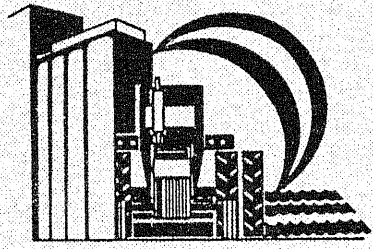


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## ARE YOU KEEPING RESOLUTIONS HERE IN THE WESTERN THUMB?

The holidays are behind us, and it's time to get back to school, work and busy pursuits. Read through this issue for New Year ideas for self-betterment -- plus see how local folks have celebrated...

## Our 'survey' says 1987 was an 'A-minus' year!

By AMY HEIDEN

The past year has been full of ups and downs, disappointments and pleasures, trials and tribulations, joy and heartache for everyone. And of course, some years are better than others.

Now that 1987 is only a memory, an "informal survey" gives 1987 an "A-minus" from the viewpoint of at least several persons interviewed.

To come to this conclusion, we asked some local residents to give the year 1987 a letter grade, as we all received in school.

Overall, we asked these seven people to grade an "A" as tops, with an "E" at the bottom.

No one gave particularly low grades to the year just past -- but then we didn't ask EVERYONE for their opinion either! Here's what our "informal survey" showed for 1987:

**RON SAMPSON** of Dearborn Heights gave 1987 a "B" grade. "Business was real good the past year, the fishing was good, and the weather was good. I have no complaints at all," says the frequent local visitor.

**MIKE SMITH**, a new Caseville resident, says his 1987 would have rated an "A" -- "except I'm poor. And I get homesick. I just moved here from Pennsylvania and I miss it. But my new business is doing pretty well, so that helps."

**JIM GWALDIS**, a Virginia resident visiting relatives in Elkton over the holidays, says his year would rate a "B-minus."

"I've been to Michigan three times, to Mississippi, and to Hawaii for the first time in 43 years. That's where I met my wife.

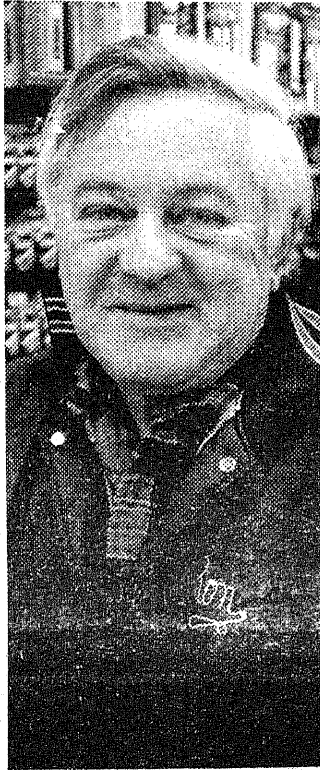
"But wrenching my back took some of the fun out of the year," he says, painfully.

**FRED COLLISON** of Pigeon gives 1987 an "A."

"I had a real good year, I have no complaints," he says. "I accomplished a lot of things at home that I wanted to do." He says his year was no different than the year before.

**KATHY CUMMINGS** of Elkton gives 1987 a "B-minus."

"More things were better than worse, plus I met a nice guy."



RON SAMPSON



FRED COLLISON



KATHY CUMMINGS



ARLIN HERFORD

**ARLIN HERFORD** of Elkton gives 1987 a "B."

"I was too busy in 1987. There wasn't enough time for hunting!" he says. "But the past year was better than most, I suppose."

**EVELYN WALSH** of Oak Beach gives 1987 an enthusiastic "A" grade. "It was a good year economically and personally.

"I became a new grandmother, and my son got married. And I can be grateful there were no personal tragedies."



## Don't get the post-holiday bill blues Use credit wisely...don't let it use you!

By AMY HEIDEN

"Easy payments! No payments till March! No money down!"

If you've ever been seduced by these phrases only to find out that the payments are easier for the merchant to receive than for you to pay them, or learned that interest charges build on that unpaid balance until you make a payment, then you may be one of those Americans who take on more debt than they can handle.

And if the numbers are worn off your Mastercard after the Christmas holidays and you dread seeing the VISA bills arrive, maybe it's time to take stock of your credit spending habits.

**WAY OF LIFE:** Using credit to pay for goods and services while they are being used is a way of life for many Americans.

Experts agree credit can have many advantages -- you don't need to carry a lot of cash, you don't need to pass up a good buy because you're temporarily short of cash. One check can be used to pay for a single itemized bill at the end of the month.

But credit can have its negative side as well, those same observers point out.

The availability of easy credit can lead you to make impulse purchases and to spend more than you should. Credit costs more in the form of fees and interest, and may make your purchases more expensive in the long run.

**TYPES OF CREDIT:** There are basically two types of credit. Closed-end credit (such as an installment loan, which involves a one-time loan made for the purchase of a specific item), and open-end credit, (such as VISA and Mastercard.) These allow you to make purchases on credit repeatedly up to your predetermined limit.

Retail credit, offered by gasoline companies and department stores, is a form of open-ended credit that is usually only good at the issuer's own facilities. These cards typically have no annual fee and allow you to pay the balance in full each month or to extend payment and pay interest on the unpaid balance.

**COST OF CREDIT:** Using credit costs money. It's important to pay attention to the fine print and shop for the best buy in credit as you would shop for the best buy in a car or appliances, experts agree.

As you shop, consider the following:

■ **FINANCE CHARGE:** This is the total amount you pay for credit, including interest charges, annual fees, service charges, and on mortgages, points. Finance charges on installment loans vary with the amount financed and the length of the repayment period.

■ **ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE, or APR:** This is the key figure in the cost of credit. The APR is usually more than the stated interest rate on installment loans, because you are borrowing a fixed amount, repaying part of the principal as well as interest each month.

In effect, you are using less and less of the borrowed money as time goes on while you continue to pay interest on the entire amount.

**BAD TAX NEWS AHEAD:** And for those taxpayers who itemize deductions on their federal tax return, the deduction for consumer interest is being phased out.

Only 65% of the total interest you paid on installment debt will be deductible on 1987 tax returns, making the cost of making payments each month even more expensive. It will be completely phased out by 1991, tax experts say.

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## Scheurer offers parenting classes

Scheurer Hospital of Pigeon will host two childbirth preparation classes this winter.

The Expectant Parents Class will begin Monday, Jan. 11 through Feb. 15 in the hospital conference room at 7:30 p.m.

These classes are open to all expectant parents in the Thumb area, and may be taken at any stage of the mother's pregnancy.

Taught by Mary Jane Voelker, R.N., the classes will cover: childbirth preparation, after delivery, infant care, nutrition, emotional and physical changes during pregnancy, proper exercises, the delivery, home care for baby and mother, bathing, birth certificates and immunization.

A fee is charged for the class. Anyone interested may contact the Scheurer Hospital Relations Department at 453-3223.

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Scheurer Hospital will also offer a childbirth preparation class based on the Lamaze method, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 13 and meeting for seven weeks at 7 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

The Lamaze method includes breathing and relaxation techniques designed to help parents prepare for childbirth in a satisfying and joyful way. These classes will enable the support person to assist and participate actively during labor and delivery, officials say.

The class will also provide information on physical fitness and exercise, proper nutrition, comfort measures and positions, what to expect in the hospital, how to involve the father and how to talk to your doctor.

Course instructor will be Phyllis Yoder, R.N., Scheurer Hospital obstetric nurse. A fee will be charged for the course.

For additional information and registration, contact the Scheurer Hospital Community Relations Department at 453-3223.

## Retirees liven holiday meeting

**CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB**  
The Caseville Retirement Club met at the American

Legion Hall on Dec. 29 with 69 members present. President Tom Beadle asked all to stand and greet

their neighbors before leading in The Lord's Prayer.

The Pledge to the Flag opened the meeting. Beadle thanked Shirley Ritchie, Virginia Zielinski and Rose Morosini for the "earlybird" goodies. Also thanked were those who donated Campbell Soup labels and gave to the Food Pantry.

Hospitalized is Elmer Gettel. Recuperating at home are Mary Phillips, Stan Garwood and Annie David.

Celebrating birthdays were Georgene Mahang and Leslie Simmons. Feted for an anniversary were John and Martha Weremiuk.

Ray Gerrard reported that the final payment for the Midland trip was due Jan. 5. Jo Fitzpatrick led in singing "Silent Night."

The meeting was adjourned for cards and bingo. Bingo coverall was won by Harold Dunning. Pinochle winners were John Weremiuk, Frank Janes and Helen Stillwell. Euchre winners were Evelyn Garant, Tom Carr, Tony Zacheretti.

## Lake-Chandler holiday news

By MILDRED BALLGACH  
Mr. and Mrs. Les Simmons and Richard Groth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simmons and sons were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Simmons of Kinde. Lorene Louis of Port Huron was also a guest.

Christmas guests of Fred and Mona McBride were Mr. and Mrs. Jim McBride and children Holly, Freddie and Bridget of Tawas, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McBride, Gretchen and Garrett of Caseville. The Jim McBride remained for the weekend Other Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill and daughter Laura of Rochester.

Les and Hazel Simmons were Saturday callers of Bernice Carson of Kinde and Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Forbing of Port Hope.

Christmas weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dell were Cliff and Tamie Cook of Union Lake.

Christmas weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McBride were Mrs. Helen Weber and son Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Weber, Mrs. Gretchen Schrader and son Alan of Pontiac.

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## Board meeting set at Elkton

The Jan. 11 meeting of the Laker School Board will be conducted at Elkton Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

**HOUSE FIRE:** An undetermined amount of damage occurred last Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30 when a small fire started at the Paul Walsh home on Paul Street, Pigeon.

About a dozen Winsor Township Firemen responded, and no damage amount has been reported, they say.

SALLY RUMMEL PHOTO



## Thumb Quality Farrowing gets Oliver okay

Thumb Quality Farrowing, Inc., has been issued a special-use permit by Oliver Township's Zoning Board, ending a quarter-year of debate and negotiations.

The "pig raising farm" project is valued at \$500,000 to be built on the northeast corner of Maxwell and Kilmannagh Roads in the slightly larger area of the township.

To be constructed much like existing hog farrowing set-ups in Winsor and Sebawaing Townships, Thumb Quality Farrowing plans to build two structures to breed and grow about 13,000 pigs annually.

The first building, for breeding and gestation, will measure 60 feet by 280 feet. The second will be slightly shorter, for the actual farrowing (birthing) of pigs.

Such farrowing operations breed, birth and raise pigs to a certain age, at which time they are taken to the farms of owners or other purchasers, for final growth to market weight. Thumb Quality spokesmen had said all pigs would only be on the property for several months.

Neighbors of the proposed site had objected to possible smells and "pig factory" aspects of the plan, and were opposed to it because none of the dozen owners live in the township. The Zoning Board referred the special-use permit request back to the Oliver Township Board, which sent it back again.

Later, officials learned the state Right To Farm Act prohibited denial of such permits because of possible odors, and it was approved.

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## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

### IMLAY CITY GETS 120 JOBS

The Toyo Seat Company has announced plans to build a new 120,000 sq. ft. plant worth \$15 million, to make frames for auto seats for Ford Motor Company.

The plant means 120 new jobs for the area, with construction to begin in May. The city must still make about \$700,000 in preparations before the plans can be finalized, city officials announced last week, including new roads and utility service to the 25-acre site south of town.

Imlay City was chosen from about 14 Michigan sites because of its easy access to I-69 and M-53, which provide access to the Ford Chesterfield Trim Plant, where the frames are to be used, officials said. It will become Imlay City's second largest employer, behind the 400 workers at Viasic Pickles.

### SANILAC TAX FIGHTS DRUGS

Sanilac County residents Friday began paying a 0.5 of a mill tax to finance the county's battle against drugs. The Sanilac County drug task force will get the property tax funding — worth \$224,400 each year — for the next three years.

The program, operating since May 1 and funded by a county loan, has made 31 arrests and assisted other county police departments in cracking narcotics, burglary and car-theft operations.

And, Task Force Director Sgt. David Hall says, drugs have been seized at 14 locations with street values of more than \$1 million.

### REPUBLICANS TO MEET

The Huron County Republican Convention is planned for Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the County Building's third floor meeting room, according to County Chairman William Mayes.

To be elected are eight delegates and eight alternates to the Republican State Convention Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29 and 30 in Grand Rapids. That group will elect 77 delegates to the Republican National Convention, 20 Presidential Electors and others, for the coming national elections, Mayes says.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS

Huron County District Court Judge John Schubel last week heard the pleas of or made determinations in cases involving:

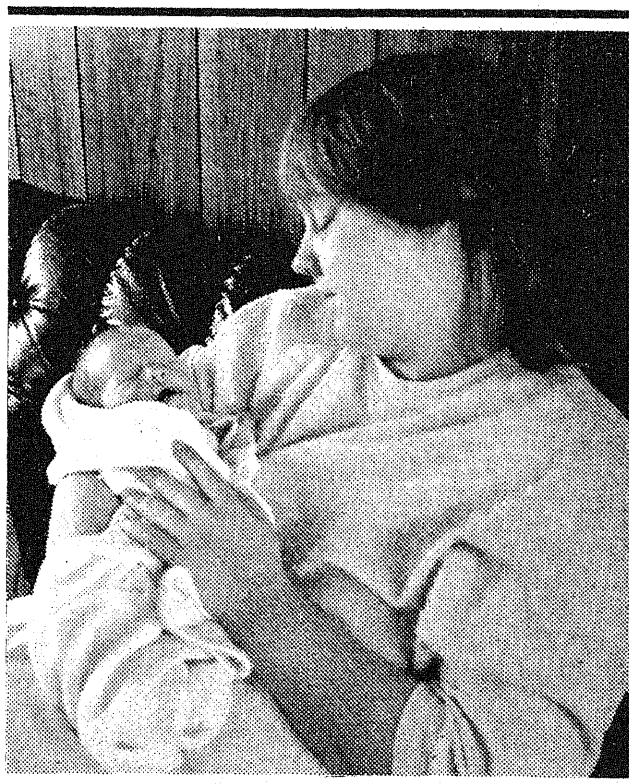
- Cara L. Short, 17 of Kinde, and Donna L. Kula, 17 of Bad Axe, who pled guilty to malicious destruction of property, less than \$100, following an Oct. 31 incident involving a Bad Axe building; \$100 fines and costs.
- Steven L. Martin, 29 of Gageton, pled guilty to driving with license suspended; \$100 fines and costs.
- Marjorie H. Elliot, 38 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to illegal sale of fish, following the recent DNR probe; sentenced to 60 days in the Huron County Jail and ordered to make \$305.75 in restitution.
- Roy D. Harder, 47 of Bay Port, pled guilty to illegal sale of fish, following the recent DNR probe; sentenced to 60 days in county jail and ordered to make \$1291 in restitution to the state of Michigan.
- Kenneth M. Fisher, 40 of Elkton, pled guilty to drunken driving; sentenced to four days in jail, \$650 fines and costs and driving license suspension for one year; plus sentenced to \$100 fine for possession of firearm while intoxicated.
- Nancy U. Sauva, 18 of Kinde, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$450 fines and costs and license suspended for 90 days.
- Nicky L. Ewald, 19 of Elkton, pled guilty to receiving stolen property, under \$100, following a Nov. 19 incident involving a shotgun on N. Main Street, Elkton, investigated by Elkton Police; sentenced to 60 days in jail, to be served concurrently with present sentence.
- Donald J. Naffien, 47 of Cass City, pled guilty to failure to stop and identify at a property damage accident on Dec. 5; \$100 fines and costs.
- Robert W. Jefferson, 34 of Port Huron, pled guilty to impaired driving, following an incident in Elkton; \$450 fines and costs and license suspended for 90 days.
- David B. Beachy, 22 of Elkton, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$450 fines and costs and license suspended for 90 days.
- Danny G. Watterworth, 38 of Lapeer, pled guilty to unlawfully tagging a deer, following a Nov. 29 incident in Grant Township investigated by the DNR; \$52 fines and costs.
- Charles W. Roberts, 20 of Elkton, pled guilty to disorderly conduct, following a Dec. 26 incident; \$150 fines and costs.
- Bruce S. Hirschberger, 23 of Port Austin, pled guilty to driving with license suspended; sentenced to five days in jail, and
- Fermin M. Nuncio, 21 of Bay Port, pled guilty to drunken driving; \$650 fines and costs, five days in jail and license suspended for one year.

### MICHIGAN STILL NUMBER 8

Florida has passed Pennsylvania to become the nation's fourth most-populated state, says the U.S. Census Bureau.

Michigan remains the eighth most populous state, at 9.2 million on July 1. That's down slightly from 9.2 million in 1980 but up from the 9.14 million recorded in mid-1986. Census officials say.

The biggest U.S. states are, in order, California, New York, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan. The smallest three states are Vermont, Alaska and Wyoming, with 490,000 residents.



**DAVID'S THE FIRST:** David Lee Kretzschmer of Caseville is Huron County's first baby of 1988, as he was born at 3:19 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 1 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

Here, his mother, Michelle Kretzschmer, holds the 6 lb., 13 1/4 oz. bouncing boy, who measured 18 1/2 inches long. His mom expected him to arrive Dec. 22, as a Christmas present, but instead he's the new baby of the new year!

David's grandparents are Michael and Margaret Kretzschmer, and great-grandparents are Dale and Lorraine Kretzschmer of Caseville.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

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

**BACK IN THE SADDLE** -- This is our 521st issue, which is difficult to believe. Keeping it simple, let us say "thanks so much to everyone who's made it possible" -- advertisers, co-workers, news sources, readers and everyone else.

We've got more ideas, goals and dreams now than we had back then on Jan. 1, 1978. Thanks for sticking with us!

**CHATTING:** In keeping with our 10th anniversary here, we're inviting you to "Chat With The Publishers" on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 4 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library. This will be an informal chance to talk with Sally and me, learn a little more about what we do -- and an opportunity to offer questions and comments about your local (and locally-owned) paper.

There's information elsewhere, but remember -- you're invited.

**BRIDGE WORK:** The Rummel Ranch crew had a chance to drive across the new northbound portion of the famous Zilwaukee Bridge on I-75 this past weekend. We've laughed a lot about it, but even I've got to admit: the view from the top is amazing! It's beautiful up there!

Of course, I still think there's little need for that \$130 million concrete bridge, but the state hasn't listened to me much anyway...

President Reagan should get just as much billing, while others think the Oct. 19th Stock Market crash or other folks should have been named.

And, weren't there any good WOMEN in the running?

**PRESS STUFF:** Friday's Detroit Free Press carried a color photo of the once-beautiful Michigan Central Railroad Depot in downtown Detroit, now closed. The 17-story depot was the last place my high school senior trip saw before tunneling to Winsor on our way to New York City -- and it's a shame such a marvelous, high-ceiling place can't be utilized anymore.

Almost certainly, the 75-year-old building will be torn down, or burned, or vandalized, as so many keepsakes are in big cities today.

**MORE PRESS STUFF:** Last week's decision by U.S. Justice Department Law Judge Morton Needelman ruling against the joint operating agreement between the Detroit News and Free Press will make the final outcome of this saga even more interesting.

No such "merger" has ever been turned down since the Newspaper Preservation Act of 1970 was made into law, but there's always a first time. The sad thing is, one of those papers (likely the Free Press) WILL certainly go out of business without such an agreement. It will take four or more years, but it WILL happen.

Would both companies be willing to go through the "merger" motions again, then, when one certainly could be seen to outlast the other?

No matter what, there will only be ONE newspaper voice coming from Detroit in coming years...

**FINAL PRESS STUFF:** Someone in Pigeon gets the Marcus (Iowa) News. The Post Office sent it to us because they couldn't read the address (smart idea). We've looked through it, and will let the "real" owner claim that Dec. 24 issue, just by stopping in our office...

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WISH I'D SAID THAT -- "If you're not failing now and again, it's a sign you're playing it safe!" (Woody Allen)

## Obituaries

**KENNETH CHARLES THUMME**  
1920 - 1987



Long-time Elkton businessman, civic leader and former educator Kenneth Thumme, 67 of Elkton, who passed away Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

He was born Jan. 8, 1920 in Farmington, son of the late Charles John and Leatha Mae (Brown) Thumme. He was united in marriage to Esther Liken on June 21, 1941 in Sebawaing.

Mr. Thumme graduated from Plymouth High School, earning a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti and his master's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He taught science and math for one year at Montgomery High School and in the fall of 1941, came to Elkton, where he taught science, math, and served as principal and coach. From 1947 to 1950, Mr. Thumme taught at St. Louis High School.

He then returned to Elkton, where he bought out the Ben Parkhurst Insurance Agency, renaming it the Thumme Insurance Agency, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 1982. He also was employed at H & R Block, Elkton office, for 12 years.

Mr. Thumme was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, served as past president of the Elkton Rotary Club, served on the Elkton Village Council for 14 years, and was affiliated with the Independent Insurance Agents Association and Professional Insurance Agents Association.

He is survived by his wife, Esther; two daughters, Mrs. Willard (Annette) McGlothren of Cantonment, Fla. and Kenneth L. of Elkton and seven grandchildren.

One sister, Mildred Pinnow, preceded him in death, earlier in December.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 2 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Rev. Paul D. Schleis officiated with burial in the Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, handled the funeral arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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## 1978-1988

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Let us know, through your comments and suggestions how we can better serve you and our communities.

We look forward to chatting with you on Tuesday, January 26. Thank you for the past decade!

Sally & Mark Rummel

**As we see it editorially**

**State must get business act together**

State Rep. Dick Allen has sent an ominous report to business leaders throughout his 77th District — and the facts and figures he reveals are staggering, as well as scary for our Michigan.

He points out that the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research has conducted a study comparing Michigan's unemployment insurance costs with those in 27 other states. All together, these 28 states account for 91 percent of all the manufacturing jobs in the U.S. "The results confirm every fear expressed to me by business leaders about Michigan's competitive position, relative to other states," Rep. Allen says.

wage benefits here are 22 percent above the 28-state average, and even 16 percent above the Great Lakes average. Compared with southern states, Michigan's unemployment wage averages are 34 percent above those.

How do we pay for it all?

Well, employers in this state pay 21 percent more for the average-wage, average-layoff worker compared with those 28 states. There isn't ONE SINGLE tax category where Michigan isn't at least 8 percent above the 28-state average, Rep. Allen points out. And, high-wage, high-layoff employers pay 76 percent more taxes to support the system here, compared with southern states.

And, he adds, things today are actually worse — since an automatic benefit increase went into effect Jan. 1 and will do so again in 1989. So, couple that fact with the realization that the other 22 lower-paying states throw the curve off, too, and we've got quite a situation on our hands.

Michigan workers certainly deserve adequate, fair, liveable benefits. Some may argue it's more expensive to live in this state, too, which means employees need fair treatment when such benefits are needed.

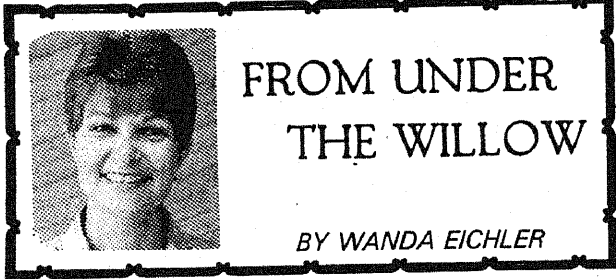
We can't disagree one bit.

But for once, why can't our state BE average, BE in the middle — BE among everyone else? Why must we be leading the pack, especially after our elected leaders keep telling us how much better things are for business here? What smart factory or store owner would decide to build or expand here, where taxes are nearly the highest in the nation?

Rep. Allen favors a House Bill package designed to make Michigan businesses competitive again. It includes 24 amendments to the Employment Security Act aimed at slowing down benefit increases. The Caro Republican wants employees to be treated fairly, but that must extend to employers, too, he says.

We couldn't agree more. With our state in the lead for this unhappy statistic, we should do what we can to slow down and let others catch up. We don't need to take away benefits, but they should be parceled out more slowly and prudently.

For we're all losers when businesses decide this is not a good place in which to do business...



**FROM UNDER THE WILLOW**

BY WANDA EICHLER

**Oliver hog proposal brings questions**

Last week's approval of another hog facility for the county, this one to be located (finally) in Oliver Township, continues the strong trend toward a very industrialized agriculture on this side of Huron County. By latest statistics, Huron is the top agricultural producing county in Michigan and, as such, will set trends.

Emphasis in the last 20 years has been on diversification of the production end of agriculture. The county still is without processing/canning plants for dry beans or any other kind of "end of the line" facility that would prepare the field produced product for final market.

Much of the profit in the food chain is being made by middle suppliers, processors and shippers. The old adage of "the bread wrapper costs more than the grain that's in the bread" is alarmingly true. Yet here in Huron County, we continue to concentrate on more production by shipping greater numbers of animals and more hundredweights of grains from the area.

Producers of the hogs that will now be raised in Oliver Township will need to pay attention to more than profits. Like other "stacked up" animal facilities (and I speak from experience as my brother-in-law owns and operates a "stacked up" egg operation), the problems include concentration of odor, manure and dead animals. In short, these producers have to deal with their agriculture industrial wastes in a way that maintains the quality of life for the neighborhood surrounding their facility.

Out our way, we find ourselves occasionally "downwind" from some hefty smells. But our neighbors work hard at containing those smells and, more importantly, they smell the smells, too. With one exception, the smells that we smell come from farms where the farm family lives on the land with their operation.

Anyone who has worked with animals knows that smell is a problem, even with a few animals in a contained situation. The problem has multiplied in recent years, however, as we have gotten away from the traditional understanding of agriculture as families living and working the land.

The argument that "this area's been farmland for 100 years and you can't stop them from putting in a facility like this" just doesn't make sense. Forty acres of land, a farmhouse and buildings, a 20-head dairy herd and one farm family just did not produce the smell problems that concentrated warehousing of animals does. What was the understanding of agricultural practice 40 years ago is far different from present feedlots and warehousing of animals.

Several questions remain:

- 1) Is it traditional agriculture when a group of investors (some of whom are not actively farming) put up a project like the new Oliver hog facility? Are family owned farm corporations to be given a different consideration than investor/non-farmer farm corporations?
  - 2) How many warehouse animal facilities can one township or one neighborhood handle (or do we rezone and create industrial agriculture zones where only such facilities can be built)?
  - 3) How much do we value quality of life and a relatively odor free countryside in the agricultural parts of the county and, if we say we value that quality, how do we work toward the best solution for all parties involved?
  - 4) If the owner/operator is willing to live next to the facility, does a different set of standards apply?
  - 5) Will such a facility harm the land so that 50 years from now when the building is gone, nothing will grow because of chemical build-up in the soil?
- Like anything else, agriculture's right to farm may have to be curtailed at times in order for the whole society to benefit. Careful reasoning, further university research regarding agricultural wastes and odors, accurate information and level-headed dialogue are needed as Huron County agriculture continues toward large-scale animal production.

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**RECOLLECTIONS Of By-Gone Days**  
BY GEORGE KEIM

**EDITORS' NOTE:** The Progress-Advance is reprinting several of George Keim's columns from past years, while he is vacationing in The Netherlands.

**DEAR EDITOR:**  
Some time ago, I met Roy Gayari in the Co-op gas station in Pigeon and we had a good visit. We both started to work the same time, back about 1941 and we used to attend auction sales to buy our farm equipment.

Tom Stahlbaum was the main auctioneer around Bad Axe then, and he was a good one. He could pick up bids no matter where you were and he always said he'll never uncover a bidder. And if he said he had a bid, he had it.

They didn't have anybody working in the ring like they do now and they didn't have number like now either. The auctioneer had to call out your name and the clerk would write it down.

And if anybody ever went to a sale over east of Bad Axe, you'll know there are a lot of names that are very hard to pronounce there.

He used to say that friendship ceases at an auction sale, but if he could get two brothers bidding against each other, that was his delight. But he'd never have a husband and wife bid against each other because he said they had enough trouble already!

I bought my first two cows at one of his sales. One came out in the ring just as a sheep buck was after a man and everybody was watching and not paying attention to the sale. I got her for \$90.

Then one came out and splashed mud and water all over people and I got her for \$112.

Once during the war, when there was a ceiling on a lot of stuff, they had a sale where

there was a tractor for sale. There was a ceiling on it.

More than 40 people put their names on slips and they had a drawing — and a six year old boy won it! Well, Stahlbaum got angry. He said anybody knows that a six year old boy can't afford to buy a tractor and he said he believes his Dad put his name in — and maybe his Dad put his own name and paid some other men to put in theirs.

He made them throw away all the tickets and start over. And whoever won, if he wasn't able to pay for it and wasn't a farmer, he would have him arrested!

Then they drew over and there were only 12 slips in the hat. A farmer east of Elkton won and he needed a tractor and could pay for it.

There was a ceiling on hay tools and lots of other things. Some people got by by taking an old piece of machinery and selling it and then give them the tractor or whatever they wanted, but some got caught and it cost them a lot of money 'til they got done with it.

In Romans 12:17 it says, "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in sight of all men." So you see that even if some things are legal, not all things are honest.

A man once came to me and had a tractor he would have sold me. But I'd have had to take an old disk that was worn out. I didn't like the deal and told him so. My father and wife stood by me and later I got a much better tractor and it was a lot cheaper.

So you see, if pays to be honest, even if it's legal to be a little crooked.

Sincerely yours,  
GEORGE KEIM

**COUNTY ROUND-UP**  
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**LAKE LEVELS STILL FALL**

Little could be done quickly to relieve flooding conditions, if high water returns to the Great Lakes. That's a prime conclusion of the International Joint Commission's latest report, as the U.S.-Canadian group studies lake water levels.

Lake Huron is nearly two feet lower than it was in December, 1986, says the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. However, the Joint Commission says lowering Lake Huron 1 1/2 feet in five years is the most that any combination of new actions could do, the task force says. It was formed to examine all possible ways of reducing the record-high water of summer and fall, 1986.

Thanks to falling levels, less shoreline erosion has been evident this year. Fewer than 10 homes sank into the Great Lakes this year, compared with 60 in 1986, state officials say.

Thanks A Million  
BY PERCY ROSS

You may write to Percy Ross in care of The Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, MN 55435. Please include your telephone number with your letter.

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**

This is a request for you to send a microwave oven to a group of 50 priests and monks.

I am neither Catholic nor religious. However, last spring I was honored to be invited to dinner at Father Bill's monastery. Although the Sunday menu was good food, the "hot" food was as cold as the cold food.

It turns out they have no way of keeping the food hot because the meal hour lasts at least two hours. The priests and monks go to dinner at different times due to their work schedule.

Even though these priests have "chosen" their way of life and do not complain, I feel that they would appreciate a hot meal that is hot. A microwave would be just right for them, especially since they wander in alone at scattered times to have their meals.

This has been on my mind ever since my visit, but there is no way I could afford to buy them one. However, I feel they are most deserving. Afterall, this is a modern age. And so, this letter to you. — Mr. P., Bridgewater, N.J.

**DEAR MR. P.:**

I agree — just because one takes a vow of poverty, chastity and obedience... doesn't mean they have to eat their food cold. These men will soon be slinging some heavenly hash. My forthcoming check will purchase a suitable microwave oven.

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**DEAR MR. ROSS:**

I'm writing for my daughter who's had polio since she was 11.

She's now 40. The polio left her feet two different shoe sizes. To date, she has never been able to afford to buy two pairs of shoes at the same time. I'm asking for enough to buy her low-heeled shoes, size 6 and 8, any color.

Maybe I'm wrong to ask your help. There are a lot more people who need help with more important things. — Mrs. I.W., Erie, PA.

**DEAR MRS. W.:**

I'm sending your daughter \$100 to foot her shoe needs.

I'm also including information about the National Odd Shoe Exchange. They handle new donated footwear from shoe stores, manufacturing companies and their members. It operates as an address exchange to put its members in contact with others having the reciprocal shoe size. You can write them at P.O. Box 56845, Phoenix, Ariz. 85079.

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**DEAR MR. ROSS:**

We're having some problems that we could use help with. First, my father broke both his legs when he fell off a hang glider. Needless to say, we lost the glider.

Then grandma tried to hand herself in the barn. She was unsuccessful, so now we hide all rope from her. She requires extensive chiropractic treatment for her neck.

I offer as much support as I can, but I'm being held on suspicion of cat burglary, just because I like to climb roof tops.

As if these problems weren't bad enough, the dog has taken up smoking pot, which you know is extremely bad for his health.

**Area school lunch menus**

Week of Jan. 11-15  
**LAKER SCHOOLS**

Elementary alternate choices daily: pizza and chicken nuggets. Secondary alternate choices daily: Nachos Supreme, chicken nuggets, ravioli.

**MONDAY:** Submarine sandwich.

**TUESDAY:** Tunafish on a croissant, chicken rice soup.

**WEDNESDAY:** French toast sticks and sausage.

**THURSDAY:** Ham and scalloped potatoes.

**FRIDAY:** Hamburger.

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Saturday 7:30 and 9:30  
"Balcony Nite" Is Friday

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**Pigeon holiday visiting**

By DOROTHY DIENER

Mr. and Mrs. John Mitin of Port Richey, Fla. were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mitin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Killinger and family of Reese spent the New Year's weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Turner.

A New Year's dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Binder and family was his mother, Mrs. Ada Binder.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dubs were their family members.

New Year's Day guests and football game spectators with Mr. and Mrs. Don Roestel were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roestel and Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Warren and Theresa Haley.

Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum Baerwolf were New Year's dinner guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Arststead in Snover.

On Christmas Eve, Mrs. Helen Wallace was a guest of Mrs. Carol Hobkirk in Bad Axe. On Christmas Day she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zurbirck in Pinnebog.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Jimmy spent Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith in Milford. The following Saturday they attended the wedding of John's sister, Sharon Smith and Jerry Thomas in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Colison were New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Harry Kuhl in Elkton. Spending Christmas Day with their mother and grand mother, Mrs. Frances Richmond, were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Richmond and son Karl of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Steve McIlhargie and sons Todd and Adam of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dorenkamp of Traverse City and Angela Richmond of Ferndale. Ronny took a few days off from his trucking job to be with his family and friends. His home base is with Werner Enterprises from Omaha, Neb.

Meldrum Baerwolf and Roy Schweitzer entertained with music and songs at the Society for the Arts in Caro on Thursday.



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sports of the week

As Laker spikers open their season!

'Perfect Day' follows opening jitters

By TIM BLAKENEY

Finally the Laker girls volleyball season is underway. They started Tuesday, Dec. 29 with a 30-team invitational in Carrollton and their own tournament on Saturday.

With opening jitters, the first few hours looked a little bleak for the new coach Vickie Rothfuss and her team. They started out cold on Tuesday. After losing a couple of early games, Coach Rothfuss said, "We started out badly." But with the tournament was still young, the Lakers had worked out the bugs and ended with a second place finish and a first on Saturday.

By 4 p.m. at Carrollton, most teams had their hands full with duffel bags to go home. The Lakers had their hands full with Pinconning and had no intentions of going home just yet.

To get to the semi-finals, they had to overcome Pinconning, which started with a 4-1 lead in the first game. Lakers came back leading 9-4 before Pinconning won the serve back. Pinconning then went into a scoring spurge and tied the score at 10 apiece.

Lakers won the next five points winning 15-10. The second game of the match also began slowly for the Green. They were down 1-6 when Jenny Warren stepped up to serve seven straight. Lakers found themselves behind again, 8 to 11 this time. Sara Anthes came off the bench to serve four aces. Warren ended the game serving the last three to move on to the semi-finals.

Otisville-Lakeville was next to be sent home by the Lakers. Jackie Ginter started the first game with four straight serves. Otisville struck back with five points. Then the two teams kept trading points. Lakers were losing 15-16

when Ginter set up Warren for a side-out kill shot. Tami Peyerck came in and served the next three points to win 18-16. In the second game of the match, the Lakers took an early lead and kept it to win 15-10.

The championship match was against Bay City Handy, coached by former Laker volleyball coach Irene Green. Handy started with an 11-0 lead. Warren got the comeback going with an across the court kill shot. Peyerck served two aces. Ginter set up Lisa Buschlen, then Brenda Buschlen to get two moe. It was 12-4 when Connie Schulz served three aces and Tracie Henne blocked one. Handy got two more points.

When Rothfuss called time-out, it was 14-8. Brenda Buschlen served seven in a row and Warren served the last point to win 16-14. Handy won game two, 15-10 with little difficulty and they won the third game, but not so easily. The final score was 16-14.

**A PERFECT DAY:** Saturday volleyball action took place at Laker High School and the Green and White had a perfect day. The home team showed no mercy as they defeated Ubyly 15-4 and 15-1 in the semi-finals. The championship match was against Unionville-Sebewaing. In that game, Jackie Ginter served 15 consecutive points, not allowing USA to serve. The next game was 15-4, in favor of Lakers.

Upon the perfect performance by the Lakers, Coach Rothfuss said, "We were consistent. Our game is to hit hard under pressure." Did they ever!

**TOTALS:** Of the two tournaments, setter Jackie Ginter had over 160 kill assists and 21 ace serves. Jenny Warren 59 kills, six blocks, Lisa Buschlen 51 kills, 10 ace serves, Connie

Pesticide program dates set

Two dates have been set for Huron County growers to be certified or recertified to use Restricted Use Pesticides, announced Jim LeCureux, Huron Extension agricultural agent. The dates are January 27 and March 8. Both programs will be offered at Huron County Skill Center starting at 10 a.m.

A training session will review the R.U.P. laws, safety practices and proper pesticide application procedures. The test will be administered by M.D.A. at 1 p.m.

If you are not presently certified, you will need to obtain a study booklet and registration card from the Cooperative Extension Office at 104 County Building, Bad Axe, LeCureux said. The registration card, along with a \$10 registration fee must be sent to the Michigan Department of Agriculture at least 2 weeks prior to taking the test. In return mail, you will receive a confirmation card with your certification number on it. This card MUST be presented the day of the test to be eligible.

If you are already certified, you should have received a packet within 90 days of your expiration date. Bring that information with you to the test site to be eligible.

In addition, it is important that you register with the Huron County Cooperative Extension Service so that enough tests will be available each day. Lunch will be available at the Skill Center for about \$3.

If you have questions, please contact Jim LeCureux at the Huron County Extension Service office.

More and more pesticides are becoming restricted each year and it's important that at least one person on

each farm become certified. Huron County has over 350 certified private applicators. This is the highest number for any county in the Saginaw Valley/Thumb Area.

Walter is top bowler

The Thumb Area Womens' Bowling Association Bowler of the Week for Dec. 14-20 is Rejo Walter, who bowled an actual series of 586.

Walter bowls for Signs by Craig on the Tuesday Ladies Night Out League at Bad Axe Lanes.

Other 550 and higher series bowlers were: Lyla Merrick 592, Biff's, Kinde; Martha Shaw 573, Bad Axe Lanes; Bea Harwood 567, Biff's, Kinde and Pam Corcoran 555, Charmont, Cass City.

Bird estimates given

Huron Audubon Club staged its first annual Christmas Bird Count, and listed more than 1,500 birds in 38 different species, according to Monica Essenmacher of Port Austin, president of the club.

Six participants joined the count, joining hundreds of other bird clubs all the way from the frigid Northwest Territories to the balmy tropics of Costa Rica, which annually join the event.

Included in the Huron County were a Snowy Owl, Northern Shrike, and the rare Barrow's Goldeneye Duck, which was spotted by Gerry and Margaret Aleya of Eagle Bay.

Those interested in joining the Huron Audubon Club's Spring Count are invited to contact Ms. Kornacki at 738-7578 weekends.

Next on schedules for the Lakers is the Delta Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 9.

K of C holds Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is planned for Saturday, Jan. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the Laker High School gym.

The contest is being sponsored by the K of C Council No. 8042 of Pigeon-Caseville.

Contestants are asked to sign up at the schools they are now attending. For more information, contact Bernard King at 453-3026.



**GUYS and DOLLS**

Roedel-Strauch	29
Dubs-Smith	26 1/2
Elbing-Roedel	25 1/2
Gunden-Rapson	25
Christner-Henne	25
Hanitz-Hundersmarck	24
Beachy-Weidman	23
McCrimmon-Cusimano	22
Kretzschmer-Thiel	21
Morin-Rowe	19
Dunn-Seemann	16
Dietzel-Swartzendruber	8

**PIGEON TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE**

Pioneer Cablevision	10 1/2
Coors	10
Arlen's Duck Inn	8
Steinman Agency	8
Farm Crest Foods	6
Dutch Kettle	5
Osentoski Ford Tractor	4 1/2
* Bob Smith Builders	4
Kretzschmer HC	4
Pigeon Lumber	4
Pigeon Inn	2
* Ralph's Tavern	2
* Incomplete	

**PIGEON WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES**

— First Half Standings —

Bay Port State Bank	37 1/2
Cloud of Dust Ceramics	36
Varty's	35
Ralph's Tavern	33 1/2
JuDen's	33
Haist Flowers	31 1/2
Miller High Life	30
Pigeon Auto Supply	29
Bay Port Construction	27
Damm's Inc.	26 1/2
Village Qwik Stop	25
Country Lane Video	16

**ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE**

— First Half Final Standings —

Don's Barber Shop	69
Jim's Garage	61
Finkbeiner's Farm Equip	60
Hazard's Hotsy	54
Auto Color Professionals	49
Thumme Insurance	46
Moon Beams	46
Elkton Petroleum	35

**PIGEON MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE**

George's Bar	45
Pigeon Lanes	35
Millers	35
Qwik Stop	33 1/2
Pigeon Motor Sales	33
Bay Shore Collision	31 1/2
J & B Plg.	30
Damm's Inc.	28 1/2
J.O. Wurst Tiling	24 1/2
Brighton Metal	22
Bay Shore Realty	21
Walsh Packing	21

**TY'S SATURDAY GRANDMA-GRANDPA LEAGUE**

Krohn-Klosowski	16
Rosenthal-Buchholz	14
Burk-Leppke	10
Gayari-Morin	8

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We're Asking YOU....



THIS WEEK'S "WE'RE ASKING YOU" QUESTION, ASKED BY RENEE BUSHEY AND KRIS McBRIDE:

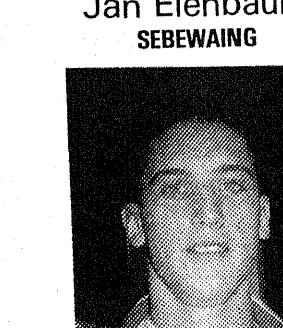
Now that the holidays are over, how do you plan to spend these cold, dark winter evenings?



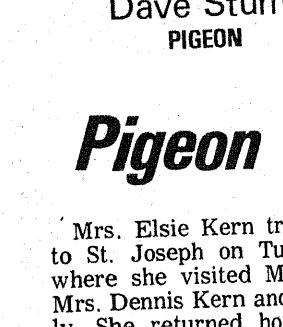
Playing basketball with friends. Steve Deneen ELKTON



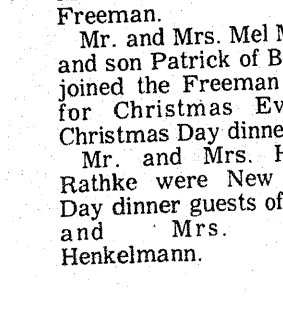
Going to Laker Basketball games, snowmobiling and being with my family. Jan Elenbaum SEBEWAING



Studying for college. Dave Sturm PIGEON



Recuperating from the holiday rush. Fred Joles PIGEON



Doing book work and watching a little TV. Dale Wertz BAY PORT

Pigeon holiday news

Mrs. Elsie Kern traveled to St. Joseph on Tuesday, where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kern and family. She returned home on Saturday.

Daniel Freeman returned to Michigan Technological University, Houghton, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Manyen and son Patrick of Bay City joined the Freeman family for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke were New Years' Day dinner guests of Pastor and Mrs. Ernest Henkelmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean and family spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dean in Crosswell.

On Dec. 27 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Snyder and Butch Robinson enjoyed their family Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Casey and family in Crosswell.

On New Years' Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schuette, Clare Schuette of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richmond and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haley and family gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crump and boys in Hemlock for their Christmas party.

Huron Bean Day set Jan. 14

Huron County Bean Day 1988 will be on Thursday, January 14, at Knights of Columbus Hall on M-53, west of Bad Axe, according to Jim LeCureux, Huron Extension agricultural agent.

The program will start at 10 am and among topics to be covered will be a review of consumer's food demands, leafhopper control, narrow-row bean production and use of an air-reel in harvesting dry beans.

In addition, there will be the regular reports by the Michigan Bean Commission, a marketing update, Greg Varner's review of the dry bean variety trials and a review of the plot work done by the Huron County Cooperative Extension staff during 1987.

Due to the program being moved to a new location, there will be a \$3 registration fee at the door to help offset program costs.

Pigeon holiday news

By DOROTHY DIENER

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gransden with Ronnie Error of South Lyon were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Error and family of Owendale.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eis-

inger and Ronnie Error of South Lyon, Mike Error of Gagetown, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Error and Ryan of Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kern and family and Mrs. Elsie Kern went to Stryker, Ohio to visit with Pastor and Mrs. Dale Kern and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Born and Holly stayed with Mrs. Dorothy Leitch in Warren on Friday through Sunday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolak and family. Mr. and Mrs. James Avery, all of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneck and family in Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Leitch and family in Sterling Heights and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frohriepals in Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stevenson and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roestel and friend enjoyed skiing at Lupton over the weekend.

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# The Past In Print

From the Archives of  
The Pigeon Progress and The Elkton Advance

## 90 YEARS AGO JAN. 7, 1898

The band boys dance New Year's Eve was a grand success both socially and financially. About 40 tickets were sold and a nicer and more agreeable gathering could not be asked for. It is to be hoped that the boys will sometime in the near future favor Pigeon folks with another such entertainment.

Have your cutters repaired by G.C. Heineman. Adv.

## 80 YEARS AGO JAN. 3, 1908

The Pigeon School enrolled two Russian pupils Monday. The duty of the American public school is to educate and Americanize the foreign children who enter our land from year to year.

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Milk cans should never be tightly closed when not in use and should be placed on a rack in an inverted position so that the dust cannot blow into them. If possible, they should be placed where the sun will shine on them, as that will do much toward keeping them pure and sweet.

## 70 YEARS AGO JAN. 4, 1918

The government is going to send out men to instruct taxpayers in preparing income tax returns. It will be up to taxpayers to hunt up these men, who will be sent to every county seat town to meet the people. Returns for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

Have you renewed your subscription to the Red Cross? If not, why not? Our boys are in training in the armed forces and many are already in action, with more going every few weeks. Uncle Sam wants to know who is for and who is against him. Even if you did pay a dollar for a year's subscription last fall, give again.

## 60 YEARS AGO JAN. 6, 1928

County Clerk William G. Clark reports that 4,100 automobile license plates for 1928 have been sold up to this time. It is expected that total sales for the year will be 9,000.

The size of paper money will change late this year for the first time since 1861. The federal government hopes to save \$2 million with the smaller bills, since more will be printed at once on the same size paper sheets.

## 50 YEARS AGO JAN. 7, 1938

The Pigeon Independents will play their first basketball game of the season when they meet the fast U.S. Graphite team of Saginaw on Saturday. The Pigeon team is also sponsoring a dance at Drury Lane on Tuesday evening.

Clarence Gettel returned to East Lansing Monday after spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gettel, Pigeon. Sauerkraut Supper 35c at St. Francis Auditorium, Pigeon, Jan. 11. Card games will follow.

## 40 YEARS AGO JAN. 2, 1948

New Year 1948 will find an average person traveling 2,400 miles in the year and that person will buy four pairs of shoes this year. An average family will pay \$605.35 for new clothing, while women will wear 2½ pounds of clothing to a man's 8½ pounds.

Kaiser-Frazer Corp. has raced past the production milestone of 1,000 cars a day at Willow Run near Detroit.

## 30 YEARS AGO JAN. 2, 1958

Miss Dorothea Elbing of Berkeley is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dast, Pigeon and other relatives.

Don't blame the farmer if your market basket of groceries is costing more says Congressman Robert J. McIntosh. The farmer today receives only 39c of the consumer's dollar, compared with 51c a few years ago.

Time now to join your county Farm Bureau. Enroll during roll call January 2-13. Adv.

Jumbo Hamburger (half-pound ground steak) only 40c. Luncheons served daily at Bud's Bar, Elkton. Adv.

## 20 YEARS AGO JAN. 4, 1968

With Republican presidential hopeful Gov. George Romney touring foreign lands, Lt. Gov. William Milliken filled in at the signing of the Michigan Printing Week proclamation in Lansing.

General Telephone spent nearly \$30 million in service improvement in 1967, the firm reports.

Postage stamp vending machines will be converted for the new 6-cent first class stamps, 5-cent post cards and 10-cent air mail according to Pigeon Postmaster Racheter.

## 10 YEARS AGO JAN. 5, 1978

With this issue of The Progress Advance, Mark Rummel of Port Huron becomes the new editor and publisher, having purchased Thumb Publications Inc., and The Progress Advance from Asel and Harriett Collins. This marks only the sixth ownership change since the newspaper was founded 80 years ago.

The Collins Family has been associated with the paper for 29 years. Rummel, formerly of The Times Herald in Port Huron, is the son of Walter and Margretta Rummel, Sebewaing, who sold the newspaper to the Collins Family in 1951.

George Dunn, 79 of Pigeon, a Michigan State Representative from 1952 to 1961, died Dec. 27 in Florida. He leaves a sister.

Pigeon Markets: Beans \$20; soybeans \$5.52; wheat 2.48; oats 1.50; corn 1.87.

Fire investigators have not yet revealed the probable cause of a Dec. 23 fire that destroyed two chicken coops four miles south of Bay Port on M-25, with an estimated loss of more than \$140,000.

Mrs. Margaret J. Schember, 94, Caseville, passed away Dec. 31. She is survived by a daughter and two sons.

## FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES

## 57 YEARS AGO JAN. 1, 1931

The Elkton school board has decided on plans for the new school building and an election will be held Jan. 15. Taxpayers are urged to vote for or against the bonding of a \$60,000 school building for Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Eidt, William and Earl Eidt, Miss Violet Duffy and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller were guests over Christmas at the Al Knechtel home, Elkton.

A big benefit supper with

oysters, chicken and every other good thing to eat will be served Friday evening, Jan. 9 at the farm home of Ed Wilson, Limerick Rd., Chandler Twp. This is a community affair and there will be vocal and instrumental music. Come and help us in the good work. Plans are to serve 200. Adv.

The Misses Dorthea, Amanda and Sopha Elbing of Detroit spent Christmas at the Henry Elbing home, Elkton.

Ret. Duane Rolph of Camp McCoy is spending a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rolph, Elkton.

## 37 YEARS AGO DEC. 28, 1950

Members of the Elkton Boy Scout troop and Explorers are having a toboggan party at Silver Spring, East Tawas today.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Shapow of Sebewaing announce the engagement of their daughter Doris to John G. Rymhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bernhard, Jr., Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Libka of Pigeon announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lou, to Michael Raymond McKinnon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McKinnon of Rockford, Ill.

Mary is a 1962 graduate of Laker High School and a 1967 graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute. Michael is a 1986 graduate of Iowa State University. Both are currently employed at GMC Truck Division of General Motors in Pontiac.

## 44 YEARS AGO DEC. 23, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Seley and daughter have moved from Bad Axe to the Dan Miller farm near Elkton.

Opening its defense of the CTA League championship, the Elkton High School basketball team defeated Ublv Friday night 20 to 16, through the margin gained in the first half.

William Taylor, 77, pioneer resident of Meade and widely known well driller, passed away Monday

## 51 YEARS AGO DEC. 24, 1936

Ray Wakefield, well-known Elkton young man, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at his home. He had been ill since last Friday with pneumonia. His condition grew worse and a special nurse was called into the home yesterday.

Mrs. Lucy Detloff sustained a painful fracture of her left arm and wrist in a fall Wednesday when she tripped on the sidewalk in front of the Allison residence. She had a similar accident at the same place six years ago.

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An Oct. 15 wedding is being planned.

# Celebrate!

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## Pigeon District Library News & Notes

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

The Jan. 12 Tuesday Story Hour at the Pigeon District Library will be about "Strangers, Beware" with stories "Strangers" and "The Berenstain Bears Learn about Strangers."

Special activities will include exercises, a song, memory game and fingerplays. Musical instruments will also highlight Story Hour.

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. session. A registration fee of \$5 per family, per year, will be charged.

### SENIOR CITIZEN FILM FESTIVAL

The Pigeon District Library will host a Film Festival for senior citizens on Friday, Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m. "Black Beauty" will be the film presented. Seniors are invited to meet new friends and bring old friends!

### NEW BOOKS ADULT

"A World Too Wide" by Gregory McDonald, "The Bad Angel" by Ernest Gann, "Out of the Rain" by Elisabeth Cadell, "Perdita's Prince" by Jean Flaidy, "The Tommy Knockers" by Stephen King, "The Lady" by Anne McCaffrey, "Sons and Daughter" by Stephen Longstreet, "Teachers Pet" by Domini Taylor, "Winter" by Len Deighton, "Mongoose R.I.P." by William Buckley, "Homesteading On Grasshopper Flats" by Etta Rose Knox, "Rite of Spring" by Andrew Greeley and "The

Fierce Dispute" by Helen Santmyer.

### OVERDUES

The Library would like to remind everyone that now is the time to take care of your 1987 overdue fines and to start fresh.

Did you know that the most overdue book fine ever was calculated as \$2,264? It was checked out in 1823 and returned in 1968 by the borrower's great-grandson. (But not around here!)

Here is a little poem:

—Overdues—  
What do I do?  
What do I do?  
This library book is 42 years overdue.  
I admit that it's mine  
But I can't pay the fine.  
Should I turn it in  
Or hide it again?  
What do I do?  
What do I do?

### M.L. KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY

Take time to honor this great American who did much to advance the cause of civil rights in our country. The 1964 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored with a national holiday in his name on the third Monday in January, Jan. 18.

He was a believer in non-violent protest. There was a time when blacks were not allowed to vote, had to stay in separate areas of restaurants and buses and were not allowed into "white" schools and housing.

If you are interested in reading about Martin Luther King, Jr., the Pigeon District Library has a section of books just for you.

# Lake-Chandler news items

By MILDRED BALLGACH

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Wightman were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Everett and daughter Julie of Clarkston, Mrs. H. Kreh, Mr. and Mrs. Don Faupel and son David of Elkton.

Mrs. George Southworth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leiprandt and daughter Julie had a pre-Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Southworth in Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wakefield of Adrian joined the rest of the family for the gathering.

Christmas weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. Kate Ross were Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lynch of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Butch (Susan) Coles of Ypsilanti. Other guests were Mrs. R. Ross and daughter Jill, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ross, Jr. and children Jessica and Kelly of Caseville.

Mrs. Walter Bedford spent a few days including Christmas with her sister, Beatrice Stange in Bay City. Mr. and Mrs. William McBride spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McBride and family at Lake Orion. The Don Ahearns of Saginaw were also Christmas dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bedford of Grand Rapids attended a family gathering with Lucy Dietzel on Christmas Eve and were overnight guests.

Mrs. Phyllis McCairns spent the Christmas holidays with her children in Detroit.

# Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Decker



Bud and Lydia Decker of Elkton were honored with a surprise dinner party in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 24 at the Sandpiper Restaurant, Caseville for 65 relatives and friends.

The party was hosted by their children, George and Linda Gardy, Lois Gilbert, Mike and Lorraine LePage and Kent and Lori McKenzie. The couple also have 10 grandchildren.

The former Lydia Trost and Bud Decker were married on Jan. 10, 1948 at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon by Rev. E.G. Richter. Attendants for the couple were Elsie (Trost) Sturm, Pigeon, Louise Schultz, Grand Rapids, Richard Decker, Canton and Norman Schultz, now deceased.

Honorary guest was Bud's mother, Hattie Decker. Other guests were present from Hannibal, Canton, Saginaw, Otter Lake and the surrounding areas.

Many gifts and cards were received by the honored couple.

# It's a girl!

A daughter, Kayla Rae, was born to James and Tammy Armbruster of Pigeon on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Kayla Rae weighed 7 lbs. 7½ oz. and measured 18 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roedel and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armbruster, all of Pigeon.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lutz of Sebewaing and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roedel of Pigeon.

Kayla also has a great grandmother, Mrs. Otto Rathje of Pigeon.

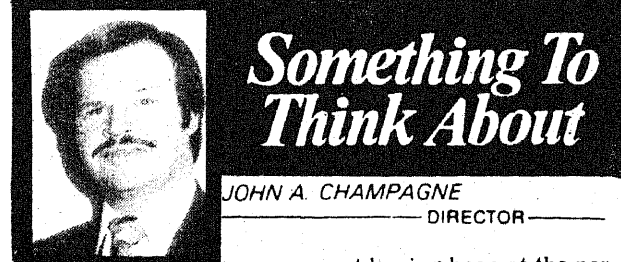
Kayla joins a sister, Patricia and brothers Jason and Ryan at home.

# Lake-Chandler news items

By MILDRED BALLGACH

Mr. and Mrs. David McBride and sons Ryan and Brett of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bruce and sons Justin, Matthew and Timothy of Elkton and Heather McBride of Caseville spent Christmas night with their father, Fred McBride. Annette called from California and Scott called from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gots, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gots and family, Marcie, Nathan and Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Erner and daughter Kari and Ray Erner of Michigan Technological University, Houghton were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner and family of Deckerville.



# Something To Think About

JOHN A. CHAMPAGNE  
DIRECTOR

## GRIEF AND GUILT?

After the death of a loved one, feelings can often be ambivalent. There is grief. There may also be some sense of relief. Whether this relief comes from the feeling that the loved one is no longer suffering, from not having to witness that suffering, or from not having to care for the person any longer, such reactions are human and natural.

However, most people don't see it that way. They feel guilty about these natural feelings. Could they have really loved the person if one part of them feels relieved by the death? They may blame themselves for not having done more, for having uttered some cross words, for not having been at the person's side more.

Self-blame is a no-win deal. No matter what miracles of nurturance the bereaved may have performed for the deceased, there will ALWAYS be gaps in the record and hence room for self-doubts. The more a survivor broods on what might have been, the worse things get psychologically.

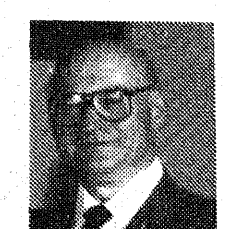
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# United in marriage

Mr. and Mrs. David Ellicott

St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Uby, was the scene of wedding vows recited between Lesa Ann Smithers of Bad Axe and David Willard Ellicott of Owendale on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Officiating at the traditional ceremony was Father Patrick O'Connor, who united the children of Robert and Marlene Smithers of Bad Axe and Willard and Helen Ellicott.

A total of 300 wedding guests witnessed the ceremony, which included special wedding selections "Sunrise, Sunset," "Trumpet Voluntary," "Holy Spirit," "All I Ask of You," "What Love Is" and "Joy of Son of Man's Desiring."

Soloist John Gunden of Bad Axe was accompanied by organist Lynn Schmidt of Elkton, cousin of the groom.

The main altar was decorated with matching vases of white gladioli, red carnations, purple statice and baby's breath, as the bride approached it on the arm of father.

Her gown of white summer satin was trimmed with venice and schiffli lace and pearls. The gown also featured a Queen Anne neckline, leg o mutton sleeves and a scalloped shaped train trimmed with venice lace and appliques.

The bride carried an everlasting silk bouquet of

Lily of the Valley, stephanotis, hot pink roses, white roses and miniature carnations. Trailing satin streamers completed the arrangement.

Standing up for her friend as maid of honor was Carrie Westrick of Burnside, Minn., assisted by bridesmaids Michelle Cubitt of Bad Axe, friend of the bride and Lynette Smithers of Detroit, sister of the bride.

The attendants were attired in dusty rose colored dresses and carried colonial bouquets of hot pink roses, red miniature carnations, purple statice and baby's breath. A chantilly lace ruffle and satin streamers completed the bouquet.

Preceding the bride down the aisle was flower girl Katie Sweeney of Bad Axe, niece of the groom. She was dressed in a miniature version of the bride's gown and carried a chantilly lace basket filled with hot pink roses and miniature carnations, purple statice and baby's breath. She wore a ring of baby's breath and satin streamers in her hair.

The groom's brother, Frank Ellicott of Mayville, was selected as best man, assisted by groomsmen Clifton Endersbe of Pinconning, cousin of the groom and Dana Smithers of Bad Axe, brother of the bride.

Helping to seat the guests were ushers Darren Smithers of Bad Axe, brother of the bride and Steve Ellicott of Mayville, nephew of the groom.

The honored mother wore a mauve floor-length gown and a keepsake corsage of

sweetheart roses, baby's breath and complementary trim.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chiappetta

Joseph Chiappetta of Sterling Heights and Clara Leinweber of Union Lake exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 17 at the Union Lake Baptist Church.

The bride, a graduate of William Tyndale College, is currently employed as a social worker at the Childrens' Village in Detroit.

Her husband, a graduate of Oakland University, is currently employed as a financial analyst for the United States Automotive and Tank Command in Warren.

The bride's parents, Ronald and Ruth Leinweber, have a summer home in Pigeon. The newlyweds are making their home in Wixom.



## SOUND-OFF !!

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Call 453-2323 anytime, 24 hours a day, so we receive your call by 10 p.m. each Sunday. Or, write your comments to SOUND-OFF, P.O. Box 589, Pigeon, MI., 48755, or drop them off at The Progress-Advance office.

Hey you kids, why don't more of you go to see your folks in their old age? If you have hard feelings, you have a whole life ahead of you. And we after 65 don't have that much time left.

We waited on you for 18 years or more. Please think of us more. We need a hug and kiss once in a while. And it will make getting old a lot better.

I'm one of the lucky ones. My children love me. If you do this,

I'm sure you will feel better and so will they. Take time while you have them. They won't be here forever. A.M.

Could someone tell me what you should do with used paint thinner and turpentine and such things, to dispose of them? Thank you.

I agree that the press tells us too much about the sleeping habits of presidential candidates. But then, nothing else makes any of them interesting.

To the person who wants roads paved with county millage: home ownership has nothing to do with road building and repairs. This is why we have gas tax, diesel fuel tax and license tax,

which by the way, are being increased again.

If people are so concerned about the effects alcohol has on innocent motorists and their families, I wonder why they feel it necessary to advertise it on television? An alcoholic doesn't buy a product because of the advertising, but because of the addiction to it. It gives confusing messages to children that drink-

ing is glamorous and exciting. If people want to attack the problem, start with banning the unnecessary television ads.

Mike D.: How did you like getting stopped by the state cops on New Year's Eve? With love from someone who loves you. Bye.

To the person who thinks grave blankets are a dissolution of love and not an illustration of love: I hope someday someone gives you a grave blanket to keep those cold chills from your dead bones. You probably will appreciate it more when you are dead than you do now. Thank you.

I wish the person who keeps dropping off kittens and dogs in our neighborhood would stop it. You come from in town and leave them off here in the country, sometimes to die cruelly. Don't be so mean.

Those flashing strobe lights on the top of the school buses are a very good idea. They help you see the bus coming or going and are an excellent safety aid, I think.

For persons who have to rent, I have some advice for you: renting is for the birds. There are no real benefits from it and all it does is cost more each year.

There are so many nice lights this year. I'll give \$25 to the first street next year, eight houses or more, where they all have lights up from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Call the newspaper office when you street qualifies.

## Farm programs require SCS approval

Farmers who want to be eligible for federal farm program benefits in 1990 must meet conservation compli-

ance requirements as legislated by the 1985 Farm Bill, according to Lester Goke of Soil Conservation

Service. "All farmers involved in USDA or Farm-Home Administration programs need

to meet with a Soil Conservation Service District conservationist before Jan. 1, 1990, to determine if they have highly erodible soils on their farms," says Goke.

**SHOULD CHECK:** "Even if farmers feel they don't have highly erodible soils on their farms or on land they rent, they will be ineligible for federal programs if they fail to have a determination made by an agent."

Arrangements for a "determination" must be made by individual farmers. SCS personnel stated they are concerned that farmers will wait until the last minute to begin making plans, and 1990 will arrive without all farmers being enrolled.

**INCLUDED ARE:** Federal programs that could be lost to individual farmers include USDA price and income supports, disaster payments, federal crop insurance, FmHA loans, CCC storage payments, farm storage facility loans and Conservation Reserve Program annual payments.

To ensure that farmers follow their recorded conservation compliance plans, ASCS personnel will run spot checks on 15% of Michigan's farms. Failure to comply will result in loss of USDA benefits for that year.

Because not all counties have up-to-date soil surveys, some Michigan farmers will not have to comply with the Jan. 1, 1990, deadline for filing conservation compliance plans.

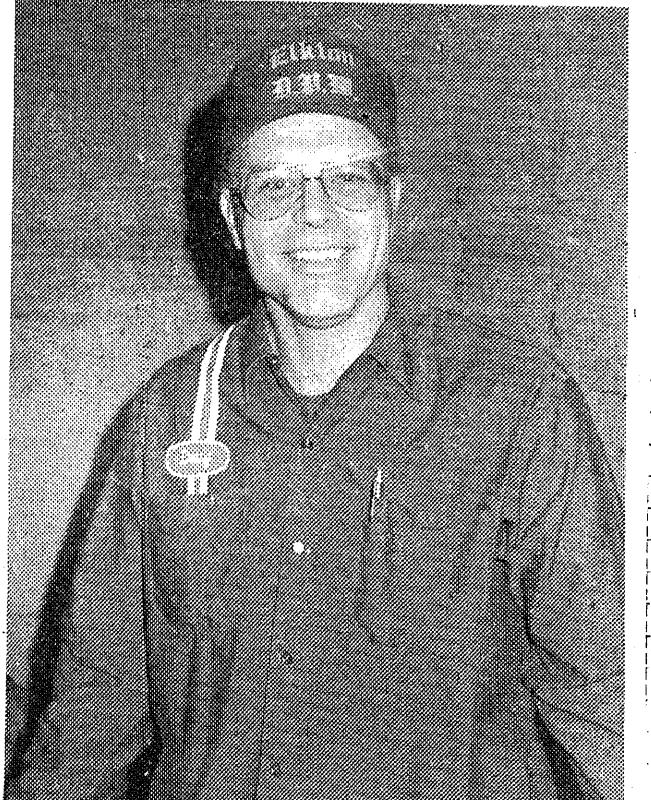
Farmers in these counties will be required to file their plans within two years after the soil survey map has been completed.

## Lake-Chandler news

Lola Tropea joined her two sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tropea and family of Washington D.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tropea and family of Sterling Heights at the Seven Springs Ski Lodge at Pittsburgh, Pa., where they gathered for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This is the first Christmas since 1975 that the families, including seven grandchildren, have been together.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Simons and Amy Jaworski spent a few days in Detroit with Joe Fortier and attended the funeral of Hazel's niece, Kathleen McLean.

## What's YOUR job?



**Doug Keyworth**

"I work as a member of the Elkton DPW crew. I've been here three years and I love every minute of it.

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## Michigan reaps VA benefits

A significant portion of the Veterans Administration 1987 construction budget has been apportioned to Michigan, according to the Chicago VA Office of Public Affairs.

Working with a budget of \$766.1 million, the largest in the VA's 57-year history, officials allotted \$3.5 million for upgrading and expanding Veterans' facilities in Michigan.

Most of Michigan's portion has been earmarked for construction of a new acute care facility at the Allen Park VA Medical Center. Other Michigan expenditures are targeted for the Battle Creek VAMC.

Thomas K. Turnage, Veterans Affairs administrator, described the VA's nationwide medical facilities as a major national asset, and said they "illustrate our determination to provide veterans, now and in the future, with the best medical care possible, which is what the American people have charged us to do."

**James J. Blanchard,**  
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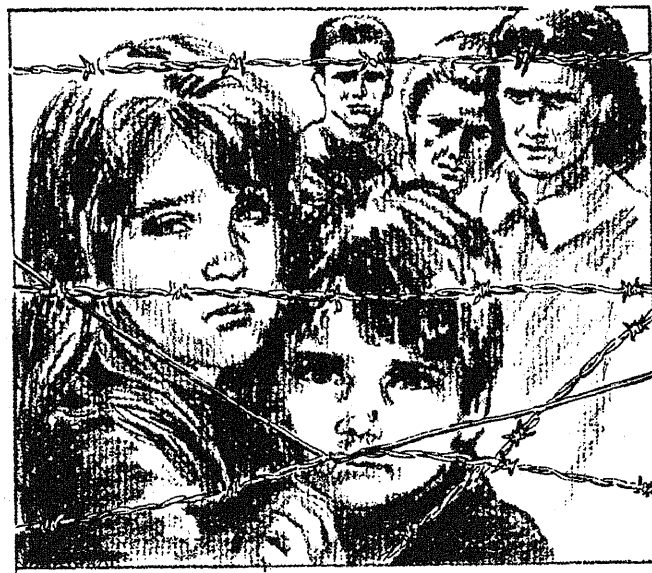
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It is regrettable to intrude upon this season of happiness with anything unpleasant, and yet this may be the best time to do it. While we who are fortunate enough to live in a land of freedom are making our joyful preparations for the upcoming holidays, we must remember those in other parts of the world who are not blessed. Among other tragedies of their barren lives, they are denied the right to observe the teachings of their faith or to display its symbols. In fact, they are more likely to be persecuted for their beliefs, or at least forbidden to leave the country. This modern version of the intolerance which has caused mankind to suffer all through history is sad indeed. Let us pause during this holiday season to pray for these tormented souls, and to resolve never to rest until the day when they may share the blessings of freedom with us.

Wherever there is a human being, I see God-given rights in that being.  
—William L. Garrison

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Timothy Hastings<br/>Church School 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Service 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship 7 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Mid-week Service 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>BAY PORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Alger T. Lewis<br/>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br/>Church School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>HAVES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Alger T. Lewis<br/>Sunday School 10 a.m.<br/>Sunday Worship 11 a.m.</p> | <p><b>KILMANAGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Jeffrey Maxwell<br/>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br/>Worship Service 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>OWENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Zina Bennett<br/>Sunday School 10 a.m.<br/>Sunday Worship 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>GAGETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Zina Bennett<br/>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. James Kummer<br/>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 10:45 a.m.<br/>Evening Service 7 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>HORSESHOE ACRES CALVARY CHURCH, BAD AXE</b><br/>Rev. Stewart L. Justin<br/>Sunday School 10 a.m.<br/>Evening Service 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ASSEMBLY OF GOD, BAD AXE</b><br/>Rev. Daniel Meddaugh<br/>Sunday School 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 11 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening 7 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>ST. FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH - PIANEBOG</b><br/>Fr. Theodore LaMarre<br/>Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.<br/>Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.<br/>STARTING MEMORIAL DAY:<br/>Saturday Mass: 7:00 p.m.<br/>Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p><b>FAITH BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Lynn A. Randall<br/>Corner M-25 and Haiti Road<br/>Worship Service 10:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Preaching 11 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Mid-Week 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CASEVILLE</b><br/>Pastor Rev. Burt Phelps<br/>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Service 7 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, BAY PORT</b><br/>Elder Ervin Haley<br/>Associate Pastor Terry Brown<br/>Church School 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 11 a.m.<br/>1st &amp; 3rd Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service "Child Emphasis Day"<br/>3rd Sunday Each Month Crafts 10 a.m.<br/>Junior Church 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, OWENDALE</b><br/>5 Mile South of Elkton<br/>Elder Tom Craig<br/>Early Morning Worship 9:45 a.m.<br/>Church School 10 a.m.<br/>Preaching Service 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, CASEVILLE</b><br/>Elder Dennis Herbert<br/>Morning Worship 10 a.m.<br/>Preaching Service 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SAND POINT</b><br/>Fr. Mark Jenkins<br/>Sunday Worship 9 a.m.</p> | <p><b>CHANDLER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br/>On Filion Road<br/>Pastor Prv. James Brazell<br/>Worship Service 11 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAD AXE</b><br/>Pastor David Dively<br/>Service 10 a.m.<br/>Nursery Provided<br/>Sunday School 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, BAD AXE</b><br/>Sunday 10 a.m. Public Bible Discourse 11 a.m. Congregational Study Of "The Watchtower"</p> <p><b>ELKTON MISSIONARY CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Larry Salsbury<br/>Sunday School 10 a.m.<br/>Worship Hour 11 a.m.<br/>Adult Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 p.m.<br/>Sunday evening service 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>ARUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP</b><br/>Pastor James S. Miller<br/>Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Night 7 p.m.<br/>Located 1 1/2 Miles North Of Caseville On M-25 (1st New Building)</p> <p><b>FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Wayne J. 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Schultz<br/>Sunday School 9 a.m.<br/>Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINKVILLE</b><br/>Missouri Synod<br/>Rev. Ray R. Ohlendorf<br/>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 10:30 a.m.<br/>Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BACH</b><br/>Rev. Eric A. Lambert<br/>Sunday School 10:30 a.m.<br/>Communion first and Third Sunday</p> <p><b>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBEWAING</b><br/>Missouri Synod<br/>Rev. Martin Hagenow<br/>Sunday School 9:15 a.m.<br/>Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p><b>COMMUNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH</b><br/>YORK STREET, ELKTON<br/>Pastor DeWeerd Smith<br/>Sunday School 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 11 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, PIGEON</b><br/>American Lutheran Church<br/>Raymond E. Orth, Pastor<br/>Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBEWAING</b><br/>Wisconsin Synod<br/>Rev. Jonathan Stern<br/>Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month<br/>Sunday Service 9 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BEHNE</b><br/>Wisconsin Synod<br/>Rev. Philip K. Press<br/>Sunday School 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br/>Holy Communion On The First Sunday Of The Month</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b><br/>210 W. Butler Street<br/>—Bad Axe—<br/>Rev. Dan Keen<br/>Sunday School 10:00 a.m.<br/>Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH OF BAD AXE</b><br/>Pastor Rick Oitz<br/>Sunday School 10:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> |
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### Thankfulness therapy

READ PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-9  
Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15

In this verse the apostle did not attach the words "And be thankful" as an empty afterthought. He is pointing to a definite connection between God's peace ruling our hearts and being thankful. A thankful spirit does indeed have real therapeutic value, also for the health of the body. A veteran nurse remarked one day how much faster people with a sense of gratitude get out of the hospital than chronic complainers.

Also a psychologist confided that he considered developing "the art of thanks" his most helpful tool.

Thanksgiving is good therapy because it concentrates attention on the things we have instead of fretting and stewing over the things we think we lack. "And be thankful" is a simple prescription all of us can apply with helpful and healthful effect for our inner peace and tranquility.

We can start today by drawing up a "meditation list" of things for which we can thank our heavenly Father, starting with the love that gave His son as our perfect Savior; then keep it handy to use when frustrations, dissatisfactions, and complaints start piling up inside. It will work wonders.

**TODAY AND EACH DAY, good Lord, "melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day." AMEN**

### Pile snow safely . . .

'Tis the season for snow removal, and property owners are reminded that traffic safety is a prime consideration when deciding where to pile the excess fluff, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Public Act 82 of 1978 prohibits businesses and citizens from dumping snow on roadways and shoulders, or from piling it so high at driveway entrances that it obstructs the vision of motorists. Violators leave themselves open to fines and lawsuits for public liability and property damage.

**WHAT'S RIGHT:** DOT recommends that when clearing driveways, property owners should push snow away from roadways, along the full length of their driveway to eliminate the problem of high snow banks blocking a driver's view.

The department also recommends residents keep their driveway's front shoulders clear, removing snow for a short distance either direction on the road-

## What's YOUR job?



**Pam Kummer**

"I am the teacher at the Elkton United Methodist Church Preschool. We've been in operation 3 1/2 months.

"I really love my job, and I think I have two very qualified aides. I don't like setting up and taking down all our equipment twice a week, but that's a minor problem.

"I'm married, have two children, ages 4 and 1 1/2, and I live in Elkton."

Exclusive Thumb Area

## Outdoor report

Walleye fishermen won't have long to wait for the fishing tournaments in 1988, the first one is set to begin this month. "Shiver on the River", is the name of a new contest bent on exploiting the fabulous winter Walleye fishing that took place on the Saginaw River last year. It's set to begin on January 30 and last through February 13. Entry fee for the 2-week contest is \$5 which includes a jiggling lure and a chance to win more than \$1,000 in prizes.

If you want to warm up before the contest begins, a Winter Walleye Clinic will be held Wednesday, January 13, at Germania Country Club in Saginaw. The clinic will have Greg Bamann of the Minnesota-based Blue Fox Tackle Company on hand. Greg is the inventor of Dr. Juice Fishing Scents and will talk about successful ice fishing techniques to be used on Walleyes.

Ice in the Thumb area continued to get stronger during the past week and mixed reports of successful fishing filtered in. For the most part, Perch are still in close to shore chasing an incredible number of minnows for this time of year. Most reports indicate that the fish were hitting better on artificial lures than with the real thing. Good catches came from Sebawaing and Bay Port, with the best centering around Geiger Road and Mud Creek. The ice is still not to be trusted totally, and conditions change from day to day. Cold, harsh winds made staying on the ice for any length of time a real chore.

### Pigeon holiday visits

New Years' guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dast were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dast and family of Bay City, Dennis Dast of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Lothar VonDaggenhausen and girls of Flint.

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**News briefs**

Dr. Terry Wing, who received his PhD from Iowa State University and is now living in Bella Vista, Ark., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Wing during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Eidt of Sand Point were recent callers of Mrs. Eleanor Voelker and Mrs. Vera Sherwood in the Four Seasons Health Care Center in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Eidt were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Eidt at a family dinner on Christmas Day in Sebawing.

Mr. and Mrs. William Parker of Clawson, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Freysinger and son Billy of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Parker of Sterling Heights and Earl Parker of Owendale were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Eidt.

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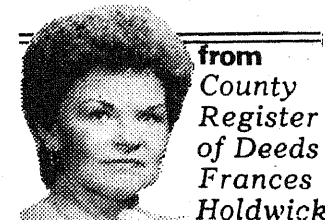
**from Huron County Clerk Helen Lemanski**

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Week of 12/28/87

Robert Franklin Breaux, Jr. & Malinda Lou Cubitt

**CO-PARTNERSHIP**

NO. 828 KAUSCH TRUCKING, 3901 Canboro Road, Owendale, MI 48754. By: Frederick W. Kausch, Diana E. Kausch, Kevin Kausch, 3901 Canboro Road, Owendale, MI 48754. Filed: 12/28/87



**from County Register of Deeds Frances Holdwick**

**WARRANTY DEEDS**  
December 23 - 29

Richard R. Hener to Daniel W. Sageman and Crystal A., a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.

Bobana on the Bay, Inc. to Raymond H. Smith and Betty J., a parcel of land located in Fair Haven Twp.

Ruth Polk Thompson to June M. Schulz, a parcel of land located in Fair Haven Twp.

Dennis D. Schulz and Gloria J. to Dyanette D. Beadle, a parcel of land located in Section 23 of Sheridan Twp.

Gettel Motor Company to Duane W. Chippi and Janice M., a parcel of land located in Section 17 of Sebawing Twp.

Loren Gettel and Mary and Hant Gettel and Doris and Clarence Gettel and Phyllis to Duane W. Chippi and Janice M., a parcel of land located in Section 17 of Sebawing Twp.

Estate of Robert S. Tschirhart to David R. Grates and Denise K., a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.

Norma A. Annis to Craig J. Murawski and Lisa J. Hanson, a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.

Donald H. Middleton and Ina and Daryl Middleton and Judith A. to Ronald Bujel and Raymond Bujel, a parcel of land located in Section 32 of Sigal Twp.

Robert Millerwise and Mary S. to Jeffrey J. Horst and Connie M., a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.

Henry E. Satkowiak and Virginia E. to Stephen B. Hill and Lynn M., a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Caseville Twp.

Thumbeo to John F. Ballard, a parcel of land located in Section 29 of Fair Haven Twp.

Louis A. Johnson to Gary L. Johnson and Juanita C., a parcel of land located in Lake Twp.

Robert J. Gorkowski and Stella M. to John S. Gorkowski, a parcel of land located in Section 24 of Messe Twp.

Dan A. Franzel and Mary Ellen to Theodore A. Polk and Carol L., a parcel of land located in Section 18 of Lincoln Twp.

Thomas T. Young and Louise, Mary E. Gettel and Aaron, Ann Young Hughes, H. Peter Young and Phyllis to H. Peter Young and Phyllis, a parcel of land located in Section 4 of Caseville Twp.

**PROBATE COURT**  
December 24 - 30

Estate of Alexander W. Burkhard, Sr., Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 28,742, Independent Probate, Order Determining Heirs filed.

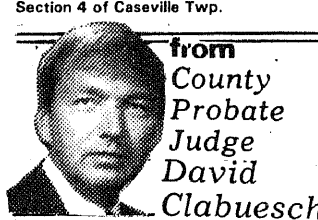
Estate of Mary A. Smith, Deceased, of Port Austin, File 27,985, Supervised Probate, 13 Waivers and Consents filed.

Estate of August Harold Ehrlich, Deceased, of Owendale, File 28,671, Supervised Probate, Order Closing Hearing of Claims filed.

Estate of D. Kendall Lewis Esalick, Deceased, of Sebawing, File 28,807, Supervised Probate, Final Account of Administration filed, 4 Waivers and Consents filed, Agreement of Heirs of Deceased for Distribution of Residue of Estate, and Petition for Court Approval of Filed, Order Allowing Final Account and Assigning Residue filed.

Estate of Mildred Irene Parish, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 28,772, Supervised Probate, Publication Notice filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed, 4 Waivers and Consents filed.

Estate of Joseph H. Friedl, Deceased, of Caseville, File 28,769, Independent



**from County Probate Judge David Clubusch**

Probate, Proof of Publication filed.

Estate of Howard M. Ritter, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,771, Independent Probate, Proof of Publication filed.

Estate of Frederick Brandenburg, Deceased, of Sebawing, File 28,066, Independent Probate, 2 Closing Statements filed.

Estate of Frida Mary Heintz, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 28,768, Independent Probate, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of William M. Alexander, Deceased, of Bay Port, File 28,779, Will filed, Affidavit of No Estate to Probate filed.

Estate of Pauline Mayer, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,778, Supervised Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed, Publication Notice filed.

Estate of Eric Robert Holz, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 27,770, Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.

Estate of Meta H. Bolzman, Deceased, of Sebawing, File 28,532, Independent Probate, Inheritance Tax Receipt filed, Certificate of Completion filed.

Estate of Eleanor Jane Tennant, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 28,449, Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.

Estate of Nina Marie Brewer, Deceased, of Sebawing, File 28,734, Independent Probate, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register's Order filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.

Estate of Ina B. Weston, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,780, Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register's Order filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed, Claims Notice filed.

Estate of Gertrude Korolowski, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,763, Supervised Probate, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Publication Notice filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Walter H. Schmidt, Deceased, of Sebawing, File 23,032, Supervised Trusteeship, Annual Account of Trustee filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Order Allowing Account filed.

Estate of Glenn J. Bechler, Deceased, of Caseville, File 28,700, Supervised Probate, Order of Adjudgment filed, Estate of Gordon H. Popham, Deceased, of Kinde, File 28,708, Independent Probate, Order Determining Heirs filed.

Estate of Harold J. Peterson, Deceased, of Kinde, File 28,079, Supervised Probate, 5 Waivers and Consents filed, Order Confirming Sale of Real Estate filed.

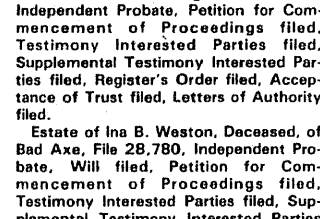
Estate of Edward Peter Lorkowski, Sr., Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,782, Will filed.

**Achievements**

Wayne J. Keim of Bay Port has earned his Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan School of Social Work, following commencement exercises on Sunday, Dec. 20.

Keim is employed in a full-time position as an outpatient therapist for the Tuscola County Mental Health Department, in addition to his pastoral duties at Fair Haven Mennonite Church.

Tamera Crosser, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Renn of Pigeon, graduated Dec. 18 from California State College in Long Beach with a bachelor of science degree in Nursing.



**TAMERA CROSSER**

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**Woods & Waters**

By DUANE GUENTHER

"If you want to catch fish, you've gotta go fishing when the fish are feeding." These words of wisdom were imparted to me one sultry June evening as I and "Old John", my newly-found trout fishing mentor, were struggling through the dense underbrush on our way to a Tobacco River mayfly hatch.

"Does good fishing always have to be accompanied by so much hard work?" I remember questioning as a thousand mosquitoes buzzed around my head.

"God planned it that way," John said, as he turned and winked in my direction. "If it was easy, all the lazy guys would catch the fish." He laughed heartily at his own joke, and I continued to swat at mosquitoes.

Now, almost 25 years later, I was amazed that I recalled the conversation with such clarity. Perhaps it was because I needed a good reason to continue on this crazy fishing excursion, and for the time being, John's fishing wisdom kept me going step, after cautious step.

December ice fishing on Saginaw Bay is a risky business, and when pursued by one as cowardly as I, it takes on new meaning. A couple nights of subfreezing temperatures plus tales of "slabs" were simply too much to overcome, so the first free day found me treading offshore to a familiar fishing ground.

The early morning ice seemed firm enough as I had left the shore, but the farther I moved out, the more elastic the ice

became. I certainly wasn't in a life or death situation, I'm not that brave, for the water beneath me was no more than a couple of feet deep. A plunge through would make for a miserable trip back to the pickup and besides, it would be hard to filet a wet sock.

I moved out another 50 feet and set down my plastic pail. It only took 6 or 7 stabs with the spud to produce a suitable hole; the ice broke apart in such large chunks I didn't even have to use my skimmer to clean it out.

My ice rod was already rigged. I had been cheating early in the month by fishing for Perch off a couple of nearby bridges. A few years ago, a good friend had taught me how easy it was to catch fish in open water with an ice rod and Russian hooks. Many times since then I have secretly thanked him.

My hooks were silverplated. Gleaned from a church rummage sale as discarded eating utensils, and fashioned by another friend into superb fishing tools, they had become my favorites. A special one from a spoon handle still has the engraving festooned on the back and makes me feel a little like royalty when I dip it into the hole.

Old John was right.

The time to go fishing is when the fish are feeding, and that's why so many simple-minded fishermen love the thin ice of early winter. The Perch were in my hole before I even had time to jig the silver hook. As a matter of fact, it was taken by a hungry fish as it fluttered towards the bottom. Not a big fish, mind you — but a fish nevertheless.

The fish continued to hit for the next hour and a half. Most were on the small side, but every once in a while the rod's movement upward would be met by a

slightly stronger resistance and a nice fish would flop on the surface.

The ice seemed to groan with the addition of each fish, and I moved more than once because I became wary of the growing puddle of water that encircled my pail.

My return to the pickup was carried out with a little more caution, for my fish pail

had taken on some extra weight. I felt a little smug, but then scolded myself.

Catching these was not my doing. Had it not been for Old John I would probably still be home in bed — waiting for the ice thicken up a little...

**Get your skis ready for Sunday!**

A cross-country ski clinic will be held at Port Crescent State Park starting at 2 pm Sunday, January 10, according to Roy Elie, park manager.

Skiers will meet at park headquarters, and the clinic will be offered by qualified instructors, to assist beginners and more experienced skiers who want advanced tips.

Huron Audubon Society will provide hot dogs and hot chocolate.

On the following Sunday, January 17, a one-mile trail through the woods will be lighted by candles for the 2-hour cross-country ski run, beginning at dark. The trail is located across the iron bridge at the west end of Port Crescent Road, 5 miles southwest of port Austin on M-25. Warm refreshments and a bonfire will be part of

**Pigeon holiday news**

Mrs. Howard Jarvis returned home Wednesday with Mrs. Larry Kretzschmer and Mrs. Tom Budea and daughter of Mt. Morris, after spending the Christmas holidays with the Kretzschmers in Davison. On Christmas Day they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. David Jarvis and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis and boys of Frankenmuth and Dennis Jarvis and Judy.

Mrs. Howard Jarvis spent the New Years' holidays with her sister, Mt. and Mrs. Max Hahn in Unionville.

Saturday after Christmas guests of Mrs. Vivian Fischer were her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Eimers of Florida.

Spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Vivian Fischer were Dale and Dianne, Don and John and Angela Schroeder and daughter Amber, all of St. Joseph.

**History buffs meet Thursday**

The first quarterly meeting of the Huron County Historical Society is set for Thursday, Jan. 7 at the Bad Axe City Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Following the business meeting, a slide presentation of the projects undertaken by the Bad Axe chapter will be shown.

Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to attend.

**Bay Port news**

Visitors of Alma Stahl were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sluke of Grand Ledge, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Williams of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Sluke of Theinsville, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stahl of Wixom, Mr. and Mrs. James Stahl and Michelle of Caseville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Esch and children, Diana McGee and boys and Lonnie Schulz.

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**TAMERA CROSSER**

Tami is the daughter of Jerry and Betty Porter (nee Renn) of Anaheim, Calif. She is presently employed at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach.

Attending the pinning ceremony and reception at The Crystal Ballroom Golden Sails Hotel in Long Beach were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Renn and Michelle Anklam, all of Pigeon.

Tami and her husband David reside in Stanton, Calif.

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# Good credit is helpful

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**ESTABLISHING CREDIT:** According to the Prudential Insurance Company of America and other sources, the two key factors in establishing credit are:

- (1) ability to repay and
  - (2) willingness to repay.
- If you are trying to establish credit for the first time with no credit history, lenders will look for evidence of stability such as how long you've held your present job, how long you've lived at your current address, and whether you rent or own your own home.

Jay Dubey, loan officer at Thumb National Bank of Pigeon, says a co-signer may be necessary, in the case of a first-time borrower.

"There are a lot of factors to consider. Maybe the applicant's family has done business with us in the past," Dubey says. "But sometimes you have to take a chance and use your best judgment. We try to make an intelligent decision."

**BORROWING TIPS:** Prudential offers these suggestions to the first-time borrower:

Open a checking and savings account and handle them responsibly. Then apply for a charge account at a local retailer or department store. Then, after using this card and paying the bills promptly, apply for a national bank card.

**NO SECRET:** If you move from one area of the country to another, you may find it easy to apply for a loan or credit card in your new town.

How? Computers in credit bureaus keep detailed information on consumers who have credit, such as how promptly you pay your bills, how many credit applications you've filed, any court judgments against you, tax liens, and bankruptcies. All this information together is called your credit history.

**VERY IMPORTANT FILE:** Your credit file is important and should be taken very seriously as information, good or bad, remains in your file for a long time.

Bankruptcies remain on your file for 10 years, and other negative information may be kept for up to seven years. Most credit grantors, though, prefer to base decisions on information from the past three to five years, especially if your record has improved.

According to the Huron County Credit Bureau, based in Bad Axe, their information comes directly from the references listed on an application.

Trade Verification Services, a national credit information clearinghouse, every month provides the credit bureau with a microfiche of major credit card accounts of customers in the area.

This information will be recorded in your credit file if you own a major credit card. It is up to the consumer to make sure that his or her credit file is positive.

To attain that goal, these tips are offered:

- First, handle credit responsibly by paying bills on time, and
- Second, check with the credit bureau from time to time to make sure information recorded in your file is accurate.

Linda O'Henley of the Huron County Credit Bureau says that if you have been turned down for credit, you can bring in your denial notice and the credit bureau will let you examine your file at no charge.

If you just want to examine your file, the charge will be \$10. If you think there is an error in your file, the Credit Bureau will try to verify it. If they can't, the negative information will be removed from the file.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Federal law does give consumers certain rights with respect to credit, but you have certain responsibilities, too.

- Treat your credit cards as if they were cash.
- Treat your card numbers with respect, too. Don't ever give your card number over the phone to an unsolicited caller.
- Make a list of all your credit card numbers. Notify the card's issuer if your cards are lost or stolen.
- Keep your receipts together and match them with your statement every month as soon as the bill arrives. That way you'll notice any discrepancies right away.

**OVER YOUR HEAD?** You can head off most credit problems by identifying in advance just how much credit you can handle.

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants suggests that a safe level of credit is no more than 20% of your take-home pay, excluding your mortgage.

But even 20% may be too much, some experts say. If your gross annual income is less than \$20,000, you may not be able to handle above 15%. You may be in credit trouble if:

- You make minimum payments on your revolving credit charge cards.
- You skip some bills in order to make payments on others.

## Here's a simple credit test...

It's easier to control your debt if you know just what percentage of your income can be safely used for debt. Use this easy formula to determine whether your credit spending is out of control.

■ First, put down monthly income from all sources. Make sure you show only take-home pay after taxes.

Subtract from that any house payment or rent — this is deducted because it's a fixed expense. The balance is what you use to live on. Then estimate 20% of the balance.

■ Second, start a second column to add all your installment payments. This does not include utility or insurance bills. If your installment costs are more than 20%, you're in trouble.

**EXAMPLE:**

Family take home pay	\$3000
House payment	\$350
Balance	\$2650
Times 20	\$530
<b>MONTHLY PAYMENTS:</b>	
Car loan	\$250
Bank loan	\$200
Charge card payment	\$50
Second charge card payment	\$40
Third charge card payment	\$45
TOTAL	\$585

This family is not seriously in trouble, since their debt payment are over but close to the 20% limit, but they should watch their spending habits very closely.

"Robbing Peter to pay Paul" plays havoc with your credit record and is only a temporary solution to your problems, they say.

■ You are dipping into savings or volunteering to work overtime in order to pay your bills every month.

**HELP IS OFFERED:** Any of these "red flags" may mean that your spending is getting out of hand and you need to cut back until your existing debt is reduced.

If that's not enough, contact your creditors to see if you can work out an agreement — such as paying just the interest on your obligations for a few months.

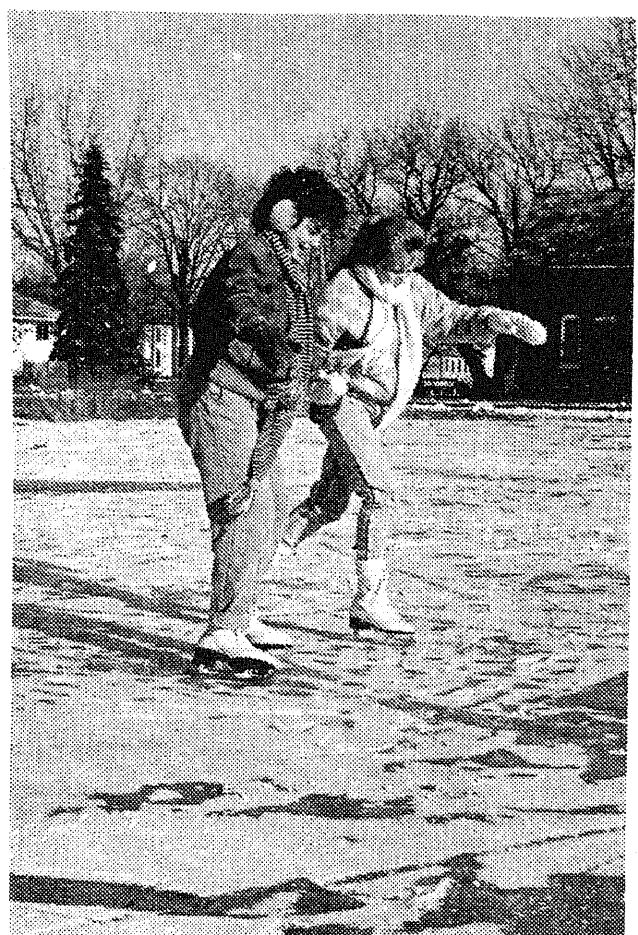
Don't be intimidated — most creditors want their money and may be willing to work with you on a new repayment plan if they are convinced you want to pay your debt.

However, there is always the chance that they won't listen to reason; and if that happens, a call to a nonprofit consumer credit counselor may be in order. A counselor will help you come up with a workable budget and negotiate new payment terms with your creditors.

You will write one check to the credit counselor each month and they will then parcel it to your creditors. Usually, there is a small charge for this assistance.

**WISE CREDIT USE:** Credit can help you manage your cash flow, but it's important to keep track of how much you're charging and how much you're paying for credit.

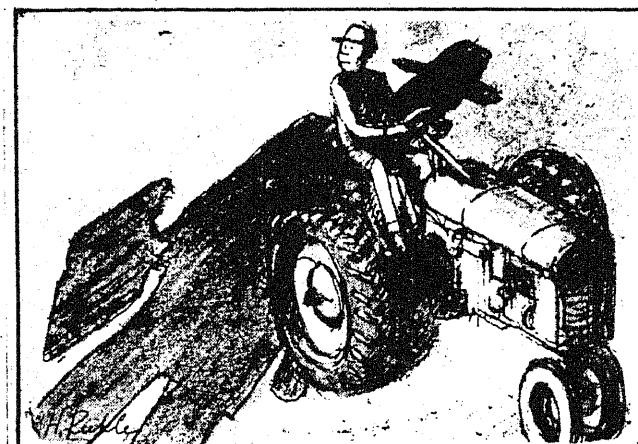
Remember, you're paying for a service, and like any service, it pays to shop around for the best terms.



**ENJOYING THE COLD!** Heather Fisher and Jill Keyworth tried out their new ice skates on a frozen "puddle" in Elkton. The "puddle," which was simply standing water in a field, froze solid during the first really cold weather the Thumb has experienced this winter season. Temperatures dropped into the single digits in the days before the end of 1987. *AMY HEIDEN PHOTO*

Winsor Township office will be open for collection of taxes from 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 on the following dates:

Friday, January 8	Friday, February 12
Friday, January 22	Monday, February 15
Friday, February 5	

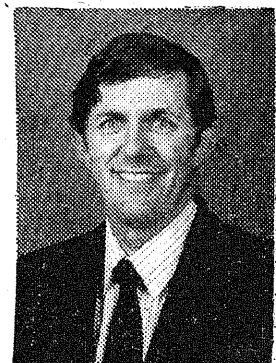


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# Pigeon: on the GROW again!

**Cable TV hook-ups start**  
Cable television service is officially this week in Pigeon. Thumb Cable TV is now providing service to the community.

**Active Feed's \$1.6 million project to add 15 jobs**  
Following announced plans for a \$1.6 million processing and packaging facility plant, the Huron County Economic Development Corporation announced five persons may be added within six months of the start-up. Completion date this fall.

**New CPA office open for business**  
JOHN WALSKI, CPA, opened the doors of his new office on Monday at 24 South Main in Pigeon.

**Pigeon EDC rolling on way to \$50,000 start-up**  
About \$30,000 has already been deposited for community development programs being undertaken by the Pigeon Economic Development Corporation, which is in the planning process.

**Bay Port State Bank breaks ground in Pigeon**  
The new Pigeon branch of the Bay Port State Bank, at the corner of 20th and Caseville Roads, at the breaking of the first stone under construction by H. Rogers Contractors, Inc., will be completed in the next few weeks. The new branch will be a 10,000-sq-ft building with drive-in teller windows.

**Scheurer Hospital plans \$1.75 million expansion**  
The hospital board of directors has approved a \$1.75 million expansion program for the Scheurer Hospital. The expansion will include a new 100-bed wing, a new laboratory, and a new radiology department.

**McCormick Motors plans new building**  
Jim McCormick Motors, Inc. of Pigeon plans to construct a new automobile show room and repair center at the southwest corner of Caseville Road and M-142.

**Huron Casting to add \$500,000 system**  
Huron Casting, Inc. of Pigeon is planning a \$500,000 expansion project which could add six to ten jobs.

**Pigeon's newest business**  
Nancy's Tax Service, a new business in Pigeon, is providing tax preparation and consulting services to the community.

**Pigeon EDC helped Porky's open**  
The Pigeon Economic Development Corporation helped Porky's restaurant open in Pigeon. The restaurant is a 2,000-sq-ft building with a drive-in window.

**Vacant depot to become new Pigeon museum?**  
The vacant depot building in Pigeon is being considered for conversion into a museum. The building is a 10,000-sq-ft structure with a large open space.

**Pigeon Zoning Plan nears adoption**  
The Pigeon Zoning Ordinance is nearing adoption by the Village Council. The ordinance will regulate the use of land and buildings in the community.

**Pigeon Manufacturing breaks ground**  
Pigeon Manufacturing, Inc. has broken ground for a new manufacturing facility in Pigeon. The facility is a 50,000-sq-ft building with a drive-in door.

**\$100,000 goal set for Pigeon Library expansion**  
The Pigeon Library has set a goal of raising \$100,000 for the expansion of the library building. The expansion will include a new reading room and a new children's area.

**Laker Board okays \$120,000 all-weather track, tennis courts**  
The Laker Board has approved a \$120,000 project to build an all-weather track and tennis courts. The project will be completed in the next few months.

**Pigeon gives go-ahead to apartment proposal**  
The Pigeon Village Council has given the go-ahead to a proposal for a new apartment complex in Pigeon. The complex will have 24 units and a parking garage.

**As this selection of news stories show, business in Pigeon is alive and on the GROW again!**  
There is no more versatile town around where the friendly people who wait on you are the owners and managers, where good quality merchandise is backed by conscientious stores -- and where you always park free!

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**NEW BUSINESS:**  
Thumb Bottle Gas recently opened a new location in Pigeon. The new location is a 2,000-sq-ft building with a drive-in window.

**THE FUTURE:**  
The future of Pigeon is bright. The community is growing and thriving, and there are many opportunities for business and industry.