it to another location, always busy looking for some signs of activity on the ice.

Around noon, a small group began to congregate at the tip of the north shore of Sand Point. Someone had stumbled on good fish, and before you could shake your head, the sides of the road became clogged with cars, and fishermen, ignoring the threatening wind, streaming on the ice.

About this time, a friend of mine ventured on the ice. Crossing a small crack near the shore, he paused for a moment considering if he should continue, and then seeing the waving arms of anglers pulling in fish, headed for a spot some 600 yards offshore. He sat facing north in order to escape the annoying gusts of wind which probed and prodded, endlessly searching for a chink in his armor of protective clothing. The hot fishing soon made him forget about his discomforts and before long, his fishing pail was taking on some added weight.

Not oblivious to the ice conditions, this fisherman constantly watched his line string out to the west each time he lowered it in the hole. This was not uncommon, for a sharp current swung along the shore. However, after unhooking a nice, fat perch, the next time he dropped his line in the water it swung directly between his legs.

Puzzled, he bent over the hole and stared after his line. Suddenly, a certain dryness in his mouth told him he was in trouble. He grabbed his gear and started hoofing it towards shore. He passed a couple of fishermen who noted the urgency in his gait and they fell in behind him. One of the 2, cupped his hands over his mouth and yelled in the general direction of the rest of the anglers, "it's moving!"

When my friend reached the crack, his worst suspicions were confirmed. There, stretching out in front of the gathering crowd of fishermen, was a sparkling band of open water about 25 yards wide. The first couple to reach the edge probed with spuds, hoping to find the bottom and

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possibly wade ashore, but no such luck. Just then, one of the anglers dropped his gear and announced he would head for help, and with that statement, plunged in the water and began swimming for shore. The rest of the crowd, which numbered 28, stood back and waited, each engrossed in his own thoughts, some were near panic, while others, old hats at this sort of thing, merely relaxed until help could come. One fisherman, on a 3-wheeler, headed for Caseville, a good 4 miles away. He made it and got ashore in the vicinity of the breakwall. Three others started walking in the same direction, and eventually, they waved off a rescue helicopter, and also made it to shore.

Within a half an hour, a couple of boats were slid across the ice and headed for the stranded fishermen. In an orderly fashion, the men loaded up, 2 in the smaller boat, and 4 in the larger, for the ride back to shore, and what a ride it was.

My friend found himself in the 12-foot boat on the fourth trip. By that time the wind had whipped up considerably, and the crack had widened to about half a mile. The open water laying before him was sullen and angry looking. As the boat headed for shore, each wave pounding against the frail craft sent a good deal of its waters splashing over the gunwales and into the bottom of the boat. To say he was frightened, would be putting it mildly.

All 28 fishermen made it to shore, thanks to the quick thinking of a couple of nearby residents, and by the time a Coast Guard helicopter arrived the last fishermen were in the boats. No lives were lost, and no one received any injuries.

The ice is starting to break up again this spring, and the fish are sure to be biting. The question is, will those who brave the elements to catch fish be as lucky this year? Only time will tell.....

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Fifty enthusiastic children exercised their basketball skills in a competition sponsored by the newly-formed Caseville Optimist Club on Saturday, Feb. 7. Youngsters aged 8 to 13 competed in passing, dribbling and shooting skill contests.

Winners include: Age 8 - First, Betsy Drury. Second, Kristopher Hamilton and third, Nick Bodnarek; Age 9 - (1) Misty McCrim-

mon, (2) Melissa Leach and (3) Nicole Castilla; Age 10 - (1) Allan LeLean, (2) Celeste Leach and (3) Randy Britt; Age 11 - (1) Jason Winkler, (2) Ryan Lackie and (3) Tyler Williams; Age 12 - (1) Peter Castilla, (2) Shawn Nicholson and (3) Brad Palsky; Age 13 - (1) Brian Kraus, (2) Mike McCrary and (3) Jeff Bruni.

Contest Coordinator Dan Fortsch says he hopes to make the contest an annual event.



HOLLI McCRIMMON, age 11, eyes the hoop.

B-ball tourney set

A day for family fun will be enjoyed by all who attend the 1987 Elementary Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 28, sponsored by the Pigeon Parents and Teachers for children (PTC).

Activities for all ages will also be on the agenda, including bingo, free movies, a bake walk and children's games. There is a charge for admission, but preschoolers will be admitted free.

Scheurer Hospital
Patients in Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, on Monday, Feb. 16:

PIGEON: Alice Gunsch, Mrs. Herbert (Iva) Price, Oliver Schaff, Mrs. James (Sheila) Yackie.

CASEVILLE: Alfred Kelterborn, Mrs. Ernest (Janet) McCrimmon, Mrs. Richard (Lavina) Walton, Mrs. Jeffrey (Kimberly) Meyer.

SEBEWAING: Mrs. Steve (Lori Ann) Pommerenke. ELKTON: John Smithers. PORT AUSTIN: Jeffrey Babcock.

FILION: Benjamin Haag. BIRTIS: Born to Mr. and Mrs. James (Sheila) Yackie, Pigeon, a son, Kirk E., on Feb. 13.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey (Kimberly) Meyer, Caseville, a daughter, on Feb. 15.

Local man elected to seed board

Bill Renn of Pigeon was elected to the board of directors at the annual meeting of the Michigan Foundation Seed Association in Lansing. Renn comes to the board with experience as past president of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, Michigan Bean Commission and president of the Michigan Agricultural Conference.

Michigan Foundation Seed was organized Jan. 27, 1949 for the purpose of distributing seeds to the Foundation seed growers from the Michigan State University Experiment Station.

Bill Renn replaces Chuck Lepprandt, who represented the Thumb area for nine years.

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